

# National Executive Committee 2010

## Why you should vote for candidates supported by **GRASSROOTS LABOUR**

Soon members will 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.

Please vote for all the candidates overleaf, as voting for fewer will diminish the support for all grassroots candidates. Ballot papers will be distributed at the beginning of September along with the ballot paper for the Labour Leadership. They may be enclosed with the members' magazine Labour Today. Please circulate this leaflet to Branches and members. For more copies - see over leaf. The deadline for the return of ballot papers is Wednesday 22 September.

### **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.

Treasurer: Diana Holland, Unite

National Constitutional Committee (CLP Section): Mark James, Greenwich and Woolwich CLP

Conference Arrangements Committee: Mick Murphy, Unite

For recommended National Policy Forum candidates: ring 01865 244459

**DON'T JUNK IT!, your ballot paper may be distributed with the Party member's magazine - don't throw this away before you have voted**

# NEC elections: VOTE for 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:

annblack50@btinternet.com or 07956 637958. Past reports are at [http://www.labourblogs.com/public\\_blog.annblack](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. A490373

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.

## • 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.



Experience: European Parliament: member Advisory Committee on freedom of movement and Advisory Committee on Social Security. TUC: General Council 2003-2007. STUC: Chair of the STUC Black Workers Committee 2008-2009. UNISON: National Executive Council, National Black Members Committee and National Women Committee. International Labour Conferences: Migration, trafficking and forced labour 2003-2007. Unite Against Fascism Scotland: treasurer (2010)

Membership number A998659

CLP: Paisley and Renfrewshire South

## • 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 democratic, outwardly pluralistic 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: L0084244

CLP: Dagenham & Rainham CLP

## • Ken Livingstone

The party currently faces the task of reconnecting with everyone it has lost touch with. Party members must have a real influence in the direction we take. Over the coming period Labour will need to oppose the Tory-Lib Dem cuts to public spending. The coalition's policies threaten economic recovery, so we must argue for protecting investment and defending our public services.



Labour will need to re-establish a policy framework that appeals across the whole of society so we can again secure the support of both middle and low earners. We cannot win by taking any section of the electorate for granted.

Previous positions:

Member of National Executive Committee 1987-1989 and 1997-1998

Leader of the Greater London Council 1981-1986

Member of Parliament for Brent East 1987-2001

Mayor of London 2000-2008

Membership No: A080227 CLP: Brent Central

## • 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 and effective NEC. I am always available to give information and advice (01865 24459). I provide regular report backs to CLPs and every year I send all CLPs a copy of my Annual Conference Guide.



NEC 1998-1999 and 2005 onwards; Conference Arrangements Committee 1981-1994; National Constitutional Committee 1995-1998; National Policy Forum 1998-1999 and 2001 onwards; Constituency GC/EC 1975-2010; Research Officer NUPE/UNISON 1979-1994; Branch Secretary - APEX/GMB 1980-1998; Co-op Group SE Political Committee / Area Committee / Party Council 1988-2010.

Membership No: A071448 CLP: Oxford East.

For further copies of this leaflet go to: [www.grassrootslabour.net](http://www.grassrootslabour.net),  
For further information: Grassroots Labour 01865 244459

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