

Below are the personal statements from the candidates asking for the support of Rochford & Southend East and other Constituency Labour Parties for nomination to the National Executive Committee. They are in alphabetical order and are formatted as they were submitted. The inclusion of photographs, bold or coloured type and the like does not indicate any preference and are simply the individual candidates' choices of layout and orthography.

Martin Berry

Secretary, Rochford & Southend East Constituency Labour Party

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Ryan Barrett

My name is Ryan Barrett and I am from Eastbourne CLP. I have come to the conclusion that I wish to stand for Labour NEC. I have decided this due to lack of Young representation on the NEC. I am really passionate about the issues that affect the young generation, such as student debt and cuts to local schools across the UK. I would really appreciate if CLPs would nominate me at their next all members meeting.

Many thanks,

Ryan Barrett
Eastbourne CLP Youth and Students Officer



Johanna Baxter

For too long members of this party have been underrepresented in our decision making structures. Since I joined the NEC in 2010 I have been calling for members to have greater representation on the NEC and I am pleased that conference this year agreed.

The NEC has a key role to play in keeping the Party honest - representatives who will support our leader and challenge the status quo to make sure we are match fit for the next election, whenever that may be.

Your best friends are not those who turn up when times are good but disappear when things get difficult. They are not those who simply agree with every word you say just to stay in your good books. They are not those who watch you make mistakes without the courage to tell you where you are going wrong.

Your best friends are those who support you through thick and thin, in good times and bad, and who will be honest with you so they can help you to be better.

That's why I have stuck with Labour, as an active campaigner who has held positions at every level of the Party, for 22 years.

That's why I stood up, at the age of 18 years of age at my first annual conference, told Tony Blair, he was wrong on education reform and moved the motion against tuition fees.

That's why, as an NEC member, I challenged Ed Miliband on his proposals to abolish the Party's electoral college and why I voted against the introduction of the registered and affiliate supporters scheme.

And that's why I stood up and called out bullying in the Labour Party to try to protect others because no one in our Party should suffer bullying or abuse.

And that's why if you elect me to the NEC you can be sure that I will never be a puppet for anyone or any faction but that I will always do what I believe is in the best interests of our Party.

I have supported and campaigned for every leader of our Party. I have challenged every one of them too. Because if we are to maximise on the advances we made in the 2017 general election, under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, and turn the hope of a Labour Government into a reality we need to utilise all the talents across our movement.

For the sake of all the people whose lives have been devastated by the cruel and ideological austerity measures of the Tories and the SNP we must win.

If you elect me you will have a representative who will be relentless in holding the Party to account to make sure we are ready for that election whenever it is called. You will have a representative who has a track record of working and campaigning with all sections of the membership, who has still visited more Constituency Labour Parties across the country to engage with members than any other volunteer and whose reputation as an NEC member was of hard work and fair judgement.

Now is not the time for division. We need NEC members with courage, conviction and a track record of working constructively with and speaking up for all sections of the Party.

If you want a strong independent voice on the NEC - a representative who will unite rather than divide - please give me your vote.

Best wishes,
Johanna

Yasmine Dar



Yasmine is backed by the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance.

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CLP: Manchester Gorton

Membership No: L1173052

Dear colleague,

I am writing to you and your CLP to ask that you consider nominating me for Labour's National Executive Committee.

We have seen a re-awakening in our Party since Jeremy first got onto the leadership ballot in 2015. Our branches and CLPs have become hubs of innovative ideas with members, young and old, new and experienced, driving us forward with a message of hope to a society fed up after seven years of Tory austerity. It is the members who are helping realise Jeremy's radical and socialist vision and it is through their activities in communities, on the streets and in workplaces, that places us on the edge of a momentous and historic victory. If Labour is to win seats like Pendle, Thurrock and Broxtowe as well as re-gain seats like Mansfield, Walsall North and Copeland we need to support our activists in everything they do. I intend to do exactly that if elected onto our NEC. That is why members deserve representatives on the NEC that are committed to empowering them, their branches and CLPs.

