



LETTER TO BRANCHES

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No. 164/26

2nd June 2026

TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleagues,

ELECTION OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS 2026 – CWU YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE

- CWU Young Workers Committee

The NEC has agreed the 2026 election arrangements for the National Positions listed above. Accordingly, please find attached the Regulations, Nomination Forms and Candidate Consent/Biographical detail form.

Branches are asked to print the attached forms, complete and sign them and send the forms back electronically to elections@cwu.org by no later than the advertised deadline of 14.00 hrs on 24 June 2026

Nominations are on the basis of one member coming from the TFS Constituency and one member coming from the Postal Constituency for each of the 10 CWU Regional Young Workers Sub-Committee areas as of June 2025, and two lay members elected by and from the UTAW Branch. Additionally, all candidates must be aged 29 or under at the time of the election

Branches can only nominate candidates at a properly constituted branch meeting, where the Branch has members in the relevant Region.

The term of office for the CWU Young Workers Committee will be from 24th July 2026 for a two-year period.

Branches will also wish to note that:

- Each candidate needs the nomination of their own branch
- The election is by means of a branch ballot within each respective constituency, i.e branches with members in the Postal Constituency will vote for the Postal member of the Committee within their Region and branches with members in the TFS Constituency will vote for the one TFS member and 2 lay members elected by & from the UTAW Branch.

The timetable for the elections is as follows:-

Nominations Open:	3rd June 2026
Nominations Close:	24th June 2026 (14.00)
Ballot Opens:	2nd July 2026
Ballot Closes:	23rd July 2026 (14.00)

Any enquiries regarding this letter to Branches should be addressed by email to lparrett@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Ward
General Secretary

Election Regulations

Regulations governing the procedures for elections for the following CWU National Representative position(s):

- ***CWU YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE***

- 1) These regulations have been approved by the CWU National Executive Council and shall govern the procedures for the National Representative positions listed in the attached appendix which form part of these regulations.
- 2) In the elections to be conducted under these procedures, Branch entitlements to nominate candidates for each election and Branch entitlements to vote in each election are detailed in the attached appendices.
- 3) Nomination forms shall be circulated to Branches prior to the opening date for nominations. Branches wishing to nominate candidates shall be required to return the appropriate completed nomination forms to be received at Union Head Office by **14:00 on 24 June 2026**. It is the responsibility of Branches to ensure that nomination forms have been received at CWU HQ. Any nominations received after this date will be deemed ineligible.
- 4) The election arrangements shall be as follows:
 - a) All candidates must have the nomination of their own branch.
 - b) Nominations must have been approved by a properly constituted Branch meeting.
 - c) Candidates for 1) Postal or 2) T&FS positions must be nominated by a Branch which has members in that constituency. Branches shall be entitled to nominate as many candidates as there are positions to be filled.
 - d) Branches shall be entitled to nominate as many candidates as there are positions to be filled within their region.
 - e) Branches shall return the completed ballot papers by the advertised closing date on the ballot paper to elections@cwu.org. It is the responsibility of branches to ensure that ballot papers have been received at CWU. Any ballot papers received after the advertised date will not be included in the count. Branch voting figures to be used will be the branch membership figures available at the time of producing the respective ballot paper.
- 5) The published ballot results will include the number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of ballot papers issued, the number of ballot papers returned and the spoilt ballot papers received.



Appendices

CWU YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE

RULE 8.12.1

1. The CWU Young Workers Committee shall consist of 2 members of the NEC who shall be the nationally elected Young Workers members of the NEC plus 2 lay members elected biennially from each of the CWU Regional Young Workers Sub-Committee Areas (as of June 2025) with 1 being from the TFS Constituency and 1 from the Postal Constituency and two lay members elected by and from the UTAW Branch.

All candidates shall be aged 29 or under at the time of election.

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT & BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

I agree to accept the nomination for the position of:

CWU YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE 2026

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and wish to submit the following biographical details:

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Date commenced employment relevant to CWU membership: _____

Date Joined CWU: _____

UNION RECORD/OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE TO THE UNION AND LABOUR MOVEMENT (up to a **MAXIMUM** of 100 words) This should include information on positions held in Branch, Region, Section etc **together with appropriate dates** and information on representation at conferences, TUC, UNI, any education and training relevant to this election, previous membership of other trade unions, membership of political parties, and any other **BIOGRAPHICAL** detail that you wish to be included.

The biographical details should be emailed to elections@cwu.org at the address below to arrive by the advertised closing date.

Candidate's Signature: _____

Candidate Contact Details:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE RETURNING BY EMAIL TO elections@cwu.org BY NO LATER THAN 14:00 ON 24 JUNE 2026



Name of Branch: Branch No:

NOMINATIONS FOR CWU YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE - 2026

20 lay Members to be elected biennially from nominations on the following basis; one from the TFS Constituency and one from the Postal Constituency from each of the 10 CWU Regions. All candidates shall be under 29 at the time of the election.

Please note that Branches can only nominate candidates from their own Region.

POSTAL CONSTITUENCY

Eastern Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

Midland Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

North East Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

North West Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

Northern Ireland Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

Scotland Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

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South East Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

South West Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

Wales Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

London Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

We certify that the nominations shown on this form are in accordance with the ballot regulations and were made at a Branch meeting held on:

Date.....Time.....

Signed.....
Chairperson of the meeting

Signed.....
Secretary of the meeting

Please Note: IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BRANCHES ACCURATELY COMPLETE THE ABOVE SECTION – FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE NOMINATION BEING DECLARED INELIGIBLE

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TFS CONSTITUENCY

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Midland Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

North East Region

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

North West Region

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Northern Ireland Region

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Scotland Region

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London Region

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UTAW Branch

Name	CWU Membership No

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