

Dear Members,



You have the power to impact the lives of all Swansea East residents. Your single vote can deliver a candidate who will make a difference and fight for you in Wales, Westminster and the World. Collectively, your 217 CLP votes can set the course for this constituency.

I hope to earn your support and would be honoured to represent you.

My Welsh Connections?

I am not Welsh. Lived and worked in Cardiff, my sister attended University in Wales, I delivered some lectures at Swansea University and vacationed in Wales a lot...but cannot profess to being a local girl.

I was born to young immigrant parents within the sound of Bow Bells in east London.

Who am I?

- A socialist, one who believes in mixed markets and enterprise as a necessity for economic growth but also public ownership of public resources as a necessity for societal health and prosperity. There is a balance and the fight for this can never be complacent.
- A Mother, who wants the best possible future for all of our children – a future filled with opportunities where communities work together and thrive in harmony.
- A businesswoman with two decades of global experience - developing solutions, working with stakeholders, mentoring small businesses and supporting economic development.
- A lifelong Labour member, Activist and 2010 Parliamentary Candidate with thousands of hours of canvassing, marching, debating, briefing, advising and empowering others 'notched up on my belt'.

The 'Special Relationship'

I have a home in the UK and US. As a strategic advisor to several companies, my work and expertise is transatlantic, as is my commitment to promoting democratic socialist values. I will bring my diverse experience and relationships to Swansea when establishing a home here with my family.

My husband is a former US Army Officer who resigned his commission in 2003 in protest over the Iraq War. I support our troops, they are not the ones who make decisions of war and peace. I continue to fight for an ethical, consistent and effective foreign policy which meets our national security needs.

Why vote for Sonia Klein?

My vision for Swansea East is one of a vibrant 21st century sustainable economy...not fluffy campaign spin...it is really possible. My strategy for this constituency on a macro level would be to focus on a 5 E's campaign:

Education * Employment * Entrepreneurship * Economy * Environment.

This will involve working with Council Leadership, the private sector, community groups, Welsh and Central government and also attracting inward investment and global joint ventures. I can do this.

On a local level, taking care of constituents and their daily needs is vital. The case load in Swansea East is one I understand and am accustomed to. I have deep empathy with the plight of public sector workers, problems caused by poverty, immigration, housing, child care, elder care. I will fight for each constituent. I will listen and be accessible and I will work with local leaders to provide the best resources to support our communities.

I welcome an opportunity to be 'interviewed' over a cup of tea by each member of the Swansea East Constituent. Call me anytime. I hope to earn your vote.