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1.	Akhtar	Fozia	NEC	BAME
2.	Azam	Mohammed	NEC	
3.	Baxter	Johanna	NEC	
4.	Bird	Jo	NEC	
5.	Collins	Alexa	NEC	
6.	Dasgupta	Rohit	NEC	BAME
7.	Dent	Fiona	NEC	
8.	Dhuhul	Nura Ali	NEC	BAME
9.	Dolor	Kandy	NEC	BAME
10.	Durham	Graham	NEC	
11.	Godber	Cheryl	NEC	
12.	Iqbal	Chaudhry Qamer	NEC	BAME
13.	Jackman	Jermain	NEC	BAME
14.	Jama	Nadia	NEC	
15.	Josan	Gurinder Singh	NEC	
16.	Middleton	Rick	NEC	
17.	Mirza	Mehmood	NEC	BAME
18.	Owladi	Peyman	NEC	
19.	Oyewusi	Omolola	NEC	BAME
20.	Plater	Thomas	NEC	
21.	Sherriff	Paula	NEC	
22.	Sunkmanitu	Villayat	NEC	BAME
23.	Townsend	Lauren	NEC	
24.	Walker	Paul	NEC	
25.	Webb	Chris	NEC	
26.	Williams	Trish	NEC	
27.	Woolford	Ray	NEC	
28.	Woolley	Iram	NEC	BAME



Championing Equality!



Dear Colleague,

I'm writing to you and your CLP to ask your support in my bid to get the selection to be the BAME Representative on NEC.

In 2019 The General Secretary has set out three key objectives:

TO ORGANISE I will create opportunities, encourage and promote Labour values at local and national level

TO GROW I will work to support existing members, whilst bringing new people from all backgrounds into the Labour movement

TO WIN I have campaigned tirelessly for the party for over 30 years and will continue to support candidates at all levels

I will be a fresh voice and advocate for the silent majority in issues that will benefit the community and country alike

I will fight passionately for the people as I believe that it is time for change and to move forward

I am a strong woman, with strong principles and a sense of values and a vast amount of life experience. I have been involved with the Labour Party since I was teenager working tirelessly for my community including over 20 years of experience working with diverse communities In 2012, I was elected to Llanelli Rural Council and in 2017 to Carmarthenshire County Council where I'm the only Labour County Councillor from the BAME community.

I work closely with groups that are at the forefront of promoting equality, including Race Council Cymru, Llanelli Multicultural Network and Women's | Community Network

I'm shadow cabinet member and Chair of the Communities Scrutiny committee a role in which I have the opportunity to bring about real change in Carmarthenshire

In 2019, I was selected for, and graduated from, The Bernie Grant Leadership programme set up to address the underrepresentation of BAME members as elected Labour politicians and in other leadership positions. The programme strengthened my resolve and gave me the tools to fight for the principles for which the Labour Party stands particularly as champions of Equality in society.

I'm a member of UNISON and the Co-operative Party and fully understand the importance of working collectively with our partners.

I hope I can count on your support

Yours sincerely

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National Executive Committee Election 2020

Constituency parties now have the chance to nominate for two CLP representatives on Labour's NEC.

The candidate below, Mohammed Azam, has previously served on the NEC. He is determined that Labour puts up a serious opposition to the Tory government's attacks on living standards and that the party systematically builds up the support necessary for Labour to win and form a government at the next general election - which must be the focus of attention of the NEC. He will also stand up for the rights of party members.

Mohammed Azam is backed by: the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy (CLPD), Labour Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (LCND), Labour Briefing Co-op and Kashmiris for Labour.

Please urge your CLP to consider nominating Mohammed Azam for one of the two by-election NEC seats.

CLPs will be making nominations for these two NEC places at the same meetings that are considering Leader and Deputy Leader nominations. A CLP's NEC nominations will be decided by a first-past-the-post ballot, in which each member at the meeting can vote to nominate a maximum of two people and must write the names of each person they wish to nominate clearly on the ballot paper. It will not be a preferential ballot, the method of voting being used for determining a CLP's Leader and Deputy nominations.

Mohammed Azam

If re-elected to the NEC this year I believe I can make a serious contribution to helping ensure Labour pursues the necessary progressive political agenda to win the next general election.

I will be on the side of our members and I support greater internal party democracy.

My political grounding is in grassroots activism and I have a longstanding history of championing social justice and political causes with conviction.

I have been at the forefront of a number of serious struggles: be it for better terms and conditions for my members as a union Convenor; or working to stop the deportation of my father due to racist Immigration laws; or leading the campaign to stop the rise of the far right as the coordinator of the "Unite to stop the BNP" campaign. I have always been with the oppressed rather than the oppressor.



Mohammed Azam

Party membership number: A602666

CLP: Oldham West & Royton

Having lost the 2019 election we must ensure that the party is fit for purpose for the future and that it follows on from the wonderful work done under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn.

I have previously served on the NEC, National Policy Forum (NPF), and as a Labour Councillor in Oldham at the difficult times of the riots and the rise of the BNP. My Labour Party roles have been wide and varied, including ward Branch Secretary.



JOHANNA
Baxter
for National Executive Committee

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A STRONG, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE WITH A TRACK RECORD OF PUTTING MEMBERS FIRST

We need a strong NEC that can rebuild the Labour Party after our election defeat – representatives with a track record of working constructively, engaging with and speaking up for you. As your representative on the NEC I visited over 118 CLPs – more than any other volunteer.

What I learned at these meetings inspires the changes I fight for – a fairer economy, a welfare system that delivers for those most in need, an end to employment tribunal fees and fairer selections. As a Scot I want to fight to keep Scotland in the UK and return the Scottish Labour Party to an election-winning force.

As a trade union official, I see the devastating effects of the Tory attacks on workers' basic rights every day so I know we need bold manifesto commitments to deliver a fairer society. Putting members first is my pledge, my priority and my politics. I've done it before – please help me do it again.

ABOUT JOHANNA

Johanna is the granddaughter of a Killoch Pit miner who has dedicated her life to the Labour movement.

An experienced grassroots activist Johanna has campaigned for the Party in every election since she joined aged 16. She has held officer positions at every level of the Party, including as the current Chair of Cunningham North CLP and member of the Scottish Executive Committee. She was previously Chair of the Southwark Labour Local Campaigns Forum, where she oversaw the selection of council candidates across the borough. She served on the NEC from 2010 to 2016 and was the CLP Secretary for Camberwell and Peckham Constituency and the Campaign Organiser for The Lane Branch Labour Party.

As a trade union official for over a decade she has fought a daily battle for better terms and conditions at work for thousands of employees in both the private and public sectors. Her first experience of activism involved representing fellow workers in a Glasgow call centre, as a CWU rep, whilst funding her own way through her degree in Politics and Law from Strathclyde University. She is currently the lead Trade Union negotiator for local government workers in Scotland, having recently secured the best pay deal in a decade.

Living in Scotland and not part of the Westminster Village, Johanna represents the bulk of the Party serving their communities as trade unionists, councillors and campaigners.

She has also enjoyed spells on the Young Fabians Executive, as a school governor in Birmingham and as guest editor for LabourList. In her spare time, Johanna is also a committed volunteer who has worked in some of Africa's poorest communities and with its most endangered animals.

CAN YOU HELP?

As an independent candidate, focused on serving you, I need your support to get elected. You can help by:

- Attending your CLP Leadership Nomination meeting between now and 14 February and proposing from the floor that the CLP nominates me
- Invite me to speak to your CLP. As you can see from my record I'm always keen to meet members so please do invite me and I will do my best to attend.
- Spread the word - tweet your support @JohannaBaxter, and encourage local members to vote for me at your meeting.

Cllr Jo Bird – Birkenhead CLP – NEC candidate

Cllr Jo Bird for NEC

Jewish Voice for Labour

Like many Labour party members, I was inspired to join the Labour Party by Jeremy Corbyn's vision of socialism for the many.

My Jewish great grandparents were refugees from fascism in Europe. In my lived experience, the Labour party is a welcoming home. My positive messages often go viral. For example, over 37,000 people viewed my [Jews are welcome in Labour](#) in October 2019. There is no place for antisemitism or any form of racism in our party. Our society and world needs more understanding and less hostility.

