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- Young Labour Committee

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Catherine Howells

Nominations: 33

I'm Catherine, and I'm standing to be your Chair of Young Labour to help build a bold and inclusive youth wing.

As a former chair of my university Labour club and an active campaigner in my CLP, I've seen firsthand the barriers many young members face trying to get involved. Too often, enthusiasm is met with inactivity and lack of support. In my region, the Young Labour group has been inactive for years, leaving young members without a meaningful way to participate. Unfortunately, this is not unique: many regional Young Labour groups are in the same position, while branches are left in limbo awaiting ratification.

As Chair, reinvigorating regional Young Labour will be a priority. I will push for regional groups to be properly set up and supported, ensuring branches receive the guidance they need to organise, campaign and grow.

Young Labour must also be bold in representing our members' views. From trans liberation to Palestine, we need a youth wing that speaks out on the issues young people care about and actively uplifts the voices of our members. That means being inclusive, democratic and unafraid to challenge injustice.

As a trade unionist, I believe in solidarity, accountability and collective action. I will work to make Young Labour more transparent, more representative and more rooted in its members.

Together, we can rebuild Young Labour into a vibrant, campaigning organisation that young people are proud to be part of.

Please support me and the other Renew Young Labour candidates.

Emily Moore

Nominations: 69

I am standing for Chair of Young Labour because I believe, deeply and unapologetically, in the Labour Party as a force for social justice and progressive change. As Chair, I would offer a leadership that listens to all and works to open doors for young members in all of our towns, villages and cities.

I understand the challenges our young members face - insecure work, rising rents and being overlooked because of age or background - because I have lived them.

Growing up in Oldham, Lancashire, has shaped my politics. I've seen first-hand the damage of austerity - with public services hollowed out and opportunities narrowed. I have also seen the dangers of extremism, and I know how vital it is that our party is united to defeat the far right.

Since joining Labour, I have worked tirelessly as a campaigner in my own community and supported canvassing efforts across the country. I am a confident and effective communicator, with experience organising, mobilising and delivering under pressure.

As Chair, my focus would be on building an outward-facing, disciplined and effective organisation: strengthening Young Labour's campaigning capacity and expanding our digital operation to counter the far right online.

Young Labour has always been a vital campaigning force, and that role is more important than ever. We must also nurture the next generation of leaders from every part of the UK.

I would be a clear, credible and authentic voice for young members, working every day to organise, campaign and win.

Szymon Błasiak

Nominations: 8

Having grown up in the East of England, I see the potential that exists across our communities. As your Eastern Representative, I want to set the expectation that I will turn up across our region by engaging with all our members from rural and coastal areas to urban and commuter towns. Ever since I joined the Labour Party, I have supported various campaigns throughout the East. I will continue to be proactive because our region deserves a representative who will listen, turn up, and deliver. A representative can't fix everything but they can connect people and make sure that voices don't disappear. Real representation is not merely about listening to people; it is about staying in touch.

In the East, too many young members feel disconnected from the national party. I want to change this by strengthening our communication both online and in person. I will help set up local Young Labour groups across the region and ensure that they stay active beyond election times, revitalising our communities. I also want to expand access to political education and training by creating spaces where members can share ideas and develop practical skills as informed by the Campaign Champion Academy. This work must be accessible across the whole region and be coordinated with Labour Students and our officers to have a real impact on the ground. I will judge my success by whether local groups are supported to be part of our movement.

Aeden Rooney

Nominations: 4

I am standing to be your Eastern Representative on the Young Labour Committee because young members here have been abandoned. You deserve better.

As a young carer, my politics are shaped by lived experience, not theory. I know what it means when public services fail, and working-class families are left to cope alone. That's why I'm a proud socialist: because dignity and opportunity shouldn't depend on where you're born or how much you earn.

My first campaign was alongside the RMT, opposing ticket office closures. That fight showed me that Labour wins by standing up for working people, defending public services, and organising within communities. When the far right marched in my hometown, I stood with a mass movement against their hatred and bigotry. We made it clear they were not welcome.

The far right grows when people feel ignored and insecure; young members can offer the antidote through solidarity and action.

Our last representative left to join Tommy Robinson and his ilk. You have been overlooked.

You deserve a champion. I am ready to deliver.

As Eastern Rep, I will:

- Rebuild active Young Labour groups across the East, including rural and coastal areas.
- Support campaigns on issues that matter to young people: public transport, housing, fair pay, and job security
- Work with trade unions and Labour representatives to create routes into campaigning and leadership.
- Equip young members to challenge the far right through organising and political education.

If you want principled, credible, committed representation, I ask for your support.

Oliver Mousley

Nominations: 11

My commitment to the Labour movement stems from my childhood experiences of Tory Britain, witnessing the austerity, which devastated our communities. In the East Midlands, we are still bearing the brunt after 14 years of the Tories in office. We now face an additional challenge, with Reform already winning control of Councils in our region.

That is why I am standing to be your Regional Young Labour Representative. It is vital that young members throughout the region are supported, from Lincoln to Leicester, and Buxton to Beeston. I want every young member to feel confident that their voices are welcome and valued within the Labour Party.

