**Agenda item 11 – Nominations for National Committees**

NEC (national executive committee)

**Luke Akehurst**, nominated by Deborah Gill, Damian Haywood, Mark Hull, Steve Hyde, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I'm standing as a "Labour First" candidate because I will put the Labour Party - not Momentum - first.

The dominance of the NEC by Momentum is unbalanced, unrepresentative of the diversity of views among members, and bad for party unity.

We need an NEC where all currents of opinion in the Labour Party are represented and work together.

I bring a 30 year track-record organising campaigns against the Tories and Lib Dems, experience that can contribute to creating an election-winning Labour Party.

I am a proud pro-European and trade unionist.

I want zero tolerance of bullying, harassment, racism and antisemitism.

**Jamila Azad**, nominated by Jamila Azad (Oxford East)

I have lived in Oxford for more than 47 years. I have worked as a teacher, translator/ Interpreter, domestic violence project worker, social and health worker for children and elderly, and Women Development Officer. I am a Member of various organisations.

I’m a hard-working Councillor and passionate about my work in my ward which I won by 470 votes in 2017. Green Party and Liberal Democrats held the seat for many years and I was proud to overturn the trend and secure the seat against strong opposition. I am proud to be Labour Councillor and ready to be NEC member.

**Johanna Baxter**, nominated by Luke Akehurst (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Johanna is Chair, Cunninghame North CLP, currently a Scottish Labour SEC member and works as a union official. She served on the NEC 2010-2016 and was regarded as one of the hardest working CLP representatives, at the forefront of attempts to open up Labour's internal structures to greater transparency. During her time on the NEC she travelled over 30,000 miles to more constituencies than any other volunteer -118 CLPs and counting. She has visited CLPs of every size and in every region of the country, giving speeches, NEC reports or joining them in campaigning and will continue to do so.

**Jasmin Beckett**, nominated by Luke Akehurst (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I am standing for Labour's NEC because members from the North West need a stronger voice. With two years experience on the NEC I have fought for a stronger sexual harassment policy, regional representation for members and for members to have more of a say on policy. I want to continue that work so we can become an outward looking Party to take on the Tories. Only by working with members from across the party can we achieve a Labour government and as a working class woman from Liverpool I know how important that is.

**Ann Black**, nominated by Sue Tanner, John Tanner, Helen Evans, Damian Haywood, Mark Hull, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), Alex Hollingsworth, James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

From Sue and John:

“We wish to nominate Ann Black.  She has been an outstanding constituency representative on the NEC. Her regular, revealing and often amusing reports have made the NEC much more transparent. She has unparalleled experience as a representative of the grassroots membership and is able to reflect the views of ordinary members because of the feedback she receives from her reports.  She has shown unwavering fairness and integrity in all the roles she has undertaken.  The NEC would be the poorer without her.”

Ann is constituency secretary and a member of UNISON. For more information, see [www.annblack.co.uk](http://www.annblack.co.uk).

**Eda Cazimoglu**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

When I joined the Labour Party at 14 my motivation was to help fight the injustice and I knew that only Labour in government could we achieve this. I am running for the NEC to tackle the under representation of BAME members like myself. If elected, I will be a voice that fights for Labour to stop a hard-Brexit and for a fully independent procedure on sexual harassment and bullying. We know the importance of getting the Tories out of government and Labour back in power and I will help make sure the party can do just that.

**Yasmine Dar**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Yasmine is a single mother, social worker, multi-faith prison chaplain, and representative on Manchester City Council. Proud of her Asian roots, she has faced down strong challenges from UKIP and the BNP in her ward, standing up for hope over division.

She believes in a democratic, members-led party, and is confident that with Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, we will transform the country for the better.

Yasmine is a member of Gorton CLP. Membership Number: L1173052

**Huda Elmi**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

The daughter of refugees, I am the product of the sacrifices of others.

I became political aged 16, holding breakfast revision sessions for underprivileged primary school students in my local community centre. I joined Labour several years ago, and as an active member of Labour Students and BAME Labour, I have helped grow ethnic minority participation in the Party.

In the past year, we have come such a long way. I will be a voice of the membership so we can continue to build a modern democratic socialist party that can change the country and the world.

Coventry South, [hudoelmi@gmail.com](mailto:hudoelmi@gmail.com)

**Rachel Garnham**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I am standing for re-election to the NEC to continue to fully support Jeremy's leadership with his anti-austerity plan for growth, progressive agenda against war and racism and for public services and equality, through which we can achieve a transformative Labour government.

