

5 questions with... Ana Gomes

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Ana Gomes | *Photo credit: Natalie Hill*

1. Is there anything you have personally achieved or done that would surprise people?

My happy family life, despite having so little (but quality) time to dedicate to my loved ones since becoming an MEP.

2. What is the most humbling thing you have experienced in your career?

Learning that you cannot achieve anything alone, you always have to engage with others, you always have to communicate and impart to others. Being good at communicating with others is crucial to be

effective.

3. How would you describe your political/leadership style in three words?

Engaging, frank and committed.

4. What was the most inspirational and influential book you have read and why?

A biography for children on the hard life and scientific achievements of Marie Curie, which my mother insisted I read when I was seven years old. It instilled in me the sense that I should work to improve humanity and doing so requires study, determination and persistence.

5. What do you do in your free time to relax and unwind?

Play with my grandchildren, read newspapers and magazines, gardening, looking out at the sea.

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