



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011**  
***Labour's Resistance***

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**ELECTIONS**  
**BOOKLET**

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## National Committee attendance

Please find below the attendance record for National Committee (NC) meetings in 2011. This record was compiled from NC meeting minutes which were agreed as accurate by the subsequent NC.

	Feb NC	Apr NC	May NC	Jul NC	Sep NC	Nov NC
<b><u>Officers</u></b>						
John McDonnell	X	X	X		X	X
Jenny Lennox	X	X	X		X	
Susan Press	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pete Firmin	X	X	X		X	X
Andrew Fisher	X	X	X		X	X
Graham Bash	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b><u>Section B – Individuals</u></b>						
Simeon Andrews	X					
Sarah Evans	X	X		X	X	
Jenny Fisher	X			X		
Val Graham	X				X	X
Owen Jones	X		X			
Jon Lansman	X			X	X	
John Moloney	X	X	X			
Gordon Nardell	X		X		X	
Mary Partington					X	
Mike Phipps	X		X	X	X	
Francis Prideaux	X	X		X	X	X
Jon Rogers	X				X	
Marsha-Jane Thompson	X				X	
Cathy Watson		X	X		X	
Louise Whittle	X		X		X	
Lizzie Woods	X			X	X	
<b><u>Section C – General Affils</u></b>						
Judy Atkinson	X	X	X	X	X	X
Patrick Hall	X		X	X		X
Gary Heather		X		X	X	
Ted Knight	X	X		X	X	
Terry McPartlan		X		X		X
Vicki Morris	X				X	
Christine Shawcroft	X	X	X			X

Please note that there are many legitimate reasons for absence. Absence should not be interpreted as a lack of commitment to the LRC, which has numerous sub-committees and constituent parts in which NC members may have been extremely active. All except two NC meetings – April (Preston) and November (Newcastle) – were held in London.



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## Section A – Officers

### Chair

#### **John McDonnell MP**

#### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

<i>Greater London LRC</i>	<i>Islington North CLP</i>	<i>Unite West London Medical branch</i>
<i>Unite Liverpool 0538 branch</i>	<i>Hampshire LRC</i>	<i>CWU Greater London Combined Branch</i>
<i>St Helens South &amp; Whiston CLP</i>	<i>Calderdale LRC</i>	<i>Unite Croydon &amp; Crystal Palace branch</i>

No statement received

### Vice chairs (TWO to be elected)

#### **Kevin Bennett**

*Unite Liverpool 0538 branch*      *St Helens South & Whiston CLP*

As an active trade unionist from Liverpool Unite NW/0538 branch, I am very keen on moving the Labour Movement forward. As an EC member of Unite, as well as being a Branch officer and shop steward, I am committed to the principles of the LRC. We should be campaigning on defending the public sector eg Council workers in Southampton and on NHS workers in Chorley and St Helens and Whiston. I have a proud record of campaigning as a local councillor and member of Warrington and Liverpool trade councils, as well being vice-chair of the local co-operative party council.

#### **Jenny Lennox**

*Greater London LRC*      *Hampshire LRC*

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The LRC has played an important role in trying to bridge that gap, advocating a real alternative to the cuts, and working to bring together members of the LRC, Labour party and unions with newer protest movements. We must continue this role, and take every opportunity to direct the Labour party towards a genuine alternative.

#### **Susan Press**

<i>Greater London LRC</i>	<i>Calderdale LRC</i>	<i>Unite Liverpool 0538 branch</i>
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<i>Unite West London Medical branch</i>		

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We have the policies - time for action.

