

Christina Kenna
Candidate for West Depwade

“Don’t sit and complain about the dark when you can light a candle.” Anon

*“Be the change you wish to see in the world”
Gandhi*

The above embodies how I conduct my life.

Born in Greenwich London, I grew up in Welling and worked for a City Bank until I returned to University gaining an Honours Degree in Education. I taught in a number of schools in London before settling in Norfolk in 2003.

My life centred on turning around schools and communities, taking schools that were persistently failing, to good and outstanding. I was commended by then Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg for reaching the top 5% of schools in the country for significant improvements in attainment for disadvantaged children.

Following 30 years in educational leadership in some of the most disadvantaged areas of London and Norwich, I decided on early retirement.

I served as a Town Councillor for Long Stratton but recently decided to become more active through the Green Party - Time to stop moaning and do something!

I am proud to have coached women migrants/refugees through Laamiga, empowering and enabling women from migrant/refugee/minority backgrounds.

In London I helped set up a group to restore Danson Mansion and make paths more accessible in the park. I set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme following a spate of crime in the local area bordering the park.

My environmental work has been within schools - planting an orchard and using part of the school field for an allotment where retired people worked alongside pupils to grow and sell produce, fostering generational relationships where extended family was non-existent. I supported another school to develop a smallholding (goats, chickens, small animals, & wild flower Remembrance Garden. All our schools provided Forrest School and Bush Craft to get pupils exploring the natural environment.

I worked closely with the church to support the Luncheon Club - pupils spent an afternoon a week serving lunches and exchanging skills and forgotten crafts.

Loneliness for **young and old** causes more death than coronary deaths.

I bring the following experience and expertise:

- 30 years Educational Leadership
- CEO of a Multi Academy Trust, Ofsted Inspector, Magistrate, Town Councillor
- Excellent communicator
- Used to public speaking, asking difficult questions and holding difficult conversations
- Hands on, rolling up sleeves and getting stuck in (leading from the front)
- Coaching & Strong Rapport

- Credibility
- Accountability
- Strategic Planning, Systems, Processes
- Devise & communicate living Vision Statements, Ethos and Mission by ensuring it is seen in action
- Policy Development
- Change Management
- GDPR, FOI, SARS
- Nolan Principles and Charity Law
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Finance and HR
- Accounting Officer
- Reports to all stakeholders – written and verbal

By engaging with communities as a visible presence, I will ensure people can raise concerns large or small and propose clear actions to bring real impact and change to their day to day lives.

I want people and communities brought together not divided by fear.

Whilst I am yet unfamiliar with concerns and issues, for West Depwade, I imagine that balancing renewable energy with the over concentration of solar farms, pylons and battery stores, new housing but lack of infrastructure, depletion of nature and land for food sources are concerning.

Individual concerns and how to best support, will become apparent once I attend local parish council meetings etc and meet people one to one,

My priority is to quickly establish myself as a familiar face and someone who gets things done. I am committed to doing what I say I will do.

I believe in the power of **You said, we did.**

