

National Executive candidate biographies 2021

Central Regional Representative



Angelique Kerr

Executive Support and Researcher at Parliamentary Service

It has been a privilege to serve as the Central Region Representative on E tū's National Executive for the last three terms. I have learnt a lot and feel that I have been able to make a positive contribution to my union.

I want to continue to focus on ensuring that our union invests more in not only recruiting more members but also training and empowering our union members to be union leaders in their workplace and communities.

Some of the highlights so far of my time on the National Executive has been getting to chair the Audit and Risk Committee. I have enjoyed being able to delve into the finances of the union to make sure that we are strategic in how we use the funds we have to grow and support the union to be the best it can be. The COVID recovery is still underway, and we have to make sure that we are sticking closely to our budget while ensuring that the membership fees are being used to continue to grow and adapt in this changing environment. Our goals as a union are still focussed on growth, reach and capability. We need to continue to grow our union even during these challenging times.

I have also really enjoyed being a part of setting the strategic direction of the union and helping to collectively decide on the key values that the union stands for. The values of integrity, manaakitanga, being aspirational, respect, and being accountable are important to everything that we do as a union.

I believe my strength is my experience within the Labour Movement and within the union, I would love to serve the Central Region again on the National Executive.



David Sa'u

RPS Switchgear Ltd

Tena koutou katoa, talofa lava, and greetings to you all.

My name is David Sa'u (Matai Titles Asiata & Sa'u) lived in Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt, Wellington for over 35 years and worked for RPS Switchgear Ltd (UNISON Group) for 26 years.

I have been a delegate since 1995 and a union member for over 30 years. I became a delegate at the time my employer was on the verge of restructuring or closing business from this side of the world by its former owner Rolls Royce UK. It was a very challenging and tough start but we managed to settle a deal to keep our jobs and most importantly, the business is still operating in New Zealand now, although it has changed ownership a couple of times since.

I strongly believe and built myself to stand tall with pride in E tū values; to protect and fight for social injustices not just in working places but throughout the wider communities (sports, churches, cultural groups etc).

As a leader, I am always out there in the deep, trying to rescue everybody else, and if I am drifting myself, I am no good to anybody. It is my passion to stand together with my workmates and get a real say at our workplace, from health and safety to better terms and conditions of our employment.

I have dealt with some work-related issues in the past and it did develop better outcomes for both parties (employee vs employer). I believe I have the ability to enable and stand up courageously, to inspire, to treat others equally with respect and in a professional manner.

Tena koutou, tena koutoa, tena koutou katoa.

