



## The Chinese community is an important and valued part of our society and of our future

by **Sonny Leong CBE, Chair of Chinese for Labour**

**T**HE Chinese community is a hugely valuable and valued part of UK society. More than half a million people of Chinese origin have made their homes here. Our community is a perfect example of Britain's strength being built, in part, on its diversity. It is a perception of Britain that we must continue to remind ourselves of.

We now live in a society where the majority of people living in poverty actually have a job. Rather than living lives of opportunity and hope, many of us have to worry and stress about how we're going to pay the bills and put food on the table.

What has been less discussed is the knock-on impact this financial pressure has had on our national psyche, how we view the world and our perception of the future. Economic crises always have that impact as well, though it takes many different forms.

The Great Recession has had a psychological impact that has the potential to be very damaging to our future: a significant section of our society his questioning how we engage with the world, wanting us to distance ourselves and pull back.



You can see it in the debate on immigration. We must be clear here – the question of how we manage immigration is an important one to ensure that it is a force for good, as it has always been.

However, the current immigration debate is not a positive dialogue about how we make the most of the enormous potential that people of different backgrounds, talents and perspectives represent for our society.

The debate has been hijacked by a party – UKIP – that wants you to blame others. Who are trying to set our communities against each other. Who are trying to do what all the ideologues of history have done: get you to blame the 'other. We can see it starting to take root in communities across the country, in the cracks caused by financial hardship.

They not only blame immigrants, but they also blame Europe for every problem. They say very clearly – we'll be better off all on our own.

They've made it simple – to the people who are struggling for hope and control in their lives, they've pointed the finger at immigration and Europe and said 'blame them'. If we just get rid of them, our future is going to be better and you'll have control over your life again.

The thing is – it may be simple, but that doesn't make it right.

The challenges in our society are much more fundamental than immigration or Europe. They are - how do we succeed, as individuals, as communities and as a country – in a world that is changing faster than ever? A world in which every big dynamic of change – technology, globalisation, climate change and so many others – naturally increase inequality. It is a world that represents a big challenge, but actually represents a much bigger opportunity.

But there is another way. It starts with recognising the true nature of the challenge we face and being frank about it. How can we create an economy in this fast and constantly changing world that creates jobs that pay enough for people to lead decent lives; jobs that speak to their ambition so life goes beyond a struggle to survive to a quest to thrive. How can we do that for everyone, equally – no matter their background or the stage of life they're at?

That is the true nature of our challenge. If we are going to tackle it and create a positive future for all of our people – we have to start seeing migrants, immigration and building partnerships around the world as part of the solution, not the problem.

The UK Chinese community and our relationship with China is the perfect example.

Our contribution to society is immense in every dimension – culturally, economically, academically and technologically. From Sir Charles Kao, the father of fibre optics, to Alan Yau, the founder of the ubiquitous Wagamama, and Jimmy Choo's global brand, the spectrum of our talents has helped shaped Britain as we know it. In recognition of that, we must ensure we have a visa system that continues to invite talent and contribution, as well as enhance our society.

The Chinese community, like so many others, also represents multiple routes to enormous opportunity for our future.

The first is by bringing so much talent and investment into the United Kingdom, which is China's top European destination for foreign direct investment. Chinese companies own stakes in Heathrow and Manchester airports, Weetabix and in North Sea oil. It's a relationship we must continue to develop in a way that helps build the British market and deliver value to China.

The second way the Chinese community presents a path to opportunity is that it connects us to a market of staggering growth and potential. The world's 10 fastest growing cities are all in China. Or consider this mind-boggling fact: just the increase in the number of Chinese graduates between 2010 and 2020 will be bigger than the total number of students in the US and the EU combined. That's an incredible amount of skill entering the global job market.

