

# women's officer **ELISA McDONAGH**



Some of you will know me already, but for most of you who don't I got started in trade unionism when I was working as Education Officer at the Tramway Museum in Crich.

I was elected as shop steward because my friends and colleagues believed in me to represent their interests as workers. Together we achieved, amongst other things, a pay rise for our work which demonstrated how working together always pays, literally!

I now work as a Customer Care Assistant at Call Derbyshire, Derbyshire County Council's contact centre. I was elected as shop steward in 2008.

When talking about politics today most of us think about the council and parliament but for me it is about everyday matters, such as having a job, being treated equally and how we can all contribute to a greener and fairer society.

Women as the fairer sex does not necessarily mean we get treated fairly. We all know it can be a struggle to be treated equally with men. This struggle will only be won through women organising and coming together.

Lets make ourselves heard; join me at our quarterly women's meetings so we can speak together.