Nominations for the election

National Executive Committee 2010

why you should nominate candidates supported by GRASSROOTS LABOUR

This year we again have the opportunity to elect representatives to the constituency section of the National Executive Committee. Grassroots Labour - democratic socialist groups across the centre and left of the Labour Party - is promoting candidates who stand up for the rights of party members.

To secure a place in the ballot, candidates need nominations from their own CLP and at least two from constituencies in other Labour Party regions. Each CLP can make up to six nominations - the closing date is 30 July 2010.

Each candidate, while retaining freedom of judgment on specific issues, will therefore campaign for:

A radical reforming Labour Party

Grassroots Labour candidates will campaign for Labour to win future elections as a democratic socialist party, committed to redistributing wealth, income and power from the few to the many, and protecting the environment. They will press for more progressive taxation to fund improvements in housing, health, education, transport and state pensions. They believe that disputes between countries should be resolved by negotiations through the United Nations, not through unilateral military action, and that Britain and the world would be safer without replacing Trident.

They Will:

• Promote policies which advance public service and collective ownership, and resist and reverse privatisation, seek to end poverty and to maintain and increase universal benefits.
• campaign for improved trade union and employment rights, a living wage, and increase democratic and financial powers for local government.

Social Inclusion

Grassroots Labour candidates will promote social justice, and fight discrimination on grounds of gender, race, age, class, disability, sexual orientation and religion, both inside and outside the party.

Democracy, transparency and accountability

Grassroots Labour candidates will:
• Press that the party and its new leadership operate in a democratic, accountable and transparent way, and set an example by regularly reporting back to members.
• Seek parity with the trade unions for constituency representatives on the NEC, without any reduction in union representation.
• Press for changes to the policy-making process, that give CLP’s and members a much greater say and influence.
• Advocate the right for CLPs and affiliates to propose amendments to policy documents at Conference.
• Safeguard the right of local and regional parties to choose their own candidates without prior or political vetting.
• Uphold the sovereignty of annual conference and the existing links at all levels between the party and the unions.
• Press for Young Labour to be a resourced campaigning organisation run by its elected leadership.

Please urge your CLP to nominate all the candidates whose details are overleaf
NEC ELECTIONS: NOMINATE CANDIDATES SUPPORTED BY GRASSROOTS LABOUR

• Ann Black

Members are critically important as Labour rebuilds for the challenges ahead. First, in taking the fight to the ConDems. with hundreds of newly-elected councillors in the vanguard. Second, in choosing the next leader. Third, in setting an agenda which reconnects Labour with its roots, including progressive taxation, public services, earnings-linked pensions and benefits, housing, and partnership with the unions. And fourth, in redesigning the policy forum process so that it again delivers winning manifestos. Please send ideas to me at: anblack50@btinternet.com or 07856 637958. Past reports are at http://www.labourblogs.com/public blog,annblack, and if re-elected, I will remain accountable in future.

Positions: Current Chair of the NEC, member of the National Policy Forum and UNISON’s National Political Committee; Secretary, Oxford East CLP

Membership No. A353890
CLP: Oxford East, South East Region

• Christine Shawcroft

I have been an NEC member for 12 years and have tried to report back and be accountable to members. I often raise issues of concern to members with the Leadership, particularly when opposing the war, privatisation, and our unfair taxation system. A real Labour Government would have won the election. Our task now is to renew and reinvigorate the Labour Party, with a decisive break from the deadly legacy of New Labour. We must return to core Labour values of peace, socialism, justice and equality in order to fight the Con-Dem coalition and win the next election.

Membership No. A490073
CLP: Nottingham South
Sitting NEC member and member of NPF
CLP Secretary, former councillor
Former Parliamentary candidate
Active in my trade union and the Coop movement.

• Sam Tarry

Democracy is not a means to an end but an end itself - this must be the core of what we do as a party and the way we support and use our members as a resource. Our party must have a clear sense of direction, be internally pluralistic, outwardly pluralist and put more trust in its grassroots. I led the successful campaign for OMOV for the NPF at the 2009 party conference, I was instrumental in the campaign that has just defeated the BNP in Barking and Dagenham, I am the first democratically elected Chair of Young Labour, and on the NEC I would continue that fight for our party’s future.

Experience: National Chair of Young Labour, Councillor in Barking & Dagenham, LGA Labour Young Councillors Network, Branch Secretary 2006-present, CLP GC and EC member, Local Government Committee, Young Labour National Committee, London Young Labour Executive, TUC Young Members Conference, GMB Young London Vice Chair, SERTUC Young Activists Network-Founding Member.

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Membership No: LO084244
CLP: Dagenham & Rainham CLP

• Sofi Taylor

I share the core values of the Labour movement of fairness, social justice and public ownership and believe that I can bring new experience to the NEC. To return to government, we need to be more inclusive. It is crucial we use the months ahead to start the process of renewal. We need to reconnect with the millions of progressive minded voters across the country and must recruit thousands of new people to Labour’s cause again.


Membership number A998659
CLP: Paisley and Renfrewshire South

• Peter Willsman

Sitting NEC member. My motivation for standing again can be summed up as ‘keep the Party Labour’. To help build an effective NEC that will return power to the party and its members and ensure that our Parliamentary leadership is accountable. A commitment to progressive Labour policies, rather than market-based policies, is the most assured way to enthuse our members and voters. A vital part of this process is the election of a determined NEC. I am always available to give information and advice (020 8854 7326). I provide regular report backs to CLPs and every year I send all CLPs a copy of my Annual Conference Guide.


Membership No: A071448

National Constitutional Committee (CLP Section), Nominate: Mark James, CLP: Greenwich and Woolwich Membership Number: A117914
For recommended NPF candidate ring 020 8854 7326

For further copies of this leaflet go to: www.grassrootslabour.net,
For further information: Grassroots Labour, 322b Plumstead High St. London SE18 1JT. 020 8854 7326

Please ensure that the nomination form is sent off by your CLP Secretary before 30 July. If necessary further copies of the form can be obtained from the Conference Unit.

(The Conference Unit acknowledges receipt of the form, so if there is no receipt then chase it up.)

These candidates are supported by the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, Compass Youth, Labour Black Representation Committee and Scottish Labour Women’s Network. Please copy and circulate this leaflet. A digital version of the leaflet can be downloaded from www.grassrootslabour.net or from www.leftfutures.org, websites that carry useful information and debate on Labour Party matters.