

Dear CLP Secretary, Labour stands on the threshold of history. The job of the NPF (National Policy Forum) is to ensure Labour has an election winning manifesto. Members are key. The elections take place this summer using OMOV. Each CLP can nominate up to 4 members in the CLP senior section plus a Youth member for the Eastern Region. At least 2 of the senior positions must be women. Grassroots candidates are committed to representing your views, reporting back and encouraging engagement. Please nominate Grassroots Alliance candidates.

To make nominations, log on to Membersnet. Go to Party Activity, click CLP nominations

Russell Cartwright - A065724 - Luton South CLP 0780 444 5904 cartwrightr@hotmail.co.uk – Unite A sitting member of the National Policy Forum. I have been a CLP secretary for most of the time since 1990, and a member of the Regional Board as well as holding other posts in the Party. In my union, Unite, I am a member of its National Political Committee and have previously been an Executive Committee member. I am a member of the Co-op Party. The austerity policies of the Conservative-led governments need to be consigned to the dustbin, so that people can benefit from a sustainable growth in the economy. Labour needs to promote economic equality, increase public expenditure and expand public ownership if it is to secure a majority next time.



Shelly Darwin - L0148384 - Ipswich CLP 07950641063 Shelly.Darwin@gmail.com – Unite Community As an active Councillor, I listen and hear where Labour can help our communities. Members voices must be heard loud and clear. I am, unfortunately both personally and through my work experience, well aware of many inequalities and injustices that exist within our society and the detrimental impact this can have on the lives and life chances of so many. I am firmly leadership supporting and inspired by the hope Labour can and is offering. Clarity and simplicity helps voters see that Labour are the party for them. I am passionate that our policy should be accessible and understandable. We can build on the strong policy foundations of our last manifesto to bring about a Labour government for the many.



Paul Hunt - L0147025 - Harwich and North Essex CLP 07913954445 Paulhunt28@yahoo.co.uk – UCU For years I worked as an independent human rights expert in the United Nations. My role was to hold countries accountable, especially in relation to workers' rights and social rights. Now, as a professor in human rights at Essex University, I want to bring this experience home. Working with others, I believe I can help the Party strengthen and deliver its exciting social policies in *For the Many not the Few*. I believe in putting people - especially disadvantaged people and communities - at the centre. If elected to the NPF, I would work very hard to provide a dynamic link between regional CLPs and the NFP.



Jo Rust - L1151270 - North West Norfolk CLP 07789 960 815 jo4nn3rust@hotmail.co.uk – Unite & GMB I have a long standing history of activism within our party and the trade union movement. I stand up for and speak out on behalf of my local community, the NWN CLP members, trade union members and those who are in need. I want to make sure that the voice of those I represent embedded into Labour Party policy. I want to continue to help shape our policy making so that our Labour Party manifesto strikes exactly the right chord with the voters when we next go to the polls. I was proud to have helped shape our manifesto in 2017 and to see how much it appealed to so many voters, against the odds stacked against us by a right wing, biased media. By continuing the work already started I can see no reason why we should not achieve total success next time, knocking an unelected Theresa May and her nasty government out of the leadership and seeing Jeremy Corbyn take charge for a fairer, more democratic government.



YOUTH CANDIDATE Owen Hooper – L1273686 – Basildon & Billericay CLP 07449826803 Hooper.owen@outlook.com - NUS As a student, I feel passionate about adopting policies that restore hope back to young people whether that be restoring lost Youth centres, establishing a national education service or providing meaningful apprenticeships. Young people have paid a heavy price for this Conservative government that is why I will argue for a better deal for young people. I will act as a voice for our grassroots young members who have faced years of neglect from this incompetent Government. I will listen and to the best of my ability convey the policies that you, the members would like to see in our election winning manifesto. Where possible I would like to meet as many young member groups across the eastern region to have a real discussion on the future policies of the party.





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Dear Colleague,

As a sitting member of the National Policy Forum, I am writing to seek your CLP's nomination for the NPF in the East of England for re-election this year.

In order to see Labour in power, we need to build on the successful manifesto from last year's Election. That manifesto will be seen as a tombstone for the disastrous neo-liberal policies inflicted on working people over the past three decades and more.

The austerity policies of the Conservative-led governments need to be consigned to the dustbin, so that people can benefit from a sustainable growth in the economy. If re-elected I will be supporting policies based on the 2017 manifesto and on Jeremy Corbyn's re-election platform.

