



Who are we?

- We are CLPD Youth, the youth wing of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy! We are a group of Young Labour activists who want to see a more democratic Young Labour and Labour Party. We want to inspire Young Labour members to campaign for these goals.
- We want Labour not just to form a government but to irreversibly transform the balance of power and wealth in our society. We believe that in order to do this, a major step will be to transform the internal structures of our party to make them more democratic.

What we campaign for

- A transformed and democratic Young Labour and Labour Party, led by and accountable to its members and rank-and-file trade unionists.
- Mandatory re-selection of all Labour representatives.
- An annual, sovereign Youth Conference with standing orders and motions.
- The implementation by a Labour government of the 2017 Labour manifesto, 'For the Many, Not the Few'.

Our Future Plans

- Organise Young Delegates for National Party Conferences
- Organise delegates for Young Labour conferences
- Develop proposals for the way the structures of Young Labour might be transformed
- Help to inform fellow Young Labour members about the often tricky internal structures and processes within the Labour Party
- Develop a space for the debate of socialist ideas and how we would like to transform our party and our society

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Interested in getting involved?

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- Join @ clpd.org.uk (only £3 for under 27's!)
- Become a CLPD Youth supporter for free—details on Twitter and Facebook pages.

Turn over for info about the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy!



Campaign for Labour Party Democracy - A Short History

CLPD was formed in 1973 by a group of rank-and-file activists, with support from about ten Labour MPs, including Tony Benn. The main motivation for the Campaign was the record of Labour governments in the sixties and the way that Annual Conference decisions were continually ignored on key domestic and international issues e.g. Harold Wilson's rejection in 1973 of the proposal to take into public ownership some 25 of the largest manufacturing companies.

CLPD's first demand was mandatory re-selection of MPs so that they would be under pressure to carry out Conference policies. This demand was achieved in 1979/1980 but has since been revoked. CLPD also sought to make the leader accountable through election by an electoral college involving MPs, CLPs and Unions. Hitherto Labour leaders were elected by MPs alone. This was achieved in 1981.

The major focus of CLPD's work in recent years has been to win back power for rank-and-file members. In 2017 Conference CLPD campaigned for, and achieved a reduction of the number of MPs' nominations required for a candidate to stand for leader of the party. Previously the number was 15% of the Parliamentary Labour Party, it has now been reduced to 10%.

CLPD Campaigns For

- A real policy-making Annual Conference.
- An effective and accountable NEC.
- Defence of the Trade Union link.
- A local electoral college for choosing leaders of council Labour Groups .
- An internal party ombudsperson.
- Supporting the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn.

CLPD supports the Charter for a Democratic Conference

1. At least 50% of conference time should be reserved for delegate contributions to policy debates.
2. The criteria for motions should be flexible and fair.
3. Conference should choose the right policies, not rubber stamp them.
4. Conference decisions and all papers should be available online to party members.
5. The structure of conference needs reviewing by the Conference Arrangements Committee.

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