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# Candidate Booklet

**CANDIDATES FOR:**

➤ National Labour Students Committee

# HOW TO VOTE

## **Voting for the National Labour Students Committee**

For the Ordinary Representatives vote please vote in preference order by putting 1, 2, 3 etc. in the boxes next to the candidates. You may express as many or as few preferences as you wish, but do not write the same figure more than once.

For all other positions, vote by marking a cross 'X' in the box next to your chosen candidate. You may vote for 1 (ONE) candidate only for each position.

Only those who are verified as student members of the Party as of 5 January 2026 will be eligible to vote in this election.

All candidate statements and lists of nominations are available online at <https://labour.org.uk/updates/members-updates/governance-and-legal-hub-internal-ballots-2026/internal-ballots-current-nominations-2026>

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## Willow Parker

**Nominations: 127**

I joined the Labour Party because I believe in the values our movement represents: inclusivity, equality, social justice. At its best, Labour Students is a rallying point for those values, bringing together members from across the UK and championing their voices within our party. I'm standing to be your next Chair alongside Kashvi and Alex because I believe that we have the commitment and drive to help Labour Students to be that champion.

Having run my university's Labour Club, I know that societies are the beating heart of our movement. As Chair, I would empower them to do even more: introducing an expanded travel fund to ensure campaigning is accessible for every student.

But I also know that too many students still don't have access to a society on their campus. If elected, I will work with the regions and nations reps to help establish new Labour Clubs and provide support to all those that need it.

Representing trans students on the National Committee for the last two years, I've often found myself at odds with the Party leadership - and I haven't hesitated to speak out when Labour got it wrong on the issues that matter to students. I want to take that same attitude forwards, speaking out in favour of the progressive politics that we believe in, and the values that our movement should always embody.

If that's a vision of Labour Students you believe in, please consider giving me your support

## Amelia Tamblyn

**Nominations: 62**

I'm Amelia and I'm running to be your next Chair of Labour Students. I'm standing because I want to see a student wing that encourages genuine conversation and debate, pushes collaboration over factionalism, and stands up for the values student members believe in.

As President of my university Labour Society, I've consistently worked to create an open atmosphere for debate, allowing students to express and challenge ideas and develop politically. If elected as Chair, I'll work to create a more open, pluralistic Labour Students.

As LGBT+ Representative on the South East Executive Committee, I've worked to represent my community, expressing their concerns and ensuring that their voices are heard. If elected, I'd give students a strong voice, supporting fantastic Labour policies like the Renters' Rights Bill and the partial reintroduction of maintenance grants, whilst holding the leadership to account on issues like tuition fee increases and their inaction on trans rights.

I'm also a passionate campaigner; I have canvassed for Labour candidates across the country, and I have been a vocal advocate for Labour in my student community. I recognise, however, that Labour Students needs to be more than just a campaign organisation. If elected, I'll make sure that we also facilitate wider participation, political education, and open discussion through a variety of events, as well as by working to support local Labour Clubs.

Please support me and the other Renew Labour Students candidates.

# Vincent Conquest

**Nominations: 64**

Since the last election, our party has lost a devastating number of student members. Labour Students is becoming an insular, factional career path, rather than the integral link between the Labour Party and the student movement that it once was. Young people, and especially students, no longer see the Labour Party as for them.

I've been a member since I was 15. I'm a proud socialist and trade unionist. Crucially, I believe in democracy – something I would work to reinstate in Labour Students if elected Secretary. Labour Students must amplify all our voices and make members feel included, heard and engaged.

For too long, a toxic culture in Labour Students has turned people away from getting involved with our party. Defections to the right and silence on issues such as Palestine, disability cuts, tuition fees and trans rights have led to mass disillusionment across our student wing.

I have the experience to work with members and turn this around. As Secretary of Leeds Labour Students, democratic debate, discussion and decisions were at the heart of our society, and our membership was engaged and active. Members felt heard. We need to do all that and more to renew Labour Students.

Labour Students should be a welcoming place for every member, not just those deemed right-wing enough by the current clique at the top. With your support, we will put members at the heart of our movement.

Please support me and the other Renew Labour Students candidates.

