



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009**

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# **ELECTIONS BOOKLET**

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## 2008 / 2009 NATIONAL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

*(elected sections only)*

In accordance with the recommendation of AGM 2008 and confirmation by the National Committee please find below an attendance record of all NC meetings. This record was compiled from Minutes of NC meetings which have been agreed as accurate by the subsequent the NC.

<b><u>Section A</u></b> <b><u>(Officers)</u></b>	<u>17.01.09</u>	<u>21.03.09</u>	<u>9.05.09</u>	<u>4.07.09</u>	<u>19.09.09</u>	<u>31.10.09</u>
John McDonnell MP (Chair)		X	X	X		X
Maria Exall (Vice Chair)	X					
Susan Press (Vice Chair)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Simeon Andrews (Secretary)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Graham Bash (Treasurer)	X	X	X	X	X	
<b><u>Section B</u></b> <b><u>(Individual Members)</u></b>						
Andrew Berry	X					
Gerald Downing	X					
Andrew Fisher	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jenny Fisher	X	X		X		X
Christine Hulme	X			X		
Owen Jones	X	X		X	X	X
Jenny Lennox	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alice Mahon		X	X			
John Moloney	X	X		X		X
Mary Partington	X	X		X	X	X
Tami Peterson	X					
Mike Phipps	X	X		X	X	
Francis Prideaux		X	X	X	X	X
Jon Rogers	X					X
Marsha-Jane Thompson	X					X
Louise Whittle	X	X	X	X	X	X



<b>Section C (General Affiliates)</b>	<u>17.01.09</u>	<u>21.03.09</u>	<u>9.05.09</u>	<u>4.07.09</u>	<u>19.09.09</u>	<u>31.10.09</u>
Judy Atkinson Unite-Amicus section West London Medical Branch	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Broder, BFAWU	X	X				
Stephen Brown, Northern Region LRC	X		X			
Pauline Bryan, Campaign for Socialism, Scotland			X			
Tricia Clarke Islington LRC		X				
Pete Firmin CWU London West End Amalgamated Branch		X		X	X	X
Chris Ford, BFAWU	X					X
Lesley Hammond, Unite Croydon & Crystal Palace Branch						
Gary Heather Islington North CLP and CWU Central London Branch	X	X		X		X
Ted Knight, Croydon TUC, Southwark & Lambeth LRC, Unite Croydon & Crystal Palace Branch	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rory Macqueen Socialist Youth Network	X		X	X	X	
Vince Mills Campaign for Socialism, Scotland	X				X	
Norrette Moore, Greater London LRC	X	X		X	X	X
Charlynnne Pullen, Socialist Youth Network	X	X				
Jeff Slee RMT Deptford Branch	X				X	X
Nick Toms, Lambeth & Southwark LRC		X			X	
Cathy Watson, Unite North London Health Branch		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. Geographical residence should also be bourn in mind since all except one NC meeting (9.05.09 - Manchester) was held in London.



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## PERSONAL STATEMENTS

# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## SECTION A – OFFICERS

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There are 5 officer positions on the LRC National Committee  
Individual members and delegates from affiliated organisations can vote in Section A.

### CHAIR:

#### John McDonnell MP

*West Yorkshire LRC  
Cambridge LRC  
Northern Region LRC  
Unite Croydon & Crystal Palace  
Andrew Berry  
Alice Mahon*

*Greater Manchester LRC  
Greater London LRC  
Liverpool Unite  
Croydon TUC  
Tricia Clarke  
Mike Phipps*

#### ELECTED UNOPPOSED

*Calder BLP  
Lambeth & Southwark LRC  
St Helens South & Whiston CLP  
Graham Bash  
Gary Heather  
Jeff Slee*

### VICE CHAIR (x2):

#### Maria Exall

*CWU  
CWU Central London Branch  
Tricia Clarke  
Jeff Slee*

*Lambeth & Southwark LRC  
Graham Bash  
Gary Heather*

*Northern Region LRC  
Andrew Berry  
Mike Phipps*

I am a National Executive Council member of the CWU. If elected I will promote the progressive policies of the organised labour movement within and on behalf of the LRC, including the case for public ownership and trade union freedom. I am a socialist who believes the LRC should organise within and outside of the Labour Party for working class political representation. I believe that the fight against sexism, racism, homophobia and prejudice against people on the basis of disability, age or religion and belief is an important part of the struggle for socialism.