I am a fierce supporter of the trade union movement, attending picket lines throughout the region standing in solidarity with our workers. It is important that East Midlands Young Labour expresses this solidarity.

I have experience in supporting and representing young members across our region through multiple campaigns and organising efforts. I've been Chair of Derbyshire Young Labour, as well as President of Derby Labour Students, and it would be an honour to take the next step in supporting the entire region.

I have fought to get our party elected on both a local and national level, and will fight again for our region to ensure the views of our young members are represented on the Young Labour National Committee. Let's put the East Midlands back on the map as a force for progressive change, grassroots activism, and the values of our Labour movement.

Amber Tamber Wolf

Nominations: 6

I am putting myself forward to be chair of East Mids Young Labour because I believe young members in the East Midlands should have a Chair who is inclusive, engaged, and reliable. Young Labour should be a place where members come to improve their skills in organising and campaigning but also make friends and enjoy events.

Throughout the East Midlands, young people are experiencing insecure employment, the ever-present problem of the cost of living and the continued threat of Reform. Young Labour members have a significant part to play in tackling these issues, both through local campaigning, supporting young candidates, and maintaining our representation in the region. With effective organisation and clear leadership, Young Labour can have real influence.

I have been a committed member of the Labour Party for the past three years, and I'm proud to have won the Youth Campaigning Award in our region. I have been the Youth Officer for Erewash for the last two years, where we have delivered many campaign days for young members as well as Labour students. I have gained a great deal of experience regarding the delivery of youth organising.

If elected, I will bring all the skills I've learnt and apply them to the East Mids, where I believe they would be incredibly effective. With the rise of Reform and the current issues young people are facing, we need to make sure our voices are heard more than ever, and I will make sure that they are.

Callum McGee

Nominations: 17

My name is Callum McGee, and I'm standing for London Representative on the Young Labour National Committee!

Young members are the beating heart of our movement, and like many of you I have seen first-hand from growing up in London how important Labour representation is. The upcoming local elections will be crucial, and with so many races on a knife-edge, each conversation we have on the doorstep can make the difference in electing Labour councillors.

That's why it's so important that we have an energised, inclusive, and organised London Young Labour, where everyone has a role to play. After chairing KCL Labour, I recognise the challenges we face in mobilising young people. I made it my mission to boost our presence on campus, and was proud to see the society's membership more than double in my time as Chair. That is the impact of motivating young people to get involved.

If we want an energetic London Young Labour, it has to be inclusive. Whether you're new to the Party or a regular weekend canvasser, your voice should be heard. Building a welcoming community for all young members is the best way to win in London and champion our fantastic local candidates.

Fundamentally, this campaign isn't about me - I want to hear what you think. Get in touch with any questions, ideas, or just for a chat about how London Young Labour can work for you. I look forward to hearing from you!

Mohammed Arfhat Uddin

Nominations: 3

Too many young members feel their voices don't matter. I know that feeling - I've seen talented, passionate members ignored, dismissed, and frustrated - that's why I'm standing to be Young Labour's London Representative.

I'm Arfhat. I joined Labour three years ago at 14 because I believed in campaigning for change, and have been active ever since, campaigning nationally and locally, lobbying for youth representation, and working alongside activists, councillors and MPs to make change happen. I'm standing because young members deserve a platform that listens, empowers, and delivers real opportunities.

Young Labour must value, empower and amplify members' voices. Right now, far too many feel overlooked and Young Labour has not delivered the engagement and action members deserve. Our movement must be dynamic, inclusive, and inspiring - a place where members grow, network, and shape our party's direction. The rise of Reform shows young people are hungry for political relevance and leadership. Young Labour must lead, not lag behind.

If elected we will:

Strengthen engagement across London and nationally, connecting members and making sure every voice is heard.

Champion underrepresented perspectives, ensuring they influence policy and campaigns.

Support political education, leadership development, and grassroots activism to build a strong, united, and empowered generation of young members.

Young Labour can be transformative, but only if we fight for it. Your vote will create an environment where every member feels safe, supported, and inspired. Together, we will build a movement that stands up for members, defends our values, and leads Labour

Charlotte Bond

Nominations: 9

I'm running for North West Representative to bring energy, organisation, and a winning focus to Young Labour. As Warrington's youngest councillor, I've shown how we turn values into action: leading grassroots campaigns, mobilising volunteers under pressure, and defeating Reform in a tightly contested local election. I know what it takes to organise, persuade, and win.

My politics are rooted in solidarity. I first stood on a picket line aged eight alongside my dad, learning early that progress is made through collective action. Those lessons led me to join the Labour Party and continue to shape my work today. As a teaching assistant supporting children with complex needs, I live these values every day: meeting people where they are, valuing every voice, and turning shared principles into practical change.

I've seen first-hand the damage and division Reform brings to communities across the North West, and I know we can't underestimate the far right or the populism of the hard left. Young Labour must be confident, outward-facing, and focused on winning for working people. We can build a movement that campaigns effectively, trains new organisers, and puts young people's priorities front and centre.