# Alex Kyriacou

**Nominations: 123**

I'm standing for Secretary because I want to put my experience of leading a university Labour club to work across the country. Our clubs are the backbone of Labour's presence on campus and our youth movement, and they deserve strong organisation, support, and a confident national voice within the Labour Party.

After a year leading King's College London Labour under a Labour government, I've seen both the challenges and the opportunities. I've worked to build a society that is active, welcoming, and visible on campus – one that members are proud to be part of. Running a club is not easy, especially when Labour is in Government, but it teaches that organising on campus is about support and collaboration – we won't win with gestures.

This is a crucial moment for us. With populist parties seeking a foothold on our campuses, our movement needs to be organised, confident, and to know what we stand for. Labour Students should help clubs feel equipped to organise – a national body felt locally.

I want the focus to be bringing our societies together, strengthening coordination between clubs, and making national structures work for members. Alongside Willow Parker for Chair and Kashvi Khanna for Vice-Chair, we will relaunch the travel fund so campaigning is accessible to all, not limited by cost. Most importantly, we will organise with you – supporting your priorities and representing your voice.

Backing our Organise! team is backing your club, your students, and a stronger Labour presence on every campus

# Kashvi Khanna

## Nominations: 119

My name is Kashvi, and I am proud to be standing to be your next Vice Chair of Labour Students.

I joined the Labour Party at just 16 years old, with no connections and no shortcuts, only a belief that politics can change lives, just as the previous labour governments changed the lives of my parents.

Being the chair of the University of Birmingham Labour club has taught me the importance of student activism and how creating welcoming, accessible spaces allows more students to find their political voice and shape a movement that truly represents us all.

Students across the country share a belief that politics can be a force for good. By standing together, we can turn that belief into real change. When forces like Reform seek to divide and polarise our communities, we must stand firm in our Labour values of solidarity, inclusion, and resilience. That is the Britain I believe in, and it is the Britain Labour represents.

As Vice Chair, I will work to ensure that Labour Students are accessible, connected, and ready to win. Working with Willow as chair and Alex as secretary, we will ensure to:

- Protect and expand travel funds
- Hold digital and doorstep training
- Growing grassroots leaders locally by supporting new activists.

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# Eleanor Woolstencroft

## Nominations: 63

I'm Eleanor, and I'm standing to be your Vice-Chair of Labour Students.

In 2024, students across the country fought hard to win a Labour government, through relentless campaigning and conversations with young voters. Now we have an opportunity for change, and it's on us to ensure student voices are heard.

Our universities are in crisis. Students face rising rents and unmanageable debt, while marketisation continues unchecked. Our Labour government has delivered progress, like increasing the minimum wage, but decisions such as raising tuition fees show why we must keep pushing for better. We cannot afford to sit back.

That's why we need a strong Labour Students: one that fights to keep Labour in power while critically engaging when the leadership gets it wrong for students. Rebuilding trust won't be easy, but by increasing participation and standing up for student interests, we can deliver a Labour government that works for us. I know how life-changing a Labour government can be, and I'll always fight to make it better.

Labour Students should be a force for students, not just a line on a CV. As Vice-Chair, I'll champion the issues students care about – from Palestine to trans rights – and work to revitalise Labour Clubs where they're weak or absent, while keeping existing ones inclusive and active. I'll prioritise political education and meaningful support for student members.

It's time to rebuild Labour Students into a democratic, campaigning organisation that reflects all student voices.

Please support me and the other Renew Labour Students candidates.

# Awab Kennedy

**Nominations: 27**

Hi everyone! My name's Awab Kennedy, and I'm running to be your Labour Students BAME Officer! We all know the challenges that BAME students face on campus all too well, and the threat of Reform has only added to the challenges that we have faced for years. That's why it's more important than ever that we have principled, socialist representation to fight for you on campus. I understand the frustration that BAME student members have felt. That's why a vote for me will be a vote for a Labour Students that:

- Represents BAME students by listening to and raising your concerns. I will run an anonymous Google form for feedback and hold frequent meetings with student labour societies.
- Includes and engages BAME members everywhere. I will host events in every nation and region, run a Parliament trip for BAME students, and work with the Young Labour BAME Officer to finally bring back BAME Young Labour.
- Fights for BAME students and their concerns. I will stand against rising antisemitism, racism, xenophobia and islamophobia nationally, and stand with our oppressed siblings worldwide, from Gaza, to Sudan, to our Jewish siblings against the struggles that they face.

