

Stephen Marks

National Constitutional Committee re-election statement 2019



Dear Comrades,

Last year I was elected to serve on the Party's enlarged National Constitutional Committee (NCC). This year I am asking you to nominate me to serve a full three-year term so that I can continue to work for fairness and justice for all party members.

I have been a party member continuously since 1981, first in Hampstead and Highgate, and since 1991 in Oxford East.

I am a former Oxfordshire County Councillor and deputy group leader. I am currently the Policy Officer for Oxford District Party, and a previous Vice-Chair.

I am also a life member of the NUJ [retired]; a former FoC, branch committee member, industrial council member, Trades Council delegate, and national conference delegate.

I have represented union members in disciplinary cases and before industrial tribunals. As a local party EC member and vice-chair I have also chaired selection meetings and panelling meetings for local government candidates, and helped resolve disciplinary complaints at local party level.

As a result of this experience and also as a former councillor I am used to adjudicating all issues before a disciplinary or quasi-judicial body on the basis of the evidence submitted and the live evidence given, setting aside all previous outside comment, hearsay, 'leaks' or coverage.

I believe all party members, whether complained against or complainers, are entitled to the same natural justice as I would have expected for my union members or constituents or for members of the public.

Our disciplinary procedures must be seen to uphold these principles if Labour under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership is to gain power and implement our socialist alternative to Tory austerity and savage cuts.

I am also a member of UNITE Community, Coop Party, Fabian Society, Momentum, CLPD, Jewish Voice for Labour and SERA.

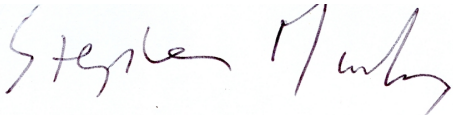
I have worked for Tribune and for the Labour Party publication 'New Socialist' as well as for the Greater London Enterprise Board and as a freelance writer and consultant for a variety of publications and projects from helping set up a network of European cities promoting clean and low-emission vehicles to leading a research and exchange project on China's involvement in Africa.

So I hope you'll nominate me for re-election to the NCC in the ballot to be held by delegates to this year's party conference in September.

Please also nominate Gary Heather and Jabran Hussein who with me are the three candidates supported by the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance.

The deadline for CLP nominations is midnight on 28 June.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Marks', written on a light blue background.

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