I bring experience from grassroots campaigning and local government. As Vice-Chair of my council's Housing Policy Committee, I've championed affordable housing and renters' rights, and I've worked with Labour Women's Network to engage younger members. I want to be a bridge between Young Labour and the wider party, helping us organise with confidence and win together.

Anya Wilkinson

Nominations: 5

My politics were fundamentally shaped by my experience growing up on a council estate in Manchester. I witnessed first-hand the devastation inflicted on our communities by Conservative policies, and that's why I joined the Labour Party eight years ago.

Since then, I've been proud to campaign for Labour candidates across the North West, from Stretford and Urmston, to Lancaster and Wyre, to Blackpool South.

Labour's victory in 2024 presented an opportunity for meaningful change, and important progress has been made. This Labour government has delivered in crucial areas, strengthening employment rights, improving access to public transport, and putting us on the path to a greener future.

However, we must confront the reality that Labour's membership is in a state of decline. Young people are disillusioned, and we must prove that we are the party of progressive politics. Reform presents a real and dangerous threat, and we cannot afford to pander to their hateful, divisive rhetoric. The stakes are unbelievably high, and we must rise to the occasion.

As your representative, I will fight for bold, transformative, and inclusive policies, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that Young Labour is a space for political education, using my previous experience as co-chair of Lancaster University Labour Club.

The North West is, and always has been, my home. I care deeply about our region, and I will be a fierce advocate for young members across our communities, working to make sure we bring back a functioning regional group that unites us.

Harry Hurst

Nominations: 21

I'm standing to be the South East Representative on the Young Labour National Committee because I want to rebuild SEYL into a bold, outward-looking youth movement that can grow, campaign, and win. I know how to do that. Previously, I helped run a local election campaign in Runnymede that helped elect the first Labour council leader in traditionally Conservative Surrey. I am now in Reading, studying to be a Speech and Language therapist and helping to mobilise members and deliver positive election results.

I will:

Help create a bold, inclusive, exciting Young Labour that young people want to be part of

Grow youth membership by lowering barriers, expanding the travel fund, improving training, and building networks for underrepresented members

Make space for politics and debate through regular policy workshops and a monthly SEYL newsletter

Make SEYL a genuine youth organisation, with social spaces and a strong social media presence

Revive grassroots campaigning by backing branches, starting new ones, and running outward-facing campaigns

I'm proud to be Chair of Reading Young Labour and the inaugural SEYL Secretary, helping establish branches, build campaigning capacity, and speak up for trans rights and against welfare cuts.

I've also served as LGBT+, Disability and Youth Officer, and as CLP Secretary. My ideas come from organising across the South East and believing Labour should be open, empowering, and member-led. I will always involve young members in decisions.

Madelaine O'Brien

Nominations: 18

2026 is an important year for the South East, we have elections across the region next year from Milton Keynes down to the coast in Southampton. All these places deserve Labour administrations that listen to residents and work tirelessly to support and engage their communities. For that we need to ensure that South East Young Labour is ready to campaign through doorstep training and campaign days up and down the region. I became the Youth Officer in 2023 for my home CLP so I know how important local engagement of young members is and I am proud to have played a part in setting up so many of our incredible South East Young Labour branches.

Having been re-elected for a second term as Vice Chair of South East Young Labour I'm keen to carry on the work that I have started whether that be campaigning across our region or supporting young members through training sessions on how to become a young councillor; trips to Parliament and International Women's Day Panels. I want young members to feel empowered to use their voice on the doorstep and at social events.

As your South East Representative I will:

Ensure that South East Young Labour has a travel and opportunity fund

Focus on getting more women and non-binary members involved

Engage with our incredible Youth Officers through training sessions and events

Facilitate open conversations about policy that have inclusion at their core

Campaign, campaign, campaign!

Keziah Sunderland

Nominations: 6

the South West. Since I was 4, I have called the South West my home. I am proud Bristolian studying at Exeter University.

Growing up in a close-knit community in North Bristol, hard work and kindness are two of my key values. I joined the Labour Party in 2023 because I believed in justice, fighting inequality and that collectively we have power.

I have been women's officer on the Young Labour Southwest Committee for a year helping to organise the relaunch event and running campaign sessions. I am experienced organiser as I was Membership Officer in my CLP during my gap year. I held social events monthly to build community and attract non-active members.

Regionally, the Southwest is challenged by public transport, but I am determined that this isn't a barrier to building community. From my personal experience CLPs can be an incredible place for young members. Focusing on a CLP based strategy, I want to provide online training for Role holders in how to create inclusive and welcoming environments, for young members to grow. Working with Young Labour Branches I want to hold social and campaigning events across the region. Having a united and inclusive Young Labour is important for young members to feel valued and to fight the far right.

I would be a hardworking, community building candidate who cares deeply about young members opportunities in the South West.