I have been a Labour Party member for over five years and a community activist for many more. Manchester is my home and I am proud to call it such. It is in working-class communities like mine that people feel betrayed by a political elite that does not comprehend their daily struggle to make ends meet. It is a struggle I know all too well as a mother who worked hard to become a social worker and later a multi-faith prison chaplain. As an Asian woman, one of the proudest moments of my life was when I was first elected onto Manchester City Council in 2014 after facing down strong challenges from UKIP and the BNP. In the 2015 and 2016 leadership elections, I supported Jeremy Corbyn in his first leadership campaigns because I knew he would give working class and BAME people hope.

Like Jeremy, let us talk of 'we' instead of 'I'. I am proud to be supported by the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance, which includes the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, Momentum, and the Labour Representation Committee, and I am standing to be a voice of the members on our Party's governing body so that we can continue the work of transforming our party and with it, our society. Therefore, I am also asking you to support the other Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance candidates, Rachel Garnham and Jon Lansman.

In Unity,

Yasmine Dar

Nick Donovan: independent candidate NEC nomination request

 I am seeking your CLP's nomination in the NEC election, so I can help steer Labour towards remaining in the European Single Market.



 **Labour experience.** I am independent of any slate and not a member of any left or right faction. I am a Unite member, vice chair of my local CLP, have campaigned hundreds of times in over 15 key seats. I am the author of a Fabian report on a wealth tax and write extensively about the costs of Brexit, state aid rules and nationalisation. I'm on the advisory board of the Labour Campaign for the Single Market.

 **Other relevant experience** includes my roles as campaign director of an anti-corruption NGO, director of a large credit union, and former assistant director of the British Legion.

Reason for standing

 Leaving the single market is inconsistent with our anti-austerity agenda. Government estimates of the loss of GDP caused by a hard Brexit range from 6.2% to 7.5%. In plain English: hard Brexit results in fewer jobs and lower wages for ordinary workers. The estimates of lost taxes range from £36bn to £45bn. This is equivalent to about ¼ to ⅓ of the NHS budget. Brexit threatens to extend and intensify austerity. Leaving the single market also threatens to damage peace in N. Ireland.

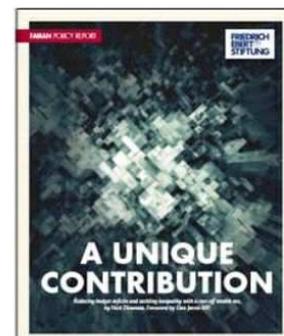
 Brexit is the most serious crisis faced by the UK since Iraq. I am seeking your CLP's nomination for an NEC place so I can be a voice for members who wish the UK to permanently remain in the European single market and customs union, while retaining workers' rights and freedom to move. I will also support efforts to keep the door open to second referendum on the final deal.

 If elected I will also play a wider role in supporting the leadership to unite the party and get ready for government, while ensuring that decisions are fair, transparent and democratic. The main NEC candidate slates already have enough nominations – so why not lend me your vote?

Experience and background

 My father was a carpenter, I attended my local state comprehensive school, and worked part time to pay my way through my time at the Universities of Leeds and Warwick.

 I am a democratic socialist. I first joined Labour when I was 22, and have been a continuous member since 2005 (no. L0072853) and now serve as vice chair of Lewisham West and Penge CLP. I am the author of *A Unique Contribution*, a Fabian report designing a wealth tax, and have written extensively on the costs of Brexit for Labourlist.



 I am a campaign director of an anti-corruption NGO, where we investigate the role of multinational companies in corruption, environmental degradation and human rights abuses. I have a background in a military bomb disposal team and later became the former assistant director of the British Legion where I helped get higher compensation for working class victims of asbestos, better pensions for military widows, and helped establish an armed forces credit union. I am now a director and board member of Planesaver, a large 11,000 member credit union set up by Unite members, which serves airline workers and the military.

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Rachel Garnham

Rachel Garnham

A strong voice for grassroots members

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Dear CLP Secretary

I am writing to ask your constituency to consider nominating me for Labour's National Executive Committee. Supported by the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance, I am standing for the NEC because I fully support Jeremy Corbyn's progressive leadership against austerity, war and racism and for democracy, equality and a more inclusive, democratic Labour Party. I stand for:

- A democratic, member-led, campaigning Labour Party

The democracy review agreed by annual conference offers an opportunity to give Party members more say in policy-making; in selecting and holding to account our representatives; and in reforming structures to provide a stronger voice for under-represented groups. I support reforms that give members, drawing on our and our communities' experience, more opportunity to shape our policy-making and increase electoral support for Labour. If elected to the NEC, I would do my utmost to ensure that the review increases Party democracy to strengthen the voice of members.

- A transformative, democratic socialist, election-winning Labour Party

At the general election, we made progress because Jeremy Corbyn put forward a manifesto that challenged austerity and provided a genuine alternative that would lead to the economic growth that works for the many. We inspired young voters with bold policies on education, housing and more; and finally listened to Party members and trade unions with popular policies such as renationalising rail. We now need to build on that manifesto and our poll position with a programme that will provide investment for growth, tackle inequality and poverty, reverse privatisation, take action on climate change and provide progressive international leadership for peace. Like many members, I campaigned for the UK to remain in the European Union, and support the leadership's prioritisation of an outcome to the current negotiations that puts jobs, living standards and the economy first. We need to support our councillors to put forward a similarly progressive programme for local government that can increase Labour's representation locally.

About me

I joined the Labour Party at 18 and have been an active member for 23 years, holding a range of positions. I am currently a National Policy Forum representative for the Eastern Region and have been CLP Secretary for Mid-Bedfordshire for nearly 10 years. Living in a rural, traditionally Conservative constituency, I understand the importance of maintaining activity and campaigning locally whilst also supporting our local marginals. Working as a University administrator, being a parent and being active in my local community alongside my Labour Party activity keeps me grounded and in touch. I am a member of UCU and the Co-operative Party.

If elected to the NEC, I would be a firm supporter of Jeremy and I believe I have the experience, values and commitment to be a strong voice for Party members and contribute to increasing Labour's electoral support.

Please also support the other Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance candidates Yasmine Dar and Jon Lansman, so that the NEC has the best team working with the leadership towards winning the next general election.

Yours in comradeship

Rachel Garnham



Manzar Iqbal

Let's Stand Together for a Fairer Society

For Over 25 years I have been a passionate member of the Labour Party and Unite the Union. I first joined The Party to fight against injustice, inequalities and unfairness, which I and millions of working class people experienced under the Thatcher Government.

I was lucky enough to get to University to study Youth and Community Studies and put my qualifications to good use working in Salford, Trafford, Bradford and Lancashire to improve the life opportunities and chances of some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country. I am very active working with some amazing people within Pendle CLP, and with colleagues across the Northwest, to address the inequalities and unfairness that exist in society.

Some of my main achievements have been as follows.

- Youth Officer for Pendle CLP for several years where I successfully helped to increase the Youth Membership. I am passionate about getting young people's voice heard in politics and have visited schools, colleges and youth clubs to encourage debate. I am proud that Labour under Jeremy Corbyn is inspiring young people across the country to engage in democracy and speak about issues that matter to the next generation. Locally I have also been talking to rural communities and finding out the issues that concern them.
- I am currently BAME Officer, for Pendle CLP and I am working increase the voice, representation and participation of BAME members. In Pendle we now have several hard working councillors from the BAME community. The Leader of Pendle Borough Council and leader of the Labour group in Lancashire County Council are both from the BAME community.
- I have been a Vice Chair of a School Governing Board and a Professional Youth and Community Worker, enabling Children and Young People, especially from struggling families, to achieve their full potential and get the best education to fight their way out of poverty and inequality. I have helped and supported our schools to become 'good or outstanding' as I believe we need to invest more in Education as our young people are our future.

Politics mattered to me in the 80's and it matters now. I want all children, young people and families in the North West to be educated, live and work in a society that caters "FOR THE MANY NOT THE FEW"

I am not affiliated to any group or slate but promise to be the voice of ordinary members.

I am asking for the support of your CLP for the NEC elections as I promise to keep fighting to create and save jobs in the North West and across the country. I will continue fighting to ensure we all get a good deal from Brexit for the many and not just the 'rich and powerful'. I will fight to ensure the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities have a voice (especially our young people) and I promise to fight 'tooth and nail' to be your champion and advocate at NEC as I have been for Pendle and Lancashire.

Please feel free to contact me on **07906 143509** or email me on manzariqbal@hotmail.co.uk

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BAME Co-ordinator
Pendle CLP

Eddie Izzard

For Labour's NEC

For an open welcoming Labour Party

Why I'm standing for the NEC

I'm proud to be a member of the Labour party and I believe we can make it even better. That's why I'm standing for the NEC.

I want everyone to feel welcome in the Labour Party. Our meetings and events should be open to all of our members particularly members who felt excluded from politics in the past.

Being an actor and performing stand up is what I do for a living, but being an activist has been part of me for a long time. I came out in 1985, joined the Labour Party in 1995 and I have now campaigned for LGBT rights, for the Labour Party, for Europe and have run marathons for charities for many years. I have campaigned against racists and fascists all over our country and around the world.

I have campaigned with Labour members in over 100 constituencies. What I most love about being a Labour Party activist is connecting with new and different people.

I am my own person, I am not standing for any faction. I am Labour and I always fight for us. I believe in equality, fairness, social justice and compassion. Most of all I believe in ending poverty.

I started my career performing on the streets of London's Covent Garden. I never gave up when times were hard. Now I perform all around the world. I want all young people to be given the opportunity to follow their dreams.

I am a proud British European. By working together, taking on Brexhate and Trumphate, we can make a world where all seven billion of us have a fair chance in life.

I want to do all I can to help Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party take the fight to the Tories, building on our strong performance in the general election. A united Labour Party can beat the Tories whenever the election comes.

A vote for me is not a vote for politics-as-usual it is a vote for something different and new.



I have been an activist campaigner for over 20 years.

Now I want to use my experience and ideas for Labour Party members on the NEC.

As a member of the NEC I will:

- Campaign for a welcoming open Labour Party especially for excluded groups such as LGBT members, disabled members and those of us who are suffering with our mental health.
- Champion ordinary members and stand up for Labour values
- Keep the NEC focused on winning elections so that we can end poverty and make Britain a fairer, kinder and more equal place
- Fight to save our public services including the NHS from cuts and privatisation
- Campaign for Britain to be at the heart of Europe. I'm a returner, more than a remainer
- Stand up for the planet against Brexhate and Trumphate. Together we have got to make a fairer and better world
- Continue visiting as many key seats as possible and making sure they get the resources they need to win the next election.
- Visit local CLPs to listen to the concerns of members and act as a bridge to the leadership.
- Fight for trade union rights and their link to the Labour Party
- Make sure Labour puts ordinary people at the very top of our agenda every every single time

Who is Eddie Izzard

Eddie was born in February '62 in South Yemen. He grew up living all over Britain. From the age of six, after the death of his mother, he was raised with his brother by a single dad for seven years.

Eddie has spent the last 20 years as an activist campaigning in key seats for the Labour Party. Eddie is not a politician. He has a hugely successful career outside of politics. He came up through comedy and acting in the toughest way possible, as a street performer, and has gone on to international success.

But his career has come alongside his activism. As well as being a passionate anti-fascist, pro-European and a patron of several charities, he has always been prepared to do anything the Labour Party has asked of him – travelling the length and breadth of the country campaigning, fundraising, or using his profile to speak up for those who have no voice.

He is a veteran of four general election campaigns, campaigning where it really counts—at grassroots level. He is committed to putting in the hours, the miles and the graft worthy of an NEC candidate.

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PAT4NEC

UNITING LABOUR



Hi! I'm Patrick Jenkins and I'm standing for the Labour Party National Executive Committee under the CLP (Constituency Labour Party) section.

I play no role in any slate or faction within the party. I stand for a united centre left Labour. The Labour First vs Momentum disagreement in internal Party elections has created a divisive chasm. We are a movement built on the principle of solidarity. A united party is needed for those we seek to represent. Members deserve a choice by reasoned debate, not by submitting to the whims of a clique. We must heal the wounds between these groups and take the fight to the Tories.

Their botching of Brexit is a gift to us politically, but we must not let a no deal go through and severely affect working people's lives. Protecting access to the single market and freedom of movement is crucial to safeguarding British jobs. Our renewed socialist agenda, Jeremy's leadership and opposing austerity, have brought us some successes. With Tory ministers even warming to the idea of borrowing to solve the housing crisis and now a Labour MP in my neighbouring CLP. The middle ground has shifted leftwards. Being only 20, I hope to represent those young workers and students that have flocked to Labour because of this shift.

We are on a potential election winning footing and Jeremy's brilliant campaign experience has brought us here. But there is a long way to go. We can be more radical. Addressing issues such as green energy, road transport infrastructure and fully reversing the harsh cuts to welfare. Continuing to put power in the hands of members is key, with greater internal democracy and liberation. The women's and youth conferences being prime examples of where improvements can be made. Policy should be decided by those who are impacted directly by those policies.

On the basis of my experience as a conference delegate, I believe that the NEC should also produce a more detailed conference guide specifically for first time delegates, detailing the processes and how best to make a big impact for their CLPs. I am also Social Media Officer and Youth Officer of Kenilworth and Southam CLP, and I helped campaign to increase our constituency vote share by over 10%. Being a Town Councillor in Southam, where we could potentially lose our Children's Centre due to Tory cuts, I have been leading the CLP campaign against the cuts to centres in Warwickshire. Coming from the West Midlands I want to change the London centric nature of the party. My experience, as well as being my university Labour Society Campaigns Officer, demonstrates my ability to represent you in a fully members led Labour Party that is free from factional discourse.

CLPs must nominate their preferred candidate(s) by Thursday the 16th of November 2017.

CLPs can make up to three nominations.

My membership number is L1442909 and my CLP is Kenilworth and Southam.



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Dear Colleague,

As a longstanding Labour Party member in the West Midlands from a BAME background I'm writing to let you know why I'm standing for Labour's NEC; to tell you who I am and what drives me and to ask for your support and your CLP's nomination.

I've been a Labour member since I was 16 years old. I'm a Trustee and Director of anti-racism/fascism campaign HOPE not Hate, an active school Governor, Secretary of my Unite the Union Branch, a founder and Vice Chair of Sikhs for Labour, a Board member of West Midlands Strategic Police & Crime Board appointed by the Labour PCC, Central Council member of Socialist Health Association and Treasurer of the West Midlands SHA.

My commitment to Labour runs in my blood. My dad was a trade union activist at work in the POEU (now CWU), a Labour Party member and a Labour Councillor for many years. My mum has been a member for over forty years, my wife and our two children are members and are my greatest supporters (and strongest critics!). Previously I was active in student politics in Labour Students; served as a local Councillor; held positions at Branch and CLP; and attended and spoken at regional and national conferences'. **I'm a committed campaigner – I'm Labour through and through!**

The increase in NEC member reps gives an opportunity to improve the diversity and representation of members on Labour's most important decision-making body. I'm standing because:

- There is no doubt there needs to be better representation from our diverse ethnic and faith communities on the NEC. If elected, I would be the first ever Sikh to be elected to Labour's NEC and would do my utmost to represent all minority faith communities and BAME members. It is vital the NEC looks more like the communities we represent and the country we aspire to govern.
- I'm an active part of the Labour and trade union family in the West Midlands. The Labour Party is a national party, yet there's not a single representative from the five regions in the midlands and north of England and there hasn't been a CLP rep from the West Midlands since 1997. We rely on party members across all our regions to form a Government and our member representatives on the NEC should reflect that geographical diversity and not be London-dominated.
- We rely on Labour Party members and supporters as Branch or CLP officers for functioning local parties, campaigning and fundraising. But our members and supporters are often also running the fabric of our local communities, often as volunteers – school Governors, at food banks, youth clubs, community centres, serving on committees, boards and charities, running campaigns to make crucial differences - **the real work of delivering Labour values in our communities**. I will ensure our NEC is focussed on understanding the concerns and delivering for our members and supporters so that Labour is not just a party but a vibrant social movement.

Nominations for the new NEC positions are now open and close on Thursday 16th November 2017. The OMOV ballot will run from Thursday 30th November until 12 noon on 12th January 2018.

I'd love to hear from you and to visit, campaign and speak with members – please do get in touch! My campaign is for better diversity and representation on our NEC. I hope I can rely on your support.

Yours sincerely,

Gurinder Singh Josan

CLP: Warley CLP

Membership No: A635225

Campaigning for Better Diversity and Representation on Our NEC

Jon Lansman

for Labour's National Executive Committee

A member-led party to transform Britain



To Constituency Party Secretaries

Dear Comrade

Your constituency Labour Party has until 16 November 2017 to nominate to the three new places on Labour's National Executive Committee and I am asking you to consider nominating me.

Having enthused hundreds of thousands of people across the country to join the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn this year achieved a remarkable turnaround in its fortunes. With a radical, inspiring and transformative programme, he and the enormous numbers mobilised to support him, demonstrated that it is possible to win seats we have never won before.

Having worked hard to get Jeremy elected, to keep him there and help him turn around the party's fortunes, I am determined to do what is necessary to win back the working class voters whose trust was lost in Scotland and our post-industrial areas and take still more seats in what used to be Tory and Lib Dem heartlands.

To do that we must trust our members, empower them to decide our policies and select our candidates. Our members know their communities; they understand the concerns of their neighbours and fellow workers. They made the right decision in choosing Jeremy Corbyn as leader, and in fighting the last general election to win. We didn't quite win this year but we must be ready to do so next.

I have been a committed socialist all my life. I joined the Labour Party in 1974 when I was sixteen. I have campaigned since the 1970's, with the Labour Party and in my trade union, Unite, to democratise the Labour Party and for policies to invest for growth, for secure, well paid jobs for all, high quality public services and a welfare state to eradicate poverty, inequality and injustice.

Global corporations, bankers and free markets won't give us those things. We need a social movement to make it happen, to articulate the desire of our people for change and to win their support for a government that is determined to transform Britain.

I am standing this year because I want to make sure the democracy review initiated by the Leader really does succeed in making the changes we need to transform the party from the bottom up, to elect the transformative government our voters need. I've been working for those changes all my adult life, I want to make them happen.

In solidarity

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jon Lansman'.

Constituency: Bermondsey & Old Southwark; Membership No: A018501

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Adam Mohammed

Helping women, the working class and Labour's dedicated foot soldiers – my manifesto for the NEC

I am standing to be your voice on the national executive committee. I am a member of neither Momentum nor Progress – simply Labour and my allegiance is tied to the mission and values that we signed up to when joining the party.

What is our mission and what are our values? In essence, we are committed to a redistribution of wealth, social justice and equality. However, some of the key values that underpin our mission have to be progressive, practical and principled.

Our internal party itself must be a reflection of it what it stands for. Otherwise, it risks the erosion of confidence from both members and the wider public. History has taught us that when we fall below the standards we set ourselves and become complacent, we quickly become tarnished by allegations of cronyism and in-fighting.

We currently have the largest party in western Europe and our members hold great trust and confidence in our institution. I am pleased also that our party is making changes to further empower its members. It is the members that make our party – financing, fundraising, campaigning, running branches and constituencies.

My aim on the NEC would be to solidify that trust and confidence and to continue the progress of democratising our party at all levels. No member should feel that our values do not apply to their branch or constituency. Our default approach should always be to develop from the grassroots upwards. Getting it right at the grassroots level of the party is fundamental to its long-term prosperity.

Why is this important to me? Because I am passionate about a party I joined 14 years ago and about what I believe it represents. I come from an ordinary working class background with a deep conscience to improve the lives of ordinary working people and those who are disadvantaged.

I have been practising for 10 years as a family lawyer specialising in child protection, passionately fighting my client's cases in court and making changes on a case by case basis. What keeps me going is a passion for what I do, to do it well and to make a difference.

