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YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING INVOLVED
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Dear Friend,

I want to begin by saying thank you. A huge thank you to all of the brilliant Young Labour activists who campaigned so hard in the run-up to the General Election in May. Defeats are never easy, but the vital work of rebuilding our Party starts here, and we need your help do it.

Over the coming months we'll be having a really important debate about Labour's future as we elect a new Leader and Deputy Leader, under a new, more open process in which every member has one vote, and everybody's vote is equal.

We need your voices, your energy and your ideas if we're to make this the honest, engaging debate our Party needs. Young Labour have put together this excellent toolkit to help you play your part Labour's future.

It is only with the support and dedication of young members like you that we will rebuild and deliver the Labour Party that working people across Britain deserve.

Yours,

Harriet Harman
Interim leader of the Labour Party

Welcome to the Young Labour toolkit! Whether this is your first interaction with Young Labour or you're a seasoned Young Labour activist, we hope this toolkit is useful and helps you get more involved in what we’re doing as an organisation.

The result of May's General Election was very disappointing for many of us, but that's why now, more than ever, we need to build a powerful youth movement ready to take the fight to the Tories.

The Leadership election is a crucial opportunity to make sure that the voices of young people are at the forefront of the debate about Labour's future, and to reach out to our friends in schools, universities, colleges and workplaces and make sure they have their say. In this toolkit are all of the resources you'll need to get involved locally and nationally, and to play your part in building our a stronger Labour Party.

Thank you for supporting Young Labour, I look forward to working with you.

Simon Darvill
Chair of Young Labour
“Young Labour is the home of progressive young people, and makes up the next generation of the Labour Party. Getting involved with Young Labour is a great way to get involved in politics and meet like-minded people who share your values. This is your opportunity to get together, get involved and get active in all aspects of the Party's organisation – from influencing policy to campaigning and ultimately winning for Labour.”

Iain McNicol, General Secretary

STAND TO BE A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The Labour Party recognises the contribution that young members have to make and that's why there is designated youth representation at every level of the Labour Party.

Young members are often the most active members on the ground, but are much more than just foot soldiers. From activist, to officer, to sitting around the NEC table, young members are a vocal and visible part of the Labour Party.
This may sound like a lot of work – but remember, you will have the support of your local Party behind you!

If you are interested in standing to be your CLP’s Youth Coordinator ask your CLP Secretary for more information.

It is recommended that Youth Coordinators are 14-26 years old.

For more information and advice on being a CLP Youth Coordinator go to: younglabour.org.uk/resources

**NATIONAL POLICY FORUM (NPF) YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES**

The NPF is one of the key institutions in Labour's policy-making process. It is made up approximately 200 representatives from all the major stakeholder groups in the Party and is responsible for the development of Labour Party policy, producing policy consultation documents and overseeing the consultation process to ensure maximum participation by all stakeholders.

The role of the Youth Representatives on the National Policy Forum is to work to put forward the issues that affect young people across the country. There are 11 youth reps on the NPF – one for each region and nation.

The role of the Youth Rep involves:

- Attending meetings of the National Policy Forum
- Membership of a policy commission
- Reporting back to the CLPs in their regions
- Attending CLP meetings to discuss the work of the NPF
- Facilitating local policy forums

**How do I get elected?**

To stand as an NPF Youth Rep you must be under 23 at the time of the election and nominate yourself. The election is held by ballot of all members in the region every two years. All young members will be notified of the election process and how to stand well in advance of the next elections.

**CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY (CLP) YOUTH COORDINATOR**

We are keen for every local Party to elect a Youth Coordinator.

The role of a CLP Youth Coordinator includes:

- Recruiting young people to the Party as members and Registered Supporters
- Keeping young members active & informed within the CLP
- Organising events for young members, supporters and local young people
- Representing and promoting the views of young members
- Coordinating with other sections of the Party on youth issues

**DON’T FORGET**

All members under the age of 27 are automatically part of Young Labour. The best way to get to know young members in your area is to get involved with Young Labour in your region - this toolkit will tell you how.
**STEPHANIE, LONDON YOUNG LABOUR**

**When did you join the Labour Party?**

I joined the Labour Party in May 2013.