So to have opportunity in the future,



we have to engage with China and the world. But we can't do that by ourselves. Chinese business people have made it clear that to even think of leaving the EU would be madness. Sitting with our EU partners and half a billion people on one side of the table gives us a huge influence in negotiations with China. Sitting on our

own will not. And that point stands with any other country. If we are truly thinking about our future, that is a warning we cannot ignore.

The Great Recession has made our lives tougher, but we can't allow it to make our future bleaker as well. Building walls of blame and anger between our communities and around our country won't get us anywhere.

We have to see our communities and the world around us as what they truly are: opportunities. To realise them, we need to make the most of every person and community's potential. That is what Labour is committed to creating in government – a society where we find strength not in anger and blame, but in each other and in the possibility of a better tomorrow.

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#### Chinese New Year message from Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP

I am delighted to send this message to the British Chinese Community on Chinese New Year. This is a time to celebrate with friends and family, to reflect on the past year and look forward to the **next** year.

This year in particular is a significant year for me. In May 2015 the public will decide on which party they want representing them for the next 5 years. In recent months I have made clear that the Labour Party can restore faith in the future and rebuild Britain.

The British Chinese community contributes to all aspects of life here in the UK, from our economy to our businesses, arts and public services. There is a strong tradition of working hard and looking after your elders which is rooted firmly within the Chinese community, and these values embody my vision for a One Nation Britain.

On behalf of the Labour Party, I would like to wish you all a prosperous, successful and happy year **ahead**.

With very best wishes,

**Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP**  
Leader of the Labour Party

#### 埃德·米利班德议员给英国华人的中国新年致辞

值此中国新年之际，我很高兴向英国的华人民众献上我的问候。这是一个与朋友和家人团聚庆祝的节日，也是一个辞旧迎新的时刻。

新的一年于我而言将是特别重要的一年。2015年的5月，我们的人民将决定选择哪个政党在未来的5年中代表他们。最近的几个月中，我已经阐明工党有能力在未来赢回民众的信任，重塑英国的成功。

英国华人无论在经济，商业，艺术还是公共服务领域都对英国社会做出了诸多贡献。华人社会长久以来有着勤劳工作，敬养老人的深厚传统，这些都体现了我憧憬的“共享一个英国”的价值理念。

我谨代表工党同仁，祝愿大家在新年里事业兴隆，万事如意！

致以最美好的祝愿

埃德·米利班德  
英国工党领袖

# Perspectives from a progressive and non-partisan observer

by Ben Chu, Independent's Economics Editor

FROM the perspective of the progressive and non-partisan observer — which I consider myself to be — there are encouraging aspects to Labour's platform as we head into the 2015 general election.

For one thing the party firmly rejects the anti-state ideological zeal of the Conservatives. Unlike the Tory party, Labour does not want to squeeze public service spending down to 1930s levels as a share of the economy. And the shadow chancellor, Ed Balls, in the framing of Labour's fiscal targets for the next Parliament has made a sensible distinction between spending on day-to-day services and welfare and spending on state infrastructure projects.

Ed Miliband is demonised in the right-wing press as a Communist because he is willing to intervene in markets — such as energy, renting and banking — which he does not think they are working properly for consumers. But that doesn't make him a Communist, it makes him a European-style social democrat. Hardly something to be ashamed of.

Labour has also resisted pressure to pledge a referendum on Britain's European Union membership — something that could easily send us down the slippery slope to a pointless and damaging exit from one of the world's most important geopolitical blocs.

All that is positive. And in themselves those general stances are sound reasons for preferring a strong Labour performance in the election. Yet, at the

same time, Labour is entering the election with a disappointingly sketchy policy platform. And though Ed Miliband has rightly sought to distance the party from aspects of the New Labour era, not least its disastrous foreign policy, there are signs that not all the lessons of the mistakes of that period have been learned. And, in some cases, the wrong lessons have been drawn.

