



# BAME LABOUR IN ACTION 2018-2019

## NEW WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

BAME Labour is delighted to announce that we have a new website! Please visit [www.bamelabour.org](http://www.bamelabour.org) for information, to sign up for updates and to join our organisation.

We also have a new Facebook page. Please like/follow us at [@BAMELabour](https://www.facebook.com/BAMELabour).

For those who like Twitter, follow us at [@LabourBAME](https://twitter.com/LabourBAME).

## BAME LABOUR CONFERENCE 2018



BAME Labour hosted its 2018 Conference at Brent Civic Centre, Wembley. Chair Muhammad Afzal, Secretary Susan Matthews and Vice Chair June Nelson, highlighted BAME Labour's significant contributions to the Democracy Review.

Conference speakers included Cllr

Ahmad Shahzad OBE; Cllr Muhammed Butt; Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities, Dawn Butler MP; Janet Daby MP; Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP; Shadow Minister (Equalities Office) (Women and Equalities), Naz Shah MP; former MP and BAME NEC Representative, Keith Vaz; Labour NEC Chair, Wendy Nichols; and NEC member and GMB Policy Officer, Sarah Owen.



BAME Labour was privileged to have Cécile Kashetu Kyenge MEP, Italy's First Black Cabinet Minister, as the Keynote Speaker.

The buffet lunch was delicious and many exciting and insightful workshops were conducted (see below). A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful speakers, panellists, chairs and helpers, as well as our attendees, who all contributed to a fantastic event!

Unfortunately, our 2019 BAME Conference had to be postponed due to the Snap General Election. However, our new date will be announced shortly.

## LABOUR PARTY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2019

Vice Chair June Nelson and NPF Representative Nadine Grandison-Mills represented BAME Labour at the Women's Conference in Telford.

Both made impassioned speeches on violence against women.

## LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2019



BAME Labour had a strong presence at the 2019 Labour Conference. We launched the campaign 'Stop this Brexit Shambles – Make BAME Voices heard on Brexit: Oppose a No-Deal Brexit'.



Posters and letters addressed to the Prime Minister were signed by scores of people, members and MPs.



In line with the campaign, BAME Labour delegate Nadine Grandison-Mills spoke in the Brexit debate, focussing on how a No-Deal Brexit would adversely impact on BAME Communities.



BAME Labour Secretary, Susan Mathews, spoke on behalf of Unite on BAME Representation in Selections, to move the BAME electoral college rule change to 50/50 between BAME members and affiliated trade unions.

BAME Labour also hosted two fringe events at the Brighton Conference (see below).

## WORKSHOPS & EVENTS



- 01-12-2018 – How to set up a CLP BAME/Ethnic Minorities Forum (Chair: Nadine Grandison-Mills; Panellists: Brian Channer, Cllr Nanda Manley-Browne and Cllr Kim Powell.)



- 01-12-2018 – Young, Gifted and BAME (Chair: Jen Davis (BAME EC); Panellists: Dr Rupa Huq MP, Kimberly McIntosh and Siddo Dwyer.)



- 01-12-2018 – Reaching out to the Diaspora (Chair: Joe Ukemenam (BAME EC); Panellists: Shadow Minister

(Treasury) Clive Lewis MP and Cecile Wright.)



- 01-12-2018 – Health (Chair: Cllr Dr Neeraj Patil (BAME EC); Panellists: Fiona Onasanya (former MP), Cllr Ketan Sheth and Judy Richard.)



- 01-12-2018 – Local Government (Panellists: Bridget Galloway (BAME EC), Claudia Webbe MP and Cllr Amina Ali.)



- 23-09-2019 – How will Brexit impact on BAME communities? (Chair: Cllr June Nelson (Vice Chair); Panellists: Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste (Treasurer) and Gloria Mills (BAME

EC); as well as guest speaker Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, John McDonnell MP.)



- 24-09-2019 – How to set up a CLP BAME/Ethnic Minorities Forum (Chair: Nadine Grandison-Mills (NPF Representative); Panellists: Janet Daby MP, Cllr Nanda Manley-Browne and Cllr Kim Powell.)

## **NATIONAL POLICY FORUM**

Our NPF Representatives have attended meetings. Since the start of the NPF term, reps have responded to numerous submissions, as well as making their own on:

- Tackling Serious Youth Violence
- Stop and Search
- Windrush
- Domestic Abuse
- Ex-prisoners, Homelessness and Re-offending
- Immigration Removal Centres

BAME Labour will continue to make submissions.

## **LEADERSHIP/DEPUTY LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**

BAME Labour has nominated Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, Keir Starmer MP, for leader of the Labour Party, as well as Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities, Dawn Butler MP, for Deputy. We wish them and all other candidates the best of luck with their leadership campaigns!

## **TRIBUTE TO KEITH VAZ MP**

Last but not least, we would like to thank the former MP, Keith Vaz, for the incredible work he has done representing BAME Labour on the Party's NEC. We wish him every future success!



BAME Labour's nominee, Jennifer Davis, has withdrawn from the contest due to work related reasons.

We look forward to working with our next NEC Representative. Happy campaigning to all candidates!