WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED IN THE LABOUR PARTY?

1. Get active and meet other Labour Party Members.
2. Bring new ideas and enthusiasm to your local party.
3. Make your voice heard in shaping the direction of the party.
4. Get Labour’s message out to your local community.
5. Help Labour and Jeremy Corbyn win the next general election!
**YOUR BRANCH**

- Your local branch is your first port of call for getting involved.
- Branches meet **once a month**.
- Any member who lives in the Ward can **submit and vote** for motions at meetings.
- Branches are run by an **Executive Committee** who are elected at the Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Branches also **elect delegates** who represent the branch in your CLP.
- The branch also chooses Labour **candidates for** local elections e.g. local councillors.

**YOUR CLP**

- Your Constituency Labour Party (CLP) meets monthly.
- These are either **General Committee** meetings (where all members can normally attend but only delegates from branches, affiliated trade unions or socialist societies can vote) or **All Member** meetings (where all local members can vote).
- At the **Annual General Meeting** you will elect positions to the Executive Committee, which runs the CLP, including Chair, Secretary, Campaigns Officer, Youth Officer, Women’s Officer and more.
- You will also elect delegates to Labour’s **regional and National Conferences**, to other bodies and forums.

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**HOW DOES THE LABOUR PARTY WORK?**

**NEWCASTLE NORTH CONSTITUENCY**

**WOOLSRINGTON BRANCH**

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**GRASSROOTS NOW!**

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**YOUR LOCAL LABOUR PARTY also organises election campaigns for councillors and MPs and campaigns on many different local issues!**
BECOMING AN OFFICER IN YOUR LOCAL PARTY

WHY BECOME AN OFFICER?

- As an officer you will be part of the Executive Committee of your Branch or CLP.
- You will be able to help build up your local party, shape local campaigns and help Labour to win the next election!
- You could be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.
- There may also be Social Secretary, Youth, Women’s or BAME Officers and a Campaigns Officer.
- Half of the principal officers must be women!

HOW TO BECOME A BRANCH OFFICER

1. Any Labour Party member can stand for an officer position within their branch.
2. Nominate yourself by notifying your Branch Secretary
3. A vote is then held at your AGM.

HOW TO BECOME A CLP OFFICER

1. If your CLP has All Member meetings then notify the CLP Secretary and put yourself forward at the AGM.
2. If your CLP has GC meetings then only CLP Delegates can stand and vote for positions.
3. Notify your Branch Secretary and ask your Branch, or other Branches, to nominate you at a meeting.
4. A vote is then held at your CLP AGM.

HOW TO BECOME A DELEGATE TO YOUR CLP

1. If your CLP has All Member Meetings then any member can attend and vote: there are no delegates.
2. But if your CLP holds GC meetings then only delegates from branches, Trade Unions or Socialist Societies can vote.
3. Each branch sends delegates according to how many members it has.
4. Nominate yourself by notifying your local branch Secretary.
5. A vote is then held at your branch AGM.

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SUBMITTING A MOTION

WHY SUBMIT A MOTION?

1. Motions are first submitted to your branch. Send it to your Branch Secretary in advance and it will be discussed and voted on at your branch meeting.

2. Successful motions are then presented at the CLP meeting. You will get a chance to introduce your motion and then the CLP meeting will vote on it.

3A. If your motion relates to national policy it will be sent to National Policy Forum where it will be considered along with all other successful resolutions from across the country.

3B. If your motion relates to local policy it will go to Local Campaign Forum where representatives from all local CLPs and affiliated societies will vote on whether to adopt the policy or not.

4. The National Policy Forum decides which policy motions to send to National Conference. The National Executive Committee then decides which motions to support at conference.
BECOMING A CONFERENCE DELEGATE

WHY GO TO REGIONAL CONFERENCES?
Here you can help to shape your region’s policies, campaigns and priorities.
You will also elect representatives to the regional board.

WHY GO TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE?
This is officially the supreme decision-making body of the Labour Party.
Here you can shape national policy direction and priorities.

HOW TO BECOME A CONFERENCE DELEGATE?

1. Any Labour Party member can stand to be a conference delegate.
2. If your CLP has GC meetings you don’t need to be a GC delegate but you do need a nomination from your branch or affiliated organisation.
3. A vote is then held in the CLP meeting.

THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES YOUR CLP CAN SEND DEPENDS ON HOW MANY MEMBERS YOU HAVE.
The first 750 members = 1 delegate, then an additional delegate for every 250 members. You may also be able to send young person’s and women’s delegates.

HALF THE DELEGATES YOU SEND TO CONFERENCE MUST BE WOMEN!
BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

WHY BECOME A COUNCILLOR?
- Make a difference in your local area
- Represent your community
- Contribute your personal skills
- Extend the work you already do through your local party, trade union, charity or school governing body
- Show people what a Labour government can do for their community

WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILLORS DO?
- Represent your ward
- Develop and review council policy
- Hold the council executive to account
- Engage with local community groups

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1. Fill in a form which asks about your activity in the party and local community, any public office you’ve held and what contribution you might make.

2. You will then be interviewed by three people from your Local Campaign Forum. They will ask why you want to be a Labour councillor and your experience.

3. If you are approved as a candidate you then attend a Candidate Selection Meeting where the branch vote on who they want as their candidate.

4. If you are selected then your election campaign begins! You will choose an Agent to help organise the campaign. This will involve door-knocking, leafleting, stalls, and engaging with local charities, businesses and groups.
WHAT IS CAMPAIGNING?

1. FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM DUMBARTON CLP
   Members of Dumbarton CLP get together once a month to collect emergency food supplies for local foodshare.

2. DAYS OF ACTION
   The Labour Party sometimes holds national Days of Action. For example, ‘Labour NHS Day of Action’ on 26th November where different groups across the country will be campaigning to defend our NHS.

3. CHESHIRE WEST ACTION TEAM
   Labour members in Cheshire West volunteer in an Action Team. They work with the local council and help out with simple issues raised on the doorstep by local residents like cleaning alleyways or repainting fences.

4. DOOR-KNOCKING, PHONE-BANKING & STALLS
   Labour members spend a lot of time knocking on doors and ringing up local people to ask them about what issues affect them and how the Labour could help. This is a great way to reach out to your local community and to build support for Labour’s policies which is crucial to winning the next general election.

5. HARLOW CLP KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON
   In 2014 the Tory-led Essex County Council decided to turn off street lights across Essex. Harlow Labour Party campaigned hard against this and in 2015 Harlow was the first place in Essex to have the lights turned back on.

6. GET OUT THE VOTE
   The Labour Party campaigns for all sorts of elections, from local councillors to Mayors and MPs. Campaigning involves reminding people that elections are happening, informing them about Labour’s candidates and policies, and making sure people turn out to vote on the day – so we can elect Labour to key local and national positions!