

NAWRA COMMITTEE

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	<p>I feel I have much to offer – over 3 decades as a Welfare Rights Officer and a NAWRA participant from the early days; 15 years as Co-Editor of the Policy and Practice section of the Journal of Poverty and Social Justice and a Social Security Adviser to the Local Government Association. I have co-ordinated numerous submissions to the Government, negotiated with DWP nationally, given evidence to Select Committees; conducted media interviews; written many articles and publicity items. For my sins, I was in the working group which proposed the current structure of NAWRA - to bring greater cohesion. I am the regional contact for GMWRAG, a group which I view as exemplary, democratic.</p> <p>NAWRA has to attract fresh input from our many talented members. Essentials are good meetings, speakers, open forums and workshops around the country. Momentum is easing access to contribute, quality reports, determined campaigning and high profile. I believe we should be open to all advice contributors with a sound ethical and non-exploitative basis. We face stern fights to campaign for welfare rights and opportunities; and to defend and further advice provision against ruthless cuts</p>