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**OPENLABOUR**

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
2021 ELECTIONS**

**CANDIDATES BOOKLET**

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# INTRODUCTION FROM RETURNING OFFICER

Open Labour is committed to the accountability of it as an organisation to its members in line with its core values of equality, democracy, solidarity and emancipation. This is reflected in the various posts you can elect and the electoral systems used in order to encourage openness, diversity and pluralism.



It is also committed to fairness and has appointed me for the second election running to act as an independent Returning Officer for this election based on my past roles overseeing many Labour Movement internal elections.

Most of the National Committee is up for election so this will be a serious exercise in member democracy which sets a good example to the rest of the Labour Movement.

Details of those posts up for election and the rules set out in the Open Labour constitution can be found [here](#). New members will be eligible to vote through the election process so please do encourage any Open Labour supporters you know to join [here](#) to take part. Candidates and members are asked to campaign in a comradely, positive and inclusive manner. All candidates must comply with Open Labour's [Code of Conduct](#).

If you have any issues or questions you can get in touch with me at: [returningofficer@openlabour.org](mailto:returningofficer@openlabour.org)

Thank you all for taking part in this ballot either as a candidate or a voter.



**Charlie Mansell**

Returning Officer, Open Labour National Committee 2021 Elections

# OPEN PLACES



**Nairn MCDONALD**  
*Cunninghame South*

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 Nairn McDonald

As a Young member (just), as an unpaid carer and a disabled person the values which both the Labour Party and Open Labour hold are my values.

Labour is the only party which has ever taken power out of the hands of the few and put it into the hands of the many.

I want to be on the Exec to help bring Open Labour into an even more formidable, engaged and outward looking group which fundamentally influences and when needed changes the direction of our party and our county.



**Tessa MILLIGAN**  
*Hemel Hempstead*

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I've put great energy into my role as new Co-Chair of Open Labour alongside Keiran O'Neill. Our members are accessing more opportunities than ever before. And we've got more members than ever before - DOUBLED since early 2020. Last year my top pledge was to fundraise for a national organiser - we've now met our target and have begun laying the groundwork for hiring our first member of staff! Though it's a voluntary role, I am very active and work hard for Open Labour. For example:

- I led organising our 'Politics of Hope' conference, which broke our event fundraising records.
- I spearheaded our case with IPSO against The Sun newspaper - which we won.
- I wrote our first ever parliamentary briefing, on the Covert Human Intelligence Sources Bill, with the advice of legal experts and former covert human intelligence sources.

You can read more about what we have achieved over the last year or so here: <https://openlabour.org/a-year-in-the-life-of-open-labour/> Please consider giving me a top preference on your ballot as I'd love to be re-elected to the national committee. Let's keep driving Open Labour onwards and upwards.



**Abi BARINSKI**  
*Manchester Gorton*

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A year ago, I ran for committee on a pledge to grow Open Labour into a strong campaigning force - and what a year it has been. I coordinated our NEC campaign that saw the triumphant return of Ann Black and Alice Perry, with public endorsements from Anneliese Dodds and Rosena Allin-Khan. Additionally, I worked on the Young Labour campaigns which saw OL candidates become chair of London and Scotland Young Labour. As membership officer, I've been crucial in ensuring that:

- regional groups (such as North West) have been established and run smoothly
- our first online conference was a huge success
- members feel valued



Serving on the OLNLC has been an honour, but I really believe my work has only just begun. I have proven that OL can be a force for change; and I'd love to continue growing that. If re-elected, I will:

- help our new liberation groups grow so we are a party that unequivocally represents marginalised communities
- ensure that we provide transformative leadership and ideas in areas such as education and mental health, which I am deeply passionate about
- continue ensuring that OL members are at the forefront of change in our party.

#VoteAbi1stPref



**Logan MACHELL**  
*Aberdeen Donside*

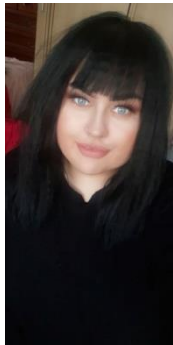
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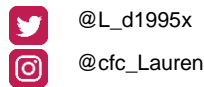
I will not only give myself a platform, but I will help enable other LGBT+ activists to spread awareness about other LGBT+ issues that they all experience. I also want to use this role as a chance to educate other Labour Party members about LGBT+ by working with LGBT+ Labour and other LGBT+ organisations outside the party. I aim to help organise events to give other activists a platform and strengthen activist's voices within the Labour Party.

I hope you vote for me to be your LGBT+ officer to be a strong voice for the LGBT+ and allow me to give other activists a stronger voice.

