

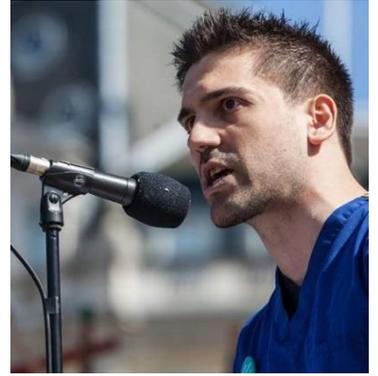
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Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (London).

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About me:

I am a full-time doctor proud to be working in the NHS. I work as an infectious diseases doctor in a London hospital. As an NHS activist and as a trade unionist in a national position I was one of the leaders of the junior doctors' industrial action. I have published on the political economy of health inequalities and I have contributed to the policy-formation process of several organisations; I am an elected representative of the British Medical Association and Medact (a campaigning charity). In the Labour party I have been CLP delegate to conference, a long-standing local GC delegate, and an elected member of the Momentum NCG since March 2017. I have organised and spoken at numerous meetings on both NHS and wider political issues.

Why do I want to serve on the National Policy Forum?

The Labour Party is in the process of a transformation that will have implications for millions of people in this country and for generations to come. Now is the time to ensure that Labour Party policy truly reflects the reason and good sense of the Labour membership.

I have the knowledge to really contribute to ensuring that Labour health-and-social care policy is the best of any Party in the world. Due to my role as a working doctor and active trade unionist I am well aware of the challenges of translating policy into practice and the need to build broad alliances in order to gain "buy-in" for that policy. I also possess the authority and experience to bring valuable insights to the Labour Party policy formation process as whole. Beyond health I also have a special interest in housing, education and international issues.

Method

Were I to be elected to the NPF I would ensure that my link with members continues beyond the election period. I will maintain a full two-way relationship between the NPF and Labour members throughout the year and I will encourage my colleagues to do the same. The NPF needs to be part of the democratic transformation that the Party is experiencing. The NPF also needs to assert itself and be committed to upholding member-led Conference policy; and defending it against those who would seek to dilute it.

Philosophy

Labour Party policy should not be beholden to commercial interests or to the vagaries of management consultants. It should reflect the will of the members and be ever focused on the ultimate goal: delivering a flourishing, egalitarian society, built on the democratic participation of every single person in this country.

I humbly seek your nomination.

Thank you.

Yannis