



FUTURE CANDIDATES PROGRAMME

Encouraging Young People to be a Future Candidate

The session will be recorded and slides available

Aim



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To explore the role of a Labour Party candidate, understand what's involved when standing for the Labour Party at election time, and to explore further the experiences of young people and candidates so that they will consider putting themselves forward for the Future Candidate Programme.





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- The selection process
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- 'My experience' Paul Sweeney MSP
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Introductions



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- Training Team
- Alex Davies-Jones MP
- Paul Sweeney MSP



About you





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Quick Poll

**How long have you
been a member?**

1. Less 1 year
2. 1-5 years
3. 5 -10 years
4. Over 10 years



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**Have you ever stood
for one of these
roles?**

Elected roles:

Police and
Crime Commissioners

Members of the
Welsh Senedd

 **Councillors**

Members of Parliament

Directly-elected London Assembly Members

Mayors **Members of the**
Scottish Parliament



Where we are





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Next General Election

- **Good chance 2023**
 - **Take nothing for granted**
- **Aim for selection to begin 2022**
 - **Boundary changes and politics hard to predict**



How the Westminster Parliamentary selection process works at the moment



The selection process



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- Selection procedures are agreed by the NEC each Parliament
- The last time the procedures were reviewed was for the 2017-19 Parliament
- The 2017 process took around 9 weeks from start to finish
- Procedures for the current Parliament will be published by the NEC in due course



Stages of the selection process



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1. Applications submitted
2. Party branches and affiliated organisations make nominations
3. Longlisting and shortlisting by CLP selection committee
4. Campaign period (*shortlisted candidates can canvass for support from members etc.*)
5. Hustings meeting
6. NEC endorsement



What is expected of a Labour candidate?



What is expected of a Labour candidate?



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- ✓ Regular campaigning – in your seat and in close marginals.
- ✓ Campaign leadership – motivating members and seeking support.
- ✓ Willing to listen and take guidance.
- ✓ Developing key volunteers.
- ✓ Understanding of the key local issues and concerns.
- ✓ Developing local pledges, messages and social media presence.



What can you expect in return?

- ✓ Regular training and development.
- ✓ Financial support for those who need it although limited.
- ✓ Support from the CLP - local volunteers did select you!
- ✓ Support from our Regions and Nations.
- ✓ Advice and guidance from dedicated and experienced staff.



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**How do you think you
will feel?**

Do barriers exist?

**What support
exists?**

About the Future Candidate Programme



About the Future Candidate programme



- Open to all members – no limit on length of membership
- 360 places
- Applications will open in July 2021
- Applications will close 13 August 2021
- Notification will go out early September
- Zoom call with leadership at Conference 2021
- Training will run October 2021 – December 2021 and January 2022 – July 2021

Our aim is to have a trained cohort of individuals who reflect the full diversity of our society, who understand what it means to stand for the Labour Party and what is expected of a Labour Party Parliamentary candidate at the next General Election, and who understand the lives of those they are seeking to represent.

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- Application will ask about your work and life experience
- Not just about what you have done in the Labour Party but what have you done in your community?
- What else have you done to make a difference?
- What will you do to make a difference?
- Not just finished articles but also those with potential

About the Future Candidate programme



If successful

- Learning will be a mixture of 10 webinars, e-learning, on line drop ins and face to face (if allowed).
- Candidate will be expected to complete homework and other assignment such as attending campaign sessions and dialogue calls.
- Progress and assignments will be monitored with required pass marks.
- High standards but support will be given.

About the Future Candidate programme



If unsuccessful

- Unable to provide individual feedback
- Will provide a mini- series of support webinars which will be recorded
- Not the end if you are not selected

**'My experience'
Alex Davies-Jones MP
'My experience'
Paul Sweeney MSP**





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Alex Davies-Jones MP ✓
15K Tweets



ALEX DAVIES-JONES MP
WORKING HARD FOR PONTYPRIDD AND TAFF ELY

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Alex Davies-Jones MP ✓
@AlexDaviesJones

The first female @WelshLabour MP for Pontypridd.
 Shadow NI Minister. (she/her)
 Contact: alex.daviesjones.mp@parliament.uk

Pontypridd/RCT alexdaviesjones.com Joined April 2009

3,831 Following **7,967** Followers

Followed by Labour Women's Parliamentary Staff Network, Labour Lewisham West & Penge, and 114 others you follow

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Alex Davies-Jones MP Retweeted



Cllr Andrew Morgan @AndrewMorganRCT · 2h ⋮

Have a number of important meetings with Welsh Government and NRW today following up work since #StormDennis

It's 16 months since those awful floods but I said then we'd make a relentless effort to upgrade culverts and flood protection

100 projects delivered or in design stage!

Paul Sweeney MSP ✓
66.2K Tweets

**PEOPLE
MAKE
GLASGOW**



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Paul Sweeney MSP ✓
@PaulJSweeney

Labour & Co-op MSP for Glasgow Region, Shadow Minister for Public Finance & Employment. Former MP. Former shipbuilder. Trustee @GlasgowHeritage & @SpringburnWG.