### Secretary

#### **Pete Firmin / Andrew Fisher**

#### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

<i>Brent TUC</i>	<i>Calderdale LRC</i>	<i>CWU London West End Amalgamated branch</i>
<i>Greater London LRC</i>	<i>Islington North CLP</i>	<i>St Helens South &amp; Whiston CLP</i>
<i>Hampshire LRC</i>	<i>Unite Liverpool 0538 branch</i>	<i>CWU Greater London Combined Branch</i>

As joint secretaries we have overseen another year of increased LRC membership and affiliation. We have sought to work in a comradely and non-sectarian way with all socialists inside and outside the LRC to build campaigns in line with LRC policy. We have also represented the LRC in the press and at



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events, including helping the development of more local LRC groups. If re-elected we will continue to work to develop the LRC as an open, inclusive and participatory organisation of the Labour left while recognising that it is not simply 'more of the same' in a very fluid situation.

## Treasurer

### **Graham Bash**

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

*Greater London LRC*

*Islington North CLP*

*Hackney LRC*

*Hampshire LRC*

*Calderdale LRC*

*CWU Greater London Combined Branch*

No statement received

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## Section B – Individual members

*(SIXTEEN to be elected; of whom at least EIGHT shall be women)*

### **Miles Barter – Andrew Fisher / Jenny Lennox**

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

If elected I want to help promote the LRC's socialist ideas to grass roots trades unionists.

I believe that is the best way to increase our membership and strengthen our organisation.

I am a National Union of Journalists activist. I have spent the last year working in communications for the Public and Commercial Services union. I am a member of the GMB branch at PCS.

### **Andrew Berry – Jon Rogers / Marsha-Jane Thompson**

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

Islington North CLP, Islington UNISON Branch Officer: I am asking to be voted on the LRC NC even though I won't be at the conference. As an exec member for Campaign for State education and Anti Academies Alliance will be attending a conference to oppose the attacks on comprehensive education by this government taking place on the same day. The current attacks on comprehensive education are as bad as those on the NHS. Defending education should also be a priority of the LRC and I would feed in to both CASE and AA what LRC is doing and vice versa.

### **Stephanie David – Norrette Moore / Lizzie Woods**

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I hope that you'll vote for me as an individual member of the NC. This year has been particularly challenging for the LRC and the Left, and this upcoming year will no doubt be the same. There's no time for complacency. More than ever, the LRC needs to provide leadership and passion.

We must collectively organise and mobilise to take on some serious challenges. I strongly agree with the Greater London LRC motion for a central organising strategy to further the aims and objectives of the LRC, and would like to be proactively involved in organising and building the LRC.

### **Sarah Evans – Pete Millward / Pam Marshall**

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

Across Britain and beyond people are making the link between corporate greed and poverty and homelessness, and are increasingly prepared to take action to defend services, jobs and pensions.

I was proud to be an LRC-backed Labour candidate in 2010 and continue to campaign in Hampshire, building the LRC and working with unions and community campaigns to resist government cuts.

The LRC has a critical role in rebuilding Labour so that it can rediscover the socialist voice essential to defeat the ConDems, and I would be proud to be re-elected to the NC and help bring that about.

### **Val Graham – Julie Howe / Pete Firmin**

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I am a delegate from Unison to Chesterfield CLP and TUC and I am CLP Trade Union Liaison Officer. I work to strengthen the grassroots links between the party and unions on the basis of support for the fightback against austerity and defence of valuable resources like the Unemployed Workers' Centre. I also promote Chesterfield TUC and active solidarity among local unions. We will be organising our own march and rally on 30<sup>th</sup> November. For longer than I care to say, I have been a socialist feminist and I am autistic.



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**Austin Harney** – *Vicki Morris / Lizzie Woods*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

As a PCS Union Representative, I campaigned against public spending cuts. In 2008, I re-launched Barnet Trades Union Council in aid of UNISON, GMB, the teaching unions and the local communities against the outsourcing by "Easy" Barnet Council. I campaign for the rights of Disabled. I am Secretary of the SERTUC Race Relations Committee and established a movement against cuts affecting Irish communities in Britain. Recently, I improved the PCS Branch link with Islington Labour Council who supported our strikes. If elected, I intend to strengthen Trade Union links and other communities in building the LRC.