Abbie Wells

Nominations: 7

2024 saw the Labour party achieve historic results in the South West; winning seats at the beginning of the decade seemed practically implausible. Through the efforts of every member of the party, we managed to make that result happen and young members played a key role in that. I believe every young member deserves the opportunities to support and shape the future of our party. I'm presently the Secretary of North Cotswolds CLP, and have been a member of the party since 2017; I understand what being a young member means for many outside the big hubs of Bristol and Exeter and I know the difficulties in involving ourselves in the party when there's few opportunities in our own areas. My pledge to young members, should they decide to back me in the South West, is to build an inclusive, active and accessible regional youth movement within the party that members can count on. We must be united as a party, though for our party to succeed we must be accountable to ourselves. If elected, I will support holding regular meetings with members in the region and will act as an effective bridge between the National Committee and regional opinion. Whoever is elected to serve the committee, I will support relentlessly to ensure that, across the nation, our party provides opportunities to young members of all walks of life.

Alex Bradley

Nominations: 6

I'm Alex, and I'm standing to be your representative for the West Midlands on the Young Labour National Committee. I was born in Birmingham, and I've spent my youth growing up on Council estates, living on the breadline in a working class home. It was this experience, witnessing the failures of consecutive Tory Governments, that first inspired me to engage more with the party.

We all know that young people are increasingly unengaged with politics, especially those from less privileged backgrounds. Many see politics as something that simply happens outside of their life, whereas others think it's something they're not supposed to get involved in because of where they're from. If elected, my main goal would be to ensure that all young people, no matter who they are, and where they are from, feel like they can get involved with our party at a local and national level.

Whilst we're in Government, we have an incredible opportunity to make a valuable and significant difference to the lives of so many in this country. We have to grasp this opportunity while we can, and at the same time tackle the divisive politics of Reform and Nigel Farage. The Government has introduced many good policies, especially in regards to lifting children out of poverty, but there is more work to do, and I want to provide a voice to the young people in the West Midlands, so that their views are heard by those in power.

Jack Brown

Nominations: 3

Hi, my name is Jack Brown. I currently serve Coventry NW CLP as Vice-Chair & Youth Officer as well as my Branch Secretary. These roles have given me skills to be an approachable, relatable presence who listens to our young members and helps shape the future of the party we all love. I want to be the West Midlands representative to Young Labour to ensure that all members from Coventry to Wolverhampton are equally represented and heard. From my experience in the party, it is clear that our young members are the future of our movement and we need to foster the enthusiasm of members across our region to keep the West Mids red! I joined the party when I was 14, and from my time in it, I have seen first-hand that we need to nurture our under-18 members. These members, like I was myself, are the most sceptical of going to meetings and canvassing, so if I am elected, I would utilise my party experience to champion these members across the region to get our youngest members engaged and build our base for many elections to come. Before I ask for your vote, here is a bit more about me. I am 17, neurodivergent and have lived on a council estate in Coventry all my life. Growing up here inspired me to join Labour and make a change, helping neighbours for the common good.

Humza Mahmood

Nominations: 3

I'm Humza, I'm 17 years old, live in Birmingham and I am proud to say that I am standing to become the West Midlands Representative for Young Labour. I joined the party in September 2024, after some amazing wins in the General and the PCC & Mayoral elections. But we can't take these wins for granted, the recent rise of Reform across the West Midlands is a warning sign, too many young people feel ignored, unheard, or disconnected from politics but as your representative, I will work tirelessly to challenge the far right and their lies, build hope, and ensure that young people feel valued, and empowered to shape their futures in our region but for me to successfully uphold that promise, I need your vote. I understand many feel disillusioned from the party right now, but I would fight every day to regain your trust and be your voice for young people in politics. Our movement must be bold, confident & in the real experiences of young people in the 21st century but can't be done without you. May 2026 will be tough, 7 of our councils up for elections, but I assure you we can win and fight this battle. I would support every candidate, no matter the age and would fight for more young people in our elections, not because I want it but because you deserve it and I promise you that with every energy I would fight for our local members so they feel heard.

James Fishwick

Nominations: 13

Young Labour has not been effective in organising young members, they have prevented affiliations causing emerging branches to collapse and members to disengage. This has to be changed.

We have lots of good work to support at all levels of Government, but this is not being used to build a youth movement. With a real fascist threat in Reform and a rising Green Party, any delay to prevent the building of a strong youth wing is detrimental to our party.

As a democratic socialist I believe Young Labour should be participatory and inclusive. We should use our voice to push MPs, Mayors and Councillors in Y+H to embody Labour values.

My experience includes: working as an Organiser to deliver our 2024 win; as a GMB Union delegate to Kirklees LGC; and a longtime exec member. Furthermore, having worked in education, healthcare and politics, my politics has been shaped by public service, responses to national crises and tackling the climate crisis. I can deliver for young members; as a student organiser I led actions that won hundreds of thousands for student bursaries.

Organising, delivering and leading is what I will do for young members in Y+H.

Oscar Seal

Nominations: 13

I'm Oscar Seal and I am running to be your Yorkshire Young Labour Rep. Over the last 2 years I have been heavily involved across Yorkshire; on the doors, running Hull Uni Labour Club and working for MPs in Hull and Barnsley. 2026 promises to be a vital year for our region.

