

Unite General Secretary Election



Paul Reuter

“It’s not me – it’s us who will make a difference”

Paul joined the union as a 17 year old apprentice in 1969 working in a shipyard. He was first elected as a shop steward at the age of 20.

He continued his employment in the shipyard up until 1986 representing the union as a lay representative at all levels and was Convenor of the shipyard until he left to become a full time officer of the union in 1986.

In 1986 he became a Regional Officer of the union after being elected to that position in 1985, representing members both on a regional and national basis.

In 1998 he was appointed as a National Officer of the Union. Paul has represented members in many industries at national level including:

- Ministry of Defence
- Government Establishments
- Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Unions (Executive)
- Rail, Buses and Ferries
- Shipbuilding and Ship Repair
- Aerospace
- Chemicals
- Pharmaceuticals
- Information Technology
- Federation of Professional Associations (FPA)
- Administration, Professional and Managerial Staff
- Communications
- Royal Mail
- Steel

Within his sphere of responsibilities he has had the privilege of representing members from a wide and diverse membership base, from labourer to senior manager. He is also responsible for managing staff and full time officers within the Union.

He has been active within the trade union and labour movement and dealt with union member's problems for 38 years and during that time has built up and established a wealth of experience.

We face this election at a time of uncertainty. The global economic system is in crisis whilst bankers and CEO's are continuing to reap rewards.

Public Services are under attack whilst unemployment continues.

Many of our members are experiencing job losses, wage cuts, wage freezes and attacks on terms, conditions and pensions.

Until the election for Unite's General Secretary is finalised, there is uncertainty about the future direction of our union.

Paul does not have a narrow political agenda. He knows that the diverse membership that we have is made up of women and men with differing political views, from different backgrounds and cultures and with different needs and expectations.

He also knows that it is those differences that make our Union the strong force that it is today and can continue to be in the future.

We need a candidate that can lead us through these times of uncertainty, that can deal with issues efficiently and effectively and that has both the experience and time to make a difference and to unite our union.

We believe that the candidate who can best take up the challenges that lay ahead is Paul Reuter.

We seek your support in ensuring that Paul receives the requisite nominations to enable him to enter into this election.

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