

SUPPORT CENTRE-LEFT GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE WOMEN FOR THE NATIONAL LABOUR WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Candidates supported by the Centre-left Grassroots Alliance stand for a transformative Labour Government; socialist, feminist, and anti-racist policies; and a democratic Labour Party including an active, inclusive Labour Women's Organisation.

DEFEND OUR LABOUR WOMEN'S ORGANISATION

To develop policies that will inspire women voters, Labour must listen to women members and trade unionists. We support a standalone, two-day, policy-making Labour Women's Conference. Labour Women's Committee needs more support to play its key role in empowering a democratic, campaigning women's organisation at local, regional and national levels; supporting Women's Officers and Women's Branches to be vibrant and indispensable parts of our local organisation.

CHALLENGING INEQUALITY

The Tories prioritise protecting profits over improving lives. Over the past 13 years we have seen a rise in violence against women; women working for decreasing pay, with many relying on food banks, unable to heat their homes; increasing numbers of disabled women unsupported to live their lives. We will challenge inequalities – intensified by the cost of living crisis, under-funding of public services, government handling of the pandemic and increased military spending. We will support reproductive choice, equality in health provision and affordable, accessible childcare provision. Ongoing austerity has a disproportionate impact on Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic, disabled, and young women and lone parents. We will work with trade unions and community campaigns to address these issues.

FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

We support a Green New Deal and public ownership. Labour must invest in renewable energy, challenge big polluters and work towards a just transition to a net zero carbon economy. We support an ethical foreign policy with peace, conflict resolution and nuclear disarmament at its core. Labour must support women struggling against oppression across the globe.

FOR LIBERATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Labour must be a force for equality, intersectionality and working class unity. As trade unionists we stand with women workers taking industrial action to improve pay and conditions; we support the demands of Black Lives Matter for lasting structural change and stand against vilification of and attacks on asylum seekers. We fight all forms of racism including antisemitism, Islamophobia and Afriphobia and the scapegoating of migrant and Traveller communities. We must challenge discrimination and prejudice, including tackling sexism, sexual harassment, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and ableism. We fight for inclusive self-organised Labour Party equality structures; defend all-women shortlists at all levels and support legislation to extend their use, including for other under-represented groups.

FOR PARTY DEMOCRACY

We support a democratic, member-led Labour Party that includes members being able to select the candidates of their choice and a strong trade union link. We will fight for natural justice, transparency, accountability, and fairness in internal processes, and against unjust suspensions and disciplinary action, and restrictions on legitimate debate. We stand for an accessible Labour Party, where sexual harassment is comprehensively challenged and addressed. We need Labour in power across local, regional and national governments implementing policies that will support women and transform lives . Labour needs to take the fight to our political opponents and advocate an economy for the many not the few. Rejection of Tory austerity was at the heart of the 2017 and 2019 manifestos and provides the basis of a programme for recovery. History shows that electing a Labour government needs women's support. Together we will work for a strong Labour women's organisation – to realise our aspirations and send the vital message that the Labour Party is there for women.

The cause of women is the cause of Labour.