We have crucial local elections in May, with all-outs in Barnsley and Wakefield, as well as hundreds of councillors up right across the towns, villages and cities in our region.

I will foster a positive and inclusive campaigning culture where young members can help keep Labour at the table and fight the threat of Reform.

One of my key priorities will be to break down barriers and end accessibility issues for young members to attend events right across our region. We already have brilliant Young Labour groups, and I want to unite them together, organise new groups and ensure that everyone can get the most out of being a young member.

I owe all of the opportunities I have had to the hard-working members in this region and now I want the chance to give back. I will make sure all our young members get brilliant opportunities, no matter where in our region you are.

Eilidh Mackay

Nominations: 5

I was politically inspired by the prospect of work experience in my local MP, Elaine Stewart's office. Witnessing the dedication of an MP to support constituents showed me the real impact hard work and determination can have. This was reinforced when I volunteered to be a young member on the panel of an all Ayrshire meeting run by The Belonging Forum which aims at addressing social isolation. Being in an environment with community leaders and volunteers showed me the impact that can be made with community collaboration and helped reinforce my commitment to a socialist vision of a fairer, more equal Scotland.

Recently I have taken up the role of Women's Officer in my CLP, as this is a topic I am passionate about. Equality within both the party and UK politics as a whole is crucial. My focus within the role of being Scotland's Young Labour Representative, my priority will be to ensure equality is at the heart of Scottish Labour's mission, championing the rights of female members, LGBTQIA+ members and BAME members so that no voice is marginalised.

With the rise of the far right and their target of young men we must reconnect the next generation with Labour through grassroots organising, social media engagement and open, safe spaces that empower new activists. We can rebuild trust, bring energy to our movement and prove that Young Labour is not just a wing of the party, but the future of it.

Maya Pons

Nominations: 4

My name is Maya Pons (L1956087) and I am asking to be nominated for chair of Scottish Young Labour. I joined Labour in 2021, with the conviction that this party was the most viable vehicle for implementing social justice and other progressive values in the UK. I felt then, as I do now, that 14 years of Tory austerity and almost 15 years of SNP equalled only decline for the UK and for Scotland. Labour governments, I knew on the other hand, have always worked to drive this country forward.

I am proud to be a member of Scotland's vibrant youth wing and to campaign alongside many of the most passionate and dedicated activists in the Labour movement. I'm running to champion that vibrancy and ensure it is recognised in the upcoming campaign for Holyrood elections. I want young people's voices to be central to local candidates' campaigns. As chair, I would seek to consistently organise travel-funded SYL campaign days to encourage young members across Scotland to campaign in target seats. But that isn't enough—young people, their concerns and their ambitions, must be the priority of a potential Scottish Labour government. I am passionate about standing up for the issues young people feel strongly about: climate change, the housing crisis, education, mental healthcare, and trans rights. As part of my efforts to create a more vigorous feedback loop, I would organise events in a more diverse range of places across Scotland and online. No one should have their participation

Molly Holland

Nominations: 37

I'm Molly (she/her) and I'm standing to be Young Labour's next Women's Officer.

My first priority would be to establish a Young Labour Women's Network to support young women in the party and encourage them to take leadership roles. This would be unapologetically trans-inclusive, empowering women and non-binary people to share the tools and confidence to be heard in political spaces.

I also want to improve the accessibility and variety of Young Labour events. We have brilliant activists across the country, but if we continue focusing on organising London-based socials, we'll never get the chance to learn from each other. By facilitating regional and national political education workshops, young members could have meaningful discussions about policy and debate our direction. We are more than canvassers: we are workers, renters, and taxpayers affected by the same policies that we campaign for. We can reengage our members by showing their voice matters.

If we're serious about taking on Reform, our politics cannot be disconnected from the communities we seek to represent. I'm a proud Unite member and an elected representative on my regional Young Workers committee, and believe we need to make an active effort to bring young trade unionists back into Labour. Alongside this, we must take grassroots community activism seriously, whether that's climate justice, Palestine and anti-racist organising, or local community campaigns. These are the issues young people care about, and neglecting them is driving people away from our Party.

Please support me and other Renew Young Labour candidates.

Ruby Simpson

Nominations: 53

Over the coming years, we face a growing threat from Reform both locally and nationally. Young Labour must be ready to take on Reform and win. To do that, we need every young member to bring their skills and experience to the table- and we need an active, empowering, and engaged Young Labour Women's network to lead that effort.

As Chair of East Midlands Young Labour for the past two years, I have organised canvassing sessions, phonebanks, training, socials, debates, and joint events with trade unions. Alongside this, I have run listening surveys and used member feedback to shape and improve our activity, keeping members informed through a regular newsletter.

As a National Policy Forum representative, I have also delivered policy events featuring speakers from across our movement, bringing young members to the heart of policy and decision-making.

This work has connected, activated, and upskilled members across the region, and it's what we now need to take nationally. By combining this experience with close listening to young members, I know how to build a Young Labour Women's network that delivers.

As your Women's Officer I will lead our team to be:

Active: Hosting events in every region, delivering training sessions, and expanding our national programme.