The NHS is a good example of the latter tendency. Health, as everyone knows, is Labour's electoral strong point. Yet while standing as the "party of the NHS" may help Labour attract votes in May a business-as-usual attitude to the provision of public health is unwise. Labour, under Tony Blair, sought to give the private sector service a bigger role in the NHS. Now Labour, under Ed Miliband and the shadow health secretary Andy Burnham, seemingly repudiates that whole agenda and objects to any further private contracting as the thin end of the wholesale privatisation wedge.

Private provision is no panacea. And introduced carelessly it can be damaging. But the properly controlled and regulated use of private contractors can help bring down costs and deliver better outcomes for patients. Promising ever more money to an unreformed service which seems to be Labour's position is foolish. The NHS already accounts for a fifth of all government spending. With an ageing population those financial demands will grow and there is a danger health will end up crowding out other important areas of



public expenditure. Labour should be leveraging its status as the party of the NHS to push for sensible reform.

Immigration is another area where Labour seems to have learned the wrong lessons from its time in office. It apologises for relatively high immigration levels in the 2000s and implies it will hold down the numbers coming into Britain to live and work. But high immigration in the last decade was a by-product of the strong economy and has made us better off. If there was a mistake from the last Labour government it was in failing to ensure additional public resources flowed to local authorities that were experiencing rapid population growth. The depressing truth is Labour has tacitly accepted the thrust of UKIP's xenophobic narrative about immigrants. It should be challenging that narrative head on. That is ultimately the only way to defeat Nigel Farage's regressive movement.

In policy terms Labour's biggest weakness is probably its lack of detail on house building. Labour has set a target of building 200,000 new homes a year by the end of the Parliament. But, as yet, it does not have policies to deliver this. It will not abolish the cap on local authority

borrowing, which would allow them to commission the construction of new council houses. Nor are there any radical proposals to liberate the planning process. And, in a cowardly way, Labour seems likely to retain George Osborne's Help to Buy mortgage subsidies, despite the fact these financial bungs are merely feeding the boiler of our dysfunctional housing market.

Labour's mansion tax would be an improvement on the status quo, whereby expensive housing is massively under-taxed. But the party should go much further and commit to a progressive overhaul of the entire council tax system. And the extra funds should be used to finance local government, not to augment the NHS budget, as Labour plans.

That highlights another serious weakness: Labour's total lack of interest in the devolution of financial power to local authorities. There's an irony in the fact that Ed Miliband's leadership is often seen as dramatic lurch away from New Labour. In fact, the party retains the same self-defeating command-and-control instincts as it did under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. In that respect, Miliband urgently needs to lurch further.

# British East Asian Artists community needs

by Daniel York, Actor, writer, filmmaker, founder member of British East Asian Artists.

THERE was much uproar at the above Labour press team tweet, much (if not most) from what the party may well consider its "core vote" protesting a statement which unfortunately does appear to pander to specious right wing logic that public services have to be cut and cut drastically. We all know the banking sector is still rolling in giant bonuses and that there's massive avoidance of corporation tax.

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All the statistics, reports and first-hand experience point to the fact that entry level to, and (crucially) progress, in arts careers is more difficult than ever. An often closed cloistered and protective environment requiring availability for unpaid "internships" (which take a variety of forms), access to "networks" and

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# Labour for the ninety nine percent

by Henry Tam, Director of the Question the Powerful project; lecturer at Cambridge University; visiting professor at Birkbeck College, London University

BRITAIN is a rich country. But not since a century ago has so much of our wealth been docked from so many to enrich so few.

Back in the 1910s, the richest 1% took home almost 20% of the income of this country. But from the 1920s on, along with the emergence of the Labour Party as a real political force, things began to change. By the 1970s, the top 1% earners were pocketing not 20%, but about 5% of all income. More money went into the pay packets of ordinary workers and more investment was put into public services for the benefit of all.

All this changed with the ascendancy of Thatcherism and its plutocratic legacy. After 1979 the richest 1% were once again getting an ever larger share of our national income, and in the 2010s, we're heading back towards the 20% share they held back in the 1910s. In 2012, the chief executives of the 100 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange were getting an average pay rise of 49% compared with average increase of just 3% for their employees. If we take financial assets as well as income into account, the richest 1% today own as much as the poorest 55% in the UK.