It's time for a representative who understands your issues and fights to help you with them. If that's what you're looking for, then please do lend me your vote.

If you want to find out more, or if you have any questions, please feel free to message me on Instagram [@awabkennedylabour](https://www.instagram.com/awabkennedylabour).

# Alexy King

**Nominations: 20**

When it comes to the task of governing, it's vital that a party reflects the diversity and strength of Britain's communities while standing by its most basic principles. A fairer nation can only be built by a Labour Party that does both, and it comes to Labour Students to represent the Labour movement's diverse student membership.

As Bengalis, my family have seen Labour's transformative potential time and time again; from Harold Wilson calling out the brutal genocide of our people in 1971, to the Labour controlled Tower Hamlets Council escorting Bengali workers to the polls despite threats from the far right. But we are now confronted by a top down LS and a leadership hesitant to follow in the footsteps of Wilson's moral crusade. We saw in the recent deputy leadership election that the progressive mainstream of our membership will not stand for this.

As BAME officer, I would push for the restructuring LS needs to advocate for our BAME members, to promote student-community engagement across communal lines, and to represent BAME students interests in Labour.

From my experience supporting young refugees as a teaching assistant in Derby, to running a large scale International Student's advocacy group at Nottingham Trent, to door knocking to note vulnerable constituents' issues in my neighbourhood of Hyson Green, and becoming the first BAME CLP executive officer in Derbyshire Dales - I have remained resolutely committed to supporting and representing our diverse community.

Please support me and the other Renew Labour Students candidates.

# Joshua Horsfall

**Nominations: 48**

Hi! I'm Joshua Horsfall and I'm standing to be your next LGBT+ Officer.

The past few years have not been easy for young LGBT+ people and the right has attacked our community viciously. My first priority as LGBT+ Officer will be to unequivocally support the rights of our Trans siblings, in the Party and in society. Labour Students must be a place where trans members can thrive, and I'll work with our Trans Officer to ensure your voices are heard.

If elected, I want to work with university Labour Societies from across the country to ensure our movement is as welcoming as possible for LGBT+ members across our regions and nations. I'll be an accessible representative, taking on board your suggestions to inform my campaign priorities, and raising any concerns you have, from the grassroots level to the national committee.

As LGBT+ people, we understand that our fight for equality isn't complete until we've fought off all forms of discrimination. I will place intersectionality at the heart of everything I do, working closely with other Liberation Officers to ensure our movement reflects the true diversity of our communities.

So, if you want an LGBT+ Officer who stands up for trans rights, inclusivity, and intersectionality, please consider voting for me.

# Jamie Trodden

**Nominations: 38**

My name is Jamie (he/him), and it's time for change.

If elected your Labour Students LGBT+ Officer, I will fight for every LGBT+ student member. I will be a visible, accountable voice for our community, working with Labour clubs across the country to provide support, solidarity, and ensure no student or club is left behind.

LGBT+ students continue to face discrimination, while our rights are under sustained attack. If elected, I will advocate for genuinely safe and inclusive spaces within Labour Students, and work with members to push for stronger, clearer policy positions. LGBT+ students deserve to feel valued, protected, and defended, especially at a time when many student members are leaving the Party.

I stand firmly with trans students. I believe in dignity, liberation, and the defence of self-identification. I will work closely with organisations like Labour for Trans Rights to ensure trans students are supported, represented, and defended within Labour Students. Representation must mean action, not just rhetoric: Labour Students must show real political leadership in standing with trans members.

We need stronger political education and better resources for Labour clubs. Labour values can be transformative on campuses across the country, but only through organising effectively. Working-class LGBT+ students face additional barriers at university, and our solidarity must be intersectional and rooted in class politics.

A renewed Labour Students must defend students, organise collectively, and hold the Party to account for our failures on trans rights.

Please support me and the other Renew Labour Students candidates.

# Heather McKay

## Nominations: 44

I am standing for the position of Transgender Officer because I believe trans and gender-diverse students must have a strong voice within the Labour Students.