Raised by socialist, trade unionist parents in Birkenhead, as a teenager I collected food money for striking miners staying in our house in the 1980s. Recently, I've actively supported my union Unite and other trade unions campaigns against in-work poverty, for minimum wage for overnight care workers, against casualisation at Cammel Laird, for decent contracts at ASDA, as well as for democratic media in Ireland. Working with refugees, we set up an Arabic-Kurdish café and culture hub, because it is vital to offer safe sanctuary to every asylum seeker in our communities.

As your NEC representative, I will stand up for members, democracy and transparency at every opportunity. As Secretary of Wirral Labour Group, I ensure the rules of the Labour Party and natural justice are applied fairly to everyone.

Working with co-operatives and trade unions for 26 years, I know how to democratise and de-carbonise the economy, from housing and renewable energy to manufacturing and transport.

I continue to play a leading role in successful community and election campaigns, such as truth and justice for victims of disasters, saving NHS Walk In Centres, winning hearts and minds and swinging vote shares to Labour eg from 24% to 36% in May 2018 local elections.

I was dismayed to be (briefly) suspended from Labour in March 2019. My play on the words 'due process' and my comments about not privileging racism against Jews over other forms of racism, were alleged to be antisemitic. I apologised for any offence caused - that was not my intention – and was quickly re-instated after huge public outcry.

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CLP: Birkenhead, Merseyside

Membership number: A674976



17 October • 🌐

Like many Jewish members of the Labour Party, I don't recognise the evidence-free allegations made by Louise Ellman in her letter of resignation yesterday. The Labour Party stands for security and human rights for everyone.



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**Personal Statement to seek nomination to Labour's NEC as a CLP representative.
Alexa Collins – Beaconsfield CLP**

These are challenging times and our party must be supported by an NEC that guides us with consistent and effective management. Our NEC needs individuals with a clear, balanced approach to provide core support to our Party, to our staff and to our membership. I will provide that approach.

I live deep in the Tory heartlands. Over the last 5 years we have been changing hearts and minds, yet areas like mine, which are more rural or suburban have little or no representation within Labour Party processes. If we are to change hearts and minds into votes and credibility, it is essential to have people at the table to represent and support the thousands of members in these areas and bring about real change.

Further democratisation of the Labour Party is required and although much work has been done in this area, the rapid growth of our Party and the difficult issues that have been faced have at times overwhelmed our systems. The result has been a hugely negative media narrative over the last few years.

The recent General Election, in which I stood as Beaconsfield's Parliamentary Candidate, has shown that it's time to re-group and seriously examine our process and systems to ensure maximum effectiveness. I have the skills and experience to make a significant contribution to this effort.

Labour Party Experience

- Beaconsfield 2019 General Election Candidate
- Beaconsfield CLP Secretary
- Bucks Labour Chair (which is our LCF) across 5 constituencies;
- I have attended 5 Labour Conferences, twice as a delegate
- Policy submissions to the National Policy Forum
- At the last conference
 - I made several interventions on procedural issues
 - Brought about a change in Union policy to support policy submissions from CLPS
- Election Agent

Career and personal experience

My background has been in IT/Finance delivering systems into central and local government, including HM Treasury and The Scottish Office many councils and public bodies throughout the UK. I have also delivered finance systems into central and local banks in Africa and USA. I also ran my own business, built my own home and ran a business delivering large scale community music events.

Currently I work in local government as a Town Clerk, where I bring my wealth of experience and governance into a framework where I am able to make a contribution back to my local community.

I am a member of Unison and of the ALCC Union. I am an education campaigner, working with www.ComprehensiveFuture.org.uk to end selection and the 11+.

Please support my application to be a CLP representative on the NEC.

Alexa Collins

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Rohit K Dasgupta for BAME NEC seat
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I am a long standing member of the Labour Party, joining in 2010 after our general election defeat to campaign against the coalition austerity which continues taking a toll on our communities.

I am currently a Councillor in the London Borough of Newham, where I am also the Commissioner for Social inclusion and Equalities, an important portfolio given the multiple levels of inequality and poverty; areas such as mine face. I am also a lecturer at Loughborough University where I teach global communication and development. I research and write on areas of activism, race & ethnicity, gender & sexuality, communication and development

I have campaigned tirelessly for the Labour Party in various elections since 2009 becoming a parliamentary candidate for East Hampshire in 2017 and a European parliamentary candidate in 2019 for the South East region. My political journey springs from the work I have been doing as an anti racist/ LGBT campaigner. From challenging racism faced on the streets of Winchester to calling out homophobia within our own BAME communities, I believe we only win when all forms of bigotry and hate are eradicated. For far too long we have seen our communities divided along ethnicity, religion, gender and sexuality. I take an intersectional approach and believe that during these difficult times class solidarity is needed more than ever to build a movement against the Tory government.

I am a passionate trade unionist being a member of both GMB and UCU. I have organised pickets, protest marches and campaigned against pension cuts, precarious contracts, the hostile environment and more money towards SEND. I also sit on the executive of two socialist societies- LGBT Labour and Labour Movement for Europe.

The Labour party has a proud history of anti racism and standing up to all forms of bigotry- from the black sections to supporting the abolishment of section 28 as party policy. We need to however remember that this was not handed to us on a plate but was instead due to years of fighting by comrades who demanded recognition, who demanded a seat on the table and who demanded that we won't be silenced.

As your BAME NEC representative I promise that I shall always listen to all members, bring all parts of the party together and defend our democratic right within the party. I believe this means overhauling our complaints system, empowering our membership and standing up for fairness and equality.

My grandparents were refugees involved in the anticolonial struggle for freedom and one thing they taught me was we don't win alone; we win when we work together in unity. Our BAME umbrella whilst bringing our struggles together also hides the multiple levels of oppression certain communities continue facing due to the hostile environment. It is important that all those communities have greater representation within decision making.

I will end with the words of Audre Lorde-

For the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house. They may allow us to temporarily beat him at his own game, but they will never enable us to bring about genuine change

We need to do things differently to bring about genuine change and give real power to our BAME communities. I hope you will consider voting for me as we work towards a strong, democratic, socialist and radical Labour Party and Labour government.

FELLOW MEMBERS

I am asking please for your nomination to stand as your NEC CLP rep.

Along with CLP members around the country I want to see greater connectivity between leadership and local parties: During my 3 years on the National Policy Forum I did just that by helping fellow members to follow, engage and contribute to policy debate. Speaking at distant CLP meetings, running policy engagement sessions and campaigning in constituencies around the country from the North West to Cornwall. It was not easy due to some of the systems that we have in place but that experience tells me clearly that the NEC has a responsibility to help plan and take forward evolutionary changes to our methods of member involvement in a truly bottom up and sensitive manner.

I have not requested support from any slate because that would be to dilute my attention from my aim as stated above. However I am a loyal stalwart of our Party intent on being a part of unifying us and getting us fighting fit for the challenges ahead as well as helping to develop thoughtful changes to our ways of working that benefit and involve you and I - the members. Please drop one of your slate and choose me to do that job of work and I will report in writing regularly and address your concerns.

A Labour member since my early 20s, lifelong door knocker, held various CLP roles, blogger (eg Labourlist), Union woman - Unison- Unite - Artist's Union of England, Save Our NHS campaigner, Environmental campaigner, ex member of the Economy Commission, ex PPC in challenging constituencies and general washer upper.

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I've been a labour party member and activist for many years serving my local party with various campaign activities such as the following;

- West Midlands Police and Crime commissioner's campaigns
- West Midlands Metro Mayors campaigns
- Local councillor's campaigns
- Regional Member of parliament campaigns
- Elected Fabian Society Affiliate member for Hodge hill
- Member of Unite the Union
- Active member of various charities in local communities including member Of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, Birmingham Commonwealth Association, East African National Forum, Fellow of Birmingham Society

As a BAME member of the labour party I have always been committed to changing my community and our society for the better. I believe a diverse Labour party is both a strong and relevant party for us all.

We all know Labour has faced many challenges for failing to select more than a handful of BAME candidates for its target seats in the selections that took place over the past couple of months.

I fully support the Labour party "Democracy Review" report which is campaigning for the following;

- A radically reformed BAME structure with all who self-define as BAME automatically members
- Annual national BAME Conference with voting entitlement to mirror Annual Conference
- Each Region asked to organise a Regional BAME Conference
- Newly elected national and regional BAME Committees
- A BAME Officer on every Regional Executive Committee and regional networks
- Undertake a mapping exercise of BAME communities
- Evidence compiled to have reserved BAME seats on bodies such as CLP Executives and LGC with a higher percentage of reserved BAME seats in areas with high BAME population and under-representation

I believe we need a strong diverse NEC with a range of talents and experiences to face them. I believe we need a Labour Party that includes and works for all its members and listens to all its members.