**Stephen Humphries** – *Philip Wiseman / John Wiseman*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

As an active trade unionist for many years, I was first involved in protests around the miners' strike. I then joined Young Christian Workers, involving myself in campaigns around the situations in Ireland, Palestine and poor working conditions. I have been involved in the stop the selling off of council houses, campaigns against PFI and the illegal and imperialistic war in the gulf. I joined the LRC because I was impressed with John McDonnell's positioning on subjects such as Trade Union rights in the public sector. I was a lead steward in the GMB and currently CLP secretary of St Helens South and Whiston CLP.

**Jenny Lennox** – *Miles Barter / Andrew Fisher*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED\***

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**John Moloney** – *Andrew Fisher / Christine Hulme*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I am a member of the EC and the national committee. I am an active member of my union, the PCS and of Slough CLP. In the present crisis the LRC must play its full part in building the resistance to the cuts, obviously working with those of a like mind in the LP but also with those outside the party too. Our key tasks over the next months, along with supporting strikes, is to actually mobilise an effective resistance within the LP and to effectively argue for the alternative policies that are so desperately needed in the current crisis.

**Gordon Nardell** – *Andrew Fisher / Graham Bash*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I'm a founder member of the LRC. I have been closely involved in developing its policies and local networks. Global capitalism is at last meeting serious resistance internationally. We owe it to the millions involved in these movements to offer a well thought-out alternative to this burnt-out system, and at the same time re-awaken the UK labour movement as an instrument of real change. If re-elected to the NC I'll work hard to achieve these goals.

**Mike Phipps** – *Graham Bash / Christine Shawcroft*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I am a founding member of the LRC, a member of its National Committee and Chair of its Anti-War Commission, in which capacity I organised seminars in Parliament on Iraq, Afghanistan and Gaza. This year I was asked by the EC to convene the new International Commission.

I am a member of Brent Central CLP, Chair of Kensal Green branch, and of the editorial board of Labour Briefing. Additionally, I am Chair of Brent Stop the War and editor of Iraq Occupation Focus's e-newsletter. I am a member of the World Development Movement and Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign.

**Susan Press** – *Mark Catterall / Russell Dawson*

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Labour candidates at local government and Parliamentary level prepared to stand and win on a socialist platform. We have the policies - time for action.

**Francis Prideaux** – *Graham Bash / Gary Heather*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

In bailing out the Bankers at the expense of Pensions, Benefits and Jobs, the Tories have united much of the "squeezed middle" with whom Labour needs to build alliances.

The LRC must help push Labour to:-

- develop a genuinely progressive "Plan B" for the Economy;
- defend our NHS, Railways etc. from predators;
- build more Homes, not divide those in need;

At the Liverpool Conference it was good to see LRC members intervening not just as visitors on the fringe but as delegates in the Conference itself. 2012 will need even greater involvement.

**Marsha-Jane Thompson** – *Graham Bash / Andrew Berry*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I'm standing for reelection to the LRC National Committee. I've been on the NC for 5 years now. I am also a member of UNISON in London and have been concentrating on maximising action for November 30th! I believe the LRC could be a real force coordinating politically for unions taking action on the 30th where the Labour Party and TUC will not – I think this is an area that the LRC should concentrate on. Increased political activity amongst students, trade unionists and the occupy movement gives LRC a unique chance bring movements together to give them a political voice.

**Louise Whittle** – *Pete Firmin / Andrew Fisher*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I am proud to stand for the LRC NC as a socialist feminist and for opposing all forms of oppression from whichever direction it comes. My track record in organising both in the labour movement as an active trade unionist, disability rights activism and in general campaigning work shows what I offer to the struggle to resist the onslaught by the ConDems and for building a society free of oppression. I blog as (HarpyMarx), use video and photography to document campaigns and fight backs.