# OPEN PLACES (CONTINUED)



**Lauren  
DAVISON**  
*Stoke-on-Trent South*

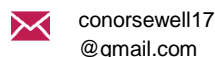


At a time when the wider party has been full of toxicity, factionalism and nastiness, Open Labour has been a safe haven for many of us. We need to ensure this continues. Through my work in the Young Fabians, Labour Coalition of Justice Reform and Labour Doorstep, I have a track record of getting stuff done - whether that be organising events, chairing policy discussions or writing policy pamphlets. I want to see an Open Labour that punches above its weight and acts as the voice of reason, in an often-challenging wider Party climate. If elected, I'll:

- 1) Champion OL's growth outside of London.
- 2) Be fully accountable to members
- 3) Be an unashamed ally to all marginalised groups and speak truth to power where needed.
- 4) Ensure events and opportunities are available to all post-covid - especially for those with disabilities and those who live outside of London.



**Conor  
SEWELL**  
*Sevenoaks*



My name is Conor (he/him).

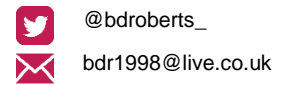
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I have been on the Labour Campaign for Free Movement Steering Committee for over two years, during which time we successfully passed a motion defending migrants' rights at conference and fought against the deportation of Osime Brown. My career has been spent working on public policy; my day job is providing advice on policy and political affairs. I believe that as an organiser and a policy expert, I have much to offer Open Labour, at a time where there is so much to fight against – and fight for.

Fighting against bigotry, fighting against the Policing Bill, fighting against cruel Tory policy is so important. But so is fighting for a positive vision of what Labour can be. From PR to migrants' rights, I have spent years fighting to make the Labour Party better. I would be honoured and grateful to have your support to do so on the Open Labour National Committee.



**Ben "B.D."  
ROBERTS**  
*Leeds North East*

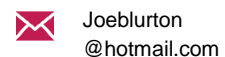


I've served as an LGBT+ Rep, as a Treasurer, and helped set up the Labour LGBT+ Coalition. I have experience in student politics, and as a psychologist I've researched prejudice. I want to bring that experience and knowledge to Open Labour; using it to expand, to keep us standing for open politics, and to remind us to stand up for the marginalised. I am non-binary and know how prevalent transphobia has become. It is not the only issue we face; antisemitism, racism, Islamophobia, anti-GRT sentiment, and other bigotries are on the rise. It is so important that we remain a voice for tolerance. If elected, I would have three aims:

1. Standing up for diversity; working with minority and marginalised groups, not platforming intolerance, and ensuring that people of all groups feel included within our organisation. This also means improving safeguarding and raising up minority voices.
2. Growth; many areas still lack branches. I'd work to make us active up and down the country, also working to build an Open Labour presence on campus.
3. Supporting our values; I'd reach out to activists and elected representatives with who we share values to support each other and the values we share.



**Joseph  
BLURTON**  
*Central Devon*





A policy geek who values the unity of the Labour movement, since joining Labour I have been a CLP delegate, VC, and Sec.

As a Delivery Manager in IT, I'm a pragmatic, supportive & friendly colleague.

# OPEN PLACES (CONTINUED)



**Bodrul AMIN**  
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If you don't stand for something, you'll agree with anything. I fear that people do not know what we stand for as a party and the risk is that we become irrelevant in the eyes of the voters. As a party, we need to offer a radical policy platform which will provide a solution to the problems people face in our country today. I strongly believe OL should be a setting the agenda in relation to radical policy making. At the same time, we need to listen to the concerns of our core voters and address the divisions in our society.


I joined the party in 1997 and have served the party in a number of different roles. As a teacher, NEU trade union activist, employment lawyer for the BMA and trade union lawyer with Thompsons Solicitors, I have spent my working life fighting for rights at work.

As an OL National Committee representative, I will fight for:

- A review of the party structure to ensure that the party is reflective of BAME and younger voters.
- An internationalist party that will speak out against human rights abuses around the world.
- A strong voice against racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism and ensure there is no 'hierarchy of hate' within our party.
- A commitment that OL develops a list of radical policies and to policy influence the party.



**Pablo JOHN**  
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Another year another doomed exec committee bid!

Hello, friends lovers and colleagues I hope you are all well any many vaccines will rain upon you.


I started my Labour journey by founding a Young Labour Branch in Tunbridge Wells (it went about as well as you'd expect) where we recruited over 150 members (most of them didn't turn up but we move). Since then I've run for Council (and got one vote), chaired Leeds Labour Students and even worked in Parliament for a bit (there was an election and a plague whilst I was there but it probably wasn't my fault).

I now work as a Policy Analyst for the Renewable Energy Association and spend my free time as an activist for L4GND, L4ND and Acorn.

Now I want to bring my vast experience of failure to Open Labour. I want to continue the good work of last year's committee in reaching out across our party and making Open Labour an activist force fighting for a more progressive party, from PR to the Green New Deal. Please vote for me or I'll turn up to every event and shout "not very open of you" from the back. Your move members.



