



## About me

- I rejoined the LP immediately after the election of Jeremy Corbyn, after many years of feeling disenfranchised. I'm a bottom-up socialist and activist – doing things as well as saying things. I believe that New Labour needs to become True Labour and rediscover its roots as a democratic socialist party devoted to stamping out inequality.
- I was an active trade union member until I retired, having been a branch official and delegate on my TU national women's committee.
- I have worked with and thus understand the issues of “left behind” inner city and outer city sink estate communities, with skills in participatory community organising and activism.
- Now retired from my job but not my politics, I want to be active in developing LI as a dynamic CLP, involving members in campaigns and local groups.

## Labour International

LI's membership has tripled in the last two years to some 3,500 members, making it one of Labour's 10 biggest CLPs. We face huge political challenges: whether mobilising for Votes for Life for UK Citizens Overseas, protecting our members rights in the face of a hard Brexit. On a wider level, snowballing inequality, the unabated attack on public provision and the increase of intolerance and fascism threatens not just the UK, but the whole world. As LP members we have to hammer home that disinvestment in public services, a regressive tax system, and poorly regulated labour markets are the real enemies in austerity ridden UK. Left behind communities – the throwaways - are the victims of government neglect and a concerted attack on publicly funded services. If immigration isn't the cause then kerbing it by insisting on a hard Brexit won't be the solution.

Our CLP is unique – we are all immigrants affected by these issues and global witnesses to what is happening politically and socially worldwide. Supporting migrant rights is an obvious cause for LI to promote - exposing the lie that immigration is the cause of the problems of stretched public services and the economic and social woes in the UK, and challenging the anti-immigration rhetoric and the imposition of draconian immigration controls some of which are already affecting our CLP membership directly.

## The challenge

- Rebooting Labour International as a dynamic, active organisation that empowers its members and gives them a voice, using a hub and spokes approach.
- Developing transnational campaign groups that bring together members with specific fields of concern and experience.
- Connecting with political parties, trade unions and pressure groups in our local areas
- Sharing news, lessons learnt, campaign resources and best practice in political activity
- Improving communication within LI between the hub (LICC) and spokes (member groups), developing the LI website and FB discussion group, sharing LICC minutes and accounts online, testing of digital tools for online conferencing, organisation and voting that enable members to participate more easily.
- Co-opting volunteers to ensure diversity, youth and minority representation on the LICC, as well as trade union liaison and representation of all geographic regions, harvesting the enthusiasm, skills, expertise, confidence, and personal circumstances of members worldwide
- An Annual General Meeting, including an online live stream, in which the LICC is held accountable to members
- Promote volunteerism and helping members to get active in developing campaigns, policies, representation in the LP and act as local organisers

I am standing as a member of the [Momentum, Grass Roots slate](#) and encourage you to also vote for Colin O'Driscoll, David Rothery, Rowan Shaw and Jonathan Clyne. Please also consider voting for incumbent LI secretary Lorraine Hardy.

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