



London Left Regional Executive Committee Report

Report Back from Momentum, London Labour Left and CLPD members on the London Regional Executive Committee (REC).

Jargon Buster:

REC - Regional Executive Committee

ALC - Association of Labour Councillors

BAME - Black Asian and Minority Ethnic

CAC - Conference Arrangements Committee

CLP - Constituency Labour Party

LGBTQ+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+

NCC - National Constitutional Committee

NEC - National Executive Committee

NPF - National Policy Forum

MEP - Member of the European Parliament

LCF - Local Campaign Forum

RD - Regional Director

DRD - Deputy Regional Director

This was the first meeting of the new London Regional Executive Committee, previously known as the London Regional Board.

The Labour Left REC members were elected at the London Regional Conference, held early March 2019, and represent a considerable majority on the REC.

Left REC members were elected on a platform of **greater communication, transparency, party democracy** and **active campaigning**.

Our key aims are to:

- *Ensure that Conference motions are acted upon in a meaningful way (and for them not to simply disappear into a galactic black hole, as our Vice Chair aptly puts it).*
- *Ensure that our London Labour Mayoral Manifesto reflects the views of our hugely expanded new membership.*
- *Ensure that members are regularly engaged and included with the work on the board.*

Agenda

Introduction & Item 1: Apologies.

The meeting opened with a welcome from Jim Kelly in the Chair.

Sadiq Khan sent his apologies. We have made it clear that Sadiq has a standing invitation to all future meetings and believe it would be productive to see him more regularly.

The Chair, Jim Kelly, explained that he and the Vice Chair, Seema Chandwani, have also been in touch with Sadiq's office in order to establish a working relationship. This will be particularly important when we begin working on policy to be included in the next Mayoral Manifesto.

The REC has some responsibility for the Mayoral Manifesto. We stood on a platform of empowering members and affiliates to shape this. Above all else this means ensuring that it includes the Regional Conference motions passed overwhelmingly this March.

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting

Induction meetings were held shortly after London Conference, to establish the relationship between the London REC and the London Regional Office. REC members also received training and guidance on the nitty gritty of the various responsibilities of the REC, including appeals and PPC selections.

Item 3: Regional EC Annual Work Programme and Calendar

We agreed we would work on motions from Conference and that we would ensure a timetable is urgently drawn up to work on policy proposals for a Mayoral Manifesto working group to look at.

We also agreed that an equalities project would be discussed with the Liberation Officers, RD and regional office staff. Officers will report back on these discussions at the next REC meeting.

Regional Conference Motions

Item 3: Regional Conference Motions

We went through each motion individually and set up working groups to begin bringing the motion proposers from CLPs together, along with those with the necessary policy experience and representatives from various trade unions.

The working groups will take the motions forward and formulate action plans to bring back to a future Regional Board meeting. They will also bring policy ideas forward for discussion with the board and the Mayoral Manifesto working group.

It was agreed that the working groups will be supported by the London Regional office team in terms of room bookings and note-taking during meetings.

Conference Policy Working Groups:

1. Housing - The Grenfell Tower Atrocity
2. Housing in London
3. Racism and the Far Right
4. Workers' Rights
5. Advocating Transparency of the BAME Pay Gap
6. Local Government Austerity (*anti-cuts campaigning*)

It was agreed that the Local Government Austerity motion should be split into 2 working groups. The first will look at the instructions regarding campaigning against Local Government austerity. The elements of the motion which refer to NRPF and institutional racism have been referred to a new working group.

7. Local Government Austerity - (NRPF)
8. Crime & Policing
9. Modern Slavery
10. Making Misogyny a Hate Crime
11. Climate Change

In total we established 12 working groups!

Item 5: Assembly Member Selections / Mayoral Campaign

At present all PPC Selections, GLA Trigger Ballots and meetings have been put on hold due to the upcoming European elections. There will be a backlog of meetings to take place in June and deadlines will need to be rearranged.

The meeting agreed that the content of all the Conference Motions be brought to the attention of the Mayoral campaign team and for dialogue to be opened up between the Working Groups and the Mayoral team, coordinated by the Chair, Vice Chair and Regional Director.

Item 6: Appeals

Submissions from REC members to apply to be panellists have been solicited via closed (non-visible) Doodle Polls and the Regional Office has then chosen the panelists. This was raised with the Regional Director (RD), Hazel Flynn; it was agreed that going forwards this process must be transparent, and that the Chair and Vice Chair must be included in the panel selection processes. The meeting asked that the same principle be applied for PPC Selection processes as well.

Item 7: Reports

Reports were submitted in writing ahead of the meeting. These included reports from: Chair, Regional Director, Disabilities, BAME, LGBT+, Women, Youth, TULO, London Assembly, Local Government, PLP, European, NPF Reps.

The EU elections were raised and there was a general discussion about the campaign. The importance of ensuring that communities across London are registered to vote was highlighted. RD agreed to look into this with some urgency.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

I'm sure it will shock you as much to read this as it does for me to write it but, you've read that correctly - we finished 5 minutes early! The next meeting will be held in 3 months time.

S u m m a r y

The new left-led REC is full of energy and enthusiasm and we are committed to delivering the promises on which members and affiliates elected us.

The new REC has taken steps to open up communications and establish a working dialogue with the Mayor and the GLA team. We hope that this will be a positive

step forward in improving the accountability of the GLA and Mayoral team to the wider movement.

The new Regional Director, Hazel Flynn, has been making positive strides to enable greater communication between the Regional office and the REC and to encourage London-wide campaigns led by the REC.

Left members have requested that the Regional Office look at arranging a webpage for the London REC, so that members can find out how to make contact with the new officers and reps. Watch this space!

CLP Sections

This segment is intended to give a general overview of campaigns and events taking place in the CLP sections across London. Many of the CLP reps will want to provide separate reports, tailored to their local areas. If you cannot see any activity for your section then it is likely you will receive a separate report.

Section 3 Activity

Lambeth comrades are currently engaged in campaigns against the closure of children's centres and against estate regeneration.

Southwark comrades are involved in the 'Divest from Barclays' climate change campaigns and against social cleansing.

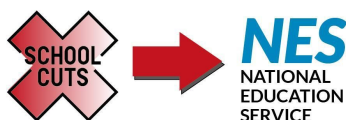
Croydon comrades are hosting a 'London Rent Party', to launch a new private renters union, and events on how to combat the far right.

Section 7 Activity

All Labour Party members are welcome to join this public meeting organised by Hendon Labour Party and Barnet comrades.

EDUCATION UNDER A LABOUR GOVERNMENT

From fighting cuts to the NES



PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

The Old Hendon
Ex-Servicemen's Club
12 Heriot Rd, Hendon,
London NW4 2DG

Trains: Hendon Central
(TFL), Hendon Station
(Thameslink)

Buses: 83,183, 240

Maryam Asaria - Teacher, NEU

Martin Powell Davies - NEU

London Regional Sec

Jumbo Chan - Teacher, Labour

Councillor for Kensal Green, NEU

David Pinto-Duschinsky - Labour

Parliamentary Candidate for Hendon

Book your ticket via Eventbrite



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