In nearly 25 years of Labour Party activism I have held numerous positions, including NPF CLP representative and 10 years as CLP Secretary. Our party needs to be much more inclusive and democratic. If elected I will be a strong voice for grassroots members, a champion for Party democracy, and prioritise working towards election victories.

Member, Mid-Bedfordshire CLP.

**Ann Henderson**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East) , Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

With significant new membership in Scotland, as elsewhere, we now have to organise effectively behind Jeremy Corbyn's leadership. I have extensive experience at many levels of the Labour Party, through local and Constituency posts, a member of the National Policy Forum and Scottish Policy Forum in the past, and now a CLP representative on the Scottish Executive Committee. I have consistently worked with the Campaign Group of MPs, and support the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, the Campaign for Socialism in Scotland and Momentum, and am fully committed to the democratisation of the party.

Ann Henderson (Edinburgh Southern, [ahendersonlab@gmail.com](mailto:ahendersonlab@gmail.com) )

**Jon Lansman**, nominated by Becky Boumelha , Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Jon has been a member since 1974, and worked closely with Tony Benn throughout the 1980s. He's currently chair of Momentum's governing body. He played a leading role in Jeremy Corbyn's two leadership campaigns. In the 2017 general election he helped to mobilise tens of thousands of activists.

He wants to see a socialist Labour government, with a radical, inspiring programme. On the NEC, he would push for party reform to empower our members to elect a government to transform Britain.

Jon is a member of Bermondsey and Old Southwark CLP. Membership Number: A018501

**Nav Mishra**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

A Labour Party with a principled socialist leadership is now the biggest political party in Europe.

I am a Unison organiser, have served the Party on various local and regional committees, and was Labour's candidate for Hazel Grove in 2017. I am also an active member of Unite and USDAW.

I believe in democratising the Party. We need to reflect the communities we represent. Members need accountability from those who work on their behalf, and far more transparent Party structures. We should develop our unions and make our liberation wings fit for the 21st century.

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**Michael Payne**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Deputy Leader of Gedling Borough Council & Notts County Cllr. Deputy Leader of [the](https://twitter.com/LGA_Labour) national LGA Labour Group and Chair of [the](https://twitter.com/LGiU) Local Government Labour Group.

**Heather Peto**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Prominent activist for Transgender rights and National Transgender Officer of LGBT Labour. Parliamentary Candidate for Rutland & Melton in 2017, increasing the Labour vote by 7.3% and taking Labour back into second place. Heather overcame a rare childhood illness and time rough sleeping to research neurological diseases with Nobel Prize winner Max Perutz, at the University of Cambridge.

**Gurinder Singh Josan**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I've been a Labour member since I was 16 years old. I'm a Trustee and Director of anti-racism/ fascism campaign HOPE not Hate, Secretary of my Unite the Union Branch, a founder and Vice Chair of Sikhs for Labour, a Board member of West Midlands Strategic Police & Crime Board. Previously I was active in student politics in Labour Students; served as a local Councillor; held positions at Branch and CLP; and attended and spoken at regional and national conferences. I'm a committed campaigner - I'm Labour through and through!

**Claudia Webbe**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Given the Tory government's attack on the poor, Labour needs to win the next General Election, with Jeremy Corbyn and our strong support. Jeremy's platform and popularity is based on a clear anti-austerity message - a firm break with the previous consensus. I reject divisive, negative politics. We must challenge concentrations of power, inequality and injustice.

As an equalities campaigner, I've been a progressive voice; championing civil liberties, challenging racism, opposing scapegoating of migrants and refugees, standing up for trade union rights, and defending public services and council house-building.

Councillor and member of Islington South and Finsbury CLP

**Peter Willsman**, nominated by Becky Boumelha, Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I am privileged to be an NEC member, serving our members to the best of my ability. Since 1981 I have uniquely served on all four of our Party's national committees. We must all unite behind Jeremy and build for victory in 2020. I worked with Jeremy in NUPE. Jeremy's dedication and integrity is exceptional. The Oldham by-election was a better result (share of the vote) than 1997.

My record proves I have the necessary energy, enthusiasm and commitment to play a full part on the NEC as we build for 2020.

Oxford East CLP.