#### Susan Press

*West Yorkshire LRC  
Cambridge LRC  
Northern Region LRC  
Unite Croydon & Crystal Palace  
Alice Mahon*

*Greater Manchester LRC  
Greater London LRC  
Croydon TUC  
Liverpool Unite  
Janet Oosthuysen*

*Calder BLP  
Lambeth & Southwark LRC  
St Helens South & Whiston CLP  
Simeon Andrews*

With the imminent prospect of a Tory Government it's essential we carry on fighting for socialist values, our left Labour MPs and build the LRC across the country. This year I have stood as a Labour PPC and been shortlisted twice; attended every National Committee and Executive meeting; spoken on behalf of LRC at FBU conference, Women's TUC, National Shop Stewards Network, Convention of Left, RMT conference on political representation; supported launch of LRCs in Cambridge, Leeds, Greater Manchester while continuing as West Yorkshire LRC Secretary; attended Labour Party Conference and chaired LRC Rally.

#### MarshaJane Thompson

*Andrew Berry*

*Jon Rogers*



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For the last 3 years I have been on the LRC national committee and the co chair of the LRC's socialist youth network. I am also a member of UNISON and have been an active trade unionist for 10 years, I chair the broad left organisation in UNISON. I believe the LRC need an injection of youth among the officers to become the vibrant campaigning organisation that the left needs at the moment. In election year we need to fight to be the leadership of our movement and for our movements voice to be heard.

## **SECRETARY:**

### **Pete Firmin / Andrew Fisher – Job Share**

*CWU London West End Amalgamated Branch*

*Graham Bash*

*Maria Exall*

*Jeff Slee*

*Andrew Berry*

*Gary Heather*

*MarshaJane Thompson*

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

*Tricia Clarke*

*Mike Phipps*

We are running jointly for the post of Secretary not to halve the workload, but so that more work can be done to build the LRC. We will work in an open, democratic and non-sectarian way, always accountable to the Executive, National Committee and membership. We have both served on the National Committee since the LRC was founded in 2004, and are committed to ensuring a viable future for the LRC as a democratic socialist organisation within the labour movement.

## **TREASURER:**

### **Graham Bash**

*Greater London LRC*

*St Helens South & Whiston CLP*

*Andrew Berry*

*Mike Phipps*

*Hackney LRC*

*Liverpool Unite*

*Tricia Clarke*

*Christine Shawcroft*

### **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

*Northern Region LRC*

*Stephen Beckett*

*Gary Heather*

*Jeff Slee*

# **NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

## **SECTION B – INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

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There are 16 places reserved for individual members on the LRC National Committee  
(of which at least 8 shall be women).

Only individual members can vote in Section B.

### **Simeon Andrews**

*Graham Bash*

*Alice Mahon*

LRC Secretary 2004 – 2009. People face threats to their homes, jobs, and livelihoods on an unprecedented scale to pay the bill for the collapse of the banking system and have no political party to represent them. In the UK the attack on the labour movement will intensify whoever wins the General Election. After decades of defeat we need to fight back as never before and the LRC must be at the forefront of the struggle building alliances with all progressive forces, both in the UK and internationally, irrespective of party allegiance, to defend our class.

### **Miles Barter**

*Jenny Lennox*

*Mary Partington*

I want to help build the LRC's profile. People from outside our usual audience need to know that there is still a serious left in the Labour Party. Our trade union affiliations give us a uniquely strong position. We must strengthen our links with organised Lefts in all unions. We should take the LRC programme to as many towns and cities as possible. I have been an active Labour Party member



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in Birmingham, Manchester, and Redditch. I now live in London. I am campaigns officer for the National Union of Journalists, treasurer of NUJ Left, and a member of GMB.

