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CONVENTION 2024

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MEMBERS' GUIDE

WELCOME FROM MOMENTUM'S CO-CHAIRS!

Hilary Schan & Kate Dove



Welcome to the Momentum Convention 2024! We're delighted to host you at this, our first-ever all-members' convention: an opportunity to come together as a movement, to connect across the country and beyond, and to decide our next steps, together.

Our values of solidarity and democracy - which lie at the heart of today's Convention - are more important than ever. Across Britain, we are seeing the brutal impacts of a callous, out-of-touch Tory Government which is demonising peaceful protest for Gaza, running down our public services and leaving millions to suffer in poverty.

Sadly in Starmer's Labour, too, we are seeing attacks on socialists, including SCG MPs, speaking out for Palestine, the erosion of party democracy and a policy programme which fails to offer the transformative change the country is crying out for.

We face enormous challenges - and it is only together that we can overcome them. As we will hear about in the 'History of Momentum' session, mass mobilisation has always been at the heart of Momentum's success. It's how we defended Jeremy's leadership in 2016, helped transform the political map in 2017 and consistently won motions for radical policies at Labour Conference.

But as democratic socialists, we know that acting together can only be part of the picture. We must also decide together, harnessing the strength and wisdom of our members - Keir Starmer's Leadership shows that a disdain for democracy and for socialist politics go hand in hand.

That's why, following our Refounding reforms designed to empower our membership, our Convention will be a democratic affair, with the majority of time given over for debate and voting on the big questions facing us: what we campaign on, what we prioritise and how we organise. It's your movement, your choice.

For those of you who have not yet had a chance to organise with Momentum - don't be strangers! With lunchtime sessions on starting a local Momentum group, alongside our annual Future Councillor and Leo Panitch Leadership programmes coming up, there's plenty of opportunities to get involved.

The road to socialism has never been easy - they don't call it for a struggle for nothing! But that makes it all the more important to hold together, to support one another and to live the values of solidarity we preach. So let's, respectfully, discuss and debate the big questions facing us - and then come together as one movement.

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THE CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Planning for the inaugural Momentum Convention was carried out by the Convention Arrangements Committee (CAC), supported by Momentum staff. The CAC was elected by our National Coordinating Group (NCG) from amongst their number.

It is composed of: Hilary Schan (Chair), Zoe Allan, Coll McCail, Sarah Warsama and Lorcan Whitehead.

GOT A PROBLEM?

If you have an issue related to tech or accessibility, whether at the Convention or before, please contact digital@peoplesmomentum.com.

Procedural Issues: there will be individual chairs for different sessions, who will select speakers and facilitate discussions. Please respect their role. The chatbox will not be open for general discussion during the democratic sessions. If you have a procedural issue, please message one of the admins, as points of order will not be permitted.

If you lose your internet connection, please re-join using your original link.

ACCESSIBILITY

The closed-caption functionality will be enabled on Zoom for those who require it.

Those with accessibility concerns should contact digital@peoplesmomentum.com in advance of the Convention.

JOINING THE CONVENTION

All attendees will have been emailed a link on Thursday 7th March. Please ensure that you have the most up to date version of Zoom software installed on your device, and use your browser to follow the link which you received by email. This should enable you to join the Waiting Room, from which you will be admitted to the Convention. Do not try to join by entering the Zoom meeting number; you must follow the link. When in the Waiting Room, look out for any messages. If you have lost your link, cannot make it work, or are stuck in the Waiting Room without explanation, please email digital@peoplesmomentum.com stating your name and contact telephone number and we will do our very best to assist you.

Please bear in mind this will be a very busy period and the earlier you can join the better. The Zoom meeting will be open from 09:00 am and all participants are asked to join before 09.45 am.

Please do not attempt to join the convention using more than one device, as this is not permitted.

If you are attending the Convention with a friend or partner, each of you should register separately and use different devices to participate. The Zoom poll software will only send 1 vote to each device.

ZOOM DEMOCRACY

The Zoom chat will be available at times but will be switched off during debates. Please do not use the Zoom chat for items that are unrelated to the session happening at the time. To make a contribution to a debate, you must use the Zoom “raise hand” button and wait to be called by the Chair. When called, you will be invited to unmute your microphone.

Unless called to speak, all participants will be muted.

Please do not raise your hand physically. This will not gain the Chair’s attention as there are far too many participants.