**Lizzie Woods** – *Graham Bash / Austin Harney*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I am a current member of the National Committee and secretary of Greater London LRC.

I am a full time organiser for the public sector union PCS and recently led a successful campaign to get PCS members who are migrant workers employed as cleaners in the Royal Household a living wage and better working conditions.

I am a labour party member. The left need to organise in a strategic and non-sectarian way, this is the only way forward for our class. The LRC has the most coherent approach towards the unions, the labour party and the left in general.

**\*also standing for vice chair**





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## Section C – General Affiliates

*(SIXTEEN to be elected; of whom at least EIGHT shall be women)*

**Judy Atkinson** – *Unite West London Medical branch*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I have been a member of the LRC since its formation in 2004 and a member of the national committee since that time. I am standing again for election to the NC because I believe that the LRC needs to raise its game and become more effective within the anti capitalist movement at a time when new forms of struggle are emerging which provide us with possibility of forming new alliances with those on the wider non sectarian Left who are becoming active in the current economic and political crisis.

**Kevin Bennett** – *Unite Liverpool 0538 branch / St Helens South & Whiston CLP*

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**Gerry Downing** – *Irish Republican Prisoners Support Group*

The LRC must fight for revolutionary working class leadership in both the trade unions and the Labour party. This means breaking the stranglehold on mass action to overthrow capitalism by the LP and TU bureaucracies and sponsoring genuine rank-and-file movements like the Grass Roots Left. It also means fighting their pro-capitalist policies, in particular their support for austerity measures, making the workers and poor pay for the capitalist crisis, their support for the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Nato-rebels in Libya, repressive legislation like the anti-union laws, Imprisonment for Public Protection and opposing political status for Irish Republican prisoners.

**Maria Exall** – *CWU Greater London Combined Branch*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

No statement received

**Patrick Hall** – *Left Front Art*

The fightback against the cuts gives us the opportunity to engage with minority and disadvantaged groups, including the LGBT community. Although LGBT people are socially diverse there is known to be a proportionately higher instance of stress-related and mental illness in this sector of society. Consequently the people in this group will be considerably dependent on health and other public services, and will therefore face the corresponding hardship when these services are reduced or removed altogether. We must appeal to LGBT socialists to join the LRC and to help build a better society for all.

**Gary Heather** – *Islington North CLP*

I want a fairer egalitarian society where social justice is a reality for all. Wealth must be redistributed from rich to poor. I believe in co-operation, not competition. All public services must be defended and utilities should be publicly owned and accountable. We must oppose war and promote peace. The Labour Party must fulfil its purpose of providing working class representation in parliament, and maintain its trade union link. In a globalised world our perspective must be internationalist. Equality and diversity are essential. The LRC must organise to promote its socialist policy programme in the Labour Party and wider society.

**Stan Keable** – *Labour Party Marxists*

Unison Labour Link officer and CLP delegate (Hammersmith).

Capitalism brings austerity, war, pollution, waste, production for its own sake, ever greater inequality and ecological destruction. The working class must defend itself, and organise politically to supersede capitalism internationally. Replace minority capitalist class rule with majority working class rule and republican democracy. Democratise the workers' movement – so the left, TUs, coops and LP are controlled by the rank and file, not the bureaucracy. The left must overcome its idiotic division into competing sects, separating activists and militants into opposing groups for no good reason, and combine forces around this Marxist perspective.



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**Ted Knight** – *Croydon TUC / Unite Croydon & Crystal Palace branch*

Member of Unite and branch secretary. Executive member Croydon TUC, member of Lambeth TUC. Member of Dulwich and West Norwood CLP. I'm an active member of Lambeth Save Our Services campaign and Croydon Anti-Cuts group. I believe that the LRC must engage with those trade unionists, community activists, anti-capitalist protesters, students, unemployed youth and pensioners, who coming into struggle, certainly do not see the Labour Party as their representative voice. We must build alliances with such groups, so we can work with them to defeat the government and from our common experience, can raise support for a socialist alternative.

**Jon Lansman** – *Labour CND*

The LRC is committed to "maximise its impact ... within the Labour Party", working "in a co-operative and non sectarian way to create a broad united front." In the years I've been on the NC, I've done my utmost to do just that through the LRC, CLPD and other organisations. I'm keen to strengthen collaboration with other Labour Left organisations. Having ensured that the Blairites failed to win the party leadership, the potential for genuine debate has improved. There's a long way to go, but the Labour Left's prospects are the best for 25 years. Anti-capitalism is on the agenda.

**Rhiannon Lawton** – *Unite Liverpool 0538 branch*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

I'm a (mature) student and Unite equalities activist (branch officer) and Labour Party member. I'm also involved in local anti-cuts organisations and trades council. In all my political activity, I make broader arguments for socialism.

For me, socialism isn't just different economics. It's also about cultural change. Central to this are attitudes to children, working class women, and single parents within the Labour movement.

I wish to stand for LRC NC, as the LRC are leading by example on this by making childcare a priority at conference. I want to help take these ideas into the wider labour movement.

**Terry McPartlan** – *Unison Labour Left*

I am standing for reelection to the LRC National Committee on behalf of UNISON Labour Left. I have been active in the movement for over 30 years having joined the LPYS in 1980. I am Vice Chair of Gateshead UNISON and a part time Convenor representing members in Education, Schools and Children's services. I'm active in the North East LRC and have helped developed groups in Northumberland, Durham and Teesside over the past few years. I write for Socialist Appeal and In Defence of Marxism especially on industrial issues.

**Jim Moody** – *Isle of Wight CLP*

I am Secretary of the Isle of Wight CLP and a member of the NUJ.

With members and affiliates inside and outside the Labour Party, LRC is crucial to uniting the left. LRC must strive to remove remaining bans and proscriptions in the party so that all working class militants and organisations can join Labour's ranks. We must fight to extend democracy in the party and demand that its structures change accordingly. As a Marxist, I want the left to organise against the right in the party and overthrow the rule it has maintained since the party's inception.

**Vicki Morris** – *Alliance for Workers Liberty*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

No statement received

**Christine Shawcroft** – *Labour CND*

**ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

No statement received

**John Wiseman** – *Unite Liverpool 0538 branch / St Helens South & Whiston CLP*

As a trade union progressive and socialist, my experience of being a CLP officer and Senior Union Steward for Unite will allow me to represent the LRC, from a member and activists perspective, with regular reports, on how our organisation is fighting the cuts. If elected onto the NC I'll work tirelessly to support our campaigns:

- Supporting our members in the fight for decent wages and conditions and pension protections in the Labour Party
- Campaigning to end attacks on the public sector and the most vulnerable in our society, securing state owned Hospitals, Schools, Colleges and Universities.





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## Section D – Trade union delegates

ASLEF	<i>tbc</i>
BFAWU	<i>tbc</i>
CWU	Pete Keenlyside and Mick Kavanagh
FBU	<i>tbc</i>
NUM	<i>tbc</i>
RMT	<i>tbc</i>

## Section E – Delegates from sister organisations

Campaign for Socialism	<i>tbc</i>
Welsh Labour Grassroots	<i>tbc</i>

## Section F – Delegates from local LRCs

Calderdale LRC	Mark Catterall (alternate: Russell Dawson)
Durham LRC	<i>tbc</i>
Ealing & Hounslow LRC	Mick Brooks
Greater London LRC	Norrette Moore (alternate: Cathy Watson)
Hackney LRC	Dave Holland
Hampshire LRC	<i>tbc</i>
Haringey LRC	<i>tbc</i>
Lambeth & Southwark LRC	Nick Toms
Northern Region LRC	<i>tbc</i>
Northumberland LRC	<i>tbc</i>
Nottinghamshire LRC	<i>tbc</i>
Sussex LRC	Claire Wadey (alternate: Alex Craven / Robin Hanford)
Teesside LRC	<i>tbc</i>

