

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – **CLAUDIA WEBBE**

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I am seeking your CLP's nomination and vote for the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party. I have been a member of the Labour party for over 20 years and a member of the trade union movement for much longer, joining first the community and youth workers union at the age of 16 before joining Unison, GMB and Unite.

As a working class black woman from the East Midlands, I have often been overlooked. I went to school and university in Leicester, Coventry and Birmingham and overcame overt sexism and racism, whereby physical attacks were the norm. Even though my parents worked hard, the poor pay they received meant that as a child I suffered from poverty and often went to bed hungry, as my parents struggled to make ends meet.



Claudia Webbe -On Your Side

After studying mathematics and statistics and later social science, I committed myself to community development; tackling racism, inequality and injustice. Before I entered politics full-time; both as a political advisor during the term of the first Labour Mayor of London and now as a Councillor and cabinet member for Environment and Transport at Islington Council, I specialised as a Charity Chief Executive, engaged in fundraising and running charities tackling discrimination and charities for children and young people. I was one of the founders and former chairperson of Operation Trident, tackling the disproportionate effect of gun crime across London. I gave a significant amount of my volunteer time and effort to challenge the police and other agencies to do more and keep communities safe; I was often heard on Radio 4, ITV, BBC and Channel 4 news and on local London radio.

I am seeking your support to ensure the voice of ordinary party members is heard. I will continue to press the case for more accountability, transparency and democracy in our Labour Party – no member should ever feel ignored or powerless. I want to work hard to ensure this principle is fully realised for all. I believe the Labour Party should continuously strive to ensure a rule book that is clear to ordinary people.

I support Jeremy Corbyn's clear anti-austerity stance and work to deliver a Labour Government committed to a plan for public investment and jobs that can get the economy growing, so that all can benefit, not just the few.

Jeremy Corbyn won the Labour leadership with a huge, overwhelming mandate and I believe our role as ordinary party members is to unite behind this leadership towards ensuring that we win in 2020. I believe the National Executive Committee has a crucial role to play towards ensuring through listening, challenge and debate that we are fit for purpose and ready for power. I would like the opportunity with your help to contribute to that agenda.

The Tories are waging an ideological attack on the poor, supported by a media so intent on demonising any challenge to this. The structural causes of in-work poverty are low pay and corporate greed, the introduction of the minimum wage was important but we have to do more to tackle poverty wages and workers' rights.

We know with a Labour government we can do significant and great things, not least in civil and equal rights, restoring dignity to pensioners, giving opportunities in education, training and work to the young and investing in our communities. I believe in a Labour party that stands up for equality and social justice, which is why I have campaigned in every local, regional and national election for as long as I can remember. In London, I worked very hard to ensure the success of Labour's Sadiq Khan as Mayor of London in the race for City Hall. His Tory opponent ran one of the most blatantly racist campaigns in modern British history, which Londoners overwhelmingly rejected.

I have been Vice-Chair of my CLP (Islington South and Finsbury) and secretary of my branch (Bunhill Ward). I have worked, lived and campaigned in Leicester, Coventry, Nottingham, Erewash, Reading, Leeds and Bath and North-East Somerset. As an equalities grassroots campaigner, I have been a progressive voice, championing civil liberties, challenging racial inequality, opposing the scapegoating of migrants and refugees, standing up for trade union rights and defending public services and council house-building. Like Jeremy Corbyn, I believe in straight talking and honest politics. I am seeking your nomination to ensure the voice of constituency party members is heard and not ignored. My Labour Party Membership Number is **A011847**

I am a member of Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, the Co-operative Party, BAME and Labour Women's Network