



Biography of Wendy Olsen
Salford City Mayor candidate 2016
Salford Green Party



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Wendy Olsen has lived in Salford since 1988, moving into a Tower Block first, and now living at Claremont. Wendy Olsen worked at Salford University for two years, and has worked in Manchester since 2002, having also worked in Bradford and Lancaster while commuting from Salford. Wendy has held many jobs – printer, computer advisor, teacher and writer. She has a fulltime job.

Wendy Olsen has experience in social leadership roles of trustee, director, women's centre secretary, chair and treasurer. She has acted as auditor for a handful of national sports groups and also audits for some local groups. She has experience with local Manchester TV (Channel 8 Freeview), BBC Radio, press interviews, debating, law, and campaigning. She's a trade unionist.

She has won 14% of her Ward in the 2015 elections. She is running in Irwell Riverside ward for Salford City Council. She is both British and American.

Position statements

Like other Greens, Wendy Olsen believes in regional devolution, but the Devo-Manc arrangement with a labour Mayor is highly unsuitable. She believes the whole Northwest should have an Assembly with proportional representation so everyone has a voice. The Mayoral system makes most of the government decisions secret, and not transparent.

She has strong views on better communities, libraries, parking, food banks, Fair Trade, parks, trash, fly tipping, and TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT. She wants more grocery shops at Blackfriars. Redevelop Mocha Parade.

She wants to see the Council consult and chat with voters more. She thinks the Labour Party is too dominant in Salford. She opposes the NHS privatisation and objects to austerity cuts in spending. She objected to the Bedroom Tax. She is concerned about the Whit Lane and Charlestown developments. Too many highrise flats in Ordsall area will create pressure on our local facilities. The planning needs more forethought. Salford should bargain against the developers. Too many handouts went to certain big firms via "fee waivers".