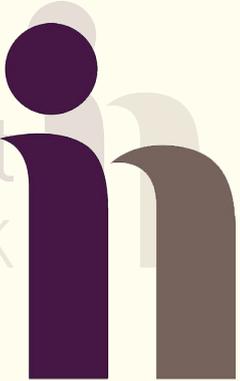


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## **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 23rd May 2019**

“The wave of protest, about everything from Brexit to climate change, shows people are fed up with politicians. People want a proper voice in politics. Now is the time for Independent Voices determined to represent their electorate to be heard, loud and clear!”.

Five Candidates, all members are national members of the Independent Network standing up for the East Midlands.

“We are determined to have Independent representatives rooted in local communities, listening locally and taking action at all levels to support our communities, said leader Marianne Overton MBE.”

***‘Our future is Independent’***

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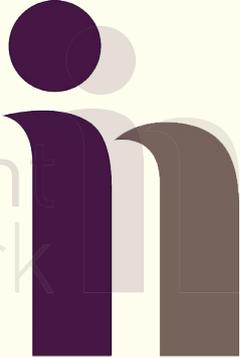
### **About the Independent Network**

The Independent Network has been helping Independents get elected since 2005. In April 2016 it was registered as a National Political Party, able to support candidates in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Independent Network is here to support Independents in Government at all levels. Our aim is a better, more responsive and representative democracy. We enable the electorate to vote Independent with greater confidence. An Independent vote is a vote for a better and more representative Government. The Independent Network promotes a fairer system in which Independents can compete with political parties. We promote Independent politics and encourage the electorate to acknowledge the success and influence Independents are having in local Government and Parliament.

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**OUR  
CANDIDATES**

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The logo for the Independent Network, featuring a stylized lowercase 'i' and 'n' in a dark purple color. The 'i' has a circular dot, and the 'n' is a simple vertical bar with a slight curve at the bottom.

**NICK BYATT**



I am not a career politician, but I'm no novice either. People say I'm organised, disciplined and tenacious. I'm a grounded person with wide-ranging life skills who is passionate about making life better for us all, despite the ineptness of our parliamentarians. I trained as a teacher but joined the RAF to fly. During my career I have been an instructor, infrastructure manager, doctrine and concepts developer, leader and war fighter. Since retiring I've worked tirelessly with others to find solutions to combat ASB and promote local community cohesion. In going forward I want to further the interests and aspirations of the East Midlands.

**MARIANNE  
OVERTON**



Ever felt chained to an agenda you didn't ask for? Elected as leader of the Independent Group nationally, I am relentless in promoting what local people need and want, simply working together at all levels to get the best solutions, without party political prejudice. Embedded in our communities, serving at every level, from needy individuals to County Council, Vice Chairman of the health authority and a Governor of our University, I see that we are let down by some party politicians who forget they are there to serve us. We deserve better. I ran many challenging scientific expeditions to remote regions of the world and experienced at first hand the beauty and the struggles that face our uncertain world. This is shared in Europe in my role as spokesperson on environmental matters for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, where we represent 130,000 local councils across Europe. We take an inclusive approach, working together to improve our environment, employment and democracy. Is that not worth some effort? You can help too, by voting for us.

**VOTE AND GIVE THE EAST MIDLANDS A CHANCE**

## DANIEL SIMPSON



Strong persistent voice not shackled by political party agendas. Focused to seek out funding and resources for the benefit of the East Midlands. Until Brexit happens, we are committed to fight for reform to; Clean up the EU gravy train and wasteful spend. Return to purely trading status with a duty to cooperate in key areas without being governed. Enable member states to trade globally without interference. Support radical solutions to curb unauthorised immigration, drug and people trafficking. Make financial institutions more accountable. Daniel served his community as a District Councillor in rural Lincolnshire and stood as an Independent Police and Crime Commissioner, gaining substantial support. He supports the introduction of the requirement to fit solar power generation to all new build.

## PEARL CLARKE



As a nurturing wife, mother, and former teacher of all ages from pre-school to adults I know how unsettling living with uncertainty can be. For too long we have been living with an uncertain future. Having chaired a diverse range of committees both locally and nationally including the Women's Institute, Parent Teacher Association, The National Board of Catholic Women and The Grail I understand the importance of working collaboratively as a team to achieve important objectives. I have been fortunate in also having experience of international dialogue at the United Nations in New York, at the Vatican and in other European countries which has enabled me to observe not only the value of diversity and cultural differences but also the difficulties in reconciling deeply opposing views. I believe that all these experiences, have equipped me and made me determined to represent the best interests of the East Midlands.

## NIKKI DILLON



Nikki is a passionate, tireless force fighting for a better democracy, where ordinary people are at its heart, where decisions are made by the people and for the people. With listening skills and insight gained as a counsellor and mother, dealing with complicated disabilities, combined with communication skills as a trained journalist. Nikki has held a seat on the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council, she serves as a District and Town Councillor (Lincolnshire) and was a Deputy Mayor. Nikki has helped implement new and revised policies. She volunteered her way through many sectors, including counselling terminally ill, counselling children and Citizens advice. Her credentials are the person next door, with her no-nonsense attitude, and will represent the true heart of the people. Nikki is a powerful force for good.