Glasgow, Scotland, UK. pauljsweeney.com Born January 16, 1989
 Joined October 2009

6,750 Following **23.4K** Followers

Followed by Joe Cox #JoinAUnion, GMB Members' Staff, and 176 others you follow

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes

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Paul Sweeney MSP ✓ @PaulJSweeney · Jun 3 ⋮

"This is the Parliament that was forged in the furnaces of Ravenscraig and welded together on the banks of the Clyde. Our mission is to build up our industries, not simply stand by and observe their decline."

My maiden speech in the Scottish Parliament.

Questions



What else is out there?



What exists already?

Courses sit alongside and complement one another



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Parliamentary Panel Application

Though the next General Election may be some time away, it's not too early to ensure those who best represent our proud movement's values and principles are selected to stand.

The Co-operative Party Parliamentary Panel is the first step towards becoming a Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament, and is now open for applications.

Only those candidates who are members of the Panel are able to become Labour and Co-operative parliamentary candidates, and will do so with the support, training and guidance of the Co-operative Party through the process.

If you plan to stand at the next General Election and want to represent our Party and movement as a Co-operative candidate, apply for the Parliamentary Panel using this form.

LWN Labour Women's Network
lwn.org.uk

How to be a Parliamentary Candidate - Online Training Application Form - 2021

Application Form

Please complete the application form below in full, including the declaration to validate your application.

The more information you provide in your application, the greater your chance of being successful.

Take part

The Bernie Grant Leadership Programme

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Take Part

Jo Cox Women in Leadership

The Jo Cox Women in Leadership Programme

Want to take on leadership in the Labour Party, local government, or your community? We're looking for women members to join our Jo Cox Women in Leadership Programme.

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COULD YOU BE A WELSH LABOUR CANDIDATE?

Future Candidates Programme
This is your chance to see if standing for election is for you!

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Important training information for all Unite Reps

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What is the programme all about?
As you will be aware, an important part of the Unite Political strategy is "Winning working people for Labour" and this involves encouraging Unite members to get involved in the Labour Party so that it is truly representative of society. Getting involved means at all levels; including considering becoming a future Councillor or Parliamentary candidate.

We are trying to encourage candidates for public office who reflect Unite's working class values while also ensuring women and all equality strands are included.

In partnership with Labour Unions and the Local Government Authority Labour Group



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Join a Trade Union

Labour Unions

www.labourunions.org.uk

www.labourunions.org.uk/regional-directory/

www.labourunions.org.uk/who-we-are/

Join the Co-operative Party

<https://party.coop/join/>

Get involved



Batley and Spen By-Election National Phone Bank Taskforce



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Saturday 19th 10am- Emily Thornberry-
https://labour.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYlce-przouGtxnObgYhtT_AaDIVQI2eoh1

Monday 21st 5pm- Ian Murray-
https://labour.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjUrdeCqqDMjHtbUOhnPGOb0V7u5UQZk_TZO

Wednesday 23rd 4pm- Preet Gill-
https://labour.zoom.us/meeting/register/tj0qc-6srzgrHNQ1T24_HEXQVSL3g8BF8sgV

Session Timetable

Thank you for all your efforts – now let's keep our momentum

To everyone who volunteered their time in the run up to polling day and supported our efforts in the Airedale and Shotts by-election, we can't thank you enough.

We must now turn our attention to the next election – the Batley and Spen by-election. A huge congratulations to Tracy O'Brien, Labour's newly elected West Yorkshire Metro Mayor, who's stepping down as an MP to take on the mayoralty.

The campaign to keep a Labour MP in Batley and Spen starts now. Phonebanking remains a vital component in all of our campaigns, and this is no different.

Our work will drive the whole canvassing operation, supporting campaigners on the ground. Use the links below to register for any sessions you're available for now and we'll see you soon.

You can sign up to the National Phonebanking Taskforce [here](#), to receive the latest campaigning information.



**NPT at Batley and Spen
with Luke Pollard MP**
Wed 08/06/2023 8.00 - 8.00pm



**NPT at Batley and Spen
with John Healey MP**
Thu 01/06/2023 10.00am - 10.00am



**NPT at Batley and Spen
with Louise Haigh MP**
Wed 04/06/2023 8.00 - 7.00pm



NPT at Batley and Spen
Thu 08/06/2023 8.00 - 8.00pm



**NPT at Batley and Spen
with Emily Thornberry MP**
Thu 02/06/2023 10.00am - 10.00am

Next steps



Our training offer



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- Wide range of content – from our history to technology
- Online video training like this at labour.org.uk/training
- E-learning at achieve.labour.org.uk
- Face-to-face training in your local area



Upcoming webinars



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Monday 21 June at 4pm

Encouraging Young members to be a Future Candidate

Monday 21 June at 6pm

Why you can be a Future Candidate

Wednesday 23 June at 6pm

Encouraging Women members to be a Future Candidate

Monday 28 June at 4pm

Encouraging Disabled members to be a Future Candidate

Monday 28 June at 6pm

Encouraging key workers to be a Future Candidate

<https://labour.org.uk/future-candidate-programme/>



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What did you think of the session?

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Average
4. Poor

Thank you

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