**Why did you join the Labour Party?**

One of the reasons I joined the Labour Party was because I am a firm believer in equality and fairness, and I believe that the Labour Party has continuously strived to achieve this in their aims and policies. So far it has been a fantastic experience full of great company and a warm welcome from everyone I have met.

**Who is your political inspiration?**

My biggest political inspiration would have to be Aung San Suu Kyi, who since the 1980s, has led a non-violent resistance against Burma’s repressive military regime, and as a result has spent years under house arrest. One of her most famous speeches is the “Freedom From Fear” speech, which begins: “It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it.” She also believes fear spurs many world leaders to lose sight of their purpose. Her tireless efforts in fighting for a fair and equal society, has inspired me greatly in making sure I utilise my freedom to be an active member in politics, as many today, still do not share this same right.

**If the next Labour government could do one thing to improve the lives of young people what would it be?**

If the next Labour government could do one thing to improve the lives of young people, I believe it should be the introduction of political education in schools. Too often young people feel alien to the whole system of voting, political ideologies and policies. Just basic terms such as left or right wing can often be misunderstood. I believe that through learning how governments work, and how policies have a direct effect on the daily lives of young people, will inevitably engage more young people at the forefront of politics and decrease voter apathy amongst young people.
YOUNG LABOUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Young Labour National Committee is the body that brings together all sections of the youth movement – it represents all regions of the English Labour Party, Scottish Labour, Welsh Labour, NPF youth representatives, Labour Students, the Young Fabians, Cooperative-Youth and Trade Unions and other affiliated societies.

Young Labour National Committee’s job is to help co-ordinate campaigning activity of young members, run events and represent the views of young members to the wider Party. Most elected members of Young Labour National Committee serve two year terms and committee meetings are held on average every three months.

For more information about the Young Labour National Committee go to www.younglabour.org.uk/young-labour-national-committee

Who’s on the Young Labour National Committee?

Chair of Young Labour

The Chair of Young Labour coordinates the work of Young Labour and helps to set a direction for the organisation. The Chair is elected at Youth Conference and serves a two year term. In the interests of gender balance, this position is reserved for a woman every other term.

National Executive Committee (NEC) Youth Representative

The National Executive Committee is the Labour Party’s governing body. Its members are elected from various sections of the Labour movement; CLPs, affiliates and unions. The Youth Representative is elected at Youth Conference and serves a two-year term on the NEC. In the interests of gender balance, this position is reserved for a woman every other term.
BEX, NEC YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

When did you join the Labour Party?
I joined in 2008, when I was 16.

Why did you join the Labour Party?
I saw so many things that I felt were wrong – gender inequality, child poverty, homelessness – and from a young age I was always campaigning for something. I came to realise that the best way to achieve the equality I believe in is through a Labour government.

Who is your political inspiration?
There are big figures from the past like Tony Blair, or the present (and hopefully the future) like Hillary Clinton, who take decisions that improve the lives of millions. But change happens from the bottom up, and I find real inspiration comes from seeing the passion of young campaigners in our party, who put everything they have into making our country a fairer place.

If the next Labour government could do one thing to improve the lives of young people what would it be?
Young people need the opportunities that the Tories are denying them: access to jobs, decent and affordable housing and the best possible education. I also want to see a Labour government that gives young people those opportunities, and which also gives young people a bigger say over the services they use.
Liberation Officers

- Women’s Officer
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Officer (LGBT)
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Officer (BAME)
- Disabled Members Officer

The Women, LGBT, BAME and Disabled campaigns are known collectively as ‘Liberation’ campaigns. They are a recognition of the discrimination and under-representation of these groups both within our Party and wider society. They provide a forum for young members who self-define in these groups to come together and discuss issues that affect them as well as develop campaigns on these issues. The role of their respective officers is to facilitate the work of the campaign, guarantee the representation of these groups on Young Labour’s National Committee and broadly to ensure effective coordination of their work with Young Labour nationally.

These roles are elected at Youth Conference by individuals who self-define in the relevant groups and serve a two-year term.

Under 19s Officer

This officer is a recognition of the breadth of ages amongst our young members and the all too often under-representation of members under the age of 19.

This role was elected for the first time by delegates under the age of 19 at Youth Conference 2013 and serves a two-year term.

International Officer

This role is a link between Young Labour and the youth sections of our sister parties. It means regularly attending meetings of the Young European Socialists (ECOSY) and the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY) and reporting back to the wider committee.

This role was elected at Youth Conference 2013 for the first time and serves a two-year term.
SIMON, CHAIR OF YOUNG LABOUR

When did you join the Labour Party?

My Party membership was a 15 birthday present from my dad, so I’ve been a member of the Labour Party for over 10 years.

Why did you join the Labour Party?

I joined the Labour Party because I had seen the area I grew up in improve under the 1997 Labour Government. New school buildings, a new hospital, access for disabled people at my local train station and most of all people’s lives improving with a minimum wage, these are just a few of the things that made me join the Labour Party.

Who is your political inspiration?

My mum is my political inspiration. She is someone who never thinks of herself as political, but she is probably the most politically willed person I know. She came to the UK from India when she was 10 with her family, and struggled with poverty and racism, she now works for the NHS and in 2013 went on strike with Unison for the first time due to changes in NHS staff employment. She always lets people know her views and she says what she thinks.

If the next Labour government could do one thing to improve the lives of young people what would it be?

I think it’s really important that we give young people from less advantaged backgrounds as many opportunities as possible to get a fair start in life. Whether that’s looking at unpaid internships and access to higher education or more and better apprenticeships, I think Labour will always be the party which champions the ambitions of young people.

What has been the best campaign you have been part of?

The campaign that really got me involved in politics was the 2005 Make Poverty History Campaign, I helped organise events in my school and in my local church. It was a great campaign to be involved in, as you really felt that politicians were listening.

Which is the most memorable event you’ve been involved in?

I’m not a very sporty person, but I loved the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics. For an event like that to take place only 15 minutes from where I grew up was really exciting. I was lucky enough to get tickets to attend quite a few events over the month of sporting action and loved every moment of the summer of 2012.
YOUNG LABOUR GROUPS

Young Labour groups are a useful way of providing a forum where young people can get together in a city, town, borough, region or county. This can allow young members to work together to recruit new members, campaign on local issues, meet new friends and campaign for Labour.

1. Members aged 14-26 are automatically members of Young Labour.

2. A Young Labour group in your area can hold its own events including campaigning events, social events, debates, policy forums and invite speakers.

3. A Young Labour group could cover a single constituency or all the constituencies in a whole region – or anything in between.

STARTING A YOUNG LABOUR GROUP

Aims and values of young labour groups

• To help young members play a full and active role within the Labour Party
• To organise local social activities for young Labour Party members and for young people within the community
• To train and engage young Labour Party members
• To persuade more young people to vote Labour
• To recruit and retain more young people into Labour Party membership
• To campaign against all forms of discrimination and prejudice: especially those based upon race, colour, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation
• To increase the number of young people who are registered to vote
When did you join the Labour Party?
I joined in 2011 when I was 15.

Why did you join the Labour Party?
I became really excited by politics after watching the 2010 leader debates and the run up to the general election, as it was the first one I've been fully aware of. As soon as I was told that I could actually become a member I naturally joined the Labour Party.