It is clear that Labour needs to provide different solutions to the problems that the people of Britain will face after another five years of a hostile government. Attempting to get closer to Tory economic policy with proposals of cuts never found favour with Labour's supporters.

Full employment, a guarantee of secure homes, security at work a fully-funded NHS and a national education service are aims we will all share. Integrating social care with health care is an obvious and long-awaited objective.

Labour needs to promote economic equality, increase public expenditure and expand public ownership if it is to secure a majority next time. Labour did not cause the economic crisis and before 2010 did much to minimise the impact of the banking collapse.

Expanding the economy and re-establishing full employment is the way forward. Such a strategy worked in the decades after 1945 following the course established by the great Attlee government and later sustained by Labour under Harold Wilson.

I have been a CLP secretary for most of the time since 1990, and a member of the Regional Board as well as holding other posts in the Party. In my union, Unite, I am a member of its National Political Committee and have previously been an Executive Committee member. I am a member of the Co-op Party.

I hope you will also nominate **Jo Rust**, **Paul Hunt** and **Shelly Darwin**, plus **Owen Hooper** for the Youth seat. Nominations may be made by CLP Secretaries via Membersnet (under the 'Party Activity' tab) and the closing date is 22 June.

Yours in comradeship,

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Shelly Darwin



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CLP NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL POLICY FORUM (DIVISION 1 - CLP SECTION)

I'm seeking nomination to stand for the NPF. I'm excited by this opportunity and would value your support. I am ready to hear from members and to feedback regularly, to move forwards with shaping our manifesto for whenever a general election comes. Hopefully I will be a part of the forum to help shape that manifesto and please remember that not only do I need your nomination, I'm also asking you to trust me with your vote when voting opens in the summer.

- I stand for real social change; lessening the disadvantages of inequality and poverty in our society. Representation matters; I firmly believe that our party must be relatable, engaging, welcoming and open. I am a champion for equal opportunities and equality and continue to challenge and raise awareness in all that I do.
- Public services should be run for the good of people not profit. I have campaigned and demonstrated against cuts to our children's centres, the fire service, education and in support of our NHS. As a single parent, a qualified teacher and having worked in youth justice; I fight for a better future for all children and young people.
- Have been both young labour officer and women's officer on Ipswich CLP Executive and worked to increase engagement and strived to represent members' views and opinions throughout.
- I'm an active trade unionist and branch equality officer for Suffolk Unite Community, which has become a powerful local campaigning group.
- Ipswich Councillor since 2015. Through interactions with residents and as a regular doorstep campaigner, I have seen that a people are best shielded from this vicious Tory government by a Labour council.
- I am firmly leadership supporting and am inspired by the hope labour can and is offering. Clarity and simplicity helps voters see that labour are the party for them. I am passionate that our policy should be accessible and understandable. We can build on the strong policy foundations of our last manifesto to bring about a Labour government for the many.

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Seeking nomination/support for election to the National Policy Forum (Eastern Region)

I'm a democratic socialist. I believe in putting people and communities -- especially disadvantaged people and communities -- at the centre. They should be the centre of both the policy-making process and the policies themselves.

If elected to the National Policy Forum for the Eastern Region one of my most important tasks would be to provide a dynamic link between regional CLPs and the NPF. I would take members' views to the NPF and report back to members about discussions at the NPF. Regularly, I would report by email/social media and be very pleased to discuss in person whenever invited by CLPs. I would be at your disposal.

In the 1980s, I was elected to the National Council of CND and then began to work in the United Nations and live in different parts of the world, including the Occupied Palestinian Territories, West Africa and New Zealand. As an independent UN expert, it was my responsibility to assess the human rights records of countries and present my reports directly to the UN General Assembly. In short, my role was to hold governments accountable without fear or favour.

My particular expertise is workers' rights and social rights e.g. the social rights to affordable housing, education, healthcare, social care, and social security based on respect not sanctions. I especially look at poverty reduction and equality.

Recently, as a professor in human rights at Essex University, I have focussed on workers' rights and social rights *in the UK*. These vital human rights are routinely violated up and down the country. Now I spend as much time as I can campaigning for the Labour Party and workers' and social rights in my own country. Last year saw the publication of my report, *Social Rights are Human Rights – but the UK System is Rigged*, with a Foreword by Paul Mason.

I am an active member of my CLP, Branch (Wivenhoe) and trade union (UCU). In recent weeks, I have been on the picket line for UCU. I've attended the Party's recent Annual (Liverpool, Brighton) and Regional (Southend, Huntingdon) Conferences.

