

Leadership Elections 2016

Validation and verification process

NEC procedures

Prior to the commencement of balloting, the Procedures Committee established NEC panels to oversee the validation and verification process of people who are eligible for a vote in the 2016 Leadership election.

Each panel is comprised of three NEC members and a majority vote is needed when determining someone is ineligible to vote.

These NEC panels determine the eligibility of participants by looking directly at evidence submitted to the validation system and making a decision on each individual.

Determining eligibility

In making their judgements the NEC panels rely on the party rulebook and NEC procedural papers. They have also drawn on statements from the party leadership on a zero tolerance approach to abuse.

The procedural rules for the leadership election state that:

No abuse of any kind by members or supporters shall be tolerated. All eligible members and supporters must conduct themselves in a calm and polite manner and be respectful to each other at all times. Behaviour including, but not limited to, racist, abusive or foul language, abuse against women, homophobia or anti-Semitism at meetings, on social media or in any other context will be dealt with according to the rules and procedures of the Labour Party.

Allegations of breaches to the rule above have, in all cases, been referred to the NEC panels to determine whether further action needs to be taken. Whilst there is no right of appeal for Registered or Affiliate supporters, members have a right of appeal and can do so by emailing appeals@labour.org.uk.

Below are some of the examples of comments of individuals who have been ruled ineligible to participate in the leadership ballot:

1. "If the PLP forcibly replace Corbyn with some Blairite cunt, I'll cancel my membership and never vote for them again.
2. 'We voted Corbyn in for a reason, and that reason was to keep traitorous Blairite/Liberal scum like you out Benn. This orchestrated coup by liberals is disgusting, even dragging Camoron into it with his two penn'th. All MPs who resigned should be deselected and kicked out of the party. Let them make their own party, see if anyone votes for them then. Shame on you Benn you despicable coward.'
3. I would cut Tony Blair's eyes out and set him on fire the murdering cunt. 1 million deaths on his hands. Fuck him.'
4. I voted ukip for mayor and im a paid up card carrying Labour member
5. He said Poles give blowjobs to America but get nothing back. They have a nigger attitude.
6. 'You mean the Zio Thugs And Fuck Your Parents who gave Birth to You Shit Zio Pigs great work killing #nostalrius for doing for fans what you never will you dumbass niggers. dont go to work tomorrow' fuck u nigger i bet when i want'
7. @ChukaUmunna @hiliarybennmp he is a traitor and does not believe in either loyalty or democracy
8. 'If there were any justice this murderous lying bastard would be hung... What a disgraceful excuse for a Labour MP you are - you're a "sneering traitor".'
9. 'I have just joined the Labour @UKLabour so I can support him against the traitorous backstabbing Blairite MPs. Sack them all.

10. @enfield_greens @SouthwarkGP because Tony Blair is a cunt
11. A big day for Scotland tomorrow. Vote SNP unless you're in Kelvin then vote for @patrickharvie. Vote Green in the regional vote everywhere'
12. 'Make sure you vote today, and if you're in Scotland vote green on the peach ballot!
13. #VoteGreen2016 #GreenHolyrood if my local mp is anti-corbyn I will vote tory.
14. '@peterkyle Hi, never heard of you, because you are a Blairite nonentity. Recognise the membership thinks you are a traitor.
15. @hilarybennmp the friend of Labour the friend of democracy / butt out Judas the members want Corbyn go join Farage
16. LilianGreenwood what is the collective term for traitor MPs? A Judas? A Brutus or A Quisling? We the members are behind Corbyn '
17. @tom_watson as you're washing then you'll see a reflection - it's the face of a Labour Party traitor to its members'
18. As a catholic I am prepared. Not so sure about you WASP/Zio dumbass heretics though. Ha ha ha
19. Worse, he says it was a parking dispute. Bubble dwelling Zio sychophant.'
20. Don't hold your breath. Us will veto and WW3 will go ahead as scheduled. Zio military industry to pay ffs
21. Zionists own the media and most of the US arms economy.
22. The Zio imperative is for war
23. I voted ukip we all ways been second class Scotland Wales get free Dental Care and free prescriptions wish we pay for' Aye, fuck off @angelaeagle ! #RedTory #UpTheWorkers #Jez4PM
24. A picture of Jeremy Corbyn doing a Nazi salute captioned with "If Adolf won, then why can't we!? – Inspiring speech at Labour Annual Conference".
25. Plan to "destroy Labour from the inside", stating "I'm an entryist and I'm loving it".
26. "Momentum Scum should be expelled".
27. Sharing posts from Liberty GB a far-right British nationalist political party and sharing a picture of Enoch Powell with the caption "I TRIED TO WARN YOU BUT YOU DIDN'T LISTEN".
28. Likening the state of Israel to 'cancer' with BDS as the 'chemotherapy', talks about blocking 'Zio-scum', and claims that Jewish people create their own dangers with their 'Zionism'.
29. Referring Jewish people as "#westbanknazis" and has tweeted photoshopped images of the Israeli prime minister as a vampire leaning over the body a Palestinian child, blood dripping from his mouth, captioned with the phrase "Can't get enough".
30. Joining the LP "to vote for corbyn – the rest of you traitors fuck off and lose your seats at the next election".
31. "I want my UNION MONEY BACK CORBYN SBHOULD GO !! Vote UKIP they are HONEST!!".
32. Tweeted on election day, "Neither conservatives nor Labour mention building more council homes in their manifestos. Lib dem and green do. #LondonMayor2016". They also tweeted "If we can get all the shy Tories to coalesce around Green as their first vote, and blue as second, would that be enough? #LondonMayor2016".
33. "I used to vote Labour. Plaid for me this time as well".
34. Promoting material for Left Unity stating: "BEWARE LABOURS GRAD TAX ANOTHER EDUCATION NIGHTMARE LURKING AROUND THE CORNER..."
35. Stating they were 'voting green' and, in a conversation with another twitter follower, said "don't vote Labour just to spite me".
36. "Dead wood – definition – parts of a tree or branch that are dead. Perfect description of the Scottish branch office of the red tory party. Let's clear the remaining deadwood out and be the forward thinking country we should be. Vote for Scotland! Vote SNP!"