

## National Party Constitutional Committee [NCC] Elections 2018

The top body that deals with disciplinary cases involving Labour members. After Labour conference voted to increase the size of the NCC from 11 to 25 members last month, there are now six vacancies to fill. It's an important race, both for those within Labour who feel strongly the party needs to get a grip on antisemitism, and for those who believe such accusations are often motivated by wanting to attack the leadership.

### Three slates of candidates were put up for election

- CLPD/Momentum/LRC
- Progress/Labour First
- Open Labour

CLPD <http://www.clpd.org.uk/>

Profiles of the CLPD/Momentum/LRC slate can be found here: <https://dorseteye.com/labours-ncc-candidate-profiles/>

**Labour Party National Constitutional Committee (NCC) Election 2018**

### For a Democratic and Accountable NCC

CLPs are urged to nominate and vote for all six of the following candidates:

 <p><b>Annabelle Harle</b> CLP: Cardiff West Membership number: A002070</p>	 <p><b>Khaled Moyeed</b> CLP: Tottenham Membership number: L0128862</p>
 <p><b>Stephen Marks</b> CLP: Oxford East Membership number: A241053</p>	 <p><b>Gary Heather</b> CLP: Islington North Membership number: A006966</p>
 <p><b>Cecile Wright</b> CLP: Derby North Membership number: A481680</p>	 <p><b>Susan Press</b> CLP: Calder Valley CLP Membership Number: L0017551</p>

### Assisting Labour's Path to Victory

These candidates are committed to improving the integrity of Labour's internal disciplinary processes. They would act impartially and insist on natural justice as well fairness for all. They are also committed to securing a Jeremy Corbyn led Labour government.

The NCC is an important committee dealing with disciplinary cases regarding members of the Labour Party.

As the Party fights for a more democratic and equal society, our internal governance should reflect these objectives. This will help strengthen our capacity to win national and local elections.

**Progress:** Founded in 1996, Progress is the original Blairite pressure group. Dedicated to New Labour values, and supported by Labourites associated with that era – its chair is Alison McGovern MP who recently replaced John Woodcock MP, former aide to John Hutton and Gordon Brown – it has never been further out of step with the party's leadership, and its influence is waning. Previously, under Ed Miliband, it landed at the heart of a debate about Labour's soul, when the GMB union general secretary Paul Kenny called for the group to be "outlawed". His comments were dismissed by both Progress and the Labour party. Politicians from the Blair years, like former Home Secretary David Blunkett, might now warn about Momentum being a "party within a party", but

Progress has attracted the same criticism in the past. In 2012, the veteran Labour left winger, the late Michael Meacher MP, compared what he saw as the group's undemocratic nature to that of Militant Tendency. Progress supported the "neo-Blairite" candidate Liz Kendall for Labour leader. David Sainsbury, the Labour peer and supermarket billionaire, was a major Progress donor.

**Labour First:** founded in 1988, is a pre-Blairite pressure group seen as the voice of the party's traditional right. Headed by campaigner and former councillor Luke Akehurst, this faction supported ABC (Anyone But Corbyn) in the leadership election, while Akehurst himself backed Yvette Cooper. In the deputy race, it emphasised its ties to Tom Watson. The group made headlines during the leadership contest by urging fellow centrist group Progress to promote the other non-Corbyn candidates as well as its first choice, Liz Kendall. The groups have since held events together espousing moderate Labour values. Labour First says it "exists to ensure that the voices of moderate party members are heard while the party is kept safe from the organised hard left".



**Labour First/Progress**

**Keith Dibble – Aldershot – A345917**

Keith is chair of the South East Regional Board; a Labour councillor for 34 years; a former representative of Unite's National Political Committee; and chair of Labour First.

**Gillian Troughton – Copeland – L0131422**

Gillian is a borough and parish councillor, and former county councillor as well as a parliamentary candidate. She's a former Unison Shop Steward, supporting members through various grievance procedures and hearings.

**Kirat Raj Singh – Birmingham – L0116558**

Kirat has been a member of the Labour Party for over 12 years; former BAME officer of Birmingham Young Labour and between 2013-2014; sat on the National Executive Council of the National Union of Students.

**Caroline Hexter – New Forest West – L0131900**

Caroline is a councillor in New Forest; a member of the South East regional board since 2012 and experienced investigator of member's conduct. She's an active member of the GMB and Labour Women's Network.

**Joanne Harding – Stretford & Urmston – L0104177**

Labour councillor in Trafford since 2011; previously Chair of Health Scrutiny and Shadow Exec roles, Executive Portfolio Holder for ASC; CLP NPF representative for 7 years; a member of Unison and Community Union.

**Malcolm Cunning – Glasgow Cathcart – B038597**

Malcolm has been a sitting member of Glasgow City Council since 2012 and is the Vice Convenor of the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



**Open Labour** is an activist group operating within the Labour Party. Open Labour operates as a forum for Labour Party members to discuss ideas, tactics and campaigning in the soft left political tradition, which the organisation hopes to recast as the "Open Left". Within the party, Open Labour is generally positioned to the right of internal left-wing groups like Momentum and to the left of New Labour groups such as Progress. The organisation has been described as an "umbrella group of the Left". Several Open Labour activists were elected to Parliament in the 2017 UK general election, including Open Labour Treasurer Alex Sobel, Rosie Duffield, Jo Platt, Emma Hardy, Anna McMorrin, and Lloyd Russell-Moyle. Founding committee member Ann Black is a longstanding member of Labour's National Executive Committee.

**Open Labour:**

**Steve Hart – Hornsey and Wood Green – A765989**

Steve Hart is a former CLP chair.

**Steve Lapsley – Derby South – L12011890**

Steve Lapsley is an Open Labour national committee member.

**Michelle Perfect – Delyn – L0055898**

Michelle Perfect is a county councillor in Flint and has been Labour Party's regional organiser for North Wales.