KANDY DOLOR

Harrow East CLP- Membership: L1769028

I am Harrow East's CLP's Women's Officer.

I assist many vulnerable women and feel that I could contribute towards shaping the women's committee on the NEC.

I am a single mother with two children, my oldest child who is fifteen has special needs.

I volunteer much of my time to supporting vulnerable women who have been abandoned by their partners during pregnancy.

I do this because I once experienced this type of heartbreak myself and it resulted in me suffering from severe anxiety, depression and personal loss.

I had no support, there was no organisation I could turn to who could relate to exactly what I was going through.

I was living in both fight and flight mode for a long time until I decided to just fight and ended up creating the support system I had so much needed for myself.

I recovered from the depression then I wrote a book called 'Abandoned Pregnant' about my experience- that book caused women from all over the world to reach out to me with their stories.

From there KandyCares Charity was born, that was in 2014 and six years on I am still supporting and motivating vulnerable women including young teenage girls.

Much has come to my attention through hearing the stories of many women and I have also done a lot of research during this time discovering the many different connections between various concerning issues surrounding the absence of fathers and how it affects children as they grow older. I have identified links between things such as knife crime, drugs, school truancy, teen pregnancy and so much more.

I have seen for myself the damage universal credit is causing single parents. I recently lost a lifelong friend who was a single parent to cancer and know just how important our NHS is and will join the fight to protect it.

I would like to take my information and experiences along with all that I have seen, heard and learnt for myself and from other women and their unfortunate circumstances to the National Executive Committee so that I can contribute towards making positive changes for single mothers and their children.

Jeremy Corbyn has been supportive of my movement.

However, Boris Johnson and the candidate for Mayor Of London Shaun Bailey have both made it clear what they think about women who are single mothers and their children.

We must show single parent families that we care about them, I can't express how massively important this is and what a difference we can make by doing this.

Our society needs to be more understanding and less judgmental and hostile. As an NEC representative I will work with Labour party members and NEC members to better represent single parent families and empower single parents including their children at every opportunity.

A Campaigning Socialist on the Labour NEC who will Keep His Promises:

Nominate **Graham Durham**

For CLP NEC PLACE

5 KEY PLEDGES

Dear Labour Party Comrades,

In the absence of any democratically agreed left slate, I have been asked by many comrades across Scotland, Wales and England to stand for one of the two CLP NEC places to ensure a socialist candidate is on the ballot. Please nominate me at your CLP members meeting if you want:

- 1 Full support for Party democracy especially open selection of NPs at each election
- 2 To transform the Labour Party into a campaigning party that defends trade union activity and workers struggles and helps communities to organise to resist every Tory cut and privatisation.



WE FIGHT ON FOR PEACE
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 28 January 2020

3 No outsourcing of disciplinary or other Party functions to any outside body or group. We are the anti-racist Party and will work with all BAME organisations, faith groups and others who wish to join us in challenging racism. We will not talk exclusively to any particular group nor exclude anti-racist groups from our work.

4 We stand for workers Internationalism, peace and justice. We will oppose Imperialist and past colonial wars.

5 We must continue the work of Jeremy Corbyn to put forward socialist solutions to the many problems facing our countries, building and expanding on the 2019 Party manifesto.

Solidarity

Graham

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In Brief
I was born and raised in Durfleming and have been a voluntary Party secretary in Leeds, Nottingham and Brent. I led the first trade union action against Thatcher's privatisation of council housing and when I was a Labour councillor was arrested in 1985 for supporting the miners during the strike. With comrade socialist Labour councillors in Brent I refused to implement the Tory cuts.
I support Palestinian rights and have been harassed by the IDF in 2015 during a peaceful protest against illegal settlements at Gilin. I am a UNITE branch secretary and represent workers every week in a range of sectors.



NO WAR WITH IRAN, Whitehall, 4 January 2020

Graham Durham, Brent Central CLP, Party NO A055571

FOR THE MANY NOT THE FEW



CHERYL GODBER **for Labour Party NEC**

CLP: Bury St Edmunds

Membership No: A798678

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Dear Party Member,

I am seeking the support of CLP members and nomination for the forthcoming Labour NEC elections. I hope you feel able to support me.

A bit about me...



- I am a life time Labour supporter and voter
- A Labour Party member for several years
- More recently I have become an active Labour Party member and amongst other things I have been actively assisting with organising in the recent General Election in Bury St Edmunds and Norwich North.
- I am a Full Time Official for UNISON, the public sector trade union, prior to which I was a qualified registered nurse
- I am the joint chair of the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System and have an understanding of the direction of travel on issues relating to Health and Social Care



Why am I standing?

Having just lost our fourth general election I believe it is vital that the party looks to inject new blood into its decision making leadership which reflects its membership on the ground. We need a party that has people with the experience, the drive and the energy to move the party forward - forward to winning the next general election.



As a committed trade unionist of over 20 years standing, I am a very experienced campaigner, passionate about equalities particularly those of women and an able advocate working on the issues that matter to our communities and union members. I believe I can bring a range of essential skills to the NEC to work with others to move the party in the right direction of travel - a party which enables those that left us to return, as well as continuing to recruit new members and retain the ones that have remained with the party throughout.

NEC nominations are now open and close on the 14 February 2020. I ask that you carefully consider my nomination request and look to support it.

Yours in solidarity

Cheryl

Cheryl Godber

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Dear Colleague,

I would like to ask for your support to nominate me for the BAME rep position on NEC. I have been a Labour party member for the last 12 years serving my local party in various positions

- *Chair of Southall Broadway Branch (one of largest branches with BAME members) for the last 5 years*
- *CLP secretary of Ealing Southall for the last two years*
- *Branch treasurer 2013-14*
- *Delegate to Local Community Forum (changed to Local Govt Forum) 2018-2019-2020*
- *Elected delegate to annual Labour Party conference Brighton 2019*
- *Member of Unite the Union for the last 3 years*
- *Active member of various charities in local community including the Young Fellow Association and a local faith group*

I have a strong background in campaigning at all levels and been an active campaigner in every election since I become a party member in 2007. Since I took over as CLP secretary I helped to transform Ealing Southall CLP from inactive and non functioning into fully active and functioning CLP. I was also responsible for European election campaign last year where Labour Party topped the results in Ealing Borough beating the national and regional trend.

As a BAME member of Labour Party, I have always felt very strongly about the party and its values. BAME communities are united with the Labour party as they identify the values the Labour party offers to the community. They look to Labour to address issues of equality, they vote Labour in elections and they remain loyal to Labour.

However, the faith of our BAME communities place in the Labour Party isn't always reciprocated. We are all well aware of the deficiency in BAME representation amongst our MPs, peers and councillors but there is a further deficiency that is more alarming – that among the party's elected representative committees.

Labour has faced challenges for failing to select more than a handful of ethnic minority candidates for its target seats in the selections taking place over the past six months.



I welcome and fully support the "Democracy Review" a great piece of work done by the amazing Katy Clark which highlights the changes that would address those concerns: "Campaigning for a change to allow BAME candidate shortlists and shortlists from all protected characteristics will allow us to select more candidates from all backgrounds."



I also fully support the proposals to overhaul of BAME Labour – the party's ethnic minority affiliate, which holds a valuable seat on the NEC. Instead of having just 700 votes it should be open to all party members identifying themselves as BAME which could currently amount up to 80,000.

I will be pushing for these changes which, if approved, will result in all members who self-define as ethnic minorities becoming automatic members of BAME Labour and the election of a new national BAME committee with officer positions elected using the one member, one vote system.

I will also be supporting our newly elected leader as they will face many challenges in trying to win back the trust of communities we lost in the last general election.

I would greatly appreciate if you could nominate me for the BAME rep position on NEC as I promise to work hard to represent and serve the best interest of the party, communities and members from all backgrounds.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me on any issue please get in touch.

In solidarity
Chaudhry Qamer Iqbal



Jermain Jackman

- "It is so important that the NEC not only reflects but empowers the communities they represent"

I'm standing to be your next NEC BAME representative and I'm asking for your support and your CLP's nomination.

