# Nominees for Internal Elections supported by the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance

#### **Conference Arrangements Committee**

# Seema Chandwani, L1187007

I am seeking your vote to continue as your Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) representative.

The work of the CAC has been mixed over the past two years with a new Conference format following the democracy review in 2019 and an online Conference in 2020.

As we look forward to Conference in the next two years, it's now more important than ever that you have experienced representatives ensuring your voice is heard in the numerous decisions being made.

COVID 19 has seen our communities change and sadly our most vulnerable have bit hit both economically and through their health or lives. Tackling inequality has never been so important and it is the Labour Party that should lead the recovery for our working class communities.

Conference needs to hear what is happening in your communities and what is needed to limit the damage.

I believe Conference is sovereign and that members views on policy direction is vital as they live within the communities we serve.

There's a lot to still improve about the way Conference works and I hope you lend me your vote again to continue this work together. I welcome the support of the progressive voice of the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance, and also ask you to consider supporting Billy Hayes for reelection

## Billy Hayes, A065571

I am asking for your support to continue as your Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) representative. Having served on the CAC since 2017.

I believe I have made a key contribution to improving the transparency of Conference and making it more accessible and comprehensible to members.

Since being elected, Seema Chandwani and myself have made more information available on the CAC reports than was ever the case before, have been accessible for members, and have always acted to ensure members' voices are represented in the organising of Conference.

I am deeply committed to representing party members on the CAC and making sure that decisions are taken maximise democratic debate and discussion.

We need to resist efforts to shut debate down and reduce Conference's importance ..

I will continue fighting to maximise members' ability to contribute to Party policy and to ensure that Party Conference is accessible to all.

I am a Party member of 45 years, I was CWU National Officer for 9 years and General Secretary for 15. Now with Unite .

I welcome the support of the progressive voice of the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance, and ask you to consider supporting Seema Chandwani for reelection. I can be contacted at <a href="mailto:billyhayes4b@yahoo.com">billyhayes4b@yahoo.com</a>

#### **National Constitutional Committee**

# Rheian Davies, L1443442

Growing up in the South Wales Valleys, the Labour and trade union movement has been part of my life as long as I can remember. I previously sat on the Welsh LP EC and re-joined the party in 2015 under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn. I am currently chair of Elthorne BLP and a CLP rep on the London REC. I was a psychiatric nurse for 15 years, representing staff as a COHSE and UNISON shop steward, defending health staff in disciplinaries and sat on UNISON NW REC representing women.

I retrained as a solicitor whilst working as a nurse, and have practiced law for 15 years. Most of my work has been contentious litigation via legal aid, including sensitive issues of harassment and discrimination. I can sift large amounts of evidence quickly, determine provable facts and apply the law or the rules to those facts and set out proportionate, effective sanctions if breaches of our standards are found.

We have developed a quagmire of a disciplinary process, yet fairness and justice is at the heart of what drives us as socialists. I will give a fair hearing to any member brought before me, whatever the issues in the case.

### Anna Dyer, L0081865

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the National Constitutional Committee for the past three years and I am seeking your support for re-election to the Committee. Together with my fellow members we have strived to maintain the constitutional independence of the NCC, separate from the NEC, in order to able to ensure that in matters of party discipline, members are treated fairly.

During the pandemic we have continued to hear cases, using virtual methods where necessary. Rule changes have resulted in a smaller number of cases being determined by the NCC. It is important that disciplinary matters are dealt with confidentially and I have also worked hard to ensure that the reputation of the NCC has been upheld despite detractors in the media. The NCC was established in the 1980s and while the EHRC report necessitates some changes to Party procedures, if re-elected I will endeavour to protect the NCC's independence within Labour Party structures.

I am Women's Officer of Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn CLP . Experience : Wide range of Party responsibilities, Voluntary Sector representative on City Council Community Planning Partnership and Covid Relief Hub Chair, formerly Project Director for the EU In Eastern Europe.

#### Annabelle Harle, A002070

A Labour voter and trade unionist all my adult life, as a London civil servant I worked in many areas of the administration of justice, including policy, courts and complaints to ministers. I later worked for several years in Cardiff for Rhodri Morgan MP/AM, seeing similar issues from the other side. I am also a trained translator. I served several terms as

Branch and CLP secretary and as a member of the Welsh Labour Executive and the National Policy Forum.

Since being elected to the NCC in 2018 I have undergone a considerable amount of training, including courses on sexual harassment and antisemitism, as well as learning by working with experienced members.

The picture regarding future party disciplinary procedures is unclear – but there is a current need for NCC members with long and broad experience in the Party and who hold the interests of members as paramount, as well as continuing to serve members by hearing their cases as promptly as we can. I think that I can make a useful contribution to the necessary deliberations, and I hope that members will recognise me as someone who is on the side of fairness and without fear or favour.

#### Emine Ibrahim, L0150489

I am seeking nomination by CLPs for re-election to the National Constitutional Committee. I am an experienced party member and currently sit on the NCC having been successfully elected in 2017 and also represent CLP's in Division 6 of London Regional Board. I have previously been a Ward Chair and Vice Chair of Hornsey and Wood Green CLP before my election as a Councillor in the London Borough of Haringey in 2014. As a trade unionist, I am Branch Secretary of Redbridge Unison in East London and am also a Co- operative Party member.

I have always been a strong believer in the importance of the party rule book and ensuring it is applied in a fair and just manner. I have sat on the NCC since 2017 and also have experience of dealing with both sides of disciplinary matters, whether it is supporting a member in my job as a union rep or sitting on regional membership appeals and panel appeals for Local Government selections.

I believe in ensuring the integrity of the process in order to achieve fairness for all. If we ensure the rules are applied fairly to all then we will achieve a unified and effective Party.