Each mover of a motion will have 2 minutes to speak, and all other speakers will have a maximum of 1 minute each. To ensure we keep to time, Chairs will enforce time limits strictly and will mute people who go overtime.

TIMETABLE FOR THE CONVENTION

Time	Session	Description	Chair
9.00am – 10am	Registration	Attendees will be able to log into Zoom. All attendees are asked to log in before 9.45am for logistical purposes.	
10.00 – 10.10	Introduction	A welcome to the Convention from Momentum's Co-Chair Hilary Schan.	Hilary Schan, Co-Chair
10.10 – 10.20	Test Vote	Testing the online vote	Hilary Schan
10.20 – 10.50	Panel: History of Momentum	<p>A discussion about the history and role of Momentum with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy Clark MSP, • James Schneider, Momentum Co-Founder • Jess Barnard, Labour NEC Member • Becky Boumelha, former NCG member 	Hilary Schan
10.50 – 11.20	Momentum Work Presentation (15m) & Q&A (20m)	A presentation of Momentum's current & recent activities, followed by a Q&A with Momentum's Co-Chair and Senior Staff.	Hilary Schan and Kate Dove, Co-Chairs
11.20 – 11.30	Break		N/A
11.30 – 12.30	Strategic Priorities	<p>Debate and voting in the Strategic Priorities Category</p> <p>Motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the Red Flag Flying • Momentum under a Starmer government • Political Education • Policy Development 	Lorcan Whitehead, National Secretary

Time	Session	Description	Chair
12.30pm – 1.10pm	Workshop: Collective Care	Ever been part of activism that descended into a hot mess of burn out and interpersonal tension? In this session we'll explore simple steps we can take to create sustainable structures and embed collective resilience practices into our organising	Sam Green, Staff
	Workshop: Starting a local group	Come along to find out everything that you need to know about starting a successful Momentum group! We'll cover the practicalities and the types of activities you might want to do along with the support Momentum can give you. There'll also be a chance to ask questions and get advice from Momentum staff.	Corinne Furness, Staff
	NCG Lunch & Greet*	A chance to eat and chat together with members of our National Coordinating Group.	Domanic Smith-Jones, NCG
1.10 – 1.40	General Election	Debate and voting on a composite motion around Momentum's General Election Campaign	Lorcan Whitehead
1.40 – 2.30	Constitutional Amendments	Debate and voting on three Constitutional Amendments submitted by members. Motions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Momentum's Membership • Labour Leader and Deputy Leader Endorsements • Update Momentum's affiliate criteria 	Andrew Hedges, NCG

* Participants are invited to have lunch during these sessions, with their cameras off if preferred.

Time	Session	Description	Chair
2.30 – 2.35	Break		N/A
2.35 – 3.20	Campaigns	<p>Debate and voting for a priority campaign.</p> <p>Motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solidarity Campaign with Gaza & Palestine • Campaign for Local Government Funding • Tax the rich to rebuild the NHS! 	Kate Dove, Co-Chair
3.20 - 3.30	Address from John McDonnell MP	We're delighted to welcome former Shadow Chancellor and longtime Socialist Campaign Group MP John McDonnell.	Hilary Schan
3.30 – 3.35	Closing Words	Momentum Co-Chair Hilary Schan will reflect on the day and the next steps for our movement.	Hilary Schan

CODE OF CONDUCT

In line with the Code of Ethics laid out in our Constitution, we ask that you treat everyone at Convention with respect and that you behave in a comradely manner, focusing on policy and politics, not personal attacks. Anyone acting in an unacceptable way, such as using disparaging or discriminatory language, may be removed from the Convention at the sole discretion of the Chair. Everyone should feel welcome and safe at the Convention.

Please be mindful of your speech, and treat the Convention as if it were a public forum.

Anyone who is found to have registered for the Convention using a false name will be removed.

DEMOCRATIC DEBATE:

HOW IT WORKS

Following our Refounding [reforms](#), Momentum is committed to a biennial online Convention, enshrined in our Constitution. The Constitution specifies that campaigns, strategic priorities and amendments to our constitution will all be considered.

Motions were sought from Momentum groups, affiliates and individual members. You can see the full process guidelines [here](#). These were then evaluated - and in some cases composited – by Momentum’s CAC according to published criteria and the campaigns and constitutional amendments proposed were then put forward to a priority ballot of Momentum members. Three motions were democratically chosen in each category – the results can be seen [here](#).