Empowering: Creating an environment where everyone can thrive through under-18s inclusive events, work with trade unions, and active solidarity with our trans siblings.

Engaged: Ensuring listening and transparency through regular outreach surveys, officer reports, and a consistent newsletter.

Sam Eastoe

Nominations: 32

I'm Sam (he/him) and I'm standing to be Young Labour's next BAME representative.

When I joined Labour, we had one of the largest youth wings in Europe. Since then, around 70,000 young members have walked away. The Party they had called home has been too slow to challenge poverty at home, stand against atrocities abroad, and call out the increasingly hateful rhetoric of the far right.

There have been improvements, but only due to pressure from within. I want a renewed Young Labour to be an active, vocal advocate for further improvement, bold enough to call on our leaders to stand up for the multi-racial working class communities that make our country what it is: not an Island of Strangers, but one of friends and neighbours.

BAME young members deserve better than to be thought of only when elections come around, used for social media photographs and then forgotten. We deserve better than "conferences" where the conversation is predetermined and controlled, where decisions are made for us, not by us.

I want this Party's youth wing to be the largest in Britain again, and for ethnic minority voices to be a proud part of that new chorus. I will work to ensure young BAME members get to meet their local representatives, and for a democratic Young Labour conference - only then will we get proper accountability. We must fight together to rebuild an inclusive Young Labour.

Please support me and the other Renew Young Labour candidates.

Amir Siraj

Nominations: 49

Growing up in a traditionally Labour household, seeing my parents view the Labour Party as less and less of a home for themselves has been a dismaying experience. When they first moved to Dagenham in the early 2000s, there was no question as to what party they would vote for, but as the far right threat has re-emerged, they no longer see the party as a natural home. They've disengaged with Westminster politics, at a time where there is a serious threat to the government making tangible improvements to their day to day lives. This puts the onus on us, as young activists, to rebuild that trust and belonging, and that is why I am running for Young Labour BAME Officer. Espousing our values around equality and justice means precious little without meaningful representation and organisation. As BAME Officer, I would commit to revitalising BAME Young Labour as a force within our movement (just as I helped do with London Young Labour), both mobilising to defeat the Reform threat many of us fear, and beyond so as to create a nurturing space, facilitating outreach to reinvigorating existing, and recruiting new, members. I am also committed to working constructively within the wider Labour movement, collaborating with Labour BAME organisations on campaigns and events, embedding our young members into this broader ecosystem of organising. Through this, we can ensure Young Labour continues to be united, outward facing and capable of rebuilding long-term trust within the communities we seek to represent.

Madelaine Wainman

Nominations: 35

I'm Mads Wainman (she/they) and I'm standing to be Young Labour's Disabled Members' Officer.

I'm a disabled activist with experience representing disabled communities in both student and Labour movement spaces. I've served as Disabled Students' Officer at the University of Warwick Students' Union, where I campaigned for improved accessibility, accommodation support and greater inclusion in campus decision-making. I also sit on the National Labour Students Committee as Disabled Students' Officer, where I've fought for socialist policy positions and the rights of disabled students nationally, including campaigning against the proposed benefit cuts earlier this year.

Alongside this, I'm proud to serve as a Vice Chair of the Socialist Health Association, one of Labour's affiliated socialist societies, where I work with members to push for a fully funded, publicly provided NHS and an intersectional approach to health and disability politics. My work there links grassroots activism with national policy advocacy, ensuring disabled voices help shape Labour's approach to health, social care and wellbeing.

As Disabled Members' Officer, I'll ensure Young Labour is genuinely accessible and led by disabled members. I will push for structural support so disabled organisers can hold meetings, events and campaigns that reflect our lived experiences. I will champion political education, solidarity with trade unions and disability rights networks, and policy work that tackles inequality across work, welfare, education and healthcare. I'll also ensure we build deep links with affiliated organisations like Disability Labour.

Please support me and other Renew Young Labour candidates.

Viljo Wilding

Nominations: 46

I'm Viljo (they/them), and I'm thrilled to be running to be your next Disability Officer.

Growing up, I felt firsthand the impact that ableism in society has on young people. At school, my visual impairment, ADHD, and autism meant constantly fighting to get basic reasonable adjustments that gave me a level playing field with my classmates. Experiencing this injustice led me to joining the party in 2017, and I've been involved in some form in every election campaign since then.

It's also what led me to working in the charity sector for ADDISS, the UK's longest-running charity focused on ADHD advocacy and support, and stepping onto the Board of ADHD Europe as their youngest ever board member. In these roles, I've lobbied politicians, contributed to EU-funded research consortia, and spoken about living with a disability at international conferences and on TV.

Labour hasn't always got everything right on disability policy, and turning that around starts by including disabled people. I'll ensure we put young disabled members at the heart of everything that Young Labour does and represent your views at a national level. Working with regional chairs, we'll create accessible opportunities to get involved; events which are truly inclusive of young disabled members.

The Tories and Reform don't care about disabled people, and when the far-right wins, we're the ones who suffer. I'll ensure Young Labour empowers members to take the fight to the far right.

If that's the Young Labour you want to see, please vote for me.