**Mary Wimbury** nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I joined Labour in the 1980s motivated to build a better world. Since then I've been an activist in the seven constituencies I've lived in, including serving as CLP Secretary, General Election Agent, Parliamentary Candidate, Women's Officer and Local Government Committee Chair. I'm standing for a welcoming, inclusive Labour Party, which does the right thing for the country on Brexit, and delivers a government for the many not the few. If elected I'd speak up for members across the UK, be accessible, and report back regularly. I'm also a member of Wales Co-op Party Council, and Community Union.

NPF (national policy forum) South East Representatives - general

**Alex Chapman**, nominated by Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Membership Number - L1440475, Milton Keynes North CLP. Supported by Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Momentum.

**Dan Dobson**, nominated by Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Membership Number - L1232715, Crawley CLP. Supported by Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Momentum.

**Joy Gough**, nominated by Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Membership Number - L1321605, Horsham CLP. Supported by Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Momentum.

**Caroline Harris**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I have been involved at a local level with Ashford CLP for the last elections of 2015 and 2017 as the Agent for Borough Councillors and Parliamentary Candidates. I have also stood as a Candidate twice for the local Borough Council.

I have been a passionate volunteer patient Advocate with our local NHS particularly with Mental Health issues. Mental Health services are failing people of all ages. NHS frontline staff are exhausted therefore it is essential Labour speak up and produce sustainable policies for health staff and servicer users.

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**Jonathan Hawkes**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

A proud member of Community Union, I have been a Councillor for seven years and Leader of the Labour Group on Dartford Borough Council for the last three years. I've been a CLP Chair, too. I've worked with members to create local manifestos and I know there is wealth of talent, ideas and experience out there in the party. That's why, if I am elected as your NPF representative I will work with you to ensure your views are heard in the policy making process. I'll also ensure I report back to you regularly.

**Tom Hayes**, nominated by Helen Evans, Marie Tidball (Oxford East), Alex Hollingsworth (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I grew up in council houses with parents unwell to work, dependent on our NHS. Labour values changed their lives and made me an Oxford councillor and community safety board member.

I've been National Secretary of LGBT Labour, a caseworker for Andrew Smith MP, and created policy against inequality for Scope and Oxfam. I'm Oxford Co-operative Party's Chair, my EC's LGBT officer, and belong to Unison and Usdaw, while working within a local mental health charity.

Diversity is a strength. I would promote debate and support each member to make any contribution. Democracy benefits from a range of candidates.

**Sharon Mintoff**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

I'm a Southampton councillor, representing Swaythling ward that I won from a Tory in 2012.

In May 2013 I became a member of Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority, since when I've taken a detailed interest in fire safety & prevention policy.

After the Grenfell tragedy, HFRA developed a position statement based on my suggestion that Fire & Rescue Services should be involved early in the planning process, Southampton City Council is doing this on a voluntary basis, also we are retro-fitting sprinklers in our high-rise blocks, upholding HRFA policy regarding sprinklers.

**Daniel O'Loughlin**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Chair Basingstoke Labour Party, College Lecturer, GMB union member.

**Joyce Still**, nominated by Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Membership Number - A193693, North East Hampshire CLP. Supported by Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Momentum.

NPF (national policy forum) South East Representatives - youth

**Gemma Bolton**, nominated by Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Membership Number - L1405940, Mid-Sussex CLP. Supported by Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Momentum.

NCC (National Constitutional Committee)

**Kate Dearden**, nominated by Luke Akehurst, Keith Taylor, Sian Taylor (Oxford East), James Fry, Susanna Pressel (Oxford West & Abingdon)

We have to restore confidence in our disciplinary process to be taken seriously both party members, and when speaking to voters.

It's crucial that young members and voices, especially young women, are at the forefront of that, shaping our NCC and providing cases with the transparency and fair processes it needs.

I have a track record of experience and knowledge of the Labour party, as the former national chair of our ever growing and vibrant student wing of the Labour Party, as vice chair of my CLP branch, and an active campaigner in every general election, referendums and local elections.

**Felicity Irwin**, nominated by Dan Iley-Williamson (Oxford East), Peter Leary, Liz Peretz (Oxford West & Abingdon)

Labour's electoral advance and growth in party membership under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership are helping us towards forming the next government.

As we fight for a more equal and just society, these values should also apply to our internal governance.

Members are entitled to know their party will not tolerate any form of discrimination or abuse and takes equality seriously.

Processes for dealing with complaints should be transparent, accountable and fair.

I am an experienced party member, currently Assistant Secretary of Oxford District Labour Party, previous delegate to National and Regional Party Conferences.

I am supported by the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance.