

Debi BELL



My name is Debi Bell, I have been involved with the union since 1992 when I became a rep within my Store in Sainsbury's Supermarkets, I have worked my way up to become National Chair of Sainsbury's National Committee and National Conveyor, looking after a membership of around 10,700 colleagues. I sit on my women's committee regionally and nationally which does link in with the work I am involved in internationally.

My work includes IUF and EFFAT representing the women of the UK, Equality in the workplace and how we strive to make those workplaces a safe environment, where women can progress and our voices are heard.

I have also organised workplaces which are predominantly female, increasing the membership as well as teaching Trade Union Education for Unite the Union as a visiting lecturer.

I enjoy visiting different places and have been part of delegations to Columbia and Mexico reporting back on the displacement of communities which have been caused by major companies we all buy from on a daily basis.

The work I have been involved with recently is automation and digitalisation the effects on jobs and the training that is offered which also does have an effect on people's mental health causing stress and anxiety, the health and safety of our members which is a major concern within our sector Food Drink and Agriculture.

In Solidarity,

Debi Bell