**Rosie MCKENNA**  
Finchley and Golders Green

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MAKE IT MCKENNA FOR OPEN LABOUR COMMITTEE

Hi folks! I'm Rosie McKenna. I believe that Open Labour is the future of our Party - in policy, vision, and culture. I'm standing for committee to keep the energy going and build our movement!

I have worked on a number of campaigns, both within the Labour movement and more broadly - from being on the Liverpool Reclaim the Night committee, to being a CLP Vice Chair, to working as a mobilisation officer for an anti-Brexit campaign.

If elected to the committee, my priorities would be:

- Encouraging a positive culture in our party, where we can disagree without being disrespectful. Taking the fight to the right, not fighting with each other.
- Prioritising the Climate Crisis, particularly campaigning for a Green Recovery to the pandemic. We are in a climate emergency, this is the biggest issue we will face - and we are running out of time.
- Political Education, working with campaign groups, and focusing on international issues - our socialism must reach across borders!
- Build Open Labours visibility, to promote our ideas and way of organising.

MAKE IT MCKENNA FOR OPEN LABOUR COMMITTEE



**Tina BHARTWAS**  
North East Hertfordshire

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For me Open Labour is a beacon of hope - inclusive, vibrant, progressive and I want to see us lead. I'm running for an open place on the National Committee because I want to support the development of our strategy at this crucial time for our party.



I was recently elected to Hertfordshire County Council taking a seat off of the Tories, making history aged 19 and becoming Labour spokesperson on The Environment. I am proud to have been field organiser in the East for Open Labour backed leadership candidate Lisa Nandy and to have been backed by Open Labour for Young Labour. I have held a range of roles in our movement including CLP BAME Officer, Youth Officer and Branch Vice-Chair. I co-founded Young East of England Fabians and sat on the Coop Partys National Youth Committee. I am also a committed trade unionist. I have experience of grassroots campaigning and organising having coordinated the youth wings of climate groups, spoke outside Downing Street against education cuts and set up a Holiday Hunger campaign. If elected I will bring energy, creativity and tenacity to pushing for policy influence, championing OL candidates and empowering our members.

VOTE TINA FIRST PREF

# OPEN PLACES (CONTINUED)



**Joseph  
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Hello! I'm Joseph, a maths student and Labour activist from Rugby, studying and working in Bath.

I'm a Labour and Open Labour member, and volunteer with the Make Votes Matter and Labour for a New Democracy campaigns for Proportional Representation. I manage social media and give talks to CLPs in the fight for the party to back fair votes. I believe OL should continue to press for PR to be in our manifesto and implemented by a Labour government.

Under its commitment to tolerant, pluralist, democratic socialism, I think that OL should drive joint campaigning and communication with trade unions, grassroots campaigns, and other Labour factions in areas of agreement. I also support a Progressive Alliance: empowering CLPs, if they choose, to cooperate with other parties to beat the Tories in seats we can't win, in return for greater chances of Labour wins in our target seats.

Therefore, as a committee member, I would champion equal votes for all, and push OL to lead the way in building bridges between the factions, unions, movements and parties that must cooperate to win a progressive, transformative Labour-led government.

Please contact me with any questions, and consider ranking me #1.



**Ralph  
BERRY**  
Shiplay

 @CllrRalphBerry



My politics are Northern, Pluralist and Socialist I support PR, devolution, inclusion and diversity, cooperation, and democratic internationalism. My experience in the past of left reformation and renewal is I think vital. Open Labour is the vital spark of integrity and faces big challenges and opportunities. We are more than a steppingstone to a career; we want to change the nature of the game. I have been Labour and Co-op Councillor for Wibsey, Bradford since 1991, held Cabinet roles for 6 years. Re-elected in 2018 with 48.5 % of the vote and as agent in a 'red wall ward' secured to 53 % last local elections. Founder member of Open Labour. My politics are based on a belief in Open and Pluralist Socialist politics and democratic internationalism. I oppose all forms autocratic left politics and have a deep commitment to localism and fighting all forms of intolerance. I helped develop the OL Safeguarding policy and am the Safeguarding lead. OL National Secretary 2019 /20. Worked in Probation and Social work now Manager of a Charity Mental Health service in Leeds experienced in speaking, organising, empowering and the nitty gritty. OLNC needs an experienced Northern Voice.

Yours in cooperation,

Ralph.






