

Alison McGarry for London Regional Board

My experience I am the Chair of Islington North CLP, an active Unite trade unionist and work as a Union Trainer and Organising Consultant. I joined the Labour Party at 15 after leading a women's strike for union recognition, as I felt strongly the party needed to better organise and represent women workers at grass roots level. For the past forty years I have campaigned as a union worker, party member, councillor and anti-fascist activist with working class women fighting for economic and social power. Professionally, I work on organising campaigns with women workers and deliver training programmes for women trade union activists across the Labour movement nationally and internationally to increase working women's representation and solidarity. I returned to activity in the party when Jeremy Corbyn was elected leader, as we now have a leadership that supports the transformation of society for the many not the few.



I am currently a member of CPLD, Momentum and the Labour Representation Committee.

I wish to be elected to the London Regional board for the following reasons:

London Labour Women Campaigning: I am active in campaigns on housing, poverty, public transport, violence against women and air quality as these are the issues that most directly affect London women and have directly affected my life as a London women worker and parent. I want to ensure our Board actively campaigns on these issues and pressurises our representatives to shift to policies that benefit London's disenfranchised communities. London CLPs are keen to collectively campaign on anti-austerity across London in line with our national policy direction. Our Board should be leading this campaign in 2019 in alliance with community and women's organisations.

Women's Party Structures: - I welcome the reforms from the Democracy Review and look forward to the establishment of regional women's structures. I want to see a London Women's Committee and decision-making conference speedily established. I am a member of the executive of Labour Women Leading which encourages the involvement of Labour women supportive of the current leadership, through networking, information and contact sharing. We identify and offer training and resources for women party members and our sisters active in women's struggles. I am keen to extend this kind of support and training for CLP women officers as a Board member.

Shifting the power to our members: If elected I will work democratically with Regional Board members and most significantly women CLPs and union members across the region to develop policies that transform the lives of women in London. I have spoken at London Regional Conferences for the past two years on successful motions supporting active women's housing campaigns and for the provision of council housing for survivors of violence. Our motions passed by London Labour Conference need to be actively campaigned upon by our Regional Board. Our Board needs to become more transparent and representative by holding our representatives to account and ensures

policies are implemented that reflect the democratically agreed decisions of the London Labour Conference.

Improved Selection Processes: We need more working-class women selected for Local Government and GLA List candidates. The London Board should be contributing to a review of our selection procedures to ensure that these become more democratic and representative of our London communities.

GLA and Mayoral Manifesto Our Mayoral manifesto needs to reflect the views of our grassroots members and working-class communities. More members, trade union and community activists need to be involved in directly producing our London manifesto as agreed by Regional London Labour Conference.

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