Is this because handing a larger share of our country's money to the richest few is the only way to generate significantly higher growth? The reality is that from the founding of the NHS and the welfare state in 1948 to 1978, UK's average real per capita GDP growth rate was 2.17%. The corresponding average growth during the

Thatcher years of 1979-1990 was just 2.05%.

And do the top executives, who pay themselves 145 times the average pay of their employees, really work 145 times harder or endure 145 times more stress than the workers who have to struggle to get by in lowly positions with inadequate pay? Or are they just much more powerful because those in government have increasingly looked after their interests at the expense of everyone else?

Money is the most potent form of power in society today. It can buy up public assets, fracking licences, propaganda, litigation expertise, market advantages, not to mention political influence to shape laws and policies to suit the wealthiest 1%.

People work together to generate the wealth of this country, and they expect the fruits of their labour to be shared out fairly. Historically it has been the Labour Party that has been at the forefront in striving to secure this outcome. And it is time for Labour to be bold and clear in declaring that it stands for the 99%.

To do this, it needs to be unequivocal about four core commitments.

First - the commitment to true enterprise. We don't want the enterprise of the con-men whose one talent is to manipulate others into making money for them to siphon off to off-shore tax havens. We want Labour to promote true enterprise where genuinely beneficial talents and hard work, including the vital work carried out by countless carers at

home, are rewarded fairly because they are of great value to society. Labour should give everyone a greater incentive in making their enterprise a success by promoting worker participation and ownership. And it should have clear plans for clamping down on corporate fraudsters and tax dodgers.

Secondly - the commitment to real security. Terrorist attacks threaten lives, but so do malnutrition, living in squalor, inadequate healthcare, domestic violence, delayed ambulance services, and riots fuelled by social divisions. We want to see Labour enhance the security of the people of this country, in relation to every form of life-endangering threat. And to achieve this, Labour must be ready to invest in the improvement of public services, the building of affordable homes, and the rebuilding of our NHS after the trauma it has been put through in the last five years.

Thirdly - the commitment to a sustainable economy. Deregulating the finance sector so much that banks could gamble away people's savings and wreck the economy is a Thatcherite legacy that must be corrected. Financial schemes that take reckless risks with our money while dressed up as investment opportunities are not a substitute for the production of goods and services that meet people's needs. Instead of contrived profits concocted for the few, Labour should support the development of renewable resources and zero-marginal cost productions so that everyone's



quality of life improves along with better protection for the environmental assets on which we all depend.

Last but not least, the commitment to honest democracy. Instead of talking about being localist but keeping power in Westminster, Labour should be fully dedicated to devolving more power to Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, London, and the diverse regions of England. Labour should be the leaders on political transparency and make MPs answerable to their constituents by having to declare and explain to them their expenses, external earnings, and gifts and donations received. It should also put an end to Ministers taking on any form of paid role with companies that have benefited by their actions for at least ten years after they leave office.

## a Labour Government

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## From the Chair...

Wishing all readers a Happy & Prosperous 2015. I hope you and your family had a great Christmas break.

As we head towards the general election in May - which is going to be the most unpredictable election in our lifetime, one thing is certain - what happens on May 7th is going to have a major impact on the future of this country.

Will we, as people and communities, drift apart and become isolated from the world? Or will we create a future together, engaging with the world and succeeding in it?

But what we love about Britain - a country that represents opportunity and openness to so many of us - is under threat. It strikes me that in the last few months, there has been a worrying trend towards hatred, towards fear, towards division within our society.

If we do not speak out to champion the values we hold dear, if we do not participate in the national debate, if we do not fight injustice and prejudice when we see it, what will happen to the country we love and the future we hope to have?

It is time now for us to find our voice, and in our Prospective Parliamentary Candidates, Sarah Owen in Hastings & Rye and Rebecca Blake in Redditch, we are slowly but surely finding our voice.

Our Gala Chinese New Year Banquet 2015 to celebrate the Year of the Goat is on Wednesday, February 25, 2013. The event will be held at the Phoenix Palace Restaurant, 3-5 Glentworth Street, London NW1 5PG. As in previous years, the banquet will no doubt be a highlight of the Labour social calendar. It promises to be a wonderful occasion, providing an excellent opportunity to enjoy an evening together with supporters, business colleagues, friends, and a cross section of the Chinese community. Hope to see many of you at this event.

# Executive Committee Members 2014/2015

## Chair - Sonny Leong CBE

Sonny Leong is the Chair of Chinese for Labour and a member of the Development Board of Labour Party 1000 Club, and also sits on the Executive Committee of BAME Labour. He is Executive Chairman of the Academy for Parliamentary & Policy Studies and Civil Service College, both providing tailored made training solutions to the public and private sectors. He is Deputy Chairman of FutureFirst, a social enterprise company working to increase social mobility by building alumni communities around state schools to inspire and inform young people about their futures. He is also a director of Left Foot Forward, a political blog for progressives, providing evidence-based analysis on British politics, policy, and current affairs.

## Vice Chair (Policy) - Ashton McGregor

Ash is a Vice-Chair of Chinese for Labour who hails from Stockton-on-Tees in the North East. A member of the GMB, Fabian Society and Cooperative Party, he is also a former Chair of Chinese for Labour and is the youngest ever Chinese Labour councillor. In 2010 he was the Parliamentary agent to a Labour MP in one of the few English Tory target seats where there was a swing to Labour. Much travelled across the public sector Ash currently works in policing. He has previously advised the Home Office's Policing Bureaucracy Taskforce and has advised the Department of Health's Diabetes and Cancer Tsars on health inequalities. He represents Chinese for Labour at Labour Party's National Policy Forum.

## Vice Chair - Vicki Kan

Vicki is the other Vice Chair of Chinese for Labour. A long-time Labour supporter and Labour party member, Vicki has worked on several election campaigns since 2006. In 2011, Vicki was elected as a Community Councillor onto the Great Ashby Community Council where she currently resides. She has been successful in her career in the Pharmaceutical industry in the past eleven years while also being a small business owner in Manchester, where she is originally from. She therefore has a keen interest in business related matters and creating more equality and inclusion for Chinese people in both the social and political environment.

## Secretary & Membership Secretary - Chris Ng

Chris has been a party member since 2005. Since moving to London in 2010, he has been involved in 2012 London Mayoral Election as a

campaign intern for Lewisham and being an intern at Labour Finance & Industry Group. He has further community engagement experience as a field researcher and project assistant at The Campaign Company. Currently, he is the Commercial Services Manager at Civil Service College.

## Press Officer (Chinese Media) - Dr Stephen Lui Nam Ng MBE

Stephen is Press & Media Officer, also a founder of Chinese for Labour. He is a long serving member of Islington Chinese Association, and has given a lot of his time and effort to these organisations. He is one of the key members of Chinese for Labour and is currently its Media Officer. He is a dedicated Trustee of Islington Chinese Association and the Great Wall Society Home for Elderly Chinese People. He works tirelessly for the Chinese community in various capacities. Stephen was joint winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Community Volunteering Award in 2005.

## Press Officer (Non-Chinese Media) - Joyce Wong

Joyce is a Hong Kong native and an adopted Londoner. She works in public policy communications and education. With a background in local government, she supported Battersea CLP's successful community engagement pilot in 2011-2012 under the guidance of Ed Miliband's adviser Arnie Graf.

## Women's Officer - Lady (Katy Tse) Blair MBE

Katy co-founded the Islington Chinese Association in 1986, the only Chinese voluntary organisation in England that has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Katy is committed in helping her community to integrate into mainstream society through engaging in local and national politics and taking an active role in public life. She is also one of the founders of Chinese for Labour to promote interest of Chinese people in the Labour Party. Amongst her voluntary roles, Katy served as a Trustee in different organisations including the MuLan Theatre Group, the Middlesex University Chinese Medicine Programme Bursary Committee, Chinese in Britain Forum, London Chinese Community Network, London Chinese Healthy Living Centre as well as being a Non-Executive Director with the Islington Primary Care Trust. Katy was awarded one of the ten "Chinese Women of Achievement" award in 2006 as a result of her contribution in community services.

## Committee Member - Dr Selina Chen

Selina Chen has been a Labour Party member for nearly 15 years. She

has worked for and been involved with a number of think-tank's of the left, including the Fabian Society, the SMF, Compass as well as being on the editorial board of the progressive journal Renewal. A political philosopher by training, Selina obtained her doctorate from the University of Oxford and went on to hold positions within the Civil Service and academia.

## Committee Member - Paul Courtenay Hyu

Paul is an actor writer and cabaret performer. He has written comedy for TV and stage and his one man show, The King from Beijing, debuted at the 2008 Edinburgh festival, where he appeared on the front page of the Scotsman. Paul takes his politics seriously. He is on the Ethnic Minority Group of Equity (the Actors' Union), and has been championing the cause for fairer representation of British East Asian Actors in mainstream theatre and the media. He has appeared on numerous tv and radio news shows representing the British Chinese point of view. He is an active Labour Party member and is considering a career in politics.

## Committee Member - Bhavna Joshi

Bhavna is an Executive Committee Member of Chinese for Labour. She has been a member of the Labour Party since 1997. Elected as a local Councillor in London from 2002 to 2006, stood for Parliament in 2010 and was a regional representative on the National Policy Forum. Currently, she is a Labour European Candidate in the Eastern Region, a school governor, a trustee of Stevenage Community Trust and vice-chair of Great Ashby Community Council. Bhavna works for a pharmaceutical company, partnering with the NHS to improve patient pathways and access to medicines. More political engagement of BAME groups is a particular aim and her work with Chinese for Labour reflects this.

## Committee Member - Councillor Cecilia Love

Cecilia Love is a Chinese British international adoptee is one of the Labour Cardiff councillors. She is currently undertaking a doctoral study on international and domestic trans-racial adoption at Cardiff University. She is very pleased to be the first Chinese elected representative in Wales and will work hard to ensure the voice of the Chinese community and all of the members of the diverse ward she represents are listened to and involved in the policy making process. Cecilia was helped as a young working, single mother by Labour's family, education, work and women's policies and fully understands some of the challenges families are now facing under the coalition. Cecilia will bring her life and professional experience to her work as a local councillor and to her contribution in returning a Labour Government in 2015.

## Committee Member - Dr Mee Ling Ng OBE

Mee Ling Ng, was one of the founders of Chinese for Labour. She was a Labour councillor for Lewisham for 16 years, chairing major committees and was Deputy Leader. She was a Non-Executive Director on the Board of several public bodies including Her Majesty's Courts Service Board, two NHS Mental Health Trusts and was Chair of the Board of Southwark Primary Care Trust. She is currently a Trustee of MuLan Foundation Network. She received an OBE in 2007 for services to the Chinese community. She is an Honorary Fellow of the 48 Group Club and received an Honorary Fellowship from University of London, Goldsmith's College in 2005. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Science in 2010 from London South Bank University for services to healthcare. She is currently an Independent Governor on the Board of London South Bank University and a Non-Executive Board member of Habinteg Housing Association.

## Committee Member - Sarah Owen

Sarah Owen was born and raised in Hastings and Rye. She is the Labour Parliamentary Candidate for Hastings & Rye for the General Election in 2015. She worked in Brighton and Hove Council, London Fire Brigade and provided frontline care at the Conquest Hospital and in the community as well as the Labour Party. She is currently Political Adviser to Lord Sugar – and working on Labour's national small business policy.

## Committee Member- Lauren Pang

Lauren Pang is an active member of the Labour Party and regularly campaigns with the local CLP. After graduating with an MA in Economics from Cambridge University she was headhunted by the Department for Trade and Industry and is currently working as a local government researcher. She has spent five years in this role and is dedicated to raising awareness about East London's most vulnerable children and families through her research and in her role as an advisor to the Children's Trust board. She hopes to bring her passion for baking and blogging to local Labour campaigning in her home town of Southend, Essex.

## Committee Member - Peter Wong

Peter Wong has been a member of the Labour Party for 26 years. He was agent for Jenny Rathbone's successful Welsh Assembly campaign in Cardiff Central in 2011, and is currently Chair of Cardiff Central CLP. He is a member of PCS, and has been a civil servant for the last 11 years, working for the Department for Work and Pensions and the Valuation Office Agency to deliver effective public services.

# Come on, join us

Chinese for Labour membership supports and promotes the values and principles of the Labour Party in order to improve the quality of life of the Chinese community in Britain.

The Labour Party is a democratic socialist party. It believes that by the strength of our common endeavour we achieve more than we achieve alone, so as to create for each of us the means to realise our true potential and for all of us a community in which power, wealth and opportunities are in the hands of the many not the few, where the rights we enjoy reflect the duties we owe, and where we live together, freely, in a spirit of solidarity, tolerance and respect.

## 工党的理想

工党是個民主社會主義政黨。它致力於為全體人民創造一個新社會，在這新社會裏，權力、財富和機遇是掌握在大眾手裏而不是被一小撮人所操縱；人們在享有權利的同時也承擔與其享權利相符的義務；人們以團結、忍讓和互相尊重的精神自由地共同生活。與此同時它亦致力於為社會的每一份子創造條件以便發揮其真正潛能。為了實現理想，它堅信若以團體力量共同奮鬥所取得的成就將遠勝於由個人去單獨爭取。



## Membership Application Form

**Yes.** I wish to join Chinese for Labour\*

Sign me up as a Labour supporter\*

Personal details	
Title*	Last Name*
First Name*	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address:*	
Postcode:*	Date of birth:
Home Tel No:	Mobile No:
Trade Union (optional):	Occupation:
Email address:	
Please provide an email address so we can keep you up to date. Chinese for Labour is an affiliate of the Labour Party and Chinese for Labour, the Labour Party and its elected representatives may contact you with the data you have supplied.	

Type of Membership & Fees	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>LIMITED SPECIAL OFFER</b> Individual Membership £5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisation Name of organisation (if applicable)
	Organisation £30.00

Methods of Payment	
By Cheque:	Please make cheque payable to <b>Chinese for Labour.</b>
By Standing Order:	Please complete the Form on the next page.
<b>Declaration:</b>	I/My Organisation am/is (delete as appropriate) support the Labour Party's aims and values and am not a supporter of any organisation opposed to it.

**Signed:\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\*You must complete this information  
Please send the completed Application Form to:  
**23 The Orchids, Oxfordshire OX11 0QP.**

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## Chinese for Labour seeks to:

- Increase the recruitment of Chinese people to the Labour Party
- Increase the involvement and representation of Chinese people within the Labour Party
- Increase Chinese support for the Labour Party at elections

## Membership benefits:

- Receive regular information on all issues affecting the Chinese community
- Financial assistance may be available to potential candidates offering themselves for election to local, regional, national and European elections
- Participate in formal or informal events with MPs and Ministers

## New Standing Order Mandate/Authority

To:	Bank Plc
Branch:	
Bank Address:	
Postcode:	
Account Name:	
Account No:	
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Please accept this as my/our instruction to pay to the following account:

Payee:	<b>Chinese for Labour</b>
Bank:	The Co-Operative Bank, Plc Customer Services PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Contact Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_