

Welsh Labour Grassroots

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The Home for Momentum in Wales

NATIONAL POLICY FORUM ELECTION 2018 (WELSH CLPs)

Nominate Tony Beddow, Mike Bird, Maggie Simpson and Sophie Williams

The four seats representing Welsh constituency parties on the National Policy Forum – Labour’s main policy-making body – are to be elected once again by a ballot of all members in Wales. The members listed below are seeking your CLP’s nomination before the deadline of **22nd June**. They are supported by Welsh Labour Grassroots (WLG), the centre-left activists’ network which is Momentum’s sister-organisation in Wales. They would seek to build on the success of Labour’s radical and hugely popular 2017 general election manifesto and would work to make a success of any reforms to our policy-making process that might come out of the current Democracy Review. They would circulate detailed written reports on every NPF meeting and would be happy to give verbal reports to any Welsh CLP.



TONY BEDDOW

Swansea West CLP, membership no: A917423

Tony's first election campaign for the party was in 1959 and he became a member four years later. He served as branch secretary of Llanmorlais Branch for 15 years, has been Chair of Gower CLP on several occasions, Chair of the Swansea County Labour Party and panel secretary. He was agent for Martin Caton MP in the 2010 general election and Liz Evans in 2015. Following a long career in the NHS, Tony was appointed as a special advisor to Edwina Hart in 2007/8 to assist her in removing the NHS internal market in Wales. Tony has been an NPF member since 2015, serving on the Health and Social Care Commission.



MIKE BIRD

Aberconwy CLP, membership no. A628473

Mike is committed to developing socialist policies, building on the wonderful 2017 manifesto delivered under Jeremy Corbyn’s leadership. A Labour Party member for 30 years and a lifelong trade unionist, Mike was probably the single biggest contributor to an earlier policy round. He’s been a CLP Secretary for 15 of the last 20 years, a delegate to UK and Welsh Labour Conferences and to the Welsh Policy Forum and an agent at numerous elections. He is a past WLG Secretary and sits on the Momentum National Coordinating Group.



MAGGIE SIMPSON

Cardiff Central CLP, membership no: A437318

Maggie has been an active party member in Wales since 1981. She is currently her branch chair, Women’s Forum vice chair and was an agent in the last local elections. She is Labour Link officer in her Unison branch and has served as Wales low paid rep on Unison’s National Joint Consultative Committee. She worked to achieve policy on All Women Shortlists and has campaigned on equalities issues, on peace and for an end to austerity. She says “With Jeremy Corbyn’s leadership, and our popular election manifesto, our party has been reinvigorated. I want to serve on the NPF to help develop our offer to the electorate.”



SOPHIE WILLIAMS

Cardiff West CLP, membership no: L0084960

Sophie has been a party member for 12 years, joining when she was 16. She has held officer positions at branch and CLP level and is currently Secretary of Cardiff West CLP. In that capacity, she has coordinated the campaign for OMOV in Welsh Labour leadership and deputy leadership elections. She is a socialist and trade unionist, passionately committed to the direction that party is currently taking under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn in the UK, while also fully supportive of further devolution and proud of the progressive track record of our Welsh Government.



NPF Welsh CLPs’ Youth seat – nominate ELLY OWEN

Cardiff Central CLP, membership no: L1305102

There is also a seat on the NPF representing young Labour party members in Wales, which will be elected by young members themselves. We would ask you to nominate Elly Owen for election to this position. Elly is President of Cardiff Labour Students, and was a Welsh Labour Students delegate to Welsh Labour Conference last year, where she spoke on the need to make healthcare more accessible. On campus she’s been making the Labour case for the Student Union to become a living wage employer, and coordinating Labour students with Cardiff UCU in the ongoing strike action.