**Andrew Berry**

*Gary Heather*                      *MarshaJane Thompson*

I am once again standing for LRC National Committee. I am the Islington UNISON Labour Link officer. I have been coordinating the left in getting onto the Unison National Labour Link Committee and while I have been doing this, the left in broad terms have gone from 1 to about 6 although still a lot of work to be done. This year will be an election year and I would like to see an alternative manifesto that is widely discussed within the LRC and which could be used after the election whatever the outcome

**David Broder**

*Chris Ford*                      *Joe Marino*

No statement received

**Stephanie David**

*Judy Atkinson*                      *Graham Bash*

I want to devote my energy to the promotion of the socialist ideals of the LRC, ideals which are especially needed these days. The new Committee will have some serious challenges: pre-election, election and afterwards. I'm ready to get stuck in.

**Jenny Fisher**

*Graham Bash*                      *John Stewart*

The LRC was established to address the crisis of political representation faced by the UK working class under New Labour's neoliberal regime (propped up by most trade union leaderships) which is now helpless before the economic crisis. A democratic LRC must advance a socialist response to both crises which is visible to all and organise around this in the Labour Party and trade unions – joining with everyone fighting back against New Labour who is not yet part of the organised labour movement. Workers – women; black people; youth; lesbians & gay men; disabled people – will not pay!

**Chris Ford**

*John Moloney*                      *Christine Hulme*

No statement received

**Steve Forrest**

*Andrew Fisher*                      *Rory MacQueen*

No statement received

**Val Graham**

*Judy Atkinson*                      *Susan Press*

No statement received

**Owen Jones**

*Graham Bash*                      *Stuart Watkin*

I have been involved with the LRC for four years and was centrally involved in John McDonnell's leadership campaign in 2006-7. I co-founded the LRC youth wing, the Socialist Youth Network, and was the organiser of our protest against the Saudi state visit in 2007. I was also campaigns officer



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for the Public Services Not Private Profit campaign. This year, I initiated the LRC's campaign on the economic crisis, *Their Crisis Not Ours!* If re-elected, I will campaign for the LRC to focus on key working-class issues: like housing, job insecurity, and equal pay and conditions in the workplace.

**Jon Lansman**

*Jenny Fisher*                      *Christine Shawcroft*

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." I've done my utmost to do just that through the LRC, CLPD and other organisations. Winning all-member participation in NPF elections is a crucial first step to restoring party democracy. The Left is now in the strongest position to influence Labour's direction for 20 years. LRC needs to get off the fence and seize the opportunity to win back our party after almost 13 wasted years. Don't waste it! There's no better option.

**Caroline Leneghan**

*Chris Ford*                      *Joe Marino*

No statement received

**Jenny Lennox**

*Miles Barter*                      *Tom Davies*

I have sat on the National Committee for the last two years, and during that time I have helped to set up an LRC group in Greater Manchester, as well as supporting other initiatives in the regions. I will continue this work if elected. We have to ensure that people on the left in the Labour Party and outside it know we exist and want to join us. With a general election pending it is important that we are vocal in our views, offering the Socialist alternative to the current Labour Party agenda.

**John Moloney**

*Christine Hulme*                      *Maria Exall*

No statement received

**Mary Partington**

*Maria Exall*                      *Jenny Lennox*

As we face a crisis in political representation - when parliamentary democracy is discredited by corruption and the working class are alienated from the Labour Party's neo-liberalism - the LRC must offer a fresh vision of a socialist future. We cannot continue to be distracted by irrelevances, hierarchy and unnecessary bureaucracy. Instead we urgently need to develop democratic grassroots organising to empower, include and inspire. The LRC is at its best when we are hardworking and active – struggling in our communities and workplaces; creating a space for discussion and solidarity; and paving the way forward to socialism.

**Mike Phipps**

*Graham Bash*                      *Susan Press*

I am a member of the LRC National Committee and Chair of its Anti-War Commission, in which capacity I have organised several seminars in Parliament on Iraq, Afghanistan and Gaza. I am also convenor of the LRC Policy 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 joint editor of Iraq Occupation Focus's fortnightly newsletter. I am a member of Unite, the World Development Movement and Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign.

