

TREASURER (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Sarah Thompson, Mitcham and Morden CLP

I have been Treasurer for LWN over the last two years. During this time I have managed the finances in a competent and transparent way that has enabled us to carry out our activities from a strong financial footing. If re-elected I will exercise good financial management to ensure we have more money to train women, campaign and build a network of support for Labour Women's Network objectives.

I will also work as part of the committee to build our membership base, provide high quality training to our members and maintain and increase our influence in the Party.

As a black woman in the Labour Party I believe we are strongest when we embrace all forms of diversity. If re-elected I will also be keen to explore more ways LWN can reach out and strengthen our support for women from ethnic minority backgrounds to stand for public office.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Kate Dearden, Streatham CLP

I'm standing for Labour Women's Network Committee as a proud feminist, trade unionist, and experienced Labour activist. I'm standing because I want to; give women from all over the country a voice, tackle sexual harassment in our Party and ensure that women play a central role in every part of our Party, from the NEC to our affiliated trade unions.

I got involved in the Labour Party in Bradford, my home CLP, because of the women at the campaigning sessions and in CLP meetings that encouraged me to make my voice heard. Those are the women we need to be empowering to get more involved in our movement. It's LWN's responsibility to ensure that they can – and that's what I'll do on committee. I'll take our activities outside of London, run training and deliver change for women all across the country, in every one of our regions and nations.

As soon as women turn up to their first CLP meeting, join a trade union or stand for election, I want them to have the support they need to lead, make change and deliver

for their communities. That's how we get more women in local government and in Parliament; it's how we build and grow.

We need to work together to make Labour a party for women, led by women. For an LWN that is active, bold and gives a voice to women from all over the country, please use your vote to support me.

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Councillor Jasbinder Dehar, Vice Chair South East Wolverhampton CLP

I am a Labour party councillor and an LWN member representing Blakenhall Ward in Wolverhampton which has 70% BEME residents. I am also vice chair of CLP South East Wolverhampton. I am a chair in Springvale ward Wolverhampton. I have also done train the trainer in Parliament. I have delivered loads of event to empower women to reach their full potential in life. As a Indian woman I totally understand the barriers they face in todays society. I also represent BEME in the South East from the CLP .

I am a member of Soprotismist in Wolverhampton, I am one of the Directors of WOW (women of Wolverhampton) in Wolverhampton, and I am a Director of Interfaith Wolverhampton

I would like to improve the representation of women in leadership positions in the Labour party, and to strengthen LWN as an organisation in order that we can grow and improve. Especially BEME women who are under represented

In order to improve the representation of women, we need to Improve the grassroots culture for women in the Labour party, through the powerpledge and other means•Train and develop labour women to take on leadership positions

Take defensive action where necessary to protect women's rights and interests

Celebrate women's success, sharing stories and articles

Sarah Hayward, Holborn & St Pancras CLP

I am standing for the Labour Women's Network management committee because I am ambitious for the women of our movement. I have a strong track record of delivering for women both within and beyond the party. I want to use my experience to help LWN continue to fight for equality at all levels of our party.

I spent five years as Leader of Camden council where I delivered policies to improve the lives of women and supported other women to become councillors and take up leadership positions. Under my leadership Camden became the first council in the country to offer maternity, paternity & adoption leave to councillors. I have mentored and supported many women to succeed from a variety of different backgrounds. I deliberately took steps to ensure that there were women with skills and experience coming up behind me in the local party.

I have held a variety of other party positions including volunteer officer positions, party staffer and advisor to the last Labour government. I have used all these positions to help advance the cause of women and to help ensure women are taking their fair share of power within the party.

There are new threats facing women who enter public life; sadly I have first hand experience of some of them. It has never been more important to build on LWN's excellent track record and continue the fight for equality. I believe I have the skills, experience and determination to deliver for Labour women.

Abigail Marshall Katung, Leeds North East CLP

As a proud recipient of LWN training programmes, I fully understand the vital work LWN do in training aspiring women leaders. I would love to be part of this team and continue to assist the Network in building and bringing through brilliant women by organising fundraising events and networking sessions to sustain this vision.

I am a candidate outside of the London area, the Leeds North East CLP Women's Officer and Alwoodley Labour Branch Chair. I am committed to helping Labour women win elections. As Women's officer, we have successfully set up a very structured and functional Women's Forum. Our forum has grown in membership and our activities and fundraisers are well attended. We had a fabulous campaign in May 2018 where 82% CLP women candidates got elected.

The LWN values are emphatic, fair and it stands up strongly to inequality. If elected, I would ensure LWN continues to provide adequate training to empower the role of Women Officers across the country and encourage LWN membership. I believe that this will go a long way in ensuring the voices of women are heard, protected, treated with utmost kindness and dignity.

I have genuine interest in the welfare of others and very keen on community affairs. I have a strong understanding of multicultural views, being from the minority group myself and have travelled around the world. I can confidently say that I am flexible and can adapt to the ever emerging social trend.