For years I have worked on policies in *other* countries. Now I am keen to bring this experience home. Working with others, I believe I can help the Party strengthen and safeguard its exciting policies in *For the Many not the Few*. I am especially interested in social policy (education, housing, health/social care) and international development.

I would be greatly honoured to have your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

In solidarity,
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Requesting nomination and support for re-election to the National Policy Forum (Eastern Region)

I'm a passionate believer in democracy and putting our members are the heart of our party. I will be an accountable voice of the Eastern region membership and ensure that they are empowered to participate in the policy-making process and the policies themselves.

If re-elected to the National Policy Forum for the Eastern Region, one of my most important tasks would be to provide an active and proactive link between Eastern region CLPs and the NPF. I would continue to take the views of our members to the NPF and report back to the membership about decisions and discussions by the NPF. I would continue to make myself available to attend CLP meetings and report back directly to members.

I have been an active member of the NPF for the past 3 years. However, this experience and my participation as I had anticipated, has been marred by leadership challenges and then interrupted by Theresa May's snap general election. The NPF has only met as a whole twice since I was elected. However, I have been a regular contributor to policy making and am proud to see several of my contributions included in the policy document. This is evidence that the NPF continue to have a role in the policy making process. However, I will continue to push for greater democracy and to ensure our membership felt they were playing an active path in the way our policies are shaped.

I am an activist both in my work role and outside, in my spare time. I work for UNISON and carry on my support for workers' rights outside the workplace. I am active in my community and care deeply about social rights, affordable housing, education, healthcare, social care, and genuine social security which offers those in the need support to get back on their feet, or to live a life of dignity and respect. I attend Borough Council meeting as an observer and member of the public and exert my democratic right to ask questions of the councillors who claim to represent me. As a result of this our Tory led council has been forced to take action over the serious and heart breaking matter of homelessness in a way they would not have been likely to do otherwise.

I am the secretary of NWN CLP. I am a member of UNITE and the GMB. I am the secretary of King's Lynn and District Trades Council and have led this organisation since I helped to reform it in 2009. I have stood for parliament twice – 2015 and 2017. Both times I increased the number of labour party votes. Under my leadership, and along with the Jeremy Corbyn phenomena, I have seen an increase in our CLP membership and we have transformed the CLP into an active, campaigning group, most recently taking an anti-war demo to the streets in response to Theresa May's decision to inflict air strikes on Syria with no Parliamentary vote.

Your continued support would mean I can carry on the work which has been interrupted by too many leadership challenges and a snap general election, and I would be privileged to be your representative on the Forum.

If you have any questions or queries please get in touch via email or phone .

In solidarity
Jo

OWEN HOOPER

Youth Candidate for National Policy Forum Election 2018



It is my firm belief that we can live in a more equal society, where poverty is not accepted as the norm but challenged, where opportunity is given to all and not just reserved for those privileged enough. That is why I am standing for a place on Labours National Policy Forum this summer as a Youth representative. I, like many other members want to see the triumph of anti-austerity policies, the return of our treasured public services into the hands of its users and strive for a truly equal society.

I will act as a voice for our grassroots young members who have faced years of neglect from this incompetent Conservative Government. I will listen and to the best of my ability convey the policies that you, the members would like to see in our election winning manifesto. Where possible I would like to meet as many young member groups across the eastern region to have a real discussion on the future policies of the party.

I joined the party after the general election defeat of 2015 and have been an active member ever since Jeremy Corbyn was elected. Since then, I have played an active role in my CLP campaigning in borough, county and even a general election helping great candidates get elected. I am currently serving my second year as Youth Officer for Basildon + Billericay and South Basildon and East Thurrock CLP's. As well as this I have taken on the role of branch chair in the past. It has been an honour to serve local members in these positions over the years and wish to continue this service as your Youth Representative on the National Policy Forum.

As a student currently studying Mathematics at UEA, education is and has always been a key part of my life. That is why I feel so passionately about adopting policies that restore hope back to young people whether that be restoring lost Youth centres, establishing a national education service or providing meaningful apprenticeships to those post. Young people have paid a heavy price for this Conservative government that is why I will argue for a better deal for young people.

I hope that you will elect me to represent the voice of young members in the Eastern Region. Together, we can build on the 2017 manifesto and create policies that deliver not just for young people but the whole country.

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