After winning BBC 1's The Voice UK in 2014, I decided to use my platform to fight for equality and social justice and ensure the voices of Britain's marginalised communities are heard and represented.

Facing yet another five years of a Tory-led government, this is a crucial time for our Party to unite, to take on Boris Johnson and to win the next election. With growing division and uncertainty in Britain, I will be that strong voice for BAME members and help the Party stand and fight for Britain's ethnic minority communities in the same way they have always fought for us.

At the age of 25, I'm a proud socialist and Labour activist who has canvassed and campaigned locally, as well as nationally, side by side with Jeremy Corbyn in both the 2017 and 2019 elections, encouraging young people to register to vote in record numbers. I was also humbled by the opportunity to introduce Jeremy for his Leaders' Speech at the Labour Party Conference in September last year.

My various roles within my CLP as Youth Officer and in our Ethnic Minority Forum, chairing Islington's Fair Futures Commission and Hackney's Young Futures Commission has enabled me to not only listen and learn from our communities who feel disheartened and disengaged but empower them to be actively involved in the decisions that shape their lives.

As NEC BAME representative, I will work with whoever the leader is and use this opportunity to build a strong BAME network of active branches, grassroots activists, members and local communities. I would organise an empowering National BAME Conference as well as putting together a comprehensive programme of events and workshops during our Party Conference in September. I will commit to regional consultation and actively involve BAME voices in Labour's strategy, policy and campaigns. I will act on the recommendations made in the democracy review ensuring transparency and fairness remains at the heart of everything we do.

We are united in our shared passion for social justice, diversity and the building towards a better, more equal society. I hope you find me suitable for the role.

In solidarity,

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NADIA JAMA



Dear Comrades,

I have been a party member and activist for a number of years, and I am committed to the anti-austerity agenda pursued under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership.

It's vitally important that we build on the gains we have made as a party over the last 4 years; in 2019 we delivered over 10 million votes for our socialist policies. This proves they are popular, but it is right that we take some time to reflect on what we need to do to take us forward as a party, if we are to win back the trust of constituents to enable us to elect a socialist Labour Government.

Key to this will be organising in our communities and work places. As a delegate to the Sheffield TUC for my union, Unite, and an active member of Acorn, the private renters union, I will ensure our party is embedded in the communities we wish to serve. I strongly believe in the co-operative principle of community wealth building

I am the branch secretary of my local Co-operative Party and active in its BAME network. I have championed these values of community organising on my local LCF as a delegate for my ward and CLP.

As a movement, we inspired millions with our socialist Green New Deal. I agree with Rebecca Long-Bailey that this will play a huge part in how we win back trust. We need a strategy and vision for those left behind communities that were deindustrialised and disillusioned during the 1980's and early 1990's.

I have real experience of campaigning for a socialist alternative to the Tory's slash and burn austerity agenda. As an activist I have championed and led campaigns to stop and scrap Universal Credit. Not only have I spoken out about these issues at our conference as a CLP delegate, I have campaigned in my home city, Sheffield, coordinating regular food, clothing and money collections for our local foodbanks. I have also coordinated petitions to the council in relation to cuts to bus services on behalf of my local community and the wider residents of Sheffield.

The Tories have always sought to divide us with anti-immigrant rhetoric and Islamophobia. At a time when climate chaos has caused waves of migration and when President Trump's belligerent actions in the Middle East threaten to create more refugees, we need a Labour Party that will hold firm against the scapegoating of migrants. I have petitioned against the hostile environment, gaining recognition for the contribution the Windrush Generation have made in Sheffield. I have helped coordinate rallies against Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, Trump and the rise of racism globally.

As a black woman, I also know what it's like to experience racism from the police, and for that reason I am a strong supporter of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign – we need justice for the 95 miners wrongly accused of riot and unlawful assembly.

My priorities, if elected, will be:-

- Continuing the democratisation of our member-led party, so that all members have a say at every level of the party.
- Fighting for democratic policies that bring about real change.
- Fighting the rise of the far-right and the increase in racism within the wider society, as well as supporting and building on the improvements that Jennie Formby has made to our internal disciplinary processes.
- Fighting against Tory austerity and for investment in a socialist Green New Deal, to create good green sustainable jobs to reshape our economy for the many not the few.

I hope you will offer me your support.

In solidarity,

Nadia



GURINDER SINGH JOSAN for Labour Party NEC

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Dear Colleague,

I'm writing to let you know I'm standing for Labour's NEC and to ask for your support and your CLP's nomination.

A little bit about me:

- Labour Party member since age 16
- a founder and Vice Chair of **Sikhs for Labour**
- Trustee & Director of anti-racism/fascism charity & campaign **HOPE not Hate**
- Secretary of my **Unite the Union** Branch
- active school Governor
- Board member of **West Midlands Strategic Police & Crime Board** appointed by the Labour PCC
- Central Council member of **Socialist Health Association** and Treasurer of the West Midlands SHA



I'm a committed campaigner and I'm Labour through and through!

Why am I standing?

Having lost our fourth general election, Labour needs to urgently do away with the naked factionalism that allowed the party to become characterised by constant calls for de-selections, central control of candidate selections, antisemitism and intolerance of debate.



This NEC by-election gives members an opportunity to improve the diversity and representation of member reps on Labour's most important decision-making body and to return to the 'broad-church' Labour Party that wins elections. We have to renew, reconnect and rebuild trust with voters who left us and this is an opportunity to broaden the NEC to represent all traditions of the Labour Party to start that process.

It is vital the NEC looks more like the communities we represent and the country we aspire to govern. If elected, I would be the first Sikh to be elected to Labour's NEC and, coming from the Midlands, would be from a region crucial to Labour winning a general election.

I will work with the new Leader to face the many challenges of winning the next general election including the imminent outcome of the EHRC investigation. I will bring with me my background of a long-standing and dedicated party activist, a passionate equalities campaigner and my independent minded commitment to a member-led democratic Labour party.



Nominations for the two NEC by-elections are now open and close on Friday 14th February. I'd appreciate if you could help ensure your CLP considers my request for nomination and I'd love to hear from you and to visit, campaign and speak with members - please do get in touch!

Yours sincerely,

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GURINDER SINGH JOSAN
for Labour Party NEC



Rick Middleton for NEC (CLP REP)

NEC DIVISION III BY-ELECTION 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I am contacting your CLP to ask that you consider nominating me for Labour's National Executive Committee.

In the last general election it was an honour to stand as the Labour candidate in my constituency of Bosworth where I campaigned with my local party to promote Labour's message of hope. Whilst the recent general election result was a crushing defeat which many of us are still reflecting on, we now have an opportunity to unite and rebuild a party which is ready for government. One that can combine socialist principles with pragmatism, one that can communicate effectively with the electorate and build back trust with voters in all towns and regions across the country in order to win the next general election.

On April 4th we will elect a new leader. It is so important that we unite behind whoever is democratically elected as party leader and give that individual our full support. There can be no place for factionalism in our party from this point because divided parties do not win elections.

As your NEC CLP rep I would empower you - the member. I would fight for greater transparency from the NEC so that members understand the decisions that are being taken at the top and understand the reasoning behind those decisions.

I would fight for members to have their voices heard when it comes to the selection of their parliamentary candidate at CLP level. A panel should not replace the democratic process of a CLP selecting their candidate where it is plausible to do so and the NEC should not be able to veto a democratic vote taken by CLPs without good reason.

As a Labour member for 4 years now, a member of the GMB and chair of my CLP I have campaigned hard as a community activist across the Midlands, fighting against privatisation of our NHS, for publicly owned transport and against the closure of our public services. We must win back voters that we lost in the last election across the Midlands and the North but to do that we need to represent the interests of our regions not just on policy but also at the heart of our decision making processes.

My pledges to you:

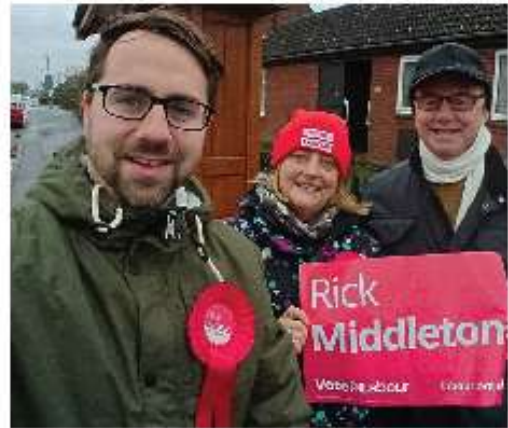
Represent All Regions - Fight for the election of regional NEC representatives so that all regions are represented on our NEC and ensure that we do not always default to London as the primary location for Labour Party events and meetings.