Amy Lamé, Holborn & St Pancras CLP

I proudly serve on the LWN Management Committee, a position I've held for the past four years. I am active in organizing and programming our successful fundraising events including our annual Gala Dinner and Christmas party.

With over two decades of career experience as a broadcaster, writer, performer and producer, I am a vocal and visible advocate for LWN. I was appointed in 2016 as the capital's first ever Night Czar by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, and I work closely with local and national government. I will continue to be a clear campaigning voice on issues that matter to members.

My political activism – whether knocking on doors for my CLP, organising and programming local LGBT+ fundraisers or helping Labour HQ raise funds- is based on my fundamental belief in equality.

A proud graduate of the LWN training course, I have experienced firsthand its power to educate and encourage women in public life. LWN training enabled me to stand for Parliamentary selection in 2014, and galvanized my resolve that more women should have access to LWN's gold standard resources. It also inspired me to become an accredited LWN 'Labour Women's Workshops' trainer.

I am dedicated to finding practical, inspiring ways of bringing us closer to achieving and maintaining equality for women in the Labour Party. I would like to help make this- and so much more- possible by continuing to serve on the LWN management committee.

I hope you will allow me the opportunity, and give me your vote.

Kiran Mahil, Bethnal Green and Bow CLP

When Labour wins, women win.

And after almost a decade of Tory rule – with women bearing the brunt of austerity, seeing services slashed and dreams destroyed, a victory for women across the country is urgently needed. Labour must regain power soon.

Women are getting wise to the devastation the Tories have wreaked. At the last election, women were more likely than men to vote Labour. No doubt thanks to the fact that our policies and our party were more in tune with their lives. This does not just happen. LWN has played a vital role in ensuring that women are seen, heard and elevated to positions of power within our party and I want to build on this.

If elected, I will

- Ensure training events and networks are offered around the country. As one of the first Jo Cox Women in Leadership Programme trainees, my experience was enriched by sisters from across the UK. LWN events should be held in every region and nation.
- Encourage more flexible and bespoke mentoring opportunities. As a working mum of two young daughters, I understand we all have pressures on our time. Greater use of technology can result in more meaningful and manageable mentoring programmes.
- Enable the next generation to play an active role in LWN and the party. As a teacher, I am inspired by the energy and ideas young people have – particularly when it comes to smashing the patriarchy!

I hope I can count on your support.

Emily Beatrice Morris, Birmingham Northfield CLP

I first became political aged 18 when I published a support booklet for young adults whose parents separated and is now being used by the NHS and Ministry of Justice nationwide. I joined the Labour Party one year after and I have a track record of creating change.

Unfortunately, I have noticed that many members are disillusioned because women are often neglected. It is wrong that Brexit will hit women the most and women are still facing harassment in their CLPs. It is 2018 and it is time for change.

As a working class disabled woman from Birmingham, I want to ensure Labour sticks close to its roots so everyone feels welcome in our party.

Elect me and I will:

1. Inclusion: Implement a sexual harassment and anti-bullying procedure to protect every woman from harmful behaviour;
2. Democratic: Relentlessly fight for greater accountability by ensuring women's voices is at the heart of every policy. This includes calling out any panels which exclude women and conducting research on the policies women greatly need;
3. Sustainability: Focus on raising money to sustain the organisation to enable greater training, mentioning and for events you must pay to attend, a reduced cost for those who are unemployed or in education;
4. Accessibility: Ensure events are accessible for all. This would include guaranteeing all videos on the LWN website has subtitles and safe spaces at every event.

Elect me and I will not stop until progress is made for every woman

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Folasade Oduja, Erith and Thamesmead CLP

Worked in international development at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, for 21 years in the areas of HR, governance and institutional development, gender development, youth development and economic development. I served on the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Secretariat Staff Association, in the positions of grade representative and Vice-Chairperson, both elected positions for about six years combined. My role was to represent staff to senior management on various matters that concerned them for better conditions of service and at work.

I am an active member of my local church where I volunteer once a month to serve full English breakfast to low-income persons. We have assisted some service users become fully rehabilitated into the community, in full-time employment and accommodation.

I am genuinely interested in advocacy, good governance and equity in diversity. I have a reputation for openness, loyalty, courage and hard work. I am results-oriented, have good organisational skills with a strong drive for making impact.

I was one of the Councillor candidates in the West Heath Ward for the May 2018 elections and currently serve as Membership Secretary for the Thamesmead East Ward.

Geraldine Rolfe, Eastbourne CLP

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I have been a member of the Labour Party for many years. I moved from London to Eastbourne in January 2017 and found living in a Tory/Libdem constituency almost unbearable. I am now the CLP Women's Officer. I am also the Vice Chair of East Sussex Co-operative party, Equalities Officer for South Coast Unite Community, Treasurer for Unite Community Eastbourne Group.