**Dermot  
MCKIBBIN**  
Beckenham

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I am a housing expert and leasehold reform specialist. I am Vice/Chair of Beckenham CLP in Tory Bromley. I have been a Lewisham councillor and LCF Chair. I support leasehold reform and ensuring that innocent leaseholders are not bankrupt due to harsh Government policy on fire safety. I write about this issue at getcommonholddone.co.uk. Labour needs to address these issues properly to win over the votes of Tory voting owner occupiers. There are over 4 million leaseholders in England alone often in key marginal seats. I have attended leaseholdreform/fire safety rallies in London where the Labour movement has been absent. The problems of leaseholders are seldom discussed in Labour Party circles. I have exposed Bromley Council's poor record on empty homes, the council's housing record, voter suppression and poor consultation for housing association tenants in my ward. I would like to see Open Labour leading the campaign to win the votes of over 4 million leaseholders who are the victims of a feudal leasehold system and Government building safety policy which is driven by Tory party donors.



**Brahma  
MOHANTY**  
Harrow West

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I have been a member of the Labour Party for many years now, having been part of the committees of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Labour Clubs. I continue my commitment as Harrow West CLP's BAME Officer. I am also a member of the Co-operative Party and chair of the Brent and Harrow Co-operative Party, in addition to being an Ordinary Committee Member of both the GMB Race and GMB Ability committees, and the Open Labour London Committee as the BAME Representative. I am also Equalities Officer for the London Co-operative Party Council. Open Labour's values drew me towards joining; a commitment to transformative politics, constantly looking outwards and honestly and realistically embracing the challenges that we face in the spirit of inclusivity. We face challenging times as we post-pandemic, tough local elections next year, constant questions about the future of the union, and the threat of another early General Election. Being a part of the NEC would enable me to play a key role in helping to shape Open Labour's approach to these challenges. Difficult times lie ahead but there is always room for optimism and being involved with the NEC will enable me to promote that message.

# OPEN PLACES (CONTINUED)



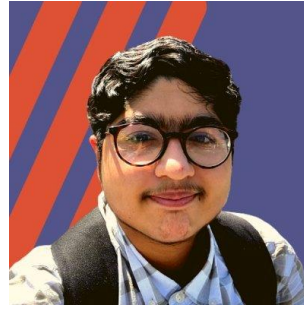
**Shumon  
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I joined Open Labour as I was disillusioned with the dominant factions within our party that were fighting all the time. I believe we should all be united and working together to win elections. I'm an active campaigner and helped in the 2015, 2017 and 2019 general elections as well as travelling to the US to campaign for Barack Obama in the 2008 and 2012 US presidential elections. I also volunteered for Keir Starmer's leadership campaign. If elected to the national committee, I would push for the following:

- RECRUIT more members to Open Labour. Most of our membership are on the soft left so let's nab them!
- CANDIDATES PROGRAMME for Open Labour members. There are many affiliated groups that have developed an MP or councillor training programme to encourage their members to stand for elected positions, we should too.
- ENCOURAGE existing Open Labour members to be more active in their local party by forming 'hubs' with an organiser attached to each hub.

I work in PR and I am currently Vice Chair Membership of my CLP. I'm also a member of the National Union of Journalists, Co-Operative Party and Fabian Society. Feel free to get in touch with me: [shumon.ali-rahman@outlook.com](mailto:shumon.ali-rahman@outlook.com)



**Shaan  
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I'm standing for the Open Labour Committee to help drive its democratic, radical and inclusive traditions forward. The growing inequalities up and down the country were massively highlighted during the course of the pandemic, and Open Labour should be a voice standing up for the communities hit hardest by inequality, and I'll ensure that it is those voices - whether from an ethnic minority, or deprived background - that are platformed on the issues that matter to them. I'll stand up to ensure members of local government hold key significance in OL, as the beating heart of communities, they deserve to be able to fight for the issues that matter in their areas on a bigger level. To build a fairer Britain, we have to campaign and fight, and by working more closely with important organisations like Disabled People Against Cuts and the 1987 Caucus, we can go further in fighting for social justice, to fight for a fairer future for every Briton. And inclusion has to be at the heart of this, so continuing to hold virtually-accessible events and growing the regional groups would be at the top of my agenda to ensure every member can have their voice heard.



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## VOTE CATHLEEN FOR COMMITTEE

With creative campaigns, bold socialist policies and high levels of engagement, OL can lead the Labour movement into the next General Election. I've put great energy into my role as Open Labour's National Youth Officer and hope you will vote for me to continue on the National Committee. I'm a keen socialist and professional youth campaigner with the skills to recruit new activists, connect members and represent you nationally.

I organised and campaigned for OL candidates in external elections, planned and ran events at our National Conference, and I'm putting in the first building blocks for what I hope will become a fully-fledged democratic Open Labour youth-wing. I want to keep growing our membership and reach across the party. I would place an emphasis on recruiting and promoting members from backgrounds which are underrepresented across our movement. Building a fairer and more inclusive Labour Party for all is important to me.

I want to get our young members more involved in policy-making and organise around vital issues such as workers' rights and housing. I also sit on the London Labour Housing Group and am the Communications Officer for Poplar and Limehouse CLP.