Lilly Beeson

Nominations: 48

I found it difficult to accept myself when I came out at 13, but by the time I'd joined the Labour Party at 16, I didn't feel any need to hide myself. I never questioned if the Labour Party would accept me, because I knew our party has always championed LGBT+ rights. However, as a young queer woman, I know and understand the struggles our community has faced; from attacks by the right - to actively hiding our identities. I know the feeling that politics doesn't care about us. Politics does care about us, the Labour Party cares about us. I found my home in the Labour Party, an empowering space to be myself, and help other members be themselves too. This is why I am running to be the LGBT+ officer on the Young Labour National Committee. I want to help young queer people like me find their home in our party, I will be a strong voice for the LGBT+ community and ensure we are given equal opportunities and respect. I strive to ensure we are not only represented, but celebrated. I will ensure our party is a space where young people can feel comfortable with their gender and sexuality; through events to create spaces for us to know we aren't alone.

Ralph Noble

Nominations: 37

As a queer person who has been active in Young Labour for the past few years, I've built strong connections with LGBT+ members across our party and understand what a Labour government can - and must - mean for our community.

From Labour electing the largest number of openly LGBT+ MPs in 2024, to the TUC

affirming its solidarity with the whole LGBT+ community, to Labour for Trans Rights campaigning alongside MPs against the disastrous Supreme Court ruling, we know that progress is possible when we fight for it.

Young Labour has a responsibility to represent the values of the labour movement and stand up for the trans community. I will be a tireless voice for trans liberation, pushing back against the reactionary turn following the Supreme Court judgment and puberty blockers ban.

I've organised across our movement, from running my student society in York, to serving as a CLP treasurer and branch secretary, and working on a general election campaign team. A renewed Young Labour must strengthen our party at every level: supporting LGBT+ candidates, building solidarity across the movement, and ensuring Labour lives up to its moral mission.

That's why I'm standing to:

- Protect our trans community, no matter what
- Build strong links with LGBT+ trade union organisations
- Support LGBT+ candidates to win at the ballot box

Please support me and our other Renew Young Labour candidates.

Yusuf Amin

Nominations: 50

Born and raised in Germany as the son of Afghan refugees, I know the importance of looking beyond our borders. I've made Britain my home, but I see the internationalist spirit that welcomed me is under threat. Our generation is the most connected and globally minded, and we all care deeply how our party represents us on the international stage. The PM has given us respect on the world stage again, and I want YL to be an active part of that renewed internationalist Britain. We must stand for international cooperation, human rights, and solidarity globally with those suffering.

I represented young members at the Young European Socialists and campaigned for greater cooperation with our sister parties on defending Ukraine and countering the far-right. I met with Standing Together and our Palestinian sister party Fateh to ask how Labour Students can effectively campaign to stop the genocide and bring forward a peaceful two-state solution. My time at the Yad Fellowship, working with Jewish and Muslim activists hand-in-hand, taught me that solidarity means listening and standing up for every community facing injustice.

As your International Officer, I will:

Expand cooperation outside of Europe towards our sister parties across the Commonwealth and beyond - a Young Labour more global than ever.

Expand YL International Forum and create more accessible international trips for members.

Push for action for the people of Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, and all those facing injustice and persecution around the world.

Internationally campaign for the issues important to all members.

Albert Salimov

Nominations: 39

With the rise of the far right, unprecedented cuts to international aid, and war and climate change fueling our affordability crisis, there has never been a more urgent time for Young Labour to rebuild strong relationships with our sister parties.

International solidarity and supporting others is central to my progressive, socialist politics. I will rebuild our relationships with IUSY, YES and progressive parties, and ensure these links run throughout our membership, rather than confined to a small privileged few able to pay for international travel.

I have delivered aid on the frontline to Ukrainian schools and hospitals, working alongside Ukrainian trade unions and witnessing firsthand the values of internationalism and solidarity in action. My family's experience in occupied Donbas, and our collective horror at the

unfolding genocide against the Palestinian people, has made clear the real cost of war. I'm acutely aware of the need for young members to call on our Government to lead the charge for peace in Ukraine, Palestine, Sudan and elsewhere.

I will work with the entire committee to make Young Labour a safe, welcoming place for all.

As we see increasing levels of antisemitism, Islamophobia and transphobia, my experience working with interfaith organisations to uphold inclusivity and unity across our movement will inform my approach.

As your International Officer, I will work tirelessly for a renewed Young Labour which stands

for global justice, resists the far right, and brings power back to you.

Please support me and the other Renew Young Labour candidates

Clyde Makopa

Nominations: 47

Every child deserves a life of dignity and opportunity. I believe that every child deserves food, a fair education and a good house. I believe that history has shown us that there is no way to ensure this for every child without a party of the people leading the way. Running as school ambassador, I was elected on a platform of school meal affordability and access to super-curricular opportunities. As an ambassador, I worked with caterers and senior leadership and got my classmates better food and better opportunities. As Student Governor at my Sixth Form College and regular attendee of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs, I have shown that I can represent the will of thousands of students from different backgrounds with competing interests, while doing what's best for all of us.