Every Momentum member was offered the chance to register for the Convention. Participants will then debate and vote on motions in the three categories (see more below), in line with Momentum’s Constitution.

DEBATES

The session chair will announce specific arrangements for each of the ‘democratic’ sections. As a rule, the submitter(s) of motions will be entitled to make an opening speech on their proposal. Speeches for and against will then be sought from the floor by the Chair. We will endeavour to ensure a representative array of speakers.

Please note that points of order will not be permitted, due to time constraints. Any Convention attendee with concerns will be able to raise an issue with the Chair via an announced staff member, by messaging the staff member in the chat.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments were sought from members following the publication of the priority ballot. The CAC then liaised with individual motion proposers to categorise the amendments as follows:

- **Friendly:** amendments that were incorporated directly into the motion as they were accepted by the original proposer
- **Wrecking:** amendments which effectively nullify the motion were ruled out of order
- **Contradictory:** amendments which are fundamentally incompatible will be counterposed and a vote taken on which to support, if passed.

Those moving amendments will be able to make a short speech in favour, with the original motion submitter offered first refusal to oppose the amendment. Amendments will be voted on individually, except for the ‘contradictory’.

VOTING

Voting will take place via Zoom's Voting functionalities. A test vote will take place at 10.10am to identify any issues - all participants are asked to join before this time.

Because the Zoom Polling system will be used it is essential that all attendees use one device per person.

There will be cutoff points 10 minutes into each session in which there is voting. All new entrants after these cutoff points will not be allowed to enter until that session has ended.

All Votes will be yes/no votes or votes between 2 different options. The only exception to this is the voting for Campaigns Proposals which will be done using an eliminating ballot.

GLOSSARY

NCG - Momentum's National Coordinating Group, our governing body

CAC - Convention Arrangements Committee

SP - Strategic Priority

CA - Constitutional Amendment

NEC - Labour's National Executive Committee

SCG - the Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs

SESSION: **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

Members were invited to submit motions for the 'strategic priority' category. You can see the guidelines for the category [here](#).

These motions were evaluated by the CAC in line with published criteria. Those approved to advance will be debated. The CAC also decided that there will be a bespoke discussion on strategy for the upcoming General Election, with a composite [motion](#) to be discussed.

The CAC decided that amendments would not be accepted for the 'Political Education' and 'Policy Development' motions.

VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

As the two motions with substantial workload implications, only one of the motions 'Political Education' and 'Progressive Policy for Socialist Ends' may be agreed at the Convention, in order to ensure sustainable workplan commitments which can be delivered on by NCG and staff. A vote will therefore be held counterposing them.

The remaining two strategic priorities (and any amendments) will be debated and voted on individually. There will be a separate debate and vote on General Election strategy.

KEEP THE RED FLAG FLYING

Proposed by Noah Tucker, with an additional submission from Mark Ladbroke on behalf of Momentum Oxfordshire

The pursuit of state power, and transforming society through public policy, must be key components of socialist strategy. As the institution embodying trade union involvement in electoral politics and representation, the Labour Party continues to be indispensable as a site of, and potential vehicle for, the struggle for socialism.

For the British establishment and the section of it which currently manages the Labour Party, the elimination of socialism within the Party is a strategic objective. Conversely, for a socialist movement, retaining and building left involvement within the Labour Party should be a maximum priority.

That requires:

- Increasing efforts to explain the value of staying in, joining, or rejoining Labour.
- Retaining/ expanding programmes to develop activists and future leaders.
- Work to ensure the manifestation of democratically decided trade union policy in Labour Party policy and representation.
- Building left involvement and organisation at all levels of the Party.
- Rule changes to take to Labour Conference to strengthen the rights of Labour members to choose our own candidates for council, mayor and MP positions.

MOMENTUM UNDER A STARMER GOVERNMENT

Proposed by Jim Kelly

The next Labour Government will likely be characterised by a high degree of continuity with the policies of the last 14 years of Tory Governments.

However, a broad section of the Party continues to support progressive policies, as reflected in the universal free school meals introduced by Sadiq Khan, public control of buses in Greater Manchester, Welsh Labour under Mark Drakeford etc.

A Labour Government under Keir Starmer is likely to clash with trade unions, anti-racist, anti-war and environmental movements, increasing the frustration of ordinary members, who will become more amenable to critical arguments.