Improve Accessibility - Fight for measures that will lead to greater involvement for members who cannot attend meetings by utilising new technologies for proxy and online voting. Having worked in the technology sector for over 10 years I'm well placed to put these measures forward.

Encourage Unity - Draw on consensus within our movement rather than focusing on what divides us. I believe that the only progressive alliance that can beat the Tories exists within the Labour Party. To achieve democratic socialism we must work together.

Increase Transparency - Keep you informed of NEC proceedings through reports and constituency visits. Ensure your voice is heard, listen to and value your feedback.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.
Rick Middleton - Bosworth CLP - L1443419





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MEHMOOD MIRZA

BAME Labour NEC Seat

Mehmood is West Ham CLP's Vice-Chair (Membership). He has been a Labour Party member for many years and a long-standing grassroots activist. Mehmood is proud to have supported Jeremy Corbyn and his progressive policies since he launched his bid to be party leader in 2015.

Currently a pro-bono-community legal adviser at an East London law firm, Mehmood is passionate about helping to change the community for the better and to tackle the Tory policies of austerity, cuts in public services and social inequality. He is a trade unionist active in Unite the Union and has campaigned with other members, including on many strikes with workers demanding better pay and conditions, for example, the Hackney School Bus, Woolwich Ferry and Greenwich Leisure actions.

Mehmood campaigned tirelessly for Labour in the general election. He has always been at the forefront of demonstrations for campaigns like Stand Up To Racism, Stop The War, and against Universal Credit, Climate Change, for social housing and against the academisation of our schools. During the Christmas period, he regularly helped in the kitchen at his local sheltered centre for homeless people.

He has an active role in Grassroots Black Left and is a member of Momentum, CLPD, LRC, Liberty and Amnesty International. With the support of Labour Party members, Mehmood will carry on campaigning to get rid of this callous and racist Tory government.

He has used his impressive community links to recruit many people to the Labour Party, including by getting Labour councillors and MPs to attend community events. Bringing people together and building alliances are among Mehmood's best skills.

As BAME Forum secretary in West Ham CLP, he has seen for himself how Labour is the natural party for the African Caribbean and Asian communities. Members of those communities are Labour's most loyal supporters and make a fantastic contribution to the party, which should be recognised and represented at all levels.

African Caribbean and Asian people came out in huge numbers and voted Labour at the general election.

Mehmood is a big supporter of democracy and equality and will defend openness, fairness, and accountability as a member of the NEC. He will fight for greater trade union rights in the workplace and carry on supporting Labour's popular "for the many, not the few" radical agenda.

As someone who has just lost his dad to cancer, Mehmood knows first-hand how valuable our NHS is and he will fight to defend Britain's greatest public service and to keep it fully resourced and free at the point of use.

He wants to champion getting BAME Labour members more empowered - for them to have greater representation at all decision-making levels of the party and among its staff. Mehmood is standing for the NEC to better represent the interests of the BAME Labour members in a way that hasn't happened before.

He fully supports the open selection of Labour council and parliamentary candidates, which is needed to revitalise grassroots democracy.

Mehmood will work energetically with party members and fellow members of the NEC to help a strong and socialist Labour government get elected at the earliest opportunity.

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Peyman Owladi

NEC CLP Representative Candidate Statement

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To build on our movement over the next 5 years, we have to give members the power to shape the direction of the party and the freedom to use their skills and experience to support our movement. The NEC should steer clear of policy decisions and political manoeuvring – it's there to make sure the party is run fairly, effectively, and democratically.

I have built a strong relationship with comrades from across our movement nationally, regionally and locally. Everyone's aware my politics are on the left of the party, but I am trusted to keep my contributions to healthy internal debates separate from my duty of keeping everyone informed and involved.

In positions I've held previously, both voluntary and paid, I've successfully improved communication and collaboration. I'm confident I can do the same here.

My priorities for how we should change the structure of the party are:

- Open selection of candidates for all elections, so members always get a say
- A new policy-making structure that gives members a meaningful say over policy, including on any local, regional and national manifesto
- Better funding for CLPs, so that we can improve local campaigns and member engagement
- Regional CLP representation on the NEC, so each CLP knows who to raise issues with

As a member of the NEC, I'll also take direct steps to make sure we are open, transparent and accountable. As your representative, I will:

- Publish records of meetings and demand official minutes, including a record of how members vote
- Report regularly to CLPs, including trialling a video call after each meeting
- Raise concerns that are important to you, including by creating a web portal where CLPs can raise and upvote issues that should be considered
- Participate in CLP meetings when invited, either remotely or in person

I bring a unique combination of commitment, understanding of the party structures, and outside experience to the role:

- This role would be my number one priority. I would make sure any other commitments, including part-time work, fit around doing all I can to best represent you on the NEC.
- Experience organising activists and working within the party's structure. As CLP Secretary in Luton South and in previous roles, I do my utmost to ensure information from the party is shared effectively and the voices of all our members are heard, as well as building links outside our CLP.
- Experience of governance in other organisations, as Vice Chair of Governors at my children's school, on committees in large and small technology companies, and as a Trustee of a new charity. I have a theoretical and practical understanding of big organisations and their challenges.
- No intention of standing for public office. The NEC is where I can best use my skills and experience to contribute to the movement.

I'll set aside as much time as needed to respond to queries and take your input and suggestions on board. You can test me on that now – please get in touch using the contact details above!

In solidarity,



I'm Backing Lola

Dear fellow Party member,

I am writing to seek your support in becoming the NEC representative for the reserved BAME seat.

My name is Omolola Oyewusi, CLP Secretary for Chatham and Aylesford. I was proud to be the Election Agent for Vince Maple (Chair of the South East Regional Board) at the recent General Election and I'm pleased he is supporting my nomination for the NEC.

I am also an activist, workplace convener and the co-Vice Chair for Unison Greater London Black Members.

I am a passionate believer in ensuring a greater voice for BAME members in our party. Whomever the Leader and Deputy Leader are I will want to work with them to ensure our party is ready for government, ready to elect an increased number of BAME representatives to local government and to roles within our movement.

I am an advocate for equality, equity, diversity and inclusion.

I will be an accountable NEC rep, producing written feedback after every meeting and ready to raise the concerns of activists' front and centre when they need to be discussed.

I will also ensure that all members are involved in the selection of their parliamentary candidates – in my region more than 60 CLP's effectively had their parliamentary candidates imposed upon them. That must never happen again.

I will also push for further, accessible diversity training to make sure that the Labour Party is truly the party of all parts of the community – your race, religion, sexual orientation or any other aspect should never be a barrier to being a Labour Party activist.

I am not a member of any organisation within the Labour Party and I truly believe our party is at it's strongest when we are united – something again I will argue for if elected as your NEC representative.

I simply think that having someone from the Kent BAME community who is bold enough to speak her mind & fight for all challenging unfair processes would be a positive thing for all members across the party.

Thanks for your time, and for considering me for the nomination to the NEC.

Yours in Solidarity

Omolola (AKA Lola) Oyewusi - Chatham and Aylesford

Thomas Plater

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Dear Members,

My name is Thomas Plater, I'm a 26-year-old musician and activist from Letchworth Garden City and I am asking for your nomination for one of the CLP DIV III representative positions on the NEC.

Biography

My introduction to activism began with the project to remain in the European Union, and off the back of attending demonstrations, I joined the Labour Party before the General Election in 2017. Since then I have been the Social Media Communications Officer and Secretary for North East Hertfordshire CLP, positions which I currently hold. I am a Musicians Union Delegate to the Young Workers TUC Conference in 2020 and I am a member of the Young Fabians.

I'm a Saxophonist and activist currently studying on the Artist Diploma at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where I am also the SU Vice President (Academic Affairs). In my professional life I am involved in a multitude of areas in music, having played with a broad range of musicians from across the globe, as well as producing my own concerts and recitals across the globe. I have also worked as a consultant in educational saxophone literature and have worked in schools and education projects across the UK.

