



BAME LABOUR IN ACTION 2017-2018

DEMOCRACY REVIEW

- Gloria Mills, BAME NEC member, led the successful BAME Plus consultation and submission on BAME Labour's input into the Labour Party Democracy Review.
- A National launch conference was held on 22nd November 2017, followed by regional events in Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Bristol, and Glasgow and with huge support from BAME members.
- In addition, submissions were made to the Labour Party NEC in January 2018 with meetings to secure equality representation and voting rights at all levels of the Labour Party.
- The Rule changes adopted in 2018 securing representation, voting rights, regional and national BAME and equality committees, as well as conferences represent a key milestone in democracy for members.

- 30-06-2018 – BAME NEC members Cllr Muhammad Afzal, Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste, Sonny Leong, Gloria Mills, Nadine Grandison-Mills, Cllr June Nelson, Dr Neeraj Patel and Joe Ukemenam attended the BAME Labour Democracy Consultation event in Leeds. Elizabeth, Nadine and Gloria spoke at the event.
- Bridget Galloway and Nadine Grandison-Mills attended forum/group events regarding the BAME Labour and the Democracy Review.

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE



- 22/09/2018 - Nadine Grandison-Mills represented BAME Labour at the Women's Labour Party

Conference compositing meeting on Women and the Economy. She ensured that information from BAME Labour's motion on how Black women have been excluded from political and economic power from society was included in the Women and the Economy composite motion.

- Nadine addressed the Women's conference, speaking powerfully in support of the Women and the Economy composite motion. This motion was sent to the main Labour conference.
- 23-09-2018 – She spoke in support of the Democracy Review changes to BAME Labour. She stressed how progress towards full and fair BAME representation in the Labour party has been slow and how BAME members have been treated unfairly.
- 24-09-2018 - BAME Labour held the following events:
 - How To Engage Young BAME members (Chair: Nadine Grandison-Mills; Panel members: Abdi Duale, Siddo Dwyer and Cllr Joshua Garfield.)
 - How is a hostile immigration policy impacting race

relations in Britain? (Chair: Cllr June Nelson; Panel Members: Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste, Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Jacqueline McKenzie (an immigration lawyer leading on Windrush) and Gloria Mills.)

- 25-09-2018: Nadine gave an impassioned speech supporting the Windrush motion and challenging the hostile environment policy.
- Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste spoke powerfully in support of the Brexit motion, condemning racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and discrimination. She also urged the Party to protect workers' rights and to ensure that it has clear immigration policies that protects EU and non-EU migrants from racial and ethnic discrimination.
- 26-09-2018 – Elizabeth spoke on the section of the National Policy Forum report – creating a more equal society. She eloquently highlighted how Britain remains one of the most unequal societies in the developed world and how the government's austerity measures have widened the gap between the rich and the poor.

- Cllr June Nelson and Joe Ukemenam represented BAME Labour on the stall.

NATIONAL POLICY FORUM

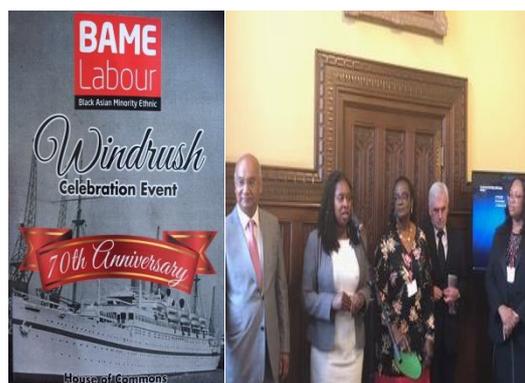


- BAME representatives on the National Policy Forum Nadine Grandison-Mills, Gloria Mills and June Nelson, played a key role in advancing Labour policies at the NPF in Leeds. Susan Matthews represented Unite and Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP went from the Labour NEC.
- BAME Labour participated in the Government Windrush compensation scheme consultation. Nadine and Gloria did individual submissions also.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- 20-06-2018 – Windrush Celebration event (Facilitator: Cllr June Nelson; Speakers: BAME NEC members Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste, Bridget Galloway, Nadine Grandison-Mills Susan Matthews,

Joe Ukemenam, Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP; Guest speakers: Rt Hon Diane Abbott MP, Dawn Butler MP, Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Jacqueline McKenzie Catherine Ross, and many more!!)



- 06-09-2018 – Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP chaired ‘Advancing BAME representation in the Labour Party’.
- 27-10-2018 - Nadine Grandison-Mills and Cllr June Nelson chaired a workshop ‘BAME Faces Matter: Increasing Representation of BAME Women In the Labour Party’ at the London Labour Women’s Congress.
- 07-10-2018 – Cllr June Nelson spoke on the Sunday Politics regarding the rebranding of Black History month. She was also quoted in the Guardian newspaper (30/09/2018).
- 11-11-2018 – Bridget Galloway attended the African & Caribbean War Memorial ceremony at Windrush Square.



- Joe Ukemenam has been visiting CLPs and speaking about BAME Labour at numerous engagements. He has also been establishing a mentorship scheme.
- BAME Labour has run stalls at various conferences raising the profile of BAME Labour and attracting new members. This has included the UNISON Black members' conference held on 20-22/01/2018.



MENTORING AND POLITICAL EDUCATION

- The BAME Labour Mentoring and Political Training programme, spearheaded by Joe Ukemenam, was launched in 2016. Its aim is to empower BAME members of our Party on the key knowledge and routes to serving in public and political offices.
- Many thanks to those who have already submitted their application forms. Next year (2019), these forms will be processed, interviews held and more seminars delivered in order to empower and place mentees. If you haven't submitted one yet and would like to participate, please complete the application form.
- There are no resources from the Labour Party for this Programme – it is being implemented by willing and dedicated volunteers. We therefore ask for your patience.
- Please encourage Labour MPs, Lords, Members of Assembly, MEPs etc. to sign up to become mentors in this programme, in both tutelage and advisory capacities.