

WDM ELECTION 2010 NOMINATION FORM

I hereby declare that I am*

a) willing to stand for election for the post of council member/area representative (delete as appropriate)

b) nominating/seconding _____

*please delete the appropriate line

In the forthcoming WDM elections I understand that the ballot will be conducted using the single transferable vote system (STV). I have understood and agree to abide by the spirit of the Principles for Electoral Process.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post code _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____

I am a nominee/proposer/seconded please delete as appropriate

To be completed by nominees only

I understand that the following combinations (see below) have agreed to support my nomination:

Proposed by _____

Seconded by _____

Please see rule 4 on the second page of this booklet for valid combinations of nominators and seconders. Two individual members acting as seconders should send in two separate forms.

Attached is my biography and election statement of no more than 200 words.

Biographies may be sent by email but must be received by the closing date.

If you have any queries on the election process or on completing this nomination form, please contact WDM's returning officer, Roger Miller, phone 01782 847770 or email r.miller365@btinternet.com

WORLD DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT ELECTIONS JUNE 2010



WDM is a democratically governed movement of individuals, groups and affiliates who work together for justice for the world's poor.

Every two years we hold elections for our Council, which sets overall policy for WDM, including approving the strategies for major areas of work. The Council meets four times per year. There is also an Executive Committee which meets four times per year between Council meetings to deal with financial, personnel and other issues.

At the same time we hold elections for the Area Representatives' Forum. Their role is to represent the groups in WDM's governance structure (three are appointed to Council), to network best practice across the different areas and to facilitate joint working between groups. The Forum meets three times a year.

All members of Council, its committees and the area representatives undertake work on a voluntary basis. The time commitment expected varies, but shouldn't be too burdensome. In general for Council members and area representatives it works out to about six days per year. Members are reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs.

All posts are elected for a period of two years and any member of WDM is eligible for nomination. Voting is by single transferable vote, with every individual member having one vote. WDM groups also have five votes and affiliates have up to five votes.

"WDM is an inspirational and effective organisation, well respected by activists throughout the world. Serving on the board of WDM has allowed me to help shape the organisation's direction and support its excellent staff. It has been an honour to serve on the board with a group of motivated, inspirational board members."

Peter Bryant, outgoing Council member 2004-2010

HOW TO NOMINATE

If you would like to stand or nominate someone for elections, the following rules apply:

1. A WDM member can be nominated as:
 - a) A Council member;
 - b) An Area Representative for your area.
2. You must ensure that a consent form (call or write to the WDM office or download from www.wdm.org.uk/elections) is signed by each person standing.
3. The consent form should be accompanied by a biography and election statement of no more than 200 words. Without the statement only the candidates name will appear. Candidates are requested to send their statement electronically. Candidates should note that these statements will be subject to spell checking and will be posted on WDM's website. Candidates may also send in a photograph to accompany the statements on the website.
4. For a nomination to be valid it must be supported in one of the following ways:
 - a) Proposed by a WDM group and seconded by a different WDM group;
 - b) Proposed by a WDM group, seconded by 2 individual members who are not members of the proposing WDM group;
 - c) Proposed by one individual member, seconded by a further 2 individual members. Of the 3 members, not more than 2 shall be from the same group.

The same rules apply for nominating and seconding someone to the Area Representatives' Forum except that proposer and seconders must be from the WDM region for which the representative will be elected.

5. You can nominate and second more than one person but you must complete and sign a nomination form for each nomination you make. You may photocopy the form on the back of this booklet.
6. An individual is eligible to stand, nominate or second if he/she is a fully

paid up member of WDM nationally at the date the forms are received.

7. A group is eligible to nominate or second if they have at least 5 fully paid up national WDM members on 28 February 2010.

The form overleaf can be used for both nominating and seconding.

Nominations and consent forms should be sent to:

Roger Miller
Returning Officer, WDM election
9 The Villas,
Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire
ST4 5AH

"Our democratic foundation is part of what makes WDM a unique and dynamic organisation. The Council and Area Representatives' Forum play a critical role in ensuring that WDM maintains a strong movement in our fight for social justice."

**Maggie Pankhurst, 2008-2010
chair of Council**

Nominations, consent forms and election statements must be received by 31 March 2010.

In April all members will receive a booklet containing the details of each candidate, with postal voting closing on 28 May 2010.

If you have any queries about the election process or the completion of the nomination/seconding forms please contact either the national secretary, Nicola Ansell (phone 07989 454547 or 01895 462947, or email nicola.ansell@brunel.ac.uk) or Roger Miller (phone 01782 847770, email r.miller365@btinternet.com)

Yours truly,

Nicola Ansell
Acting national secretary