Being on the NEC is also about strong and effective governance. As a school governor, I am equipped at being a "critical friend", asking the tough questions and committing the time to the role to ensure effective management, growth and sustainability of an organisation.

I want to set out and explain six important areas that I want to focus on as your representative on the NEC:

Ensuring democracy in constituencies and branches

Across the Labour Party nationally there are examples of where branches and constituencies are not being run for the benefit of the wider membership. Some members feel that the Labour Party rules are being interpreted too narrowly to their disadvantage, that they are being told what to do and not being listened to. Some feel that their branch is being oversubscribed by members who only attend for selection meetings. These issues cannot be ignored on the basis that they are too remote from the NEC.

Effective accountability within the Labour Party of our representatives

As I have stated above, our members are our party. It is a legitimate expectation that, where possible, officers and MPs listen to their members prior to making key decisions affecting the party and our country.

Officers running our local parties should annually consult the membership on how the local party can be improved.

Ensuring that all new or returning members are given the opportunity of a structured induction

We need to ensure that we maximise the energy, knowledge and experience of all members. To do that, we need to ensure that all members feel welcome and have the opportunity to be involved. Small gestures go a long way in ensuring that our members have a positive experience and invest in an organisation that they feel confident in and which represents their values.

Ensuring that there is a clear framework of rights and responsibilities for members

Members need clarity on where they stand with respect to what they can and cannot do. It's important that members feel that they can express themselves, be involved and campaign for Labour Party causes without fear of intimidation or expulsion. There is clearly always a line to be drawn on conduct and this must be set out expressly (with examples) for the benefit of members.

Ensuring that talented people within the party have the opportunity to progress and that there is a greater involvement of women from ordinary working class backgrounds

Coming from a working class background with high aspirations, I have always felt strongly against progression based on who you know, where you studied or grew up. Individuals should be judged on where they are going, the values and skills they hold and the passion they have for what they are doing.

Our selections for public office is still geared too much in favour of those with the right connections or finances. Ordinary working class members, particularly women, remain disadvantaged. We need to change the rules to at least provide a level playing field.

If you believe I can be a strong voice for you on the NEC, please nominate me at your forthcoming CLP meetings. My constituency is Aldridge & Brownhills and my membership number is L0056315. You can get in touch with me at Adam4NEC@gmail.com or 07875 108314.

Adam Mohammed is a Labour activist in Aldridge and Brownhills constituency in the West Midlands.



NICOLA MORRISON

I am a disabled woman; previously a women's officer of Berwick Upon Tweed CLP. I have experience as Vice Chair of the Local Campaign Forum for Northumberland.

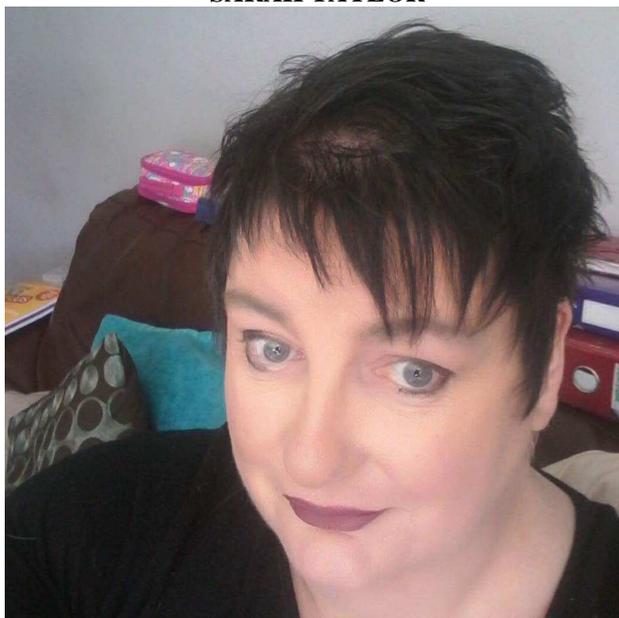
I am an Accredited Trainer for the Labour Women's Network and have attended Foundation days alongside Aspiring Candidates Training.

