

# SHARON NOONAN-GUNNING

## FIGHTING FOR SOUTHWARK

Dear Member,

I am seeking your support for the upcoming selection meeting for Rotherhithe. As a local resident and Labour Party member you have the opportunity to decide who will become your candidate for the Southwark council elections in May.

*We are living in times of crisis with severe cuts from central government and a rising cost of living. More than ever, we need to join with other councils to fight the cuts and we need Labour government to fully fund our services.*

To do this, we need councillors who are grounded in our communities, who fight hard to protect our rights to housing, food, health and social care, and who work with communities for a future that meets the needs of all.

My passion for Rotherhithe is driven by its people: the commitment of the Tenants and Residents Associations (TRA) to fight for residents, young people's energies against climate change and racism, for parents and caregivers fighting for their children's futures and intergenerational care we see across our communities.

***I hope you can come to the meeting and consider lending me your votes***



### **About me:**

- I am a working-class woman of London-Irish ethnicity
- A life-long socialist, internationalist, community and trade-union activist, dietitian and teacher
- I have lived in SE16 for 20 years, and before that I spent 17 years on Pepys Est. SE8
- I have set up TRAs, community forums, and developed regeneration bids
- I campaign against housing privatisation, to maintain homes and repairs
- I initiated the Campaign Against Domestic Violence
- Currently, I focus on the Right To Food with community food groups and Millwall supporters to provide free or affordable food. I aim for a sustainable and democratic-bottom-up local food economy
- A decent future for children and young people is at the heart of my priorities

**Selection Meeting:**

Tues 1 March

<https://tinyurl.com/RotherhitheShortlisting>



# I will focus on these core local needs:



## Housing

- Building and maintaining council housing at council rents
- Scrutinise council policy for transparency, equity, and accountability to our communities
- Decent homes at affordable rents with a private tenants charter and renters union
- Engage with families, health services, SGTO, TRAs and others for their ideas on how to strengthen tenants and community voices and ensure housing needs, including repairs
- No infills without community consent



## Public Services

- Drawing on *Preston Model*- all public services should be returned to direct council control, to secure workers' conditions
- End the push to charities and unpaid work such as in community food and social services
- Involving workforce and communities in managing local services
- Centralise procurement to reduce costs and climate burden
- Supporting national campaigns against central government cuts



## Right To Food

- The Right to Food to become law to ensure good health across all ages
- Build a sustainable local food economy that connects green policies, food growing and local businesses
- Link with grassroots community food groups to feed all in need- ensuring access to free and affordable foods
- Ensure that local voices are heard in local food policy
- Expand environmental green policies to include the Right to Food



## Local Democracy:

*Accountability to the people of Rotherhithe include:*

- Working hard as a team with fellow councillors
- Strengthening connections with our communities
- Finding ways to meaningfully involve communities in local democracy

## I'd love to hear from you



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