Trans students like myself are facing increasing political hostility alongside persistent challenges on campus, such as inadequate accommodation, welfare provisions, and exclusion from decision-making processes across the education system. At a time when our rights are frequently debated without our involvement, meaningful representation is essential.

If elected, I will focus on three key priorities. First, representation and advocacy: ensuring that trans students' concerns are raised within all structures of the Party. I will stand up for all trans members regardless of faction and am unafraid to call out transphobia when it presents itself. Second, organising, ensuring Labour Students plays its part in organising for crucial elections as we strive to face off Reform, who are a clear threat to all LGBT people. Third, political education and solidarity: encouraging informed awareness raising of trans members within our movement and building solidarity with other liberation groups to challenge all forms of oppression.

I am committed to approaching this role with seriousness, integrity, and compassion. I do not claim to speak for all trans people, but I will commit to listening, consulting widely, and acting in the collective interests of trans students.

# Georgia Meadows

## Nominations: 33

I'm Georgia (she/her) and I'm running to be Labour Students Trans Officer.

For me, speaking out is not optional: it's a moral duty rooted in the belief that those in power must serve others first. That principle has guided my work as a councillor in Witney and as Trans Officer of LGBT+ Labour, where I have fought to ensure trans voices are heard and respected in Labour.

When I first heard the phrase "country first, party second," it resonated because it captures the ideal form of representation: prioritising people over politics. That ethos drives my activism – from grassroots organising to challenging policies that silence or marginalise trans people. At a moment when trans rights are under unprecedented pressure, representation matters more than ever. Yet too often, trans members are ignored by the party's leadership and sidelined in internal decision-making.

As LGBT+ Labour Trans Officer, I have consistently spoken out against decisions that would reduce trans participation in democratic processes, including concerning proposals around trans exclusion across the Labour Party. Together with groups like Labour for Trans Rights, I have urged our Party to row back the reactionary turn and embolden our trans members.

Trans members deserve not only formal recognition but real influence, and as your Trans Officer, I will continue to push for that at every opportunity. With your support, we can strengthen Labour Students' commitment to being an actively anti-transphobic force within the labour movement.

Please support me and the other Renew Labour Students candidates.

## Eleni Barrett

**Nominations: 51**

I'm Eleni, and I'm standing to be one of your Ordinary Reps because Labour Students should be a space where members are heard, respected, and meaningfully involved in decision-making. I want a student wing that is genuinely collaborative, inclusive, and confident in representing the breadth of its membership.

As a founding member of my youth branch, I've been a proud Chair and later Women's Officer. These roles required building structures from the grassroots, and working closely with others to deliver. If elected, I will bring these skills to the committee to create a more pluralistic, participative, and member-led Labour Students.

My town has no Labour councillors or history of a Labour MP, giving me first-hand experience of what it means to sustain Labour values where support cannot be taken for granted. I'm running to ensure that students from CLPs like mine are properly represented within Labour Students, and to expand opportunities for active contributions to build our movement.

My politics have been shaped by my mixed heritage background, with grandparents who immigrated from Ghana, Cyprus, and Ireland, giving me an understanding of solidarity. This has reinforced my focus on the importance of building a multicultural student wing that reflects the realities of the UK - I will always fight for our structures to be inclusive.

Labour Students has the opportunity to grow, and I would be proud to bring my experiences to the committee and work with you to build a strong student wing.

## Hannah Brearton

**Nominations: 114**

I am running for ordinary representative to help build an active and engaged Labour Students movement. As chair of Wirral young labour and youth officer for my CLP I will bring this experience to the committee. If elected, I would push for a greater focus on campaigning and the support needed to enable this. This is important now more than ever due to the challenges we face in government and the rising threat of Reform and the far right. I would also advocate for increasing connections and opportunities for labour student groups across the country to collaborate. Above all, I would be an accessible member of the committee listening to and acting on your concerns and suggestions.

## Yotam Havkin

**Nominations: 114**

My name is Yotam and I'm running for ordinary rep as I want to give back to an organisation that has given me so much. After joining the Labour Party at 15, I've served on Leeds Labour Society's executive, along with involvement in my CLP's youth branch, and organisations like the Young Fