



**HEY Credit Union**

The Fairer Alternative

# **Elections for the Board of Directors**

## **Candidates' Statements 2023**

***FOUR PLACES (for 3 years)***

***There are five Candidates listed in randomly drawn order***

Your name	<b>HELENA MOSS</b>
Your occupation (if any)	Interim Regeneration and Funding Group Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council
What is your current involvement with the CU?	Member of Credit Union
What qualities would you bring to the role if elected?	<p>I have worked for East Riding of Yorkshire Council for 16 years in a number of roles within regeneration and funding. I have experience of budget planning, bid and business case writing, community engagement and consultation as well as evaluation, including social return on investment. I was a key member of the team that developed the Social Value Engine.</p> <p>As a senior leader within the Economic Development team at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, I am responsible for the Council's Regeneration &amp; Funding Service which includes wider Economic Development strategy &amp; policy and the delivery of inclusive economic growth.</p> <p>My role involves supporting community and voluntary sector organisations to deliver key services in our communities. I have long been a champion of HEY Credit Union and coordinated the Safer Stronger Communities Programme, which funded the opening of the Bridlington branch of the Credit Union.</p> <p>I have experience of working in the voluntary sector in a number of community development roles. My previous background is in financial services and I was employed by Yorkshire Building Society as a qualified financial adviser.</p>
What are your hopes for the future of the Credit Union?	<p>I believe that Credit Unions offer an essential service to the most marginalised in the community. They play a key role in supplying flexible, accessible financial services, particularly in the current economic climate. I hope to be able to contribute to ensuring this service is sustainable in the future.</p> <p>As a resident of the East Riding of Yorkshire, I would like to support the growth of membership of East Riding residents. I also wish to support development of more “branches” in the East Riding, to promote the services and strengthen the membership.</p> <p>I would support an ambitious growth plan that includes targeting investment from more affluent sectors of the community to contribute to future growth and sustainability of services.</p>

Your name	<b>TERRY DAGNALL</b>
Your occupation (if any)	Retired Shopkeeper / Owner
What is your current involvement with the CU?	Director
What qualities would you bring to the role if elected?	Active Member / Director – part of a team that is taking HEY Credit Union in the right direction. I have been a Director / Chairman of Withernsea Meridian Centre – now Retired. I have also been an active Councillor / Mayor of Withernsea – now Retired.
What are your hopes for the future of the Credit Union?	I have been a team member of HEY Credit Union for several years and I have seen positive progress. I would like the chance to carry on as a Director to see future plans for HEY Credit Union come to fruition.

Your name	<b>THERESA VAUGHAN</b>
Your occupation (if any)	Retired Teacher and Mental Health Nurse; Co-operative Party Humber Branch (Secretary); Co-operative Party (dis)Ability Network (Secretary); Disability Labour Executive Officer (Secretary); Co-op Press Board Member.
What is your current involvement with the CU?	I am a member of Hull and East Yorkshire Credit Union. Although I have not be active with the HEY Credit Union, I have been promoting the benefits of Credit Unions along with the values and principals of co-operation. As an active co-operator over the years, I have presented an hosted events and invited HEY Credit Union Directors to participate. The last event was the Co-operative Party 2023 online Equality Conference.
What qualities would you bring to the role if elected?	I have lived at my present address within the Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle CLP area for almost 30 years. I was an active member of the Co-operative Women's Guild, I remain an active member of the Labour Party, Co-operative Party, and Disability Labour. In recent years have been involved with the development of the Co-operative Party Equality Networks and elected a (dis)Ability Network Committee member.  In my working life I was as a teacher, mental health nurse, political and community activist. I have witnessed how society and social policy has closed many of the Institutional Hospitals, removing residents, patients, and staff into smaller individual flatlets, leading to isolation under the heading of independent living.
What are your hopes for the future of the Credit Union?	As I have learnt about Credit Unions and the facilities they provide. When I have been asked about bank accounts, I have encouraged them to seriously consider HEY Credit Union, as they invest in the membership and support the local economy. I like the prospect of collaborating with teachers in our local schools, trade union members and community centre groups on why they should open a bank account with the HEY Credit Union. At the same time teaching the ethos, values and principles of co-operation which is at the heart of every co-operative credit union. Ensuring that individuals and organisations are aware of how being a member of the HEY Credit Union is supporting the development and economic future of Hull and East Yorkshire.

Your name	<b>KEN McCALL</b>
Your occupation (if any)	Teacher & Trade Union Secretary
What is your current involvement with the CU?	I am the founder of the Unity Shop in Hull and we have used the Credit Union since 2020 for all our banking needs. I was co-opted to the board of directors earlier in the year and have already attended several meetings and training sessions to help get me up to speed with the intricacies of the rules and regulations of the financial services sector.
What qualities would you bring to the role if elected?	With a background in IT, Education & Trade Unionism, I hope to bring valuable connections, insight and critical challenge to the board to aid decision making in these areas. Reliance on IT & systems will only become more prevalent in the future so it remains a crucial aspect of the function of the Credit Union for both security & member engagement. I will also seek to forge links with education providers in the city to raise awareness of the great work the Credit Union undertakes.
What are your hopes for the future of the Credit Union?	I hope that people see a Credit Union as their first preferred choice for their banking needs, and understand the ethical distinction compared to regular corporate banks. Credit unions provide emancipation from the traditional banking system, which is all too often inaccessible to many groups of people, favouring those with stable employment and healthy bank balances.

Your name	<b>JOHN LOGAN FAREHAM</b>
Your occupation (if any)	Planning consultant
What is your current involvement with the CU?	A modest investor. Some decades ago I chaired the Credit Union Working Group and the Low Pay Working Group which established the fact there should only be one Credit Union for the City and that Credit Unions were part of the solution to financial exclusion. I was not a passenger as Chairman.
What qualities would you bring to the role if elected?	Really it is for others to decide what qualities I might bring. Or indeed to allow their preconceptions around my former public persona to form their opinions. Friends and colleagues have at various times said I was diligent in study and application, capable of thought and independent conclusion, with an ability to form and express coherent arguments. I wouldn't say I was "fun" but I am dully dutiful and seen as a safe pair of hands in governance.
What are your hopes for the future of the Credit Union?	Again it is not for me describe my hopes for the Credit Union. If elected I am only part of a team, not the arbiter and dictator. Collectively I would hope we continue prudent expansion of activities to alleviate distress and encourage increase of well-being. That we assist the development of new areas of activity, while ensuring the stability of governance that has seen our consolidation. To ensure that in doing all this we hand on a thriving and successful organisation to those who come after us.

**END OF CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS 2023**