I was lucky enough to quickly meet up with two amazing Labour women who had also recently moved into town. In November 2017 we launched our Women's Forum which has gone from strength to strength. We currently have a committee of nine committed women. However none of this was easy, while I received outward support, behind the scenes attempts were made to block every angle. But this did not stop us. I was determined to find a way to give local Eastbourne women a voice. I have since discovered many more amazing women who were waiting to be found. Women are campaigners with a heart and soul and their tenacity can be unbreakable. I want women to know that there are strong women waiting and willing to help support them every step along their way to achieving more fairness - more equality, with progression on their own terms and not on the terms of the old boy network. Many women feel too intimidated to step forward but when these women are encouraged I have personally discovered that they are invincible and obviously have a wide range of skills and talents.

Nan Sloane, Leeds North East CLP

I am asking you to re-elect me to ensure that LWN continues to be a strong feminist voice in the Labour Party.

As co-ordinator of LWN's highly successful training programme I am proud to have been able to work with so many amazing Labour women across the country over the last few years. But there is still much more to do, particularly in terms of women's power and agency and our ability to participate equally at every level.

The current political environment is often hostile to women, both on and off line. LWN has worked hard during the last couple of years both to support women's activism and

to demand measures such as independent complaints processes and the implementation of current rules around positive action for candidates. This work needs to continue and expand, and I would be honoured if you would allow me to continue to contribute to it.

If re-elected, I will continue to fight for women's rights and representation at every level of the Party's life, including in policy-making and public office. I will continue to support and equip women to help and develop both themselves and one another. And, especially since I live in Yorkshire, I will continue to work to make sure that Labour women from across the country and in all communities play a full part in our political life.

LWN is a unique political space for women. Please vote for me to continue to help us to grow and flourish.

Deeba Syed, Bethnal Green and Bow CLP

I'm standing for the LWN Management Committee because I am a proud feminist. I joined the Labour Party in 2011 because I am committed to equality. I believe this begins with greater gender representation in politics, especially in the Labour Party, the party of equality.

I will strive to talent spot and nurture BAME and disabled women like myself within the Party. I want more women to have the opportunity that I have graduating this year from the second cohort of the 'Jo Cox Women in Leadership' Programme.

I will ensure LWN expands its projects and fundraising efforts to create more access to training sessions and LWN conferences, so that more women can enter roles of leadership at all levels of politics, around the whole country.

As a woman currently going through the Labour Party's sexual harassment complaints process, I have been campaigning, using LWN's model CLP motion to change the process to be independent. I will champion this cause and fight sexism and other barriers women face to enter into political life. As the Chair of the Young Labour Lawyers, I've working on strengthening employee's rights in the face of sexual harassment and am also consulting on closing the gender pay gap.

I am Parliamentary Liaison for the Young Fabians and a mentee on the Fabian Women's Network Mentoring Scheme. I have previously been a Labour Party staffer to former

Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls. I am also an ambassador for the cross-party campaign 50:50 for an inclusive gender-balanced Parliament.

Jen Thornton, Cardiff Central CLP

Living in Cardiff working for an MP, I spend time in Westminster yet have a strong regional insight. I love being around the buzz but understand the frustration of living outside London when it feels like most events and opportunities are in the capital.

My experience in leadership roles within in the Party (CLP Women's Officer, LGBT Labour Wales Chair, Cardiff LCF Chair), and my significant role in two successful General Election campaigns, has given me the skills and confidence needed to be a strong addition to LWN's Management Committee.

I'm passionate about ensuring women are given training, support and networks needed to take on leadership roles. I've supported women by delivering training at conferences, enabling a record number of women candidates for last year's local elections and as a member of the campaign team which saw Carolyn Harris elected Welsh Labour's first ever Deputy Leader.

As one of the first Jo Cox Leadership Programme cohort I know first-hand the impact LWN's work can have. From that programme I've gained sisters and friends from every walk of life, and I couldn't be more thankful for their support and inspiration. My priority now is to give something back.

As a committee member I would push for:

- Regional representation, workshops and events right across the country
- A specific standing agenda item to keep a focus on what LWN is doing for BAME, disabled, LGBT+ and other marginalised women
- Continuing work on stamping out sexual harassment in our Party

Caroline Walsh, Eltham CLP

Having had a varied and rich career in Higher Education, I currently work in the private sector for a small family Expertise Witness and Mediation business.

Being born with Spina Bifida, having a visible disability, before the 1981 Education Act that allowed Disabled children to start to be integrated into mainstream school, feminism activism started at an early age.

Been the first in the borough where I live to go to mainstream school instilled in me at an early age the sense of responsibility for creating positive opportunities for the next generation to build on. - Particularly disabled girls who it became apparent to me early on were disadvantaged by gender and disability.

I would go on not only to gain an education (something not an automatic given for disabled children in the 1980s) but 2 Masters and a varied career.

It would be an honour to represent you. As seen from the NHS March in 2014, where I played a key role in supporting leading sisters, I am not afraid to roll up my sleeves and get stuck in at all levels to help our sisters in leadership roles as a team player, to advance our causes.

Having stood in the local elections and seen first hand the real tangible physical and attitudinal barriers disabled women face, and been actively involved in the democracy review I would use my role on the committee to build and develop this agenda with others.