Who is your political inspiration?
Emily Davison is a huge inspiration to me. She died in the heroic fight to attain the vote for women and began the movement of equality still ongoing today. Her gravestone reads “Deeds not words” inspiring me to recognise the fight we have to get the Labour Party into power and remain there to make the changes we believe in.

If the next Labour government could do one thing to improve the lives of young people what would it be?
I’d like to see the party work on the huge inequalities within the education system whereby the poorer children always lose out. If everyone has a right to an education with true equality of opportunity it would improve the lives of future generations, giving all the chance to achieve their true potential.

8 STEPS TO STARTING A SUCCESSFUL YOUNG LABOUR GROUP

1. Speak to other young people who may be interested in working with you to set up a group. Constituency Secretaries or Youth Officers in the area would be a good start.

2. Get in contact with your Young Labour National Committee Representative and regional Labour Party office for advice and guidance - see the back og this pack for more info.

3. Groups can be as large as a region or as small as a CLP. Think about the boundaries that would work best for your area.

4. To become an official Young Labour group you need the approval of your Labour Party regional office. The contact details of your regional office are in this booklet, please the back of this toolkit. To gain this approval you should have a written agreement of which constituencies your Young Labour group will cover and who will coordinate the group until a Chair is elected.

5. Organise a launch event for your group and elect a committee at this event. This could be anything from an informal social or speaker event to a policy forum.

6. Email all young members well in advance to let them know it’s happening. The CLP Secretaries in your area will be able to facilitate this.

7. To make your Young Labour Group official just email your Regional Office and younglabour@labour.org.uk with the following details:
   - The name of your group
   - The agreed boundaries of the group
   - A key contact for the group (normally the Chair or Secretary)
   - Contact details for that key contact including an email address and mobile number
   - The details of any website or Facebook group that you wanted linked to the Young Labour groups page on this website

8. Hold a follow up event or activity soon after the first event to capitalise on the momentum it will generate.
Young Labour events are a great way to recruit and retain new members, and get more involved in the Labour Party.

**Youth Conference**

The main national event that brings together members is the annual National Youth Conference. Young members from across the country hear from speakers, take part in workshops and debate policy. Every other year there are elections at Youth Conference for various positions on the Young Labour National Committee, including the Chair of Young Labour and NEC Youth and Student Representative.

The 2014 Conference featured speeches from politicians, including then Deputy Leader Harriet Harman. In previous years, other high profile speakers have included Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and John Prescott. Youth conference is also an opportunity for young members to come together, socialise and get to know one another.

**Labour Party Annual Conference**

There is a whole day of events dedicated to young members at the Labour Party Annual Conference. Young Labour hosts a fringe event, puts on workshops and hosts a reception every year where members can meet in a more social setting. Annual Conference can also be an exciting place for young members to engage with high profile Labour politicians. In 2014, Ed Miliband attended the Young Labour reception to deliver a speech and meet with members.

**RECENT HIGHLIGHTS**

The Young Labour Conference in 2014 had a series of high profile speakers including then Deputy Leader Harriet Harman MP and Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. Hearing speeches from senior Labour politicians and having Q&As gave members the opportunity to interact with MPs and share their views. It was an enjoyable event with over 200 members attending.

In 2013 Young Labour held various Liberation training days for those who self-define into the four liberation groups; LGBT, BAME, Disabled and Women. The four events were held over the Summer and were successful in turning those members into activists! It also gave members the opportunity to meet other people who define into their liberation group and organise together.

For information on upcoming Young Labour events go to younglabour.org.uk/events.
Campaigning

Young Labour is renowned for its campaign work, and played a crucial role in the General Election campaign up and down the country. There’s never been an election where young members aren’t out campaigning and delivering for Labour.

Whether it’s knocking on doors, telephoning voters, delivering leaflets or innovative community and internet campaigning, young members are always at the forefront.

**REMEMBER:** It is important to make sure that new members are given guidance on how to campaign, always explain what to do and don’t assume everyone has campaigned before.

