

Board Room at CPSU head office renamed – “The Liz Mulvey Room”

In Memory of our friend and colleague Liz Mulvey

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Liz Mulvey

I HAD THE PLEASURE of calling Liz Mulvey a friend of mine for many years. We were both CPSU trade union activists in the Department of Social Protection in the nineties, she in Longford and I in Sligo. We both served as National Committee representatives on behalf of members in the Department for many years. Liz also succeeded in getting elected to the CPSU National Executive Committee year after year working tirelessly on behalf of all of our members. Her quiet disposition never stopped her from taking on challenges or speaking out when necessary to defend the rights of workers.

But Liz's interest in trade unionism went beyond the CPSU and in 2007 she was nominated to the Women's Committee in the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and as a delegate to the National Women's Council of Ireland on behalf of the union. She was not afraid to speak out at these forums and was very quick to defend her colleagues in the Civil Service in circumstance where the popular view was against us. She was popular and well respected by her colleagues not just for her contribution at meetings but also for her camaraderie at social events such as the ICTU Women's Conference where she was a well known figure.

Liz's cheerful disposition never changed over the years and only those close to her knew of her great strength and determination particularly when fighting on behalf of the members she represented. That same strength and determination was clear to everyone when she faced her biggest fight of all. Such was her commitment to the union she loved that she rarely if ever missed a meeting. Her positive disposition sustained many of us throughout her illness and I never once heard her complain.

She is sadly missed by her colleagues around the table at CPSU and ICTU as well as the wider trade union movement. As a mark of respect the CPSU Executive Committee have dedicated the Boardroom at CPSU Head Office to her memory and it is now known as the 'The Liz Mulvey' room.

I think I speak for us all when I say her contribution and her friendship will be missed. Her dignity and her courage is an example to us all.

Thank you Liz

Liz Mulvey came from Ballinwing, Leitrim