



# Peter Day

## Candidate for National Constitutional Committee - CLP Section.

My relationship with the Labour Party and Trade Unionism stretches back over 50 years. I grew up in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and my parents were staunchly Labour, my step-grandfather in East Anglia sat for Labour on the Parish Council and my godfather in Yorkshire was an organiser for the Agricultural Workers Union.

As Stage Manager of a Community Theatre Company in the 60s and 70s I was Equity Deputy and attended local Trades Council meetings in the Portsmouth/Southampton area.

It has not, however, been an unbroken relationship. I went 'travelling' in the late 70s and spent 6 years in Hong Kong where I founded the Chung Ying (China-Britain) Theatre Company - still going strong today - and didn't return to the UK until 1984.

I rejoined the Labour Party and was secretary of my then ward (Herne Hill) for a time but fell out of love with the Labour Party over the Iraq War and left the Party for a while before returning again in 2009.

During this time I moved on to other 'careers', first as Deputy Director of Greater London Arts - one of the regional arts funding agencies - during the time it was taking over responsibility for arts funding in London from the GLC. Then as employee of and then majority owner of an I.T. Company which was sold to an American concern in 2001 and I retired in 2002 giving me more time to spend on other activities.

I enrolled at the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool and gained a First Class Degree in Irish Studies (no - I'm not Irish) and then went on to do postgraduate studies. I also became more involved with the Labour Party and have been Secretary to Thurlow Park branch, Dulwich & West Norwood CLP, for 2 years and took over as Constituency Secretary last year.

My aim as CLP Secretary is to provide the highest level of service to Officers and members and I offer training to branch secretaries on Membersnet and Mailchimp and help other Labour Party bodies with mailings and I'm one of the Administrators on our Facebook page..

My belief is that Labour can only be effective when it is winning elections - while there were things wrong with the Blair/Brown years, being in Government allowed for programmes like Sure Start, for new school buildings, for updating of hospitals, for reductions in Child Poverty. We can see now through the unnecessary austerity programme the damage that happens when Labour is not in Government.

As far as the National Constitutional Committee is concerned my commercial experience of contracts and of statutory rules and regulations should be an asset in helping to make amendments to the Constitution and Rule Book that continue to spread inclusiveness and democracy through the party; though there are parts of the Rule Book that still leave searching for understanding!