Policies

Foster a Culture of Openness, Transparency in the NEC

- *Keeping CLP's up to date with NEC Meeting's Agenda's and Minutes*
- *Push for a CLP "important document portal" on the Labour Party website for CLP EC's.*
- *Be available for Q&A Sessions via Social Media on NEC business and members suggestions on a regular basis*
- *Advocate the most fair and effective policies for CLP's and Labour Party Members regardless of faction or internal political belief.*

Fight for the Importance of Local Party Units and Local Government

- *Support CLP's to hold PPC Selection when a CLP believe it is advantageous for them to do so.*
- *Fight for a needed overhaul of the disciplinary system and give CLP's more power to deal with local party issues in a fair and timely manner.*
- *Advocate for more Local Government Representation on the NEC and more focus from the National Labour Party on Local Government and Local Issues.*

If you have any questions, or wish to get in contact with me to discuss anything you have read, please feel free to do so and I will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Best Wishes,

Tom Plater

PAULA SHERRIFF

Dewsbury CLP

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A FEARLESS VOICE ON LABOUR'S NEC



I spent a lifetime working in the public sector; almost a decade in a support role with the Police where I was awarded a judges commendation for supporting child victims of sex abuse then on the front line of our amazing NHS for 12 years.

Fighting for the vulnerable and giving a voice to the voiceless is in my DNA and I was proud to serve as a shop steward and Equalities Officer for my union. **As a proud member of GMB and a lifelong trade unionist, I wanted to give something back.** I'll never walk by an injustice.



I was elected as a Councillor in 2012 taking the seat off the Tories then elected as an MP, again taking the seat from the Tories.

I loved being a campaigning MP, from taking on WHSmith and their exorbitant hospital shop pricing to forcing Tesco to reduce the prices of their pink razors. My most noteworthy campaign win was when I became the first Parliamentarian in history to have a budget amendment accepted by the Government - the abolition of the tampon tax. I'm about actions not words and I followed this by my campaign on period poverty-this became an international movement. I'll never stop trying to break down barriers and reduce stigma.



In September 2019 I stood up to Boris Johnson in the Commons chamber and called out his divisive and reprehensible language-we cannot afford to have good people afraid to enter politics due to threats of violence. Despite having a majority this Government must never go unchallenged.

I was so proud to be a part of the Tribune Parliamentary group and delighted to have their support. It is their unwavering commitment to social justice that will once again, transform our country addressing the growing inequality evident in everything we do and everywhere we go.

Our half a million strong membership is the heartbeat of our party. I pledge to be fully accountable, whether that be through monthly reports/updates or by visiting CLP's the length and breadth of the UK. Crucially I promise to listen to your views, ensuring the membership has an active voice in the decision making process.

Of course I was devastated to lose my seat in 2019, but I want to use my breadth of experience to help Labour win again. The Labour Party has given so much to me and I will always want to be an active part of its future.

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**Vilayat 'Wolf' Sunkmanitu: Intention to stand as BAME Representative on the NEC
Tel 07971 99 7710. Email: wolf@wolf-photography.com. Membership number: L1346288**

I am writing to ask for your support to stand as the BAME Representative on the NEC of the Labour Party.

I am a British Asian Citizen whose parents moved from India to the UK in 1960. I have worked with several First Nations groups in North America on aspects of healing and reconciliation. My name derives from one of those languages.

I currently work as the Political Officer for Aspley BLP, Nottingham and have been doing a lot of online campaigning for the Labour Party over the last 5 years.

I am driven by the need for openness and honesty in British politics and have a desire to challenge the discrimination experienced by BAME, Veterans and other groups.

I have served in some very hostile environments and have experienced direct and Institutional Racism. I have also successfully challenged direct and Institutional Racism as an employee, an employer and as an advocate.

I understand the mechanisms of racism and developed my own Racism Awareness Training which has been delivered in the voluntary, educational and medical sectors.

I have extensive experience of investigating different forms of discrimination and making recommendations to rectify the situations, as well as developing policies to ensure that inappropriate behaviour isn't tolerated in the workplace or in any community projects that I run.

In addition to the above, I have a good deal of experience in working with people in a whole variety of troubled situations.

I have a proven track record of managing budgets and strategic planning; I run some projects that span many countries ... which allows for a richer collaboration in the art related exhibitions that I run. My Annual Report is available on:
<http://www.wolf-photography.com/downloads/Wolf%20Photography%20Annual%20Report%202019.pdf>.

I manage a team of volunteers that have opened opportunities for careers in the arts for disabled people since 2014. I also run a Karate School in Nottingham as a volunteer.

We need to move beyond dealing with discrimination through legislation, which only has a limited effect, towards a more enlightened society, which can only be achieved through education in all its forms. The Labour Party needs to be at the forefront of this change, particularly in these troubled times.

It would be an honour to help bring about this change.

Curriculum Vitae
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OBJECTIVE:

Intention to stand as BAME representative on the NEC of the Labour Party UK

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2002 – Present, Wolf Photography, Promoting Creativity as a coping mechanism for disability, particularly Mental Health.
2001 – 2006, Workplace Union Representative for Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, Amicus.
2000 – Present, Understanding how racism and genocide have been used on Native American Tribes in North America and further afield, as well as in the UK.
1996 – 2000, Manager, Truro CAB.
1994 – 1995, Tribunal Representative, Kingswood CAB.
1990 – 1994, Social Policy & Training Co-ordinator, Newquay Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).
1988 – 1989, Metropolitan Police Officer.
1981 – 1985, RAF Police (including 2 years counter terrorist duties in Northern Ireland).

SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE:

2020 Started working on setting up a Multi-Faith Community Group in North Nottingham.
2019 Elected to Political Officer at Aspley BLP, North Nottingham.
2016 – Present, Online campaigner for the Labour Party.
2013 Started delivering PTSD Awareness sessions to members of the public, students and NHS Professionals.
2012 – Present, Dojo Cho for Meiyo Karate Club – ensuring that the Dojo operates ethically in all areas and that our Equality (and other) Policies are enforced.
2012 – Present, Dojo Cho for Meiyo Karate Club – ensuring that the Dojo operates ethically in all areas and that our Equality (and other) Policies are enforced.
2012 – Present, Raising awareness of Mental Health issues – particularly PTSD and promoting creativity as a coping mechanism.
2002, Set up Minority Ethnic Group for NHS Cornwall.
1992 – 1994, Liaised with the Rural Race Equality Project (RREP), Exeter.
1991 – 1994, Piloted Enquiry into discrimination in the CAB Service (specifically racism, sexism, homophobia and disability discrimination).
1991, Set up SNAK (Saturday Newquay Area Kitchen) to feed homeless people and provide avenues of assistance, representation and accommodation.
1991 – Present, Delivered Racism Awareness Training.
1983-1985, Understanding how communities are torn apart by National and International Interference, Co Down Northern Ireland.



Lauren Townsend for Labour NEC #LT4NEC

I first came into the movement as a waitress who had enough of her exploitative bosses and decided to do something about it. With very little knowledge of trade unionism, I threw myself into every aspect of it, recruiting members, training as a rep in an unrecognised workplace, and leading a series of strikes across the U.K.



Since then I have travelled the country, visiting CLPs and labour events to lead workshops on organising in 'difficult' workplaces and to speak about my experiences. I fought my dismissal from TGI Fridays on grounds of trade union discrimination and won. I became heavily involved in the Labour Party locally, and now sit on both the EC and LCF, as Vice-Chair and Campaign Co-Ordinator for MKLP. In May 2019 I unseated an incumbent Tory to be elected as a councillor onto MK Council, and am now Chief Whip of the Labour Group. I was hired as a part-time hospitality organiser by Unite the Union, and now work for the CWU, as a project lead on the New Deal for Workers. I am also a spokesperson for Labour for a Green New Deal.

Coming into the movement as a fresh face with fresh eyes; having proved my credentials as a grassroots activist, organiser and elected representative who is able to build relationships and get things done; and being so enthusiastic about our potential as a Party; I believe now is the best time for me to stand to serve on the NEC.

The strategic direction for Labour right now, as we head into 5 more years of opposition, is more crucial than ever. It's important that we have new people coming up through the Party structures, as well as retaining existing talent, to ensure we do not stagnate in our thought processes or decision making and that we continue to build on the vibrancy

and excitement we've seen grow over the last couple of years. It is absolutely key that we have diversity, and a wide range of voices on the NEC – ones that will not be shy in speaking out on behalf of the membership, who comprehend the importance of decisions we make in regards to our electability and who will maintain members trust and consistently stay true to our principles.



