

# NEC report January 2014

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### 3 Seats Challenge, 4/5 January

A group of us went campaigning in three marginal seats over the weekend: Hove, Crawley and Ilford North. In total, 51 activists made 1,504 contacts across the weekend!

The [next Labour 3 Seats Challenge](#) will be on 8 February in Finchley and Golders Green, Hendon and Harrow East. Let me know if you want to join us! You can follow what we're doing on Twitter: [@Lab3seats](#).



### Swindon South – speaking and campaigning, 18 January

I had a great morning in Swindon South, speaking at their CLP meeting and campaigning for Anne Snelgrove. We spoke to lots of voters and got a really positive response. It was so lovely to meet everyone – thank you for inviting me and thanks for the warm reception!



### Young Labour National Committee meeting, 22 January

I chaired our latest meeting, which mainly focused on the upcoming Young Labour conference and Young Labour's national campaign days, which will be held on a monthly basis in marginal seats. The minutes will be available on the Young Labour website.

### Celebrating LabourList's birthday, 9 January

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to LabourList this month! I joined lots of people at LabourList's event to mark the occasion.



### CLP meetings I've spoken at this month:

- Swindon South CLP, 18 January.
- Nottingham South CLP, 23 January
- Croydon South CLP, 28 January.

### NEC sub-committee meetings, 14 January

I attended the Equalities Committee, Disputes Panel and Organisation Sub-Committee meetings. I gave a report on Young Labour's work to Equalities Committee and asked questions about shared parental leave and barriers for women in open selections.



### Young Labour National Campaign Day, Ilford North, 18 January

After a morning in Swindon, I joined Young Labour and Labour Students out on the doorstep in another one of our target seats, Ilford North, campaigning for Wes Streeting. It was fantastic to have so many members out campaigning and we made over 700 contacts!

The next campaign days are in [Edinburgh West](#) on 8 and 9 Feb.



### UNISON meeting, 21 January

I met with UNISON's Labour Link team to let them know what Young Labour is up to and how their young members could get involved, and see how we could better support the work of their young members.



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### Nottingham South CLP, 23 January

I was invited to speak at Nottingham South's CLP meeting on the issue of tax avoidance. It was great to be back in my home town for the evening and to catch up with everyone!



### NEC meeting, 28 January

We had our full NEC meeting on the 28th, where we heard from Ed Miliband, Harriet Harman and Iain McNicol about the work they've been doing. We also had a presentation about the general election plan from Spencer Livermore and Douglas Alexander. I mentioned the work that Labour Students and Young Labour had done on voter registration and asked about plans for seat-twinning in the run-up to the general election. We also heard from Johann Lamont and Anas Sarwar about the Scottish referendum campaign and got an update on policy-making. Our next meeting will be on 4 Feb ahead of the special conference on 1 March.

### LWN reception, 29 January

I joined lots of great women (and a few men) at the Labour Women's Network New Year's reception. We launched our [Speakers Panel](#), which has lots of women on it who are willing to speak at events in each region, so there are no excuses for having all-male panels at events anymore! I'm on the list, so if you want me or another excellent Labour woman to speak at an event, just get in touch or visit the website. I'd also really encourage women to join LWN and support the great work they do in helping to increase women's representation across the party. You can do so [here](#).

### Progress article, 24 January

My latest article for Progress, about prioritising our 106 target seats, is now online. You can have a read [here](#) and let me know your views!

### Croydon South CLP visit, 28 January

After the NEC meeting I headed to Croydon South's CLP meeting to speak about engaging young people. It was fantastic to have so many young people at the meeting and we had a great discussion about young people and lots of different policy areas.

### Young Labour groups

I've been talking to a number of members and CLPs about setting up Young Labour groups, particularly in target seats. If you're interested in setting one up, please get in touch.



### Young Labour Conference 2014

This will be held in Bradford on 22 and 23 February, where we will be debating policies to put forward for the 2015 manifesto. We will also hear from guest speakers and take part in training sessions. You can submit your motions to the conference by emailing them to Dean: [dean\\_carlin@labour.org.uk](mailto:dean_carlin@labour.org.uk). I look forward to seeing everyone there!

