

Coyne for General Secretary

WHY YOU SHOULD NOMINATE KEVIN COYNE FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

Since the merger with the TGWU in May 2007, many of us have become increasingly frustrated with the descent of Unite into what often seems to be squabbling and playground politics. As members you voted overwhelmingly for the creation of Unite, and I am sure that like me, you believe in the ideas behind the merger and want to see it delivered. There has never been a more pressing time for our union, or a greater need for a strong, united union fighting for our workplace rights and the future of our communities.

The choice you make in which candidate you nominate for General Secretary in this union could make or break Unite. We cannot afford to wait two more years to deliver the merger. The decision you must make in this election is between the future and the past.

I want to work with you to set the agenda for the *future* of Unite, a union which supports and strengthens you in your workplace and which reaches out to a new generation of members, organising areas unions have never reached. Derek cannot plan anything beyond his 66th birthday! Rather than clinging on to power he serves us all better should he choose to step aside with the dignity he deserves. This would allow us to deliver a truly merged union a year earlier than planned, letting us focus on the issues our union needs to address – our collective future as working people.

We have urgent business to deal with as a global financial crisis unfolds and tens of thousands of working people face losing their jobs. I am standing to bring together **all** sectors of the union and consolidate Unite at a time of real crisis for many of us. We need a union which will tackle the effects of recession, escalating job losses and public sector policies that aren't working.

I am the only candidate in this election who can build consensus at the top of the union and deliver what you have consistently said you want – a strong, united union fighting for you, your families and your future. I passionately believe in the ideas behind the creation of Unite and I understand and helped shape the culture of both partner unions. No-one else has my experience or ability to knit the two unions together in a merger of true equals. I am asking for your support to give me the mandate to achieve this on your behalf.

A document outlining my agenda for the future is attached. I urge you to support me in **Uniting the Union, delivering Tomorrow's Union Today.**

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