

Ellie Reeves

a voice for grassroots members on the National Executive Committee



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Dear Colleague,

It has been a privilege to serve grassroots members on the NEC for the past eight years. I was delighted to receive 116 nominations for my re-election and I am now asking for your support to be re-elected.

My values

As a trade union lawyer, representing blacklisted construction workers, I have dedicated my life to fighting for workplace rights.

On the NEC, I have called for better workplace protection, the reversal of the Tory attacks on employees' rights, an end to zero hour contracts and proper legislation to protect blacklisted workers.

Tackling the cost of living crisis is at the heart of what Labour must stand for. Ed Miliband was right to call for an energy price freeze. We also need to build more social housing, repeal the bedroom tax and impose controls on the private rented sector. On the NEC I will call for the railways to be put back into public ownership.

We must repeal the Health and Social Care Act and introduce a National Care Service. Education should be truly comprehensive.

A stronger party

Our members are the lifeblood of our party and must be at the heart of everything we do. Members must have a strong voice and we should draw on their knowledge and experiences to inform our policies.

I supported the Collins review, giving members a greater voice in electing the leadership of our party. Now, with one member one vote, MPs no longer get a disproportionate say in who our leader is. However, I do not agree with primaries and have made it clear that if the NEC is invited to consider any further primaries I will not be supportive. The review also maintains the link with unions, which is fundamental to the fabric of our party.

A winning party, fighting back

Britain cannot afford another Tory government. We need a strong campaigning force in the run-up to the election. On the NEC, I have called for clear policy messages that we can take to the doorstep.

The NEC must work to ensure that funds and resources are allocated in the most effective way and that staff and volunteers are motivated and their efforts appreciated.

I have a proven track record as a campaigner – I've worked tirelessly in every election since I was 15.

Engaging with new members, encouraging diversity

It is crucial that the NEC supports the Youth, Women's, LGBT, Black and Minority Ethnic and Disabled sections of our party, so that we can reflect the communities we seek to represent.

We must break down barriers to selection. It is wrong that 27 per cent of the Parliamentary Labour Party have 'politics' as their career background. On the



*Ellie and Jim Kennedy,
National Political Officer, UCATT*



*Ellie with husband John Cryer MP and sister
Rachel Reeves MP campaigning in Leyton*



Ellie with Lord Collins

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NEC I have repeatedly called for a cap on spending in selections, making it easier for a more diverse range of candidates to put themselves forwards to represent our party in parliament.

Keeping in touch

As your representative on the NEC it is vital that I keep in touch with members, so that I can take your views to the leadership.

Over the past eight years I have reported back after every NEC meeting. I have spoken at CLPs and branch meetings across the country. I have addressed regional and youth conferences. I have answered your emails and taken your calls. I have raised the issues that you care about.

How you can help

You should shortly be receiving your ballot paper. You can vote for up to six people, at least three of which have to be women. I would be grateful if you would consider voting for me.

If you would like me to come and speak to your CLP, if you have any questions or any issues you would like me to raise on the NEC please get in touch. I can keep you up to date about the work of the NEC if you email me at eleanorreeves@aol.com

I really appreciate your support.



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What others say about Ellie

"The Labour Party needs strong, grassroots voices at the top of its structures, representing the views of our members. Ever since she was elected, Ellie has fulfilled that role brilliantly."

Jonathan Ashworth, MP for Leicester South

"It is crucial that constituency members of the NEC are out and about, listening to the concerns of Labour members. Ellie certainly does that; she always has and I know that she always will."

Mark Seddon, former editor of Tribune

"Ellie has always been an outstanding NEC member but she does not just sit in meetings. She is a truly committed Labour activist, knocking on doors, delivering leaflets and speaking at GCs and fundraisers all over the country."

Councillor Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council

"Ellie has made a big difference to the lives of many construction workers, representing them brilliantly. She represents UCATT and their members in their blacklisting cases – one of the biggest issues for many unions of the past decade. I have no hesitation in supporting her campaign to be re-elected to the NEC."

Jim Kennedy, National Political Officer, UCATT



Ellie campaigning in Wythenshawe

About Ellie

Ellie has been a member of the Labour Party since she was 15. She has served on the NEC for the past 8 years. Ellie works for OH Parsons Solicitors as a trade union lawyer, representing Unite and UCATT members. Ellie is married to John Cryer MP and is the sister of Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Secretary of State for work and pensions.

Labour Party Experience

1996	Joined Bromley & Chislehurst Labour Party aged 15.
2001	Chair of Oxford University Labour Club
2001-2006	London Representative on the National Policy Forum
2002-2003	National Chair of Labour Students
2003-2012	Unite Regional Political Committee
2003-2006	Vice Chair and Campaign Co-ordinator, Ladywell BLP
2003-2006	Political Education Officer, Lewisham Deptford CLP
2006	Council Candidate, Lewisham East CLP
2006 - present	Member of the National Executive Committee
2007-2012	Women's Officer, Lewisham Deptford CLP
2007-2010	Campaign Co-ordinator, Crofton Park BLP
2008 - present	Co-convenor, Britain in the World Policy Commission
2010-2012	Vice chair, Refounding Labour
2013 - present	Treasurer, Grove Green BLP
2013 - present	EC delegate, Leyton and Wanstead CLP