#CathleenForCommittee



**Sarah  
SACKMAN**  
*Holborn and St Pancras*

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I am re-standing for the Open Labour National Committee to continue to work to develop and represent Labour's open Left. After a year on the NC and in my role as Trade Union Liaison Officer, I am well placed to continue to build on and utilise the relationships I've developed in that role to support our members to realise our brand of practical, open-minded and tolerant democratic socialism.

Over the last year I have become familiar with the organisation, how it works and where we need to strengthen. I have worked alongside other members of the committee to deliver high quality events including at Open Labour conference where I organised co-chaired a session on the future of trade unionism. I've also helped to develop our Activists Academy designed to train members in the skills needed to become politically active.



I want to continue to bring my experience as a Public law barrister, former PPC and community campaigner to the NC and to utilise my ties across the labour movement with organisations such as JLM, GMB and my role as a member on Labour's commission on the Future of the UK to develop and boost Open Labour, its ideas and campaigns.



# OPEN PLACES (CONTINUED)



**Omar SALEM**  
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Being a member of the National Committee for the last year has been hugely fulfilling. I have enjoyed contributing to the work of Open Labour including:



- Organising events on a progressive response to Covid, the good jobs economy, Black Lives Matter and reform of the police
- Helping with the NEC campaigns which saw Ann Black and Alice Perry elected
- Supporting the launch of climate change and justice member policy groups
- Working to develop plans for an Open Labour organiser and for a Labour Party diversity charter
- Developing and launching the Open Labour Activist Academy

Open Labour has a vital role. Labour needs a reboot with better policies and an improved culture to win a general election. We desperately need a Labour government that when dealing with issues like Covid puts people, not markets, first. Open Labour needs to be at the forefront of arguing for a kinder and more inclusive society. I'm re-standing for the Open Labour National Committee to keep working hard with others on the committee. More about me and my ideas is at [www.omarsalem.com](http://www.omarsalem.com). If you have any questions, please email me at [omar@omarsalem.com](mailto:omar@omarsalem.com).

Please give me your 1st vote.



**Amrita ROSE**  
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I joined Open Labour (OL) because of its vision – to develop a diverse socialist movement, where polarised divisions in the Party are bridged, and we are a credible force for Government. If elected I will continue to strengthen this vision by:

- Ensuring OL is a member led organisation. Since becoming the co-national membership engagement officer OL's membership has doubled in size. I look forwards to building on this growth through campaigns and workshops to foster membership engagement in shaping the organisation's future direction. At the same time I will work with our regional groups to ensure they are active in building our national movement.
- Running a campaign on the 'Green recovery after Covid' to ensure our recovery is just and sustainable. Using the campaign I will build on the ideas generated through recent events I have organised with MPs, GLA candidates, Greenpeace and the OL Climate Change group.
- Having set up a Unite branch in my local area and having been OL London's Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair (Membership) of my CLP, my previous experience equips me with the management and team working skills that committee work requires.

I have really enjoyed working with members and I hope to have another opportunity to build on my work.



**Tom MILLER**  
Brent North

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The Labour Party needs a clear idea of what it wants, why that matters, and why people should care. If we in Open Labour are prepared to answer the same challenges, we will provide policies, strategy and campaigns that can help fill the vacuum in the Party. We need to be the bridge that moves socialist insight and demands into the political mainstream. If elected I will fight for:

- A renewed new mission and strategy, with members involved in drafting
- OL to hire a full time organiser / campaigner
- Move our fight for a pluralist, democratic and green Labour left directly into constituencies, union branches and the youth movement.

If you vote for me then you will also be supporting a candidate who includes and stands in solidarity with people from diverse and under-represented backgrounds. I will advocate for fair representation and involvement on gender, race and ethnicity, disabilities and sexual orientation and support independent spaces for organising. I also want to make it clear that I stand with trans people in their struggle for recognition and equal treatment. Please vote @tommilleruk #1! The committee members re-standing have great insight and skills, so please also support them if you can.



**Craig TIMMINS**  
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I grew up on a council estate in Leigh, Greater Manchester. Leigh was lost to the Tories in 1919 for the first time since 1922. I know what it feels like to desperately need a Labour Government and have experienced the life changing difference that can be brought about when Labour are in power.

My Labour values have been shaped by the earlier parts of my life and the issues that mean the most to me are eradicating child poverty, climate change and ensuring that every person in every setting gets the same opportunity as everyone else regardless of where they are from or what background they come from.



I supported Lisa Nandy in the last leadership election but am supportive of Keir Starmer and have campaigned hard under the two previous leaderships both in National and Local elections.

The reason I am an Open Labour Member and would like to run for the National Committee is that believe in an open and inclusive politics in which people across the Labour movement can come together to celebrate our common values whilst having honest and frank but respectful debate about our differences. I want to be part of fostering this across the party.

# LGBT+ OFFICER



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Conor  
**SEWELL**  
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My name is Conor (he/him) and I am a bisexual man.

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I have been on the Labour Campaign for Free Movement Steering Committee for over two years. My career has been spent working on public policy; my day job is providing advice on policy and political affairs. I believe that as an organiser and a policy expert, I have much to offer Open Labour.

This is a critical time, in our party and our country, for LGBTQ+ people. I am proud of the work of Open Labour, but the sad truth is that LGBTQ+ people, especially trans and non-binary people, are under attack from across our society. It would be nice to believe that these attacks come solely from outside the Labour Party, but that is not the case. We must do everything in our power to advance the cause of LGBTQ+ liberation.

If elected, I will fight for all of my LGBTQ+ comrades with all of my strength.



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Hello! I'm Joseph, a maths student and Labour activist from Rugby, studying and working in Bath.

I'm proudly bisexual, and I know there's more to do before everyone is treated equally no matter who they love. We must campaign for the government to ban conversion therapy in all forms, introduce complete legal equality in blood donation and elsewhere, and promote LGBT+ human rights worldwide. But the gravest shortcoming in UK LGBT+ equality is on trans rights. Trans women are women, trans men are men and nonbinary people are nonbinary – everyone deserves to be understood and respected as who they say they are. And yet, our trans siblings are assaulted, isolated, impoverished, denied healthcare, disrespected and disregarded by the Tory government, the Murdoch media, the far-right and some Labour MPs.

Open Labour must be an unequivocal ally to all LGBT+ people, even when it is difficult and means demanding more of our own party. As LGBT+ Officer, I would collaborate with Stonewall, LGBT+ Labour and other campaigners within and beyond Labour for dignity, respect, and equality for all queer and trans people, standing firmly against all homophobia and transphobia. Please contact me with any questions, and consider ranking me #1.



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Open Labour is succeeding in creating a welcoming environment within the Labour Party during what has been a difficult year for many of us in the LGBT+ community. It's been an honour to be a part of that work during my time as LGBT+ Officer but the work is far from over. Whilst OL has been promoting inclusive, transformational politics on the left, including at our most widely attended conference where we had the privilege of hearing from Stonewall founder Lisa Power, within the wider party the failure to acknowledge transphobia has led to a position where elected representatives have promoted and enabled an unwelcoming atmosphere for LGBT+ people.

More than ever we need strong voices to combat this, and within OL our regional representation is better than ever, and I've been proud that regions such as my own in the NW gaining new groups and I look forward to continuing to support this. Over the next year we need to continue to promote a politics of hope, and move away from "culture war" arguments and into the issues that matter - access to healthcare, organising to support our liberation and organisations and establishing an environment where bigotry is completely intolerable.

## LGBT+ OFFICER (CONTINUED)



Wrenna  
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Hi. I'm Wrenna. Some of my friends call me Lines. Either is fine.

I believe that the Labour Party ought to be a place that's safe for people across the LGBT+ spectrum, and currently it isn't. I like to think in Open Labour we do OK, but we can be even better still, and be a voice rejecting anti-LGBT+ forces within our party whenever they rear their head.


I said when I stood last year that I believed internationalist work was important, and I think that's more true than ever. Anti-LGBT+ reaction is global. We have to look outside our borders and extend a hand of solidarity to anti-LGBT+ oppression wherever it is.

I'm not really into a politics of representation and talking without doing - I prefer liberatory politics and action. In the last year I've been involved in founding an activism project bringing to light networks of trans hate in this country and elsewhere - I intend to continue this work alongside Open Labour commitments. I don't have much time for passive statements of support - but I'm here for people who want to do the work and good activism to make change. That's the sort of LGBT+ Officer I'll be.

# DISABILITY OFFICER



Conor  
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My name is Conor (he/him) and I am autistic.

As a member of Open Labour, I have seen the excellent work done at every level, from the National Committee down to inspiring individual activists. I am standing because I believe I can be a good servant to every single member.

I have been on the Labour Campaign for Free Movement Steering Committee for over two years. My career has been spent working on public policy; my day job is providing advice on policy and political affairs. I believe that as an organiser and a policy expert, I have much to offer Open Labour.

In our society, the voices of disabled and neurodivergent people are silenced. Even within Labour, I have heard far too many stories of inaccessibility, ableism, and simple failure to listen to disabled members. We need Open Labour to help us fight back against continued hostility and discrimination.

If elected, I will use my policy and campaigning experience to help Open Labour lead the way on the fight for our rights, and to push for better policy and greater accessibility within Labour. We already have the answers: all we need are voices willing to amplify our own.



Lucy  
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I am standing for re-election as Disability Officer on the Open Labour National Committee. I identify as disabled and live with a mobility impairment.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated the discrimination and exclusion that disabled people face in this country. For some disabled people, this includes the erosion of the most basic of human rights such as access to critical care. Campaigning on these issues has dominated my work this year: I have spoken at, and organised events on disabled people, the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond. I have also produced guidance on accessibility and inclusive practice for meetings and events.

I often hear politicians describe disabled people as “vulnerable”, but vulnerability is not inevitable, it is the product of exclusion, poverty and environmental and attitudinal barriers. We need to transform our political and party culture to challenge systemic ableism and discriminatory assumptions.

I would welcome the opportunity to build on my work this year, and to develop policy around combatting ableism and embedding accessibility across all our policies and practices, particularly in relation to our thinking about the climate emergency, social care, and the future of work. I bring substantial experience to this role as a disability activist, UCU trade unionist with national bargaining responsibilities, and as a researcher in the field of critical disability studies, arts, health and social justice.

# WOMEN'S OFFICER



Kerri  
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I wasn't sure whether to run for women's officer or not. I asked myself: am I the best person to be the "voice" of women? Am I vocal enough about intersectional feminism? Is it possible to be the voice of women, when we are all so different? The reason I've decided to put myself forward for this role isn't because I have the answers to these questions – but because I know that I don't.

So many women in the Labour Party's past and present have inspired and educated me. I experience this world as a white cis woman, and I will never experience what it is that so many women who do not share my characteristics go through. Which is why it is so important to not just listen and learn, but also champion.

As a local authority Councillor, I come into contact with many different women who are experiencing hardship in some form. From poverty, to exploitation. Working with these women involves being an advocate, a voice if they need one, or even just a shoulder to cry on.


If elected I will continue to listen and learn. To be the best voice and champion that I can be.

**Kerri Prince is elected unopposed as Women's Officer on the Open Labour National Committee**

# YOUTH OFFICER



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Another year another doomed exec committee bid!

Hello, friends lovers and colleagues I hope you are all well any many vaccines will rain upon you.

I started my Labour journey by founding a Young Labour Branch in Tunbridge Wells (it went about as well as you'd expect) where we recruited over 150 members (most of them didn't turn up but we move). Since then I've run for Council (and got one vote), chaired Leeds Labour Students and even worked in Parliament for a bit (there was an election and a plague whilst I was there but it probably wasn't my fault).

I now work as a Policy Analyst for the Renewable Energy Association and spend my free time as an activist for L4GND, L4ND and Acorn.


Now I want to bring my vast experience of failure to Open Labour. I want to continue the good work of last year's committee in reaching out across our party and making Open Labour an activist force fighting for a more progressive party, from PR to the Green New Deal.

Please vote for me or I'll turn up to every event and shout "not very open of you" from the back. Your move members.



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VOTE CATHLEEN FOR COMMITTEE

With creative campaigns, bold socialist policies and high levels of engagement, OL can lead the Labour movement into the next General Election. I've put great energy into my role as Open Labour's National Youth Officer and hope you will vote for me to continue on the National Committee. I'm a keen socialist and professional youth campaigner with the skills to recruit new activists, connect members and represent you nationally.

I organised and campaigned for OL candidates in external elections, planned and ran events at our National Conference, and I'm putting in the first building blocks for what I hope will become a fully-fledged democratic Open Labour youth-wing. I want to keep growing our membership and reach across the party. I would place an emphasis on recruiting and promoting members from backgrounds which are underrepresented across our movement. Building a fairer and more inclusive Labour Party for all is important to me.


I want to get our young members more involved in policy-making and organise around vital issues such as workers' rights and housing. I also sit on the London Labour Housing Group and am the Communications Officer for Poplar and Limehouse CLP.

#CathleenForCommittee



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Hello! I'm Joseph, a maths student and Labour activist from Rugby, studying and working in Bath.

I'm proud of my generation's progressivism – we're well-connected and informed, we lead movements from BLM to XR and we vote Labour in unprecedented majorities. However, some in the party and beyond look down on our activism, despite us being the bedrock of Labour's coalition. As Youth Officer, I would champion our priorities and interests, ensuring we're neither overlooked nor taken for granted.

I will also keep attacking the root cause of young people being undervalued – First Past The Post wasting millions of our votes. I manage social media and give talks to CLPs in campaigns for Proportional Representation, and believe OL should continue to press for PR to be in our manifesto and implemented by a Labour government.



I also think OL should drive joint campaigning with unions, movements, and other Labour factions where we agree. Finally, I support a Progressive Alliance: empowering CLPs, if they choose, to cooperate with other parties to beat the Tories in seats we can't win, in return for greater chances of Labour wins in our target seats.

Please contact me with any questions, and consider ranking me #1.

# BAME OFFICER



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If you don't stand for something, you'll agree with anything. I fear that people do not know what we stand for as a party and the risk is that we become irrelevant in the eyes of the voters. As a party, we need to offer a radical policy platform which will provide a solution to the problems people face in our country today. I strongly believe OL should be a setting the agenda in relation to radical policy making. At the same time, we need to listen to the concerns of our core voters and address the divisions in our society.




I joined the party in 1997 and have served the party in a number of different roles. As a teacher, NEU trade union activist, employment lawyer for the BMA and trade union lawyer with Thompsons Solicitors, I have spent my working life fighting for rights at work.

As an OL National Committee representative, I will fight for:

- A review of the party structure to ensure that the party is reflective of BAME and younger voters.
- An internationalist party that will speak out against human rights abuses around the world.
- A strong voice against racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism and ensure there is no 'hierarchy of hate' within our party.
- A commitment that OL develops a list of radical policies and to policy influence the party.





**Brahma MOHANTY**  
*Harrow West*

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I have been a member of the Labour Party for many years now, having been part of the committees of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Labour Clubs. I continue my commitment as Harrow West CLP's BAME Officer. I am also a member of the Co-operative Party and chair of the Brent and Harrow Co-operative Party, in addition to being an Ordinary Committee Member of both the GMB Race and GMB Ability committees, and the Open Labour London Committee as the BAME Representative. I am also Equalities Officer for the London Co-operative Party Council. Open Labour's values drew me towards joining; a commitment to transformative politics, constantly looking outwards and honestly and realistically embracing the challenges that we face in the spirit of inclusivity. We face challenging times as we post-pandemic, tough local elections next year, constant questions about the future of the union, and the threat of another early General Election. Being a part of the NEC would enable me to play a key role in helping to shape Open Labour's approach to these challenges. Difficult times lie ahead but there is always room for optimism and being involved with the NEC will enable me to promote that message.



**Amen TESFAY**  
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It has been an enormous privilege to serve as the BAME Officer on the OLNLC. From organising Open Labour's Black History Month series to spearheading our submission to the Forde Inquiry and being an all-round Hype-man, I'm proud to have been a strong voice for BAME members within OL.

If re-elected, my priorities are:

- Develop stronger connections between Open Labour and grassroots anti-racist movements at home and abroad.
- Train the next generation of Young Activists of Colour to participate in our Labour movement
- Continue to make sure that OL presses the Party to combat the threats that go against our values of Anti-Racism, such as Islamophobia and Anti-Black Racism.

As the Tories ramp up their "War on Woke" rhetoric, which is only a tool to hit minorities with, the significance of a strong Labour movement to stand up to these intolerances and campaign for Liberation is more critical. And Open Labour needs to be a passionate voice in that movement. Please re-elect me to keep championing our cause.

# SCOTLAND OFFICER



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It's been an honour to represent Scotland on the NC, especially while acting as Co-Chair this year with the unstoppable Tessa Milligan. I am asking for your support to carry on the work we have been able to achieve in the past year which has seen our membership double and lay the groundwork for recruiting our organiser. I have been proud of what this NC has been able to achieve but I am confident that the next will do even more and I want to continue to play my part in that process. That's why I am asking for your support to be re-elected as Scotland Officer and as UK Co-Chair

Some personal priorities for me are:

- to ensure our National Committee is as effective and transparent as possible
- to get devolved branches up and running in every nation and region
- continuing to grow our membership
- to continue to build our links with organisations across the movement

I hope I can count on your support and together we can continue to build Open Labour and through that build an open, outward-looking and socialist Labour Party.

**Keiran O'Neill is re-elected unopposed as Scotland Officer on the Open Labour National Committee**



# WALES OFFICER



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Since joining Open Labour, I've never found a more welcoming and inclusive group of activists to be a part of. Values of pluralism within Labour to me are very important, especially as someone who has first-hand experience of some of the toxic factionalism that exists in some sections of the party.

As a candidate for Wales Rep, I feel Open Labour has a fantastic opportunity following the success in the Senedd election to take some of the ingredients of that campaign and apply them across the UK. Strong leadership, compassionate politics and internationalist patriotism alongside heavy-hitting policy pledges returned Mark Drakeford a comfortable mandate to lead Wales through the pandemic and its recovery, whilst rejecting the divisive nationalism of the Conservatives and Plaid Cymru.

With the fantastic news of the growing membership of Open Labour, I also feel the election win is also a fantastic opportunity to organise with other Welsh Open Labour members to involve ourselves in the big discussions going on as we gear up for extending devolution again and tackling the climate crisis.

**Cai Parry is elected unopposed as Wales Officer on the Open Labour National Committee**

# PARLIAMENTARY OFFICER



Alex  
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I have served on OLNC since the start as Treasurer and would like to continue until the Organiser is settled in and our infrastructure and Governance mean I can move on.

**Alex Sobel is re-elected unopposed as Parliamentary Officer on the Open Labour National Committee**

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