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## NEC slate hustings

*LRC conference is holding hustings for LRC nominees to the centre-left slate for the Labour Party NEC. The LRC is determined to secure a united centre-left slate – and we want our conference to indicate its preference for LRC representatives.*

**Patrick Hall** – Andrew Fisher / Susan Press

As the economic crisis deepens and ordinary people are forced to pay for a situation which they didn't cause, the Labour Party has to decide whether it wants to continue to placate so-called middle England and appease the Tory press or whether it wants to fulfil its historic role of being the Party of Labour and support working people in their hour of need. It was set up to be the political wing of the trade union movement and any attempt to distance itself from the unions must be firmly resisted.

It the Party is to lead the fightback and argue for a socialist alternative to the crisis, based on investment and jobs rather than redundancies and cuts, it must adopt policies which oppose privatisation and which call for the repeal of the anti-trade union laws. It must also change its structure to enable its members and affiliates, rather than the leadership, to determine such policies in the first place. The Annual Conference is now little more than a rally for the Party hierarchy and it must go back to being resolution-based, where policies are agreed without going through the undemocratic process of modification by National Policy Forums or Joint Policy Committees.



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I am active in my CLP and a member of LGBT Labour, and if elected to the NEC I would give regular reports to the membership and would use my voice to steer the Party in a socialist direction.

**Gary Heather** – *Tricia Clarke / Graham Bash*

I have been a Labour Party member for 22 years and I am chairperson of my CLP. I have experience as a council and parliamentary candidate. And I am also a committed trade unionist, serving on the CWU NEC, and as President of Islington TUC.

I joined the Party to campaign for a fairer society, social justice and equality. I want public services that deliver first class: housing, education, health care and transport for all our citizens, under public ownership and democratic control.

Wealth must be redistributed from rich to poor. I believe in co-operation, not competition. All public services and utilities should be publicly owned and accountable. We must oppose war and promote peace. A real Labour Party must fulfil its historic mission of providing working class representation in parliament, and maintain its trade union link. In a globalised world our perspective must be internationalist. Equality and diversity are essential. The LRC must organise to promote its socialist policy programme in the Labour Party and wider society.

On the Labour Party NEC I would seek to advance real Labour values by working with other like-minded NEC members, trade unionists and grassroots party members – including LRC members. NEC members also have an important role in questioning and holding party officials and representatives to account. I would also make myself accountable and regularly report back to the LRC and Centre Left Grassroots Alliance.

Chair Islington North CLP  
LRC National Committee  
Chair Greater London LRC  
Chair Islington LRC  
CWU Greater London Combined Branch Officer

**Christine Shawcroft** – *Graham Bash / Andrew Fisher*

I have been a Labour Party activist for 30 years, holding many positions at ward, CLP and Regional level. I am currently branch and CLP secretary in Nottingham South. I am also active in many local and national Left groups.

I have been a member of the NEC (and ex-officio on the National Policy Forum) for the last 12 years. During that time I have worked hard to raise issues of concern to socialists in the Party, including pressing for greater democracy at all levels, opposing privatisation and PFI schemes, demanding a fair system of taxation where the rich can't sponge off the poor, campaigning against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many others.

I have tried to work with trade union comrades and voted against the expulsion of the RMT. I actively supported the "John for Leader" campaign. Although a Left presence on the NEC is largely symbolic, it is important. Often members have told me that it gives them hope to know that socialists in the Party are fighting back. I often received over 50% of members' votes for the NEC.

The sudden appearance of grassroots anti-capitalist street protests show that we all need to redouble our efforts to fight for economic justice for working people. Strengthening the Left presence at the top of the Labour Party is part of this campaign.

I have tried to report back and be accountable, travelling the country to speak at meetings. Recent NEC reports can be found on my website.

