



Lewisham Deptford Left

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ABOUT US

We have organised the forum for Corbyn supporters since 2016. We are a group of Labour Party members who believe in campaigning for a Corbyn-led Labour government to transform society for the many, not the few. We are standing for the CLP Executive Committee, and here is what we want to achieve.

SOLIDARITY

Let's always ensure a welcoming party. An atmosphere of excitement and possibility that involves more people and provides encouragement, support and strength.

There is no space in the party for any discrimination. We must take anti-Semitism seriously, and given the onslaught aimed at Corbyn this year, ensure our Jewish brothers and sisters know that we stand up for them.

We will organise at least one training session during the year to raise education and awareness on this, including the historical progress of anti-Semitism and its place within poorly formed politics and conspiracy theories.

BREXIT

We stand on an anti-brexiteer platform. We respect our comrades who voted for Brexit but back the left wing group Another Europe is Possible. The least able will bear the brunt as the Tories make a crash landing out of the EU. We will facilitate discussion on Brexit.



Chair : Rebecca

Lawrence (Lewisham Central)



I work in the NHS and am very active in the local party. I'm deputy secretary of my trade union branch and an avid campaigner for worker's rights.

I'm a working class woman who is sick of feeling the Tory boot on my neck. I have lots of experience chairing and I'm standing to help develop the kind of party we all want. We should never tolerate any discriminatory or bullying behaviour.

I will work to ensure a welcoming, inclusive local party, to bring people together in positive ways. We should be an outward facing party, working to get a Labour government in and the Tories out.

VC Campaigns :

Matt Hanson (Crofton Park)



I am adamantly, vehemently non-partisan and irritated by sub-factions in the Labour party.

In the General Election I spent most weekends visiting in marginals and phone banking in the evenings.

We need to start a campaign that regularly canvassing in our local marginals. There are 5 around us. We have to win these to win the next general election. If we don't get out there, we won't win.

If a general election is called the focus would then be on Lewisham Deptford.

Women's Officer :

Gill Hart (Brockley)



I am a life-long socialist feminist with my first demo being against the withdrawal of free milk to pupils in primary schools, Mrs Thatcher then as Education Minister.

I am appalled by the present education system. I am pro transgender rights and am against the humiliation of any minority group that is subjected to any form of discrimination. People with disabilities should be believed not constantly questioned.

As Women's Officer I would bring these subjects to discuss and debate in a non-threatening way with a view to developing campaigns across the constituency involving a diverse group of women.

Secretary :

Dave Levy (New Cross)



We need a member led party that shows people that belonging counts and they can change society.

When I was Secretary last time, I ensured that we welcomed people that wanted to join, defended them against the purge and ensured that members got a say through an all members meeting in the Leadership election.

I support Corbyn's 10 point plan and I support the 2017 manifesto. I am committed to an open member led party, that campaigns in our communities in public elections, and fights against the Tories to return a Corbyn led Labour Government.

Treasurer :

David Richards (Telegraph Hill)



I am a semi-retired qualified accountant. I have experience of working in both the private and public sectors. I have lived around Deptford since the mid-eighties and joined the Labour party then.

I have a long experience of working in the voluntary sector in the north of Lewisham both paid and unpaid.

I am now Treasurer at Bold Vision (an umbrella charity and community group based around the Hill Station) and help out at New Cross Learning. I represent these groups at the Telegraph Hill Community Network.

Policy Officer :

Kathy Dunbar (Telegraph Hill)



I am a socialist. I joined the Labour Party in 2010 after being a life-long Labour supporter and voter.

More members want to discuss ideas and politics. As Policy Officer I will make sure national policies are brought to members to discuss, then understood and actively supported.

The CLP has a bank of motions waiting to be discussed which could play an important part in developing local and national policy.

This work needs to be properly co-ordinated, understood and prioritised and all done in an objective way not pushing personal agendas.

Disabilities Officer :

Stevie Hayes (Evelyn)



Growing up with severe dyslexia, mild autism, ADHD and dyspraxia, I went to mainstream primary and secondary Schools where I learnt nothing. I then went to a secondary special needs school with teachers trying their best with a limited budget again let down by the government.

I suffered with these issues but I, along with others, suffered more with the ruthless and cruel Tory cuts.

I would organise campaigns such as accessibility ramps and the effects of universal credit. I want to make sure that every member in the Labour Party who has any disabilities feels included.

Trade Union Liaison Officer :

Suzanne Thomson (Evelyn)



I have always worked for charities and am currently an employment advisor for people with learning difficulties and other disabilities.

I am a passionate trade unionist, a long term member of Unison and former rep. I am also a member of Unite Community and dedicated to expanding local knowledge and membership of unions and increasing collaboration with the Labour Party.

I am motivated by social justice and identifying barriers to participation, empowering those who need to overcome them through their own actions.

Youth Officer :

Verity Nevitt (New Cross)



I'm a student at Goldsmiths and vice chair campaigns of Goldsmiths Labour Society. I'm a mental health advocate and co-founder of The Gemini Project, an organisation aiming to end sexual assault and harassment.

I was youth officer in my previous CLP for two years where I established an official young labour branch, something I hope to do here.

Young people face exploitation from employers, inconsistent working hours and poor wages. I'm a member of Unite and I want to encourage all young members to join a trade union and fight for their rights.

Communications & Social Media :

Liam Shrivastava (Crofton Park)



I wish to help develop and improve Lewisham Deptford's digital impact in line with the party's local activities and campaigns and to publicise the great work our activists, councillors and the MP does.

Coming from a Media and Communications background, I have several years' experience in Social Media Management, Direct and Digital Marketing, Video production and media relations in the UK and West Africa.

IDEAS & SKILLS

The Factionalism is boring. We stand not as representatives of a faction but representatives of a set of ideas, politics, competency and skills.

We do not believe in factional persecution; different 'brands' of socialists are not the enemy, the Tories are. Everyone in the party has that common ground.

POLICY & DEBATE

We will fully implement the new Policy Officer position and create space for people to meaningfully discuss and debate ideas.

A culture of frank debate is crucial, but always with respect for people with differing opinions.



CAMPAIGNING

We have a crucial responsibility to consistently keep up voter ID and canvassing in preparation for a snap election in our constituency. We also pledge to support campaigns in marginal seats to oust Tory MPs.

However, our function as campaigners is not just for elections. We are more than foot soldiers. We also need to encourage our 4,000+ members to initiate or cooperate with campaigns in our community, e.g. education & health struggles; workers rights and anti-racism. We oppose the harsh, Tory austerity placed on our council and oppose council cuts.

TRADE UNIONS

Trade Union membership has halved in the last 40 years, with trade unions being the founding force behind the Labour Party and as our partners in the labour movement, we will do everything we can to encourage trade unionism. We will build closer links with local branches and the Lewisham Trades Union Council.

COMMUNITY

As the Labour Community Organisers are leading the way, we will find more ways to build stronger links with our communities. We can't expect people to come to us, but instead go to them!

EVENTS

We will build on the culture of social and cultural work in Lewisham Deptford with more socials; film screenings; music and events. We have lots of talented people locally!

THE PARTY OF EQUALITY

We take the need for making the voices of the under represented louder seriously.

Our trans comrades are still fighting for their rights and trying to push understanding beyond the stone age. We will continue to support this. We will also support the LGBT+ group in becoming a constituted forum.

Lewisham has 48% BAME population. We will fully support the BAME forum in its endeavours. We pledge to support street stalls, facilitation of BAME speakers, and host and organise events during black history month, publicising them to the community.

We will continue to support Windrush justice campaigns. We stand united against Stephen Yaxley-Lennon and any such rises in far-right activity including solidarity action against Islamophobia.

We support migrants' rights and campaign on No Recourse to Public Funds issues and expect Lewisham Council and Mayor to hold firm on the 'Sanctuary borough' promise.

Under a callous Tory government that attacks the disabled with no remorse, we also seek to bring solidarity to our comrades and campaign on their rights, whilst ensuring the CLP is accessible to all.

Women continue to bear the brunt of Tory cuts and we will help a vibrant Women's Forum in their representation. We will promote any opportunities for training, or development of all of these groups.