

Green deputy leader selected as Newport West candidate



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*** Amelia Womack selected as Newport West candidate in event of snap General Election**

*** Newport born and raised Womack pledges to give voters a “real alternative to the status quo”**

*** Womack: “Newport has been overlooked and left behind for too long”**

Green Party of England and Wales deputy leader Amelia Womack has been selected as the party’s candidate in Newport West in the event of a by-election or snap general election.

The announcement follows news that Newport West MP Paul Flynn will stand down at the earliest opportunity. [1]

Womack, who was born and raised in Newport, has pledged to bring green jobs to her hometown, support local businesses and champion environmentally sustainable alternatives to the M4 motorway expansion.

After being elected as Green Party deputy leader in 2014, Womack stood for Cardiff Central in the 2016 Welsh Assembly election.

The local party in Newport selected Womack as the Newport West Parliamentary candidate at a meeting on the evening of Thursday 22 November.

Amelia Womack, deputy leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, said:

“Newport has been overlooked and left behind for too long. I’m honoured to have been selected to represent the Green Party in my hometown and am excited to get stuck in and give voters a real alternative to the status quo.

“I have seen first hand the impact decades of underinvestment have had on Newport and am committed to securing new clean, sustainable jobs to help revitalise our forgotten local economy.

“With plans for toxic sludge to be dumped just down the coast the need for fearless, independent Green voices to stand up for our city has never been greater. I pledge to oppose the short-term thinking behind plans for the polluting M4 expansion, and will fight for the protection of Newport’s local environment to be at the heart of all decisions made for our city.” [2] [3]

Notes:

1. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-45975674>

2. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-41347137>
3. https://bettertransport.org.uk/campaign_against_levels_motorway

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