

Call for Nominations SWU Executive Committee Northern Ireland Representative

The Social Workers Union (SWU) is the trade union dedicated to representing the interests of social workers and the social work profession.

SWU is now seeking nominations from members to fill a vacancy on its Executive Committee.

To stand for election a candidate must meet the conditions set out in Bye Laws 1.4 and 1.5 of the SWU rules, a copy of which can be found on our website.

The Executive Committee is made up of ten members, at least two members from England, at least one member each from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales (national representatives) and up to five others (UK representatives). The Chair of the union is elected by the executive from amongst the representatives.

There is currently a vacancy for a Northern Ireland Representative. All candidates for election must be nominated by another member of the union. In the case of the National Representative from Northern Ireland, nomination must be by a member within the relevant nation.

When attending Executive committee meetings, committee members who are either in full-time employment, self-employed or Social Work Students are entitled to claim an attendance allowance to cover costs associated with taking time off from paid work, self-employed work, caring duties or social work studies.

SWU encourages applications from Students/Newly Qualified Social Workers and Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) Social Workers who are currently under-represented on the National Executive of SWU.

Candidates must complete a nomination form. **The closing date for receipt of nominations is 5pm on Friday 30th July 2021.** The full timetable for elections and information regarding terms of office for each vacancy can be found on our website.

Completed nomination forms must be accompanied by an election statement of no more than 500 words together with a head and shoulders colour photograph in a TIFF or JPEG format. These should be sent via email to: joanne.marciano@swu-union.org.uk. Please note that nominees need to provide full contact details including a telephone number and email address.

Nomination forms and role descriptions are available from the SWU website or via email from joanne.marciano@swu-union.org.uk (0121 389 9248).

If you have any general queries about this process, please contact the SWU Administration Manager on 0121 389 9248.