**Francis Prideaux**



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*Graham Bash*

*John Stewart*

Government must be pressed to advocate PUBLIC OWNERSHIP on grounds of social justice, not just as a temporary expedient. The POST OFFICE, the RAILWAYS and the BANKS are just 3 areas needing this approach COUNCIL HOUSING must be urgently expanded, to meet need and combat racism. Such objectives are intrinsically desirable. They also offer the best chance of preventing Tory Government. As an active member of UNISON and the LABOUR PARTY, I believe that socialists can wield a bit more influence inside the Party than outside. If you agree, please support

**Jon Rogers**

*Pete Firmin*

*Jeff Slee*

I am standing for re-election to the National Committee with the intention of making a greater contribution in the difficult year ahead. Socialists within the Labour Party must be vocal and assertive in responding to the terminal failure of New Labour. I am a socialist and a Labour Party member (in that order), a UNISON activist and member of the UNISON National Executive Council (NEC) on which I convene a caucus of left-wing members including members in the Labour Party, other parties and no party.

**MarshaJane Thompson**

*Andrew Berry*

*Pete Firmin*

I am standing for re-election to the National Committee, I co chair our Socialist Youth Network (SYN) but I'm standing down this year to have more time to concentrate on the LRC itself. I am a UNISON member and chair UNISON's broad left organisation. The LRC has been relatively quiet in the last year and I believe we need to renew our efforts to be a vibrant organisation and to coordinate our Labour movement, the LRC should have a loud voice inside the Labour Party and in the wider labour movement.

**Louise Whittle**

*Tony Benson*

*Mike Phipps*

My name is Louise Whittle. I am a socialist feminist and trade unionist in GMB. On the editorial board of Labour Left Briefing as well. Have been an active socialist for over 20 years. Active in the LP, anti-war movement and women's movement. I am also involved in highlighting issues around welfare reform and attacks on civil liberties by being involved in United Campaign Against Police Violence. As a feminist the LRC is an excellent forum to involve women in campaigning for socialism to challenge the politics of New Labour.

## SECTION C - AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

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There are 20 places allocated for affiliated organisations on the LRC National Committee (of which at least 10 shall be women).

Only delegates from affiliated organisations can vote in Section C.

**Judy Atkinson**

*Unite West London Medical Branch / Croydon and Crystal Palace branch, Unite*

I have been a member of the LRC since its inception and am currently a member of the National Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Trade Union Liaison Unit. I have been active in the Health Sector of my trade union Unite for 30 years, and have actively campaigned against NHS privatisation and marketisation. I am currently: Labour Party branch secretary and Secretary of Unite West London Medical Branch. With the likelihood of a Tory victory at the general election, it is now more important than ever to build the LRC into an effective political force on the Left.



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**Steve Brown**

*Northern Region LRC*

As a current NC member I want to stay involved in the discussion on how to build and develop the work of the LRC around the country. I believe it's vital that this organisation reaches into our towns and cities and continues to recruit and build for the coming storms which face millions of workers who could be looking to the LRC for a political lead. I believe the LRC is well-placed to initiate the struggle for socialist ideas across the entire Labour movement. If re-elected I'll continue to advocate the building of the LRC at grassroots level and beyond.

**Tricia Clarke**

*Islington LRC*

Organise, struggle and never give up the fight for a different society, one that puts people before profit, supports the environment and public services. I want to be on the LRC NC to continue this fight.

**Lesley Hammond**

*Lambeth & Southwark LRC / Croydon and Crystal Palace branch, Unite*

I've been a member of the Labour Party and a Trade Unionist since 1961. I have fought the infection known as New Labour since it's first appearance in the late eighties. I was a GLC member and one of the nine who voted against setting the rate in 1985. I also served on Lambeth Council until 1994. I am a member of Unite and Chair my local branch. In January I was admitted to hospital with a serious illness and my recovery has been slow which has caused my absence from the NC. I am now back in full health.

**Gary Heather**

*Islington North CLP / CWU Central London Branch*

I want a fairer egalitarian society where social justice is a reality for all citizens. 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.

**Ted Knight**

*Lambeth & Southwark LRC / Croydon TUC / Croydon and Crystal Palace branch, Unite*

Unite member, branch secretary and Regional Council member. LRC NC member for two years. Labour Party member. We have to prepare now the resistance needed against the massive cuts in public expenditure which will be imposed by whichever political party wins the general election. Resistance must be built not only in the traditional Labour Movement, but in the communities where the axe will fall. The LRC can play a key role in drawing together the experience, analysis and organisation which will give not only the planned fightback, but a voice to working people who believe they have no political representation.

**Rory MacQueen**

*Hackney LRC*

The next year will be vital for the LRC. Potentially we are well placed to articulate an alternative vision of society, starkly opposed to the mainstream economic consensus. So far, we have failed to make sufficient headway, and are frequently mired in arguments about our orientation towards Labour. The LRC's primary focus must be on our trade unions, the unorganised workforce and our local communities. For me, this means being a shop steward and local Labour Party activist.



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Others will prioritise other work. Circumstances dictate that we work together, with urgency, if our movement and class are to avoid disaster.

**Norrette Moore**

*Greater London LRC*

I have been an LRC member for 2 years, and the secretary of the Greater London Branch for the last year. I also maintain and moderate the email group which, although nominally for Greater London, is now used by LRC members across the country. I was also involved in the initiation of the Left New Media Group which I am sure will re-ignite in the not too distant future.

**Gordon Nardell**

*Lambeth & Southwark LRC*

I've been a socialist in the Labour Party for over 30 years and an active member of the LRC since its foundation, serving 2 years on the NC. As a member of the LRC Policy Unit I made a major contribution to the political statement agreed at our first National Conference. I've worked on the economic policy interventions by LRC and LEAP in the Labour Party and the wider political scene, including the Convention of the Left in Manchester and Brighton. As a Labour councillor I helped spread the message for John McDonnell's leadership bid among Labour's local government membership.

**Janet Oosthuysen**

*West Yorkshire LRC*

No statement received

**Susan Press**

*Calder BLP*

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**Christine Shawcroft**

*Notts NUM Ex & Retired Miners Association*

I joined the LRC when it was set up, and have previously been a National Committee member and Vice Chair. I was very active in the "John for Leader" campaign, and believe the LRC has a vital role on the Left working with other organisations and building the Left in the Labour Party. I recently agreed to disband the Network of Socialist Campaign Groups, of which I was secretary for several years, and incorporate it into the LRC. I am a founder member of Nottinghamshire LRC and am working towards getting socialists organised and working together across the East Midlands.

**Jeff Slee**

*RMT Deptford Branch*

I am standing for re-election to the NC. I have been an active trade unionist all my working life – presently an RMT Branch Secretary and Regional Council Vice-Chair. I have been a Labour Party member for over 30 years. Member of Labour Briefing Editorial Board. Over the next year we should try to put forward a socialist voice in the General Election. And one of the priorities for the



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new NC must be to build the LRC's membership and profile in the trades unions, in the regions, amongst youth, and in the Labour Party

**Nick Toms**

*Lambeth & Southwark LRC / Croydon and Crystal Palace branch, Unite*

Member of Streatham CLP, GMB and UNITE. I've been a member of the National Committee since the founding conference in 2004. I am a committed socialist and trade unionist. Labour has alienated many of its core supporters by failing to pursue policies in their interests. I'm standing again because I want to continue the work of building support for socialist policies. I've helped build the LRC at grass roots level in the Lambeth Area where I'm currently secretary of the local group. I can also contribute to the LRC through my particular expertise in employment, labour relations and discrimination law.

**Cathy Watson**

*Unite North London Health Branch*

I have been an NHS worker (mental health) for over 25 years and have seen how first Thatcherite and then New Labour policies have had an adverse effect on people's morale and well-being. I firmly support the People's Charter and I look forward to whatever changes are likely to occur in the political scene next year and the opportunities this will give our organization to push for fairer and more workable policies. I will be retiring in the New Year and will then have more time to work for the LRC. I am currently a member of the National Committee.

**Matthew Wells**

*Cambridge LRC*

No statement received

**Adam White**

*Greater Manchester LRC*

No statement received

**John Wiseman**

*Liverpool Unite*

No statement received

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## LABOUR PARTY NEC SLATE

The LRC is selecting two representatives to go forward to the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance Slate for the Labour Party NEC.

Individual LRC members and delegates from LRC affiliated organisations can vote for these representatives.

**Gary Heather**

*Islington LRC*

*CWU*

*Jon Lansman*

*Islington North CLP*

*Andrew Berry*

*CWU Central London Branch*

*Tricia Clarke*

I have been a Labour Party member for 20 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 and on the CWU NEC. 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



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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 Centre Left Grassroots Alliance 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 CLGA.

Gary Heather - Chairperson Islington North CLP; and also LRC National Committee; Chairperson Greater London LRC; Chairperson Islington LRC

### **Susan Press**

*BFAWU*

*Vince Mills*

*Val Graham*

*Cllr Janet Oosthuysen*

*West Yorkshire LRC Greater Manchester LRC*

*Judith Atkinson*

*Duncan Hall*

*John Wiseman*

*Cllr Dave Young*

Labour's NEC is now a rubberstamp for New Labour. Grassroots members are marginalised to the point where they are almost irrelevant. Party policy is ordained by Number 10 and the NEC acts in the interests of a "unity" which will only deliver a Tory Government. Labour Conference, once the sovereign policy-making body of the Party, is a stage-managed rally with no platform for dissent. The results of this control freakery can be seen in our dwindling membership, and the disillusionment, and disengagement which continues to afflict CLPs across the country. When Gordon Brown became Leader, many hoped for a change. Instead, Brown abolished contemporary motions and continues to ignore the voices on the left which could save him from electoral defeat. Conference this year voted for OMOV ballots for the National Policy Forums. But much remains to be done. And will only be done if the CLGA takes a left-of-centre stance and works collectively to promote socialist policies. The LRC is committed to ensuring we have two CLGA candidates who will fight for our values and principles and defend Labour Party members and trade union activists against witchhunts and de-selections of Parliamentary candidates not approved of by the machine. In my constituency, Calder Valley, we fought bravely and lost. But constituencies like mine need an NEC candidate who will not fight shy of solidarity with grassroots members and give them the support they need to return our Party to its core values. I promise to be that candidate.

### **Christine Shawcroft**

*Islington LRC*

*Tricia Clarke*

*Notts NUM Ex & Retirees Miners Association*

*Gary Heather*

*Jon Lansman*

I have been a Labour Party member 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 10 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. Walter Wolfgang and I attempted to lower the threshold of nominations for the Leadership election in order to give John McDonnell more chance of getting on to the ballot paper. At the last Warwick NPF, I linked up with comrades in DCH to push amendments in favour of affordable, social and Council housing. Now that NPF members are elected by one member one vote, the LRC needs to maximise the number of socialists on the NPF by getting involved in that slate-making. 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.



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**John Wiseman***Greater Manchester LRC**Judy Atkinson**Alex Halligan**Susan Press*

I am standing for the NEC of the Labour Party (CLP section) to bring about more accountability within party structures, better regulation of parliamentary selections, more accountability of our MPs and their advisors, as well as more of an input by our members. Our members need better communication and a better understanding of the rules. This can not all be left to the few. This must be left to the many activists that work hard to make the Labour party work. The left in this country needs to be united. The expenses scandal has left the party weakened, we need more accountability of our MPS and we need a strong socialist campaign group. Party officers must be accountable. Overall we need: More accountability to the membership; Education and training of the membership eg rules; No use of external companies during parliamentary selections. We need the membership to have more of a say at conference (OMOV a step forward). We also need drastic changes in policy eg the war on Iraq and Afghanistan as well as the anti-trade union legislation. I am a CLP secretary for St Helens South and Whiston as well as being on the regional TULO, NEC Cooperative party, Shop Steward, Chair of Merseyside Unite, National and Regional Political Committee of Unite as well as being an activist in United Left and being the regional treasurer as well as being the ex National treasurer of the Amicus Unity Gazette and North West Editor.