Good examples of Young Labour campaigning & events

Across the country Young Labour groups have been doing brilliant work campaigning in key areas and organising events to bring together young members and shape Party policy.

London Young Labour held campaign sessions every weekend in the run-up to the 2014 Local Elections which brought together young members from across London to campaign in key council seats.

Wirral Young Labour did amazing work in the run up to the General Election in May, organising campaign days every day in the month before polling day.

The West Midlands Young Labour group hosted former Shadow Education Secretary Stephen Twigg MP at an event with members where they had the opportunity to hear from him and ask any questions they could think of.
AN INTERVIEW WITH
WES STREETING,
newly elected MP for Ilford North

You’ve been an MP since May - what have you been doing?

I basically haven’t stopped. I think I’ve had one day off, which was the first Sunday I’ve had off in the last two years. Apart from that, it’s just been a whirlwind of going from one thing to another: inductions, trying not to get lost around the building, trying to set up an office, recruit staff, deal with the bulging postbag, and all the while trying to get some sleep after a gruelling election campaign.

If you could think of three words that describe the emotions going through your head after the result, what would they be?

A complete rollercoaster. I went to the count thinking I’d lost, so I only had a concession speech prepared. At 9.50pm, I thought we’d pulled it off and won by a few hundred votes - in the end we won by 589. When I saw the results coming in and the exit poll I just thought it was inconceivable that we would win, so as well as being elated, I was also slightly shell-shocked.

It’s been a long campaign for you but there must have been some really good moments. Is there one moment that sticks out in particular from the last couple of years?

To be honest, one thing I really miss is going into the campaign office every day in the short campaign and seeing the amazing team of people we built, spending time with everyone, it was really good fun. Labour Students and Young Labour really helped my campaign too – there is nothing quite like the morale boost of 50 dedicated Labour Students coming to your area for a mock polling day! I’d really encourage young members to get involved with these two organisations.

What do you think made your campaign successful?

I think there is a whole combination of factors. Ilford North is an interesting London-Essex bellwether seat and people move there because they’ve done well for themselves. So we managed to capture a message about ambition and aspiration in a way that I think captured the mood locally. We definitely had a superior ground war compared to the local Tories.

One of the reasons I put on so much weight is I was sat in my office on the phone to undecided voters. It was worthwhile in the end, although in the last week it became quite a tough exercise - but we just had to power through.

What made you stand in the first place?

I’ve always wanted to be a London MP, and I’ve been in East London all my life so it was an opportunity to represent my community in the House of Commons which is a massive privilege. I’ve lived locally in Redbridge for nearly 15 years and I really felt that we could win Ilford North but it wasn’t a guarantee; I thought I could run a good campaign and pull it off although it was a big gamble. I felt that this is a really good chance to make a difference and although we don’t have a Labour government I hope I’ll still be able to do that in opposition.

Looking forward to five years from now, you’re standing for re-election, what’s the one thing you’d want to be able to say you’ve done in the last five years as an MP?

I want to be able to say I’ve delivered on all of the promises I’ve made. I made some personal pledges and that’s so important because trust in politics is so low. I really hope I will be able to influence government to change some of their approaches and policies on things as well. As a councillor for Redbridge in opposition, I persuaded the Conservatives on the council to back a living wage and to become a living wage employer. I think sometimes if you make the right arguments and build the right relationships you can still make a difference from opposition. If you look at what Stella Creasy did in the last Parliament on payday lending I think it shows that if you get the right issue and if you make the right case you can get people to listen.

What are some of those pledges?

Fighting to save A&E at King George Hospital – I couldn’t make a pledge to save it, but I’ll fight to throw the kitchen sink at the campaign to save our A&E. But also really practical things; I’ve said I would run a work experience programme for young people, pay interns, and also organise an Ilford North careers fair. Education and opportunity for young people is my biggest passion so I’ll be spending loads of time on those projects.

@wesstreeting
wesstreeting.org
With over 40,000 new members having joined the Labour Party since the General Election in May, it’s more important than ever to make sure that young people are signing up to play their part in Labour’s future.

Anyone who signs up before 12 August will get a vote in the upcoming Leadership election. Additionally, people who support Labour but aren’t yet ready to become members can register as supporters- these Registered Supporters will also be able to vote in the Leadership election, though unlike members they will be required to pay a small fee.

Here are some tips on how you can recruit young people to get involved and shape the future of our Party.

Campaigning to recruit

The best way to recruit new members is to be visible, accessible and campaigning on issues that young people care about. You should consider how best to make your Young Labour group visible and high-profile. Street stalls have traditionally been a very effective recruiting method.

Consider these and also your venue – places such as street festivals in your local area, music events or shopping centres are a great place to build a Labour presence. Tailor your message to the event, too – for instance, LGBT Labour, the affiliated society which campaigns on lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans rights, attends Pride events across the country, using an ‘only Labour can deliver on equality’ theme.

Try to identify the distinct groups that you are targeting for recruitment. Are you aiming to recruit young members who are still at school? Contact your local schools and see if they would be interested in you coming to talk about the Labour Party locally; explain what your aims and objectives are and how you wish to involve young people.

When you are out canvassing and you come across a young person who is a Labour supporter make sure you ask them to join on the relevant youth membership rate. You or other local members will be able to identify young voters through Contact Creator. You can then target these voters and ask supportive people to get involved.

Remember that anyone who joins before 12 August will get a vote in the Leadership election.
THE LABOUR PARTY OFFERS SPECIAL YOUTH RATES

this includes everybody under the age of 27.

For those between the ages of 14-19:
£1 per year

For those between the ages of 20-26:
£1 per month (£12 per year)

These substantially discounted rates are a fantastic recruitment tool so should be prominently displayed on any literature you produce.

Make sure that you include labour.org.uk/join on the literature to give new recruits an instant route to membership.

STREET STALLS

Build a strong Labour presence in your area with high profile street stalls where you can target young voters.

1. Make sure you have lots of friendly members on the stall to talk to new recruits
2. Have interesting youth-focused materials – dealing with local youth provision, for example

3. If somebody doesn't want to commit to joining ask if they will provide their details so you can send them more information or invite them to come along to an event – alternatively, they may wish to become a Registered Supporter

4. Use petitions and surveys to engage people – focus on local issues and those national issues that highlight Labour’s core values

5. Try to have forthcoming, interesting events planned to advertise on the stall

YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR CONSTITUENCY

Think about how you can target young people in your area and get them involved - CLP Officers and regional staff will be able to help.

1. Contact Creator will be able to identify those registered as first time voters and the date they became old enough to vote. You can organise phone banks for young Labour members to contact first time voters

2. A letter from your MP or candidate about a particular issue, a survey, or an invitation to an event to meet local representatives or other young members can be very effective

3. Always include a response mechanism so you can capture phone numbers and email addresses, and ask the recipient to join. Make sure you advertise the £1 youth rate, and highlight the opportunity for anyone joining before 12 August to vote in the upcoming Leadership election

SPEAKING IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES

Local MPs and representatives can arrange to speak at schools, colleges and university groups

1. Contact the head teachers or students unions at these institutions, to see if they would like a visit

2. Don't go simply to advertise Labour but genuinely engage in debate with the students

3. Think about focusing on an interesting issue that can be discussed in detail

4. Provide leaflets with contact details and feedback mechanisms, point them in the direction of a local website or the younglabour.org.uk site. Also remember to bring membership forms so people can sign up there and then

5. Plan a follow up event that you can announce for people who want to find out more
Labour Students is the home for all students in further and higher education who share Labour’s core values and beliefs. Labour Students campaigns for Labour within the student community and, as an affiliated organisation, with an autonomous policy structure also fights for students’ rights and welfare.

