



Aghileh Djafari-Marbini for London Regional Board

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I have been an activist my entire life. This began with demanding human rights for political prisoners in Iran as a young child and has continued ever since with my fight for social justice here in the UK with the Labour Party. I became more involved after Jeremy Corbyn was elected the leader of the Labour Party and have served as the BAME officer for Harrow West CLP. I stood as a council candidate for non-Labour ward of Headstone North at the recent local elections, where in 3 months we mobilised 50 volunteers to canvass with us, many from outside of the borough, and increased the Labour vote by almost 1000 votes.

As a child of a political refugee from Iran arriving in the UK at the age of 14 I found my place in society through the values of the Labour party because of its commitment to fair and just society, to fair taxation, distribution and fair representation. As a party we have made giant steps in this direction in the last couple of years. However we have a long way to go in order to make our party truly of the people and for the people. London Region should become beacon of what our party truly represents, and we have a long journey ahead of us. We have a large, diverse and vibrant membership which should be engaged and transform the party towards a more democratic, representative and membership-focused future. Much needs to be done to engage with grassroots communities in London. As a first generation Muslim immigrant woman, I am acutely aware that for me and others like me, a place in politics has been seen as something that is "not for the likes of us". Through the work with London region Labour party I want to bring greater representation and engagement from a diverse background and am hoping to be the change I would like to see. The Labour Party is at its best when it is truly democratic and representative. I will work hard as a board member to achieve the following with your support.

- As an NHS manager and a school governor I see the daily effects of savage Tory cuts to our communities. I will work hard to ensure the London Region supports our communities and CLPs to run effective campaigns across London.
- Ensuring we have fairer selection processes for all elected positions including Councils, and GLA. Currently the Local Campaigns' forums and the London region have not been ambitious enough and/or reflective of the active membership and the shifting of the political climate. I will ensure that the direction of London Region is reflective of national Labour Party Policy and the region is held to account with more transparency.
- Ensuring that all selection processes become more transparent, and more reflective of our communities particularly BAME communities.
- Ensuring the London membership and grassroots have a clear voice and stake in the London region at all levels including Councils and mayoral election manifestos. This has not always been the case to date.

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