

James McAsh for London Regional Board



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About me:

I am a primary school teacher in Brixton, Lambeth and live in Southwark where I am also a councillor. I'm an active trade unionist in the National Education Union and President of my local branch, and a life-long socialist. I have been a consistent supporter of Jeremy Corbyn's leadership since day one and spent one of my teacher summer holidays on his leadership campaign.

Reinvigorating the Regional Board:

With our new socialist direction, our party can truly transform society into one based on equality and opportunity for the many. But we are not reaching our potential because we are not getting the most out of our membership and we are not sufficiently connected to social and labour movement struggles. We have strong policies on issues like housing – at national and London-level – but all too often these are not implemented when we are in power. Our party needs to change.

A reinvigorated Regional Board can play its part.

When I was on the Regional Board I saw good and bad. There were attempts to undemocratically keep CLP rule changes off the agenda for Regional Conference, and spurious reasons used to exclude left-wing members from standing for Council. But I was also proud to support members in West London to successfully challenge Region's ruling and prevent their CLP AGM from being stitched up. And while chairing a Parliamentary Selection Committee I ensured that the rules were applied fairly, and not shaped to the detriment of the left-wing candidate.

I would be honoured to have the opportunity to continue this work and contribute towards building a London Labour Party for the many not the few.

My Priorities

- Members and trade unionists should have a bigger role in shaping the Mayoral and GLA manifesto.
- Our representatives in London should be more accountable to our movement and to Labour Party policy.
- London Region should intervene in local party selections only to ensure a level playing field, not to exclude strong left-wing candidates.
- GLA List candidates should be democratically selected by members not handpicked by the Regional Board.
- The London Labour Party should support CLPs to run campaigns on important issue like housing and youth violence and support social movement and labour movement struggles in London.
- The Regional Board should be accountable and relevant to members: I will write regular reports for CLPs so you know can shape what is happening and hold your representatives accountable.

Please also support Sam Green in Section 3.