Growing up in different areas of the UK has shown me to the hunger, lack of opportunities and inadequate housing that we know children are forced to bear with every day. Fighting and ending idleness, ignorance and want is good fight and it can only be fully fought by a party that is driven by young people. We are the only party that is serious about ending child poverty, and thus, serious about improving the country. Under my watch and with cooperation with our regional representatives, my vision of greater inclusion of young members will be enacted from day one.

My vision is clear. We want action and we want to develop policy that brings justice

Thomas Pace

Nominations: 8

I'm Thomas Pace, a 17-year-old activist from Leeds, and I'm standing for Under 18s rep because we need to fix the broken relationship between young people and politics.

I joined the Labour Party after seeing 14 years of Tory mismanagement in education, inspired by the NEU activists I have stood with on picket lines to fight for change. As an active campaigner in my CLP, I was excited when we finally kicked them out, but since last year youth apathy has risen. I want to focus on reenergising our falling youth vote, making sure young members lead the way.

Our Labour government has so much potential for young people, from the rise in the minimum wage to the expansion of apprenticeships. But there is a task ahead to rebuild faith in our Party: as the U18s representative for Yorkshire and Humber Labour for Trans Rights, I know the trans community has been let down by policies including the puberty blocker ban. Young progressives are disillusioned, and allyship goes hand in hand with rebuilding trust. To win over young people, we need to embed allyship in the party.

If elected as your U18s representative, I will advocate for:

The implementation of votes at 16

Unconditional trans solidarity

Young members' voices to be uplifted

Over the coming months, I look forward to hearing from you on how we can make the right changes to make our party work for us. We deserve better as the next generation; let's fight for it together.

Struan Robson

Nominations: 5

I'm running because I want to support under-18s in taking the step from members to active members. If elected, I will help ensure youth voices are heard through workshops and surveys that are available to all U18s. During my time as Youth Officer for Scottish CLPs over the last year and a half, I've realised the daunting nature of attending meetings, reaching out, and campaigning. If elected, I will help create resources and promote opportunities for U18s to take up these roles.

My values are Labour ones, a focus on education and social mobility. We need to advocate for a progressive party that focuses on raising everyone up. I know that young people are at the centre of that, and we need to be the party for those young people. In Scotland, the SNP have failed young people, in England, the Tories have failed young people, and given the chance, Reform would fail everyone, everywhere. I want to put U18s at the heart of Young Labour and create a strong campaign vehicle for May and beyond.

My experience of leadership has come through acting as chair and head of my school's Pupil Voice. We've enshrined UNCRC values in our school, ensured access to period products in cubicles, and created lessons on voting to educate every student.

So, vote for me if you want a representative who will campaign and advocate for a positive change for the country.

For more information, visit @struanrobson on Instagram.

Ashae Small

Nominations: 7

My name is Ashae, and I am standing for a role on the Young Labour Committee as the Under 18's Representative. As a 17-year-old in politics, I know how difficult it can be to walk into rooms where nobody looks like you (be it age, creed, or colour) or shares your life experience. And we are not naive.

Today, we are witnessing an assault on our democracy from far-right forces of hatred and division. Their narratives, and certainly Nigel Farage's narratives, do not speak for our communities or for the working class. Unless young people in our party step forward to tell our story, we risk the rollback of fundamental rights and freedoms. If we fail to get involved, others will, and they may not share our vision of free healthcare, free education, or the right to seek sanctuary.

If elected, my priority will be to amplify young voices within the party by creating spaces where more young members feel confident to organise, be heard, and influence policy. We know that youth should not only be included, but centred. I want to strengthen representation and accountability by holding regular online and in-person meetings, taking your thoughts to the Young Labour committee - understanding that our party is driven by the work of young activists up and down the country.

I am committed to strengthening a movement that is inclusive and reflective of our communities. With your support, I will work tirelessly to ensure every young member can find their voice

Toby Thistlewaite

Nominations: 5

My name is Toby, and I am standing to be the Young Labour Under-18 Representative because young people are already campaigning, stepping up, and demanding change — and we deserve a strong voice within Young Labour that reflects that reality.

Under-18s are engaged with the issues that affect our lives every day: education, mental health, the cost of living, and our future opportunities. Yet too often, decisions about young people are still made without us. I want to ensure that under-18 members are not only heard, but have real influence over Young Labour's priorities and campaigns.

If elected, I will work to establish regular Under-18 forums — accessible spaces where young members can share ideas, raise concerns, and help shape policy. These forums will ensure our voices are part of the conversation from the start, not treated as an afterthought.

I also want to help grow and strengthen under-18 membership within Young Labour. That means reaching young people where they are, making involvement accessible and welcoming, and showing clearly how Young Labour can make a difference in their lives. A bigger, more engaged membership gives young people greater influence and strengthens our movement for the future.

Labour's approach to education also places greater emphasis on speaking, listening, and critical thinking, helping young people confidently express their views, challenge misinformation, and participate fully in democracy and public life.

As Under-18 Representative, I will be an active and accountable voice who listens first and acts with purpose. I want to help build a Young

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