Therefore, Momentum should:

- Develop alliances with other progressive actors in the Labour Party on the basis of shared beliefs, values, and policies, without leading to a dilution of Momentum's commitment to socialism.
- Strengthen relationships with trade unions at all levels.
- Vocally oppose any and all reactionary policies implemented by a future Labour government.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

Proposed by Carl Walker

As a socialist organisation, political education should be a key focus for Momentum. Yet in recent years it has seemingly ceased to be a core focus, with no courses or organised reading groups, and very few public-facing events. Momentum continues to do great work propagandising through digital media and running training courses - but these are different outputs with different aims.

Momentum should organise regular political education calls, and potentially also one or several courses, available at a minimum to all members. It should explore the possibility of regional or national reading groups. Topics could include socialist strategy (via Miliband, Poulantzas etc); the history of the Left in Labour; analysis of Britain's political economy today; and histories of Palestinian resistance.

PROGRESSIVE POLICY FOR SOCIALIST ENDS

Submitted by Bryn Griffiths on behalf of North Essex Momentum

Taking inspiration from the Bevanite “Brains Trusts” of the 1950s, Momentum will advance policy in the interests of the working classes by developing relationships with economic and social policy institutions and researchers.

As Momentum’s relationship with trade unions grows, Momentum will also encourage contact and alliances between trade unions and progressive policy experts, in order to increase the representation of working class priorities in progressive policy research.

Approaches may include:

- amplifying significant policy findings through, e.g., comms channels, model CLP motions, briefings, political education events, and connecting activists with speakers for local events;
- soliciting policy advice for incorporation into Momentum campaigns;
- participating in progressive social policy research consultations and academic impact events;
- hosting events to facilitate dialogue between trade unions and policy experts;
- creating a staff or volunteer role for someone with social policy expertise to lead on developing these links.

SESSION: **GENERAL ELECTION STRATEGY**

Composite of Motion submitted by Kieran Glasssmith (Momentum NCG), Hilary Schan (Momentum Co-Chair) and Bryn Griffiths (on behalf of North Essex Momentum)

The General Election will shape politics for years to come. The defeat of the Tories would be a victory for us all, and Momentum will side with the trade unions fighting this authoritarian Tory Government. However, we will stay true to the socialist vision that Momentum was founded to promote. A Labour victory will give us the opportunity to fight, to make the Government more accountable, and reduce the ferocity of attacks on the working class, giving us more space to organise.

The Labour leadership has so far refused to outline a progressive alternative to Tory policies of privatisation, austerity, authoritarian crackdowns on civil society, and militarism and war abroad. Despite this, the next Election will politicise millions of people, and Momentum cannot afford to sit on the sidelines.

The crises facing Britain are not solely due to Tory mismanagement, but to an ideology of austerity and privatisation. To avoid being held responsible for continued crises by voters, Labour must offer decisive change and look to emulate the '45 Labour Government record.

In consultation with affiliated trade unions and the SCG, prior to a General Election, Momentum should:

1. Aim to unite the left to campaign for five flagship policies needed to fix the Tories' mess:

- The NCG should pick five radical socialist policies which, where possible, have been adopted by Labour Party conference, and seek to fight alongside the unions and SCG MPs for their implementation
- The five policy areas would be subject to discussion by the NCG but based on recent Momentum campaigning could include: public ownership; investment (in public services, local government and a Green New Deal); housing for the many; democratic rights & freedoms; and economic policy (including wealth taxes)
- This alternative, transformative programme should form the basis of our pre-election campaign, ahead of Labour's Clause V meeting
- Recognising the current political environment however, we should also continue to argue for these policies after the General Election
- Whilst the campaign will focus on Conference policies, it must also give a profile to the Labour Left's leading role in the Gaza ceasefire campaign

2. Drawing on the experiences of 2017 and 2019, develop plans for a positive election campaign, that will mobilise the Labour Left around progressive policies, like the New Deal for Working People, that could be won under a Labour government, including:

- Prioritising support for Socialist Campaign Group MPs, as well as other socialists, trade unionists, and candidates committed to a pluralist party
- Working with our allies across the Labour left, while providing leadership as the largest organisation of socialists in the Labour Party
- Deepening our relationships with trade unions locally and nationally
- Using the General Election to politically educate, by delivering programmes and running events
- Supporting social struggles and movements and acting as a bridge, channelling their demands into the Labour Party
- Using a distinct socialist campaign to grow our membership and left presence within the Party
- Continuing to hold the Leadership to account for their attacks on Party democracy, and campaign for Party members to select their own candidates, free from NEC interference

