

Democracy Review implementation guide

Charter of Members Rights

The following Charter of Members Rights was adopted by Annual Conference 2018 as the new Clause II of Chapter 2 of the Labour Party Rule Book.

1. Members having 12 months continuous membership at the relevant date shall, unless otherwise prohibited, have the right to put themselves forward for selection as a Labour candidate for Parliament and other public office, and to run for election to NEC, CAC, NCC and other relevant national internal elections. Members must meet all relevant qualifications for the role, including being a trade union member in accordance with 1.6.B above, which may only be waived in exceptional circumstances by the NEC or its relevant sub-committees.
2. Members having 6 months continuous membership at the relevant date shall, unless otherwise prohibited, have the right to stand for election as a delegate to national and regional conferences, and to vote in selection meetings for Parliamentary candidates and candidates for other public office.
3. Young Labour members having 8 weeks continuous membership at the relevant date shall, unless the 8 week verification period has been extended or unless otherwise prohibited, have the right to stand for election as a delegate to national and regional Young Labour conference.
4. Members having 8 weeks continuous membership at the relevant date shall, unless the 8 week verification period has been extended, or unless otherwise prohibited, have the right to attend and vote at local meetings, subject to any delegate arrangements in place, and to vote in NEC elections, national and regional OMOV ballots.
5. Members have the right to be invited to all Party meetings which they are eligible to attend.
6. Members moving constituencies shall, unless otherwise prohibited, have full local membership rights, subject to any objections received to the transfer of membership. This right does not apply to participation in selections for candidates for public office, where participation rights shall be defined by procedural rules made by the NEC.
7. Members have the right to dignity and respect, and to be treated fairly by the Labour Party. Party officers at every level shall exercise their powers in good faith and use their best endeavours to ensure procedural fairness for members.
8. All BAME members having 8 weeks continuous membership shall, unless the 8 week verification period has been extended or unless otherwise prohibited, have the right to free membership of the Labour Party's BAME representative structures. Only Labour Party members may participate in such structures.

9. All disabled members having 8 weeks continuous membership shall, unless the 8 week verification period has been extended or unless otherwise prohibited, have the right to free membership of the Labour Party's disabled members' representative structures. Only Labour Party members may participate in such structures.
10. The Labour Party shall give all members an ongoing opportunity to self-define as holding the characteristics mentioned in 8 above and to declare a disability in line with 9 above, and may give members the opportunity to self-define as holding other characteristics. The Labour Party is only bound to accept genuine self-definition, made in good faith.
11. The relevant dates for the above rights shall be defined by procedural rules made by the NEC.
12. The NEC shall bring forward further proposals for the Charter of Members' Rights for approval at Annual Conference 2019, when this sub clause shall expire.