

Susan Press for Labour Party NEC



Since the General Election, over 20,000 people have joined the Labour Party

The NEC has a crucial role to play in mobilising for change on everything from policy to Party democracy.

But as things stand, members' voices remain unheard on everything from thresholds for PLP elections to Parliamentary selections and Labour Party Conference.

When the PLP refused to listen to the grassroots and moved to stop John McDonnell getting on the ballot paper, thousands of Party members were disenfranchised.

The NEC elections give us a chance to make it clear that the Labour Left and the LRC has a vital role to play in re-building and renewing the Party and restoring its democratic socialist values – the kind of values which made me join Labour in 1976.

I live in West Yorkshire where I am a Labour town councillor, a Branch Secretary and active trade unionist in the NUJ. At the last election, I was shortlisted as a PPC candidate for Keighley and Calder Valley.

As co Vice-Chair of the Labour Representation Committee, my candidacy is supported by the LRC, Campaign for Socialism in Scotland, Labour Briefing, Left Women's Network and Socialist Youth Network.

I also have nominations from CLPs across the UK who share our wish to build a socialist agenda for Labour on everything from trade union rights to a fairer, progressive tax system, peace and defence of public services.

The LRC was founded in 2004 to rebuild the Labour Party. It's now our task to bring back the millions of voters who deserted us in 2010 and expose the 'new politics' of the ConDem coalition for what they are – the same old Tories and the same old politics of punishing the poor for the mistakes of the rich.

The NEC needs members who will really stand up for the grassroots and stand up for socialism. I pledge to do both if elected. Please support my campaign.

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