To promote our General Election campaign the National Coordinating Group shall develop a communications strategy and consider amongst other ideas:

- An open letter for which we seek signatories
- A day of action
- Public meetings in every Region possible
- National communications, such as possibly a four-page newspaper, aimed at those involved in the Labour election campaign putting our socialist case for voting Labour, the socialist policies we will fight for and the importance of combining our vote with a mass campaign to democratise the party
- A pamphlet
- Window posters
- Mass canvassing in the constituencies with a particular emphasis on Socialist Campaign Group and other socialist candidates
- A social media campaign throughout the election
- Attempts to maintain a high media profile throughout the election

Elections are a means not an end, and the next General Election can be a starting point to enable the building of a wider social movement and Labour left in order to oppose austerity, privatisation, racism and militarism, and to advocate for socialism regardless of who wins the election. It is an opportunity to provide political leadership as the largest organisation of socialists in the Labour Party, helping to campaign for socialist candidates while not pretending that Starmer's politics is the solution to Britain's many deep problems.

AMENDMENT

From James Doran

After "democratic rights & freedoms" add "(including proportional representation)".

SESSION: **CAMPAIGNS**

Session Chair: Kate Dove, Co-Chair

From our Divest Barclays campaign to 'Labour for labour', campaigning has long been at the heart of our mass movement. So it's no surprise that grassroots Momentum members up and down the country proposed a wide array of campaigns to the Convention.

Ultimately, **three were chosen for debate** by our members in the priority ballot. The Momentum Convention will select **one priority campaign**, on which the organisation will focus its resources in the coming months. Furthermore, the NCG has agreed to evaluate the second-placed campaign, with a view to potentially taking it forward dependent on capacity, resources & timelines.

Amendments were not accepted for this category, following an extensive compositing process.

SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN WITH GAZA & PALESTINE

***Composite submitted by: Labour Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,
Gaya Sriskanthan, Mohammad Suhail (NCG), Rathu Guha, Ruth Appleton***

Despite the ICJ ruling and decades of UN resolutions, Labour front bench policy has been extremely weak on this issue, including failing to support calls for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine. In its failure to stand up for the human rights of Palestinians, the Starmer Leadership is out of step with its membership and the principles of the Labour movement.

Momentum's 2024 Convention: IS AWARE of the increasingly desperate situation in Gaza as a result of [Israel's genocidal campaign](#), with tens of thousands of Palestinians killed by Israel, many of them children, and recognises the urgency of

- an immediate ceasefire
- protecting civilians, including healthcare workers,
- providing unrestricted aid delivery and
- avoiding regional conflagrations.

AGREES

- with the UN Secretary General that Hamas attacks cannot justify collective punishment of the Palestinian people, and
- with the ICJ order of 26 January requiring Israel to take all steps within its power to ensure genocidal acts are not being committed in its war on Gaza.

BELIEVES that Britain, the US, and other western allies should be acting to bring about an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

THEREFORE, DECIDES that Momentum will

- campaign in solidarity with Gaza and the Palestinian people, dedicating substantial campaigns and communications resources to this aim;
- As part of this campaign, to demand:
 1. the UK stops providing arms and other military support to Israel, focussed on the government as well as the official Labour opposition,
 2. the restoration and increase of funding to UNRWA;
 3. that Israel be held accountable for war crimes and genocide;
 4. the UK Government (and Labour Opposition) commit to comply with and enforce all ICJ rulings, including the interim ruling.

- As part of this campaign, Momentum should:
 - Produce tools, resources and training to equip members to fight for ceasefire and justice for Palestinians, in CLP's, union branches and workplaces (including model motions and template letters to MP's),
 - Promote BDS in councils
 - Organise a visible presence on local and national demonstrations whenever possible
 - Join with and use its mailing list to support actions by other organisations, such as Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Campaign Against the Arms Trade, where appropriate to pursue this demand.

Momentum's NCG and staff should also review what additional activities could be undertaken as part of this campaign, and report back on this campaign at quarterly intervals.

CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Composite submitted by Nabeela Mowlana and Kirsty Jones

Massive cuts to local government settlement funding have left councils across the country unable to balance their budgets and struggling to deliver even their minimum statutory services.