Labour Students is a campaigning organisation, proud of its values, and puts these into practice every year by launching a Priority Campaign. In the past, this has included issues like the Living Wage, payday loan sharks, and sexual health services, with the national campaign backed up with activity on university and college campuses.

Labour Students also works to get Labour MPs, MSPs, MEPs, AMs and Councillors elected - because it is with Labour in power that students get the best deal. Having an active Labour Students society that works closely with the local Labour Party and Young Labour group can provide a more interesting and fun environment for new young members.

1. If your local university has a Labour Students group contact them to discuss ways you can work together. If there is no existing group, Labour Students can help you start a society in your local university or college. Contact 020 7783 1367 for more information

2. A Labour Students society can hold regular events, socials, debates or speaker meetings. They also participate in Labour Students national and regional events and training.

**STUDENT POLITICS**

The student vote is a powerful vote. Traditional methods of campaigning with and identifying Labour support amongst students are often very difficult. University students, by their very nature are prone to move address a number of times during their period of study so knocking on doors and telephone canvassing can sometimes be challenging.

That’s why Labour Students are running joint campaigns with Labour’s elected representatives on University and College campuses as a means to engage with students. Labour students groups are a fantastic link between representatives and students, allowing student leaders to gain experience and run independent events, while helping representatives in their campaigns and keeping them in touch with their voters.

For more information please go to labourstudents.org.uk.
The Labour Party has harnessed new technology to revolutionise the way they talk to members, and Young Labour is no different.

Facebook, twitter, emails and websites have encouraged more members to attend Young Labour events and get members out campaigning in crucial elections up and down the country.

In this section, there are some tips on how to best use social media to make your Young Labour group even more successful.

**WEBSITE**

Having a website is a great way for new members to find out what you are doing, who is on your committee and what events you have planned. Many Young Labour groups have monthly blogs and updates on their campaigning activity too.

You can keep up to date with everything Young Labour is doing on our website: younglabour.org.uk

**FACEBOOK**

Facebook is an excellent way of keeping in touch with members and regularly updating them on your Labour group news as well as national policy announcements. No campaign or Young Labour group is complete without its own page which can reach out to potentially thousands of supporters and activists. It is also a good way to keep in contact with other activists and get involved in discussions with other members.

You can also keep up to date with all the latest news and events from Young Labour by ‘liking’ our Facebook page. Just go to facebook.com/YoungLabourUK or search ‘Young Labour’ in the Facebook search bar.

**TWITTER**

Set up a twitter account for your Young Labour group as it is a quick and effective way to stay in contact with your members if they have any questions. Individuals and groups get involved in discussions and you can reply to any questions people may have.

If you are on twitter, follow Young Labour at @YoungLabourUK.
Chair of Young Labour- Simon Darvill
NEC Youth Rep- Bex Bailey
Vice Chair Campaigns and North West Representative- Tori Rigby
Vice Chair Policy- Helena Dollimore
International Officer- Jack Storry
Women’s Officer- Beth Miller
BAME Officer- Vacant
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Officer- Jack Falkingham
Disabled Members’ Officer- Simon Darvill
Under 19s Officer- Rida Vaquas
Scottish Rep- Sophie MacDonald
Wales Rep- Catherine Rendle
London Rep- Benjamin Butterworth
Eastern Rep- Conrad Landin
East Midlands Rep- Greg East
West Midlands Rep- Jeevan Jones
Yorkshire Rep- Michelle Collins
North Rep- Siobhan Foy
South East Rep- Max Shanley
South West Rep- Kate Taylor
Ordinary Representative- Rachel Hodson
Ordinary Representative- Kieran Roberts
Trade Union Representatives- Caroline Hill, Hazel Nolan, Sachin Patel, Mhairi Threlfall, Alex Halligan
Young Fabians Rep- changes annually, for more information go to youngfabians.org.uk
Labour Students Reps- changes annually, for more information go to labourstudents.org.uk
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