

SSP NORTH EAST LIST BIOGRAPHIES

Felicity Garvie

Felicity Garvie, SSP's top of the list candidate for the North East, is a leading campaigner for Free School Meals and a founding member of the SSP. She has worked in the Scottish Parliament as a researcher/assistant to Scottish Socialist Party MSPs since 1999 and was the party's top candidate for the Euro elections in 2004. She lived for many years in Germany and returned to Scotland in 1995 with her husband and two sons, the eldest of whom is a student at Dundee University.

As a regular commuter Felicity knows well the expensive and haphazard nature of rail travel in Scotland and will campaign loudly on the SSP's free public transport policy. She is also determined to keep our public services from the privatisers and is currently running a local campaign to return privatised dental services to the NHS.

Felicity said, "Dundee, Aberdeen and all the communities of the North East need a Socialist voice in Edinburgh fighting on behalf of working people. Only the SSP can provide that voice and socialists should beware of imitations and vote SSP on May 3rd"

John McAllion

John, a teacher by profession, formerly represented Dundee West as an MP then, after devolution, as an MSP. He was previously convenor of Tayside Regional Council. He currently works in the charity sector.

Howard Chandler

Throughout his career Howard has been fascinated by the issues that inhibit improvement - whether those issues involve improving a scientific process, improving the educational experience of the students he teaches, or improving the quality of life of ordinary working folk. Howard is a firm believer in the need to empower people and give them the tools that will enable them to tackle the issues that govern their lives and work. He, therefore, calls for full participative democracy by an informed and engaged population; and is helping the SSP change the way in which Scottish politics works from the grass roots upwards.

Mary McGregor

Mary has lived in Dundee for 32 years. Former Councillor for Coldside area (as Mary Ward) she is a political activist with immense experience and was a councillor for eight years – two of which as the first female leader of Dundee City Council. Mary has been a fighter against racism, poverty and all forms of political, economic and social oppression.. A founder member of the SSP, Mary is a committed, fighting socialist who is not afraid to stand up against injustice, corruption and privilege. Mary is a teacher, married with one son and lives in Dundee

Christine Chandler

Christine is an engineer with more than 20 years experience of the construction industry and 7 years in research. Her work focuses on anticipating problems and solving them, and she brings this non-dogmatic, solution orientated, approach to politics. As the mother of two children who are now embarking on adult life, Christine is well aware of the problems facing working families and young people starting out today.

Rod MacGregor

Peter Gillespie

Helen Fortune