We need to ensure that our Party continues to commit to, and builds upon, the goal of being a truly member-led, democratic and socialist organisation. Our radical manifesto was popular with both members and the public, and we must remember that. Despite some now trying to claim otherwise, it is completely possible to be both radical and electable,

the two are not exclusive. It is our job, as the Labour Party, to put forward a vision of hope and prosperity for all, to rebuild trust within our communities and to nurture a diverse group of hard-working people, who share our values, to stand for positions at all levels of government.

Our members have more raw talent and energy than any other political party, they are enthusiastic, engaged and intelligent and we must allow them room to voice opinions and be heard through our Party structures. Our CLPs should be exciting and welcoming places, with regular campaigning, community outreach, full social calendars, accessible training and meetings that encourage discussion and debate whilst providing a safe space to do so.

@LaurenJTownsend

National Executive Committee

Name: Paul Walker

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Membership Number: A688665

Constituency: Burton

I'd like to ask your Constituency Labour Party to nominate me for one of the CLP positions on the National Executive Committee.

I am a railway engineer and have been a member of the National Union of Rail Maritime and Transport Workers since I started work in 1978. I have served the union at all levels including as the National Executive Member for the Midlands Region where I served the full three-year term. As a member on my Union's governing body, I helped to set strategic objectives and review the work of the union, in much the same way as an NEC member of the Labour Party would need to do.

I have been a member of the Labour party since 1978 and I have been active at grassroots level throughout my membership. In 2015 I was elected onto the executive committee of my CLP as the Trade Union Liaison Officer where I brought in increased levels of trade union funding. I have been elected Chair of Burton CLP each year since 2017 and I have taken significant steps to financially stabilise the CLP. We have also become more diverse as a CLP and as chair my CLP became one of the first in the country to elect a Business Liaison Officer.

I am also a Labour Councillor and was elected onto East Staffordshire Borough Council and I proudly represent the most diverse ward in the Borough. I pride myself in being open and transparent with constituents, I publish regular newsletters and I make myself visible by attending community events and frequently visit the local shops and businesses.

I recommenced East Staffs Trades Union Council in 2014 after 30 years of extinction and this has become a very active branch. We have been campaigning on saving our NHS, on austerity and increasing the levels of liaison locally with trade unions and the Labour Party.

I believe that Labour members need a greater voice. You are after all the ones who are at the front line of everything we do. I want to be that voice for the membership on the NEC which seems to have been continuously overlooked. I have the experience needed to work on the governing body and oversee the overall direction of the Labour Party and the policy making process.

Our movement is arguably in its most fragile position for generations and the only way we can counter this hard right Conservative administration is through a genuine grassroots movement where the members have the power and the voice to fight back and I promise that if I am elected to the NEC I will be your voice.

I hope your CLP will support my nomination.

Yours in Solidarity

Paul Walker



CHRIS WEBB

FOR LABOUR NEC



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Dear Members,

The Labour Party is in my blood. It's in my DNA. From a childhood spent alongside my dad (a trade union activist who went on to become the youngest Regional Secretary for the CWU) on various picket lines, protests, Liverpool dockers' marches and rallies. It's a childhood full of memories of leaflet deliveries and fundraisers right across the country.



At 16 I joined the Labour Party, with John Prescott handing me my membership card on stage at my first regional conference in 2003. My family had already handed me the Labour ideals and values which still stick with me today of compassion, equality and social justice.

These values have served me as a local councillor, CLP secretary and youth officer. They were at the heart of me creating Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Young Labour and for when I became LCF Campaign Chair for Manchester. They were also fundamental to me standing as a Parliamentary candidate in the last two elections in my home town.

Make no bones about it, the election result in December was awful. We felt it nationally, we felt it locally and I felt it as a candidate as the results came in.

It's heart-breaking to watch the votes pile up for the Tories, in what often feels like slow motion. A feeling that we'd let down those hit hardest by the damage the Tory austerity agenda has committed against our communities. I was upset personally, but heartbroken for my home town and so many like it across the country. They need our help now every bit as much as they did on December 12th.

We don't have time to wallow or hang our heads. The fight back must start now.

That starts at branch level within our CLPs, where we've seen an influx of new members that we need to convert to regular activists. They are a massive part of our future, helping to spread our message via leaflets, street stalls, social media and door knocking.

The days of boring branch and CLP meetings have to come to an end, because people no longer just want to listen to us work through an agenda. They want to commit, to take part, to engage.

If elected to the NEC I want to use this position to seek out best practice and share it amongst all CLPs, to help rejuvenate our local parties and make them friendly and enticing again to all.

Let's make our meeting vibrant again, with debates and discussion on both local and national topics. Let's make them a place for members to access training and real political educations, learning the values I did as a child.



Let's interact with trade unions and support local workers when they need our support during industrial action, because these simple things are at the core of Labour as a party.

When we get grassroots activism right, we win local council seats, then parliamentary seats and from there we can achieve a Labour government again. That's the road we must follow, and if we do the fight back will be victorious.

Chris Webb

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Trish WILLIAMS

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Dear Colleague,

I would be very grateful if you and your CLP would consider nominating me for Labour's National Executive Committee (NEC).

Labour Party Activity

My Labour Party journey began in 1974 but, apart from a stint as a Nalco steward in the late 1980's, I was never an active Party member although always supported and voted Labour. Then in 2015 Jeremy Corbyn was elected and we had a Leader with clear Socialist principles like my own. This inspired me to action. By early 2017 I was elected Branch Treasurer then, soon after, CLP Secretary and also Northumberland LCF Treasurer. In November 2019 I was honoured to be selected as Labour's Parliamentary Candidate for Berwick-upon-Tweed. I did not win but, due to a fantastic team effort, we maintained our excellent second place to a huge Tory majority, in a constituency that has never had a Labour MP.

Career and Relevant Experience

Before I retired I had a career of almost 30 years in IT, from Programmer to Project Manager and IT Consultant, in public services, central and local government, as well as private industry.

As a member of the CLP Secretaries group my knowledge, skills and experience has helped me lead several initiatives to improve Party technology and organisational procedures. Recently I have liaised with elected officials, NEC members and other staff to address issues with membership systems, bullying, complaints handling and nomination and selection procedures.

If I was elected to NEC my priorities would be:

1) **Communications** – As an elected CLP Secretary, I am required to provide meeting agendas and minutes in a timely fashion, and to communicate with members regularly. To ensure transparency and accountability, these rules should also apply to the NEC. Therefore the NEC and its sub-committees should publish meeting schedules, agendas and minutes and there should be regular dialogue between NEC CLP reps and the members they represent.

2) **Diversity** – Labour is a wonderfully inclusive Party, but the knowledge, talents and experience, and the geographical spread, of our members needs to be better reflected in the composition of our governing body. I propose the NEC should improve its diversity, by electing Regional reps, plus at least one rep for members with disabilities, and to support NEC representatives who work and/or have caring responsibilities, by providing financial and other support as needed.

3) **Democratisation** – To address the disappointment of the 2019 election result and meet the challenges of the 2020's and beyond, a radical overhaul of Party structures is needed. My view is the Party should devolve 'operational' responsibilities to reorganised and empowered Regions and CLPs, enabling democratic local decisions on selections, campaigning and organisational requirements. If we want to convince voters of our ability to fulfil manifesto promises, where better to start than by implementing devolution and democratising our own Party?

If I sound like a comrade who has the competence, desire, skills and energy to pursue this agenda, please nominate me as NEC CLP representative.

In solidarity,

Trish Williams

Endorsed by Jamie Driscoll, North of Tyne Mayor (others to follow)

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Ray Woolford

Today I announce my none aligned bid for a seat on Labour NEC & need 5 CLP to endorse



I never thought that I would ever be seeking to secure your support and your CLP, Union, Affiliate Labour Group nomination to stand for a position as important as the Labour Party NEC, however many friends across the UK whom I have campaigned with at local council, General election and in crucial by-elections have urged me to stand as a voice for the new membership and the many who like me joined UK Labour inspired by the policy agenda of Jeremy Corbyn team and the real need to learn the lessons of the past to defeat the Tories NOT each other.

I have been a community activist my entire life since going door to door at the age of 5 with my

Activist grandmother who found people more likely to open the door if with a child in tow, having been in the care system almost 18 years and struggling to deal with the reality of being a Gay man with backdrop of Aids and Thatcher, Miners Strike, and the Poll Tax whilst being a Homeless man shaped the person I have become that led to me establishing the first multi-award-winning Social Enterprise, not for profit Housing Business, my book Food Bank Britain about my work establishing the largest UK Independent food bank changed the way all food banks operate whilst being a guide for others to establish outreach food projects globally, my work on campaigning against Austerity and the misery of Homelessness has been well documented, whilst my International Campaign to free my friend Hisham al Omeisy from a Houthi Prison was a rare success in this proxy Yemen war that is also a passion. Today My stage play LIBERTY about how the LGBTQ and Civil Rights movement was fought and won has been told and staged as part of LGBTQ History Month for the first time, my new book The Last Queen Of Scotland is the biography of Scottish Working Class Hero Kath Duncan whose bravery and activism until my writing has been so shamefully left in the shadows, today the income from these books funds my work as the CEO of www.kathduncanequalityandcivilrightsnetwork.org campaigning against inequality and animal exploitation, working in Moria Refugee camp in Greece and so much more, whilst I continue to write globally on these issues. My Labour party motion calling for the next Labour Government to appoint a minister for Poverty was passed at Blackpool party conference and has been passed at CLP across the UK with the campaign ongoing.

I hope you will support my nomination as I believe I would bring to the NEC a real insight into what it's really like for the 12 Million in poverty today in Britain, I can speak out on Global Issues were fellow Comrades still die for being LGBTQ from a position of being there, representing members I feel I can bring balance a fairness at a time the party is constantly bounced into positions by the mainstream media whilst being not in the pocket of any group other than the membership at large.

We only have until Midnight on 14 February, Please share this with every Labour Party member in your network, let's ensure whoever wins the Labour Leadership the Party Memberships concerns is still at the top table and not as before taken for granted.

My work can be seen on our website www.kathduncanequalityandcivilrightsnetwork.org my email for your CLP, Union, Affiliate endorsement should be sent via email raymondwoolford@aol.com it maybe I have left it to late to secure the nominations I need but welcome your thoughts on if not successful this time I stand again and organise well in advance of the next

Iram Woolley

WHAT I STAND FOR AND HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT ME

Dear Comrade,

Please consider nominating me for the Labour National Executive Committee as the BAME Rep

We are experiencing challenging times since the GE 2019, out of this I have seen how quickly the activists comrades and unions have come together. Despite the huge knock back we were blessed to see many BAME politicians who worked with collectively with the Union, which had made it a reality, despite all the challenges. We still have to do more. ~~But I won't change this text.~~ In 1997 my sister and I were racially attacked by a mob of angry youths in Woolwich not far from Stephen Lawrence's murder, in Eltham, in London. Thankfully I am proud of GCARA and our NHS services and British Transport Police helped us. I'm an anti racist inequalities campaigner, from Blair Peach and Gurdeep Chagger Singh's brutal deaths, and the ingrained institutionalised racism. I am incalculating awareness racial bias (of groups), exists, but we must FIGHT BACK and be FEARLESS.

This is why I call upon you activists to work together to facilitate and campaign on the issues that the BAME are facing. I support and stand in solidarity with all communities who represent equality fairness and justice. I supported the Southall Black Sisters on WAVE on the back bench of victims, riding bikes to stay fit n strong. Awareness sessions on well being to manage the time for self care, and work. Our responsibilities lie within the membership and how we are relating and communicating, with them. As a Female BAME working class. I am speaking on the podium, writing motions and training events through Ruskin College. In the CWU CHA AMICUS NSF UNIT, — AND SUPPORTING ALL OF YOU, by providing the opportunity, as a community activist, I still have a lot more to give back.

As the Campaign Coordinator I worked on the Sadik Khan, Euro Elections and Derrnars Wells by-election which I am proud of. Running the schoolbags campaign on the school runs, where the School let us campaign inside the school and petition. I know I am meant for more. As a BAME I understand the effects of racial discrimination and harassment, and understand the far right bigotry and rising agenda. This is where I intend to work hard to heal working class racist racism. As LWW Labour Women's Network member, in solidarity, I hope to work with all the intersectionalities to ensure we are as a Party strive to its transformative policies. We face an unprecedented global climate emergency, and I will ensure we do more but URGENTLY.

I am standing to be the voice on our Party's governing body so that we can continue to work to transferring radical change to our party with our Deputy and Leader. I am diplomatic and will work with anyone. I want to share my experience and skills to help the CLPs and Unions. I am always willing to offer advice support training, you are never alone. We also need to acknowledge the BAME colleagues selected Parliament, and the PPC Candidates, and celebrate it without condition. We need the energy to rebuild BAME's.

Together, we can do this. Please vote and nominate IRAM WOOLLEY. I will be the Trailblazer for enabling proportional representation making a difference in society, to add value and making positive contributions at ALL LEVELS as YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD! I will work with local regional and national level for You. I have also served as CLP Campaign Coordinator to make it work for You. Love for all Hatred for None. #IRAM4NEC #BAMESTERPOWER

In Unity,

Iram Woolley



For the many not the few



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Iram Woolley

School Governor Labour Activist
BAME Woman Campaigner
Project Youth Educator
Felix Project - feeds sch families and homeless
"Please get your UNION to nominate myself to
NEC Deadline: 23.00hrs 14 Feb 2020, (BAME Rep)"

Labour Party BAME NEC Representative

As a BAME, Muslim Woman and a **STRONG** **YOUNG FIGHTING** on Racial Equality Issues, since 1998 in TUC, TU, and Labour Party Conferences. I run Facebook groups specifically on these Intersectionalities, because of the networking developing and organising is at the heart of everything we do. I've lobbied motions to that effect to **create policies**. I can be the change the party needs. Collective cohesion is important.

Women have a HUGE role to play. We still have a long way to go to ENABLE and ensure FULL Representation. SOLIDARITY. As a female I can add different VALUES and EMPATHY, which can help DE-ESCALATE situations calmly, which is critical to supporting societal needs.

ABOUT ME

WHAT I STAND FOR AND HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT ME

My father was a postman for 45 years and I joined Royal Mail I was a Trade Union rep for 12 years for CMU and Amicus Unions. I was hungry for more, as I came back for more as a volunteer working with migrants, building their skills and confidence. I've been in the Trade Union for over 18 years experience fighting for workplace Equality Rights. I've seen the devastation of the food banks crisis and I volunteer as Felix Feed project and give out food parcels every Friday from the school.

I think part of making a difference in the community, has been due to my drive, determination and relentlessness. This life is a GIFT, as a British Muslim Woman of Intersectionalities, I understand the narratives around racism and bigotry too well. I am an Author. I want to be a voice for the voiceless. I am truly grateful for all that the Labour Party have enabled me to be a role model to others and be the best I can be. I am diplomatic, defender of women's rights, I'll ensure we campaign, mobilise, grow and put best practices in place and landmark successes. I want to change the narratives around how BAME are perceived and stereotyped in society, this will be a journey that will be fought on about through trust and influencing. More needs to be done, I will happily be that member that can and will. However, we are all in this together and I will need your SUPPORT to run. I will be the Trailblazer for proportional representation making a difference in society, to add value and making positive contributions at ALL LEVELS so YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD.

My Community leader and family FULLY Support my commitment to the party.

What people appreciate about me

School Governor. Community Activist.
Q&A Operation Black Vote Award
Magisterial Cohort
10 yrs Branch Sec of Unite West London
Ltrs Branch Largest voting power in UK
Community Organizer, Campaign
Coordinator Auditor Labour Group
Observer. TULO.
Poetry during Black History month
Harriet Tubman Ending CLP and Unite
Unite Sub women's and Labour women's
forum
Supporting Mothers and Library
Closures
School vote Campaigner
Parliament 50:50 I will stand member
Felix, Unite, Labour Party.
I Can speak up-to four languages,
English Urdu Punjabi and Hindi.

What people appreciate about me

Author of Hijab A Muslim Women's Right, where I discuss my feelings about wearing the hijab, Islamophobia, hate crime, campaigns to create awareness by driving the Adoption of APPO definition of Islamophobia in Gilling Council.
Letters of appreciation from LCP and Labour Group Leader for my OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION of 3% majority for Demere Wells by-election victory. First ever to get campaigners door knocking from ALL parts of Gilling Southall, and outside to take part. I've attended Mosque Churches and Gardens. I have helped organise interfaith events.

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