Along with coping with my own disability; I have experience with Disability as a parent of children with special educational needs. I have submitted questions for hustings events and was successful as my question was picked to ask the candidates for the Leadership Election. These events were Disability and Women's Network specific.

On a personal note; I am a trained teacher with a degree in Criminology and Social Policy. I experienced a brain haemorrhage as a child so I have an understanding of being disabled and able bodied. One of the major challenges Project125 faces is not about what its members are restricted by; but how many barriers Government Policy insists on creating for us.

Berwick-Upon-Tweed CLP
Memb no: L0130863

SARAH TAYLOR



I'm a 51-year-old ex-senior nurse who became disabled 10 years ago due to serious chronic illness. I first joined the LP in the 1980's and re-joined in 2016.

I am a Member of Momentum and Project125 an LP Disability Group seeking to enable disabled people to stand for Public Office.

I take an active role locally and am a candidate in a forthcoming election. I am working to produce a training package to ensure that CLPs are aware of how to support and provide reasonable adjustments for disabled members. Disabled members often have great skills, but are often excluded and undervalued.

20% of people have a disability. In parliament, 0.8% of MPs have a disability and throughout the Labour Party, members with disabilities are not equally represented when it comes to positions within the party both locally and nationally. Disability is often poorly understood and covers a wide spectrum of both visible and disabilities including; physical, sensory mental health and neurological disease conditions.

With experience both as a nurse and disabled person who has experienced conscious and unconscious disability discrimination, I feel that I have the passion, commitment and skillset to represent the aim of Project 125 and disabled party members on the NEC and help disabled members to become enabled.

Presently there is no disability representation on the NEC. Jeremy Corbyn wants policy making within the Labour Party to be as inclusive as possible.

Elect me to make that happen!

Norwich North CLP Memb no: L1556711

TOM PARKIN

for Labour NEC

About



I am an eighteen-year-old student from Evesham, Worcestershire. I joined the Labour Party on my fourteenth birthday, have served as Youth Officer for Mid-Worcestershire CLP for over two years and acted as one of Mid-Worcestershire CLP's three delegates at this year's Labour Party Annual Conference in Brighton.

Conference was the first time I'd seen our national movement come together. This experience made me want to get involved in serving our party in new ways.

What do I offer?

- Push for greater recognition of mental health issues on the Labour Party's political agenda until mental health genuinely has parity with physical health.
- A willingness to work with anyone who calls themselves 'Labour'. Factionalism is pointless. I am not interested in joining factions.
- I am keen to represent the needs of rural communities and other areas outside London, often excluded and forgotten by our national politics, as well as from within the NEC.
- An enthusiasm to build a kinder, healthier, respectful and more productive means of doing politics in our movement. Only this way can we win.

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Jerry Weber

An Independent Voice on the NEC

This is an exciting time for our Party. In just a short time, we have become a credible alternative to the chaos of the Tories. In June, we presented a manifesto that I wholeheartedly supported. We all know how important the NEC is to the Party's future. I have become increasingly concerned that the NEC has become part of an internal struggle within the Party. We need to support our democratically elected leadership, start building bridges and strive for unity in the Party so that we can gain the trust of the electorate and offer a socialist alternative to policy that has dominated political thinking for so long.

Here are simple questions;

- Do you want your three new CLP representatives to be independent and listen to the views of the vast majority of members?
- Do you want your CLP representatives to be answerable to Momentum or Progress?
- Do you want your representatives to build bridges and seek unity within the Party?

Why choose me?

I am a grassroots member. My political ambition is to genuinely serve the Party.

I am chair of Warwick & Leamington CLP. In my time, we have become a transformed CLP - more energy, more campaigning, a dynamic women's group.

I was the parliamentary agent at the June election. With many energetic volunteers and a core team managing a vibrant campaign, we managed to pull off one of the surprises of the election by taking back the constituency for Labour.

I have long experience in the Party as well as many years' experience as a professional in central and local government and higher education.

I am looking for 5 CLPs to support me to get on the ballot.

May I ask for your support. Membership number L0103377.

Please also support other non-aligned candidates.