

Niamh O'Brady

Seeking nomination for Vice Chair of the London Regional Board

Brentford & Isleworth CLP

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"Our Members - Our Values"

I have been an active member of the Labour party since 1982 and I am now an active member of Brentford and Isleworth CLP in West London. I am a GC delegate from my legal workers branch of Unite the Union and I represent the union on the LCF. I work as a Trade Union Lawyer representing union members in disputes in the workplace and in relation to accidents at work and am proud to work in a firm that successfully represented the blacklisted construction workers in their fight for compensation. I regularly lecture on health and safety issues and rights in the work place.



I have campaigned locally to save the Charing Cross Hospital and am active in the Justice Alliance campaigning to save legal aid and to raise awareness about the attacks on access to justice brought about by the abolition of legal aid for most social matters and the introduction of prohibitive fees in the civil courts , employment and immigration tribunals.

I supported Jeremy Corbyn in both leadership battles and this year spoke at my CLP to help have the CLP nominate Jeremy Corbyn for leader by a margin of 2-1. I was part of the London and Eastern political committee of my union that nominated Sadiq Khan for Mayor at the outset and I supported and campaigned for him as a candidate from the start. I attended the London policy forum where policy was discussed and made contributions to the manifesto process.

@SadiqKhan sharing vision to Unite affiliates today. Not4profit letting agency/ Median London salary rentals



I am currently a TULO/ Unite representative on the London Labour Board and have been for the last two years. **I believe that the structures of the party should be supportive of its leaders, open and democratic.** I have attended all but one meeting. In that time I have been struck by the democratic deficit in the London Region.

I have argued in the face of opposition for;

- **The introduction of written rules, now finally drafted, for the London Board.**
- **The introduction of annual conferences with time allocated for delegates to discuss motions and develop policy and activity in London.**
- **The election of an enlarged CAC and the women's officer position.**
- **Democratically elected board members to hear all appeals to the appeals panels in relation to the selection of local authority panels of candidates. This will be especially important in 2017.**
- **The attendance of the Mayor, leaders of the London Assembly and London MP's to attend the board and be accountable.**

I believe London members want the board, London labour conference and the London Labour party to be relevant.

I believe that party member's , and the scores of new members who have joined under Jeremy Corbyn want the Board to be proactive in developing a London wide narrative based on Labour Values. The board's purpose is to liaise with the NEC, CLP's and local branches "to promote, co-ordinate and build a political organisation and a campaigning profile in London and to develop a London dimension to national policy and campaigns." I believe that the board has to start that task in earnest, as campaigning is more than knocking on doors and leafleting at election time. The greatly increased Labour membership wants a new kind of politics. The Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the London impact of compulsory higher rents on tenants of social landlords, and the impact of cuts to the NHS across London Hospitals are only two obvious areas with which to start.

If elected I will continue to argue the case for openness, transparency and accountability. As part of that process I will provide a written report on a quarterly basis to all London CLP's on the board's meetings and planned activities. As a Tulo representative to date I have regularly reported back to my union.

I am supported by Crispin Flintoff of #JC4PM and Kate Osamor MP as well as the following unions

"Niamh has always been a strong voice in my local party calling for greater democracy and improving voter engagement. On a personal level, without her moral and practical support I would have struggled to get Stand up for Labour off the ground. I know she would make a dynamic vice-chair." **Crispin Flintoff**



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Your CLP must make their nomination by 28th October**