

COYNE

FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

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4 Unity



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Since we merged with the TGWU in May 2007 we have failed to build the Union that members voted for. Petty squabbles, political jockeying and personality clashes have barred the way to a new Union. The merger has stagnated, and now the new Rule Book has been delayed by six months – a further blow to the delivery of Unite the Union.

I am standing as General Secretary for the Amicus Section of Unite because I believe we must sweep away the blockages and deliver the merger now.

Nominate KEVIN COYNE for General Secretary

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COYNE FOR GENERAL SECRETARY – WHAT I STAND FOR

Now, more than ever, our members need a strong, united union fighting back for them and their families, wielding power and influence for ordinary working people.

Under my stewardship the Union will have four critical priorities:

1 Deliver the merger

Those in the T&G Section are our allies and partners, not our enemies. Members voted overwhelmingly for the merger, and for the new Union. **The clear message to those at the top is – deliver Unite!** This must be the absolute priority and must be done with lightning speed. We must divert money into building the union and supporting members. Wasteful and profligate spending on gravy train junkets hits members directly in their pockets through higher subs.

2 Strengthen the Union

I will use the union's finances to best effect to quickly strengthen the beating heart of the union – its activists. **I will remove the obstacles which prevent workplace reps from operating and offer real power to our activists.** Our industrial sectors anchor the union to the workplace and we must extend that strength to skilled and professional workers. I want a clean union, free from hypocrisy, cronyism and the abuse of power. Our union must support the structures which ensure that those who are faced with discrimination have a strong voice.

3 Building Influence

We need a strong union because we are the only protection members have in the workplace. Wherever there is power, we must seek influence. I will review our political work to ensure that we support MPs who, in return, support our members. I am a committed life long member of the Labour Party but I know that **the role of the General Secretary is to put more pay in our members' pockets, not to be in the pocket of the Prime Minister.**

4 Unity

I will ensure that we work co-operatively with other UK unions, not competitively. Together we are stronger - the creation of Unite proves that. The power of global multinational companies means that **we have to build unity with workers and their unions across the world** if we are to have strength and influence beyond our shores. Our problems are here today and we have to act now to solve them - without forgetting that our members are in Birmingham, West Midlands not Birmingham, Alabama.

Your vote in this election is crucial if these aims are to be achieved.

VOTE COYNE FOR GS!