

TRADE UNIONISTS SUPPORT DAVE NELLIST A SOCIALIST FOR BIRMINGHAM ERDINGTON

We, the undersigned trade union members, declare our support for Dave Nellist in the Birmingham Erdington by-election.

A former Labour MP for Coventry South East for nine years, Dave Nellist is standing as a Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition candidate.

Dave was a workers' MP who only took a worker's wage and gave away over half the MP's salary to trade unionists and working class campaigners fighting to defend their livelihoods and communities. He was parliamentary spokesperson of the All-Britain Anti Poll Tax Federation and was expelled from Labour for refusing to pay the poll tax.

Dave was then a socialist Coventry City councillor for

14 years. While Labour started privatising and cutting services, Dave refused to vote for cuts and supported workers struggling to defend their jobs and services – including the Birmingham bin workers and care workers in their disputes with the Labour council. Contrast this with Keir Starmer's Tony Blair-style New Labour, opposed to taxing the rich and public ownership, even of the big energy companies as prices go through the roof. Labour's Erdington candidate was a council cabinet member during the Birmingham bin and care worker strikes.

We call for the widest support for Dave Nellist's socialist stand, for a fighting voice for working class people.

Signatories to this petition, in a personal capacity, include:

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