Labour is now the largest party in local government in England for the first time since 2002. But Keir Starmer is yet to commit to restoring proper funding under a future Labour Government. This issue will have a broad appeal within the labour movement, particularly amongst councillors and relevant trade unions.

The objective of the campaign is to encourage the Labour Party to adopt as policy (and implement in government) reform of local government financing in England to end the austerity regime defunding local councils and damaging communities.

This can be achieved in two particular ways:

1. Reverse government grant cuts to ensure all statutory responsibilities of councils are fully funded as well as providing adequate funding for councils to use their discretionary powers according to local priorities
2. Replace council tax and business rates with property taxes proportionate to value and paid by the property owners

Acknowledging that local government is a devolved issue in both Scotland and Wales, in the run up to and after the next General Election, Momentum should take this issue to English CLPs with a conference motion. Emphasising the importance of local democracy, Momentum should also utilise its successful Councillor Network and links with trade unions, particularly the Time for Real Change Campaign in UNISON (which represents many local government workers) to hold events, have conversations and build a coalition to tell Starmer loud and clear: end the local government funding crisis.

TAX THE RICH TO REBUILD THE NHS!

Submitted by Daniel Randall, Martin Thomas

This would be a campaign to mobilise people in CLPs and affiliated unions for pressure on an incoming Labour government (and the Labour leadership in the run-up to the general election). The aim: get Labour to commit to, and carry through, higher taxes on the rich and big business to fund rebuilding the NHS.

It would involve joint work with groups like Keep Our NHS Public; motions to CLPs and to union conferences and to Labour conference 2024 (if held); lobbying MPs; Momentum efforts to mobilise for and organise contingents (with banners, placards, etc.) on pro-NHS demonstrations and NHS workers' picket lines; social media output and maybe a petition or open letter from Momentum to spread the message.

SESSION: **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Session Chair: Andrew Hedges, NCG

Three amendments to Momentum's [constitution](#) were put forward for debate at the Convention following the [priority ballot](#). Each will be debated and voted on.

Our Constitution stipulates specific rules for amendments to be passed. If passed at the Convention, constitutional amendments will **go forward to an all-member ballot** subsequently (clause 16.2).

To pass at the Convention, constitutional amendments must be approved not only by members, but by a simple majority of weighted votes cast by trade union delegates (clause 16.5). The voting weight of a delegation from an affiliated trade union with more than 100,000 members in Great Britain will be twice that of delegations from affiliated trade unions with less than 100,000 members in Great Britain (clause 16.6).

Amendments were accepted for this category.

EXPAND MOMENTUM'S MEMBERSHIP

James Schneider

Expand Momentum's membership to include both Labour members and non-members who are eligible for Labour membership. Momentum membership will remain closed to members of rival political parties.

It will both expand the pool of membership for the organisation, making it more financially sustainable, and better reflect the breath and strength of the coalition brought together to form the organisation. It will maintain Momentum's relevance both inside the Labour Party and on the broader left.

This criteria is similar to the Fabians', a longstanding Labour-affiliated organisation "open to everyone on the left".

Constitutional clause(s) amended

7.1.ii, 7.8, 7.11, 7.12, 7.16

Wording of the amendment

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Edit clause 7.1.ii:

7.1. Membership is open to anyone who either was a financial subscriber of Momentum on 10 January 2017, or

...

(ii) Is a member of the Labour Party **and no other political party nor an** or is eligible for membership of the Labour Party and is not a member of an organisation disallowed by the NCG;

...

Replace clause 7.11:

7.11. Membership in the Momentum Movement Builders scheme is open to who ...

7.11. The category of "Momentum Movement Builders" is abolished. All Movement Builders to be offered Momentum membership.

Delete clauses 7.8, 7.12 and 7.16:

7.8. Any member who does not join the Labour Party by 1 July 2017, or ceases to be a member of the Labour Party, or acts inconsistently with Labour Party membership, may be deemed to have resigned.

7.12. There will be a minimum annual fee to be a Movement Builder.

7.16. Movement Builders are not entitled to the rights of full membership as detailed in this constitution.

LABOUR LEADER & DEPUTY LEADER ENDORSEMENTS

North Essex Momentum

The May 2023 NCG meeting agreed to give the NCG full discretion to decide how to determine Momentum's endorsement in future Labour leadership and deputy leadership elections if no SCG MP makes the ballot.

