

Conference Arrangements Committee

“Whilst Labour Party Conference is an opportunity for members to set out their priorities to the leadership, it should also be a forum for us to have the hard discussions about the policies we need to win the next election.

Having been the MP for Lewisham East since 2010 and as a former Lewisham Councillor (2004-2010), I believe conference needs to showcase the energy and ideas of ordinary party members and all elected representatives.

I am an active campaigner – most recently, leading the fight against Tory plans to decimate services at Lewisham Hospital. Conference needs to reflect the vitality of our movement for this to happen, members’ voices need to be heard.”



Heidi Alexander

“As an MP from Teesside and a former Community Union official who joined the party at 16, I know how important it is for delegates’ opinions to be heard at Conference.

Whether it was fighting as a Trade Union Officer to save The Tees Cast Products Redcar Blast Furnace, working with the CWU to save a Royal Mail delivery office, or assisting with the FBUs campaign against Fire Brigade Mutualisation my background has been rooted in delivering on local industrial issues that matter to people.

Conference has a vital role in letting us discuss how we best organise locally to deliver a Labour majority with Ed Miliband as Prime Minister in 2015”



Tom Blenkinsop

We are standing for the CAC because we need a strong voice for members at Annual Conference. Conference is our sovereign decision making body and it is where our members can set out the sort of Labour Party we want and the sort of country a Labour Government would deliver.

Conference not only offers us a unique opportunity to highlight the damage that the Tories and Liberals are doing to our communities, but also allows us to define an alternative which demonstrates our Labour values.

If elected onto CAC, we will work to ensure that conference is accessible, open and effective. We will prioritise support for first-time delegates, ensure that the voices of our younger members are heard and make further progress on issues such as childcare arrangements and support for delegates with disabilities.

Annual Conference will be of critical importance for our Party as we prepare for the next general election. As Constituency representatives on the CAC we will ensure Conference acts as a proper forum for Party members to have their say in how we lead the fight back.

We hope you will support us. Please do not hesitate to contact us at heidi@heidialexander.org.uk or info@tomblenkinsop.com.

Please ask your CLP to nominate Heidi Alexander and Tom Blenkinsop for Labour’s Conference Arrangements Committee 2013. Nominations close 5pm, 21 June 2013