

Election statement for Juliet Bertie

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I would try to play table tennis as a young child tagging along with my brother from a very early age. 30 years forward I attended a work Sports and Social table tennis event where I met my now husband. Following him up and down the country supporting him watching games it made me think... why don't I have a go! It was something as simple as that which gave me the urge to take up the sport. Now playing competitively myself, I can't live without it and my aim is to get more females participating in the game.

I really would like to become an Elected Deputy Chairman as I think it is important to have diversity amongst boards. Very often it is talked about Boards not representing the people we serve and it is important to have role models for young people to aspire to but especially ones that look like them.

I have previous experience as a Chair for a work Sports and Social Club and was on the West Midlands Regional Board of Management for HASSRA (Health and Social Security Recreational Association). For those that know me I am an honest individual with a passion for table tennis and a deep desire to grow that community.

I am committed to Table Tennis England's Mission 2025 to get everyone talking about it and making it a sport for all. The core values will be represented throughout the four pillars which are part of the strategy and these all indicate the whole purpose of Table Tennis England.

Previously the Regional Table Tennis organiser for HASSRA I have the ability to represent and promote the game. Currently seeking new ways in the West Midlands to increase participation, these are to include sourcing Ping Pong Parlour venues, seeking National attendance at Ping Pong Fight Club and promoting partnerships via the West Midlands Combined Authority and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioners office. All new ventures I hope to be a success.

Always having an interest in sport I have an understanding and knowledge of British and International Sport. Previous the National Women's Football Organiser for Civil Service Sports Council (CSSC) and Regional Diversity Champion I was required to have a working knowledge of policies and procedures.

Having over 30 years working in the Civil Service I have gained extensive experience in many areas. Working alongside senior leaders I have gained the ability to question, challenge and make decisions which is now second nature. I have developed strategies for Communications and led Social Media Teams and gained the ability to respect individual views. I have a track record of delivering excellent customer service in order to uphold the reputation of the organisation.

I am able to analyse data of all different accounts. From Social Media using management dashboard to spreadsheets and surveys.

All in all, I want to bring a different perspective to the board. I want to contribute and input but most importantly I want to be part of the driving force to make a difference. My ambition is to enable grassroots, disadvantaged communities to have equal opportunities in table tennis no matter what background, and to ensure they have support to enable them to continue to do so.