This ignores the outcome of the Refounding process, where members voted overwhelmingly (85%) for members to decide with all candidates seeking endorsement on the ballot, and against giving the NCG full discretion (15%).

This change respects what members decided, ensuring any endorsement has maximum support and avoiding a disruptive disagreement between members and leadership, while allowing a role for the NCG to state its own view.

The change also adds a new clause stating that hustings for candidates requesting Momentum's endorsement will be invited, as voted for through Refounding.

Constitutional clause(s) amended

17.1, 17.2, 17.4

Wording of the amendment

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Replace section 17:

17. Labour Party Leadership and Deputy Leadership

17.1. Momentum may only endorse candidates for Leader or Deputy Leader of the Labour Party following a ballot of all members, **except in the scenario described in Rule 17.4.**

17.2. Candidates requesting Momentum's endorsement shall automatically be included on this ballot **provided they are members of the Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs.**

17.3. The ballot will also contain the option of making no endorsement.

17.4. If there are no Socialist Campaign Group members requesting Momentum's endorsement, or none still in the contest, the NCG shall have discretion to determine how Momentum's endorsement is decided and how any membership ballot should be conducted.

17.4. The NCG may provide members with its own view on the question of endorsement at the time of the ballot, if this is agreed at a full NCG meeting.

17.5. Official hustings shall also be organised and all candidates requesting Momentum's endorsement shall be invited.

AMENDMENT

An amendment to this motion was submitted by George Ford:

In 17.2, restore deleted wording ‘provided they are members of the Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs.’

Add new 17.4 ‘If there are no Socialist Campaign Group members requesting Momentum’s endorsement, or none still in the contest, the NCG shall have discretion to determine how any membership ballot should be conducted.’

Re-number 17.4 and 17.5 accordingly.

On 17.5 (now 17.6), replace ‘requesting Momentum’s endorsement’ with ‘on the Momentum ballot’

The final rule change would be worded as follows:

17.1. Momentum may only endorse candidates for Leader or Deputy Leader of the Labour Party following a ballot of all members.

17.2. Candidates requesting Momentum’s endorsement shall automatically be included on this ballot provided they are members of the Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs.

17.3. The ballot will also contain the option of making no endorsement.

17.4. If there are no Socialist Campaign Group members requesting Momentum’s endorsement, or none still in the contest, the NCG shall have discretion to determine how any membership ballot should be conducted.

17.5. The NCG may provide members with its own view on the question of endorsement at the time of the ballot, if this is agreed at a full NCG meeting.

17.6. Official hustings shall also be organised and all candidates on the Momentum ballot shall be invited.

COMMENTARY

First and foremost, this amendment retains the guarantee of a full, all-member ballot for Labour Party Leader and Deputy Leader endorsements, including the option of no endorsement. Crucially, it also retains the wording the proposed rule change deletes as regards the guarantee of any SCG MPs requesting endorsement being included on said ballot. North Essex’s proposed deletion of this opens the door for any candidate requesting Momentum’s endorsement to be included on a membership ballot - a rule which would clearly be open to abuse by our political opponents.

The amended rule change would give the NCG some limited discretion allowing for the prevention of any such scenarios, without allowing for the NCG to prevent the right of members to participate in a full, all-member ballot.

UPDATE MOMENTUM'S AFFILIATE CRITERIA

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This amendment would allow for affiliates who diverge, like Momentum and many of its affiliates, from the Labour Leadership on matters of policy. It would retain the need for Momentum affiliates not to be supporters of other political parties.

The original constitution was written during the Corbyn leadership when Momentum's policy and that of the Labour Leadership aligned. While Momentum-backed policies are also supported across the Labour membership and movement, the Starmer leadership has moved in a rightward, anti-democratic direction. This amendment would prevent potential affiliates from being disbarred by Momentum for supporting socialist policies.

This amendment could provide the catalyst for a renewed push to increase Momentum's affiliates.

Constitutional clause(s) amended

13.1.iv

Wording of the amendment

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Delete "or the Labour Party" in clause 13.1.iv:

13.1. The following organisations may affiliate to Momentum provided that they accept the rules of Momentum and their representatives abide by the code of ethics:

...

(iv) other groups as agreed by the NCG, provided that the NCG may not agree to the affiliation of groups whose programme and policy is incompatible with that of Momentum or the Labour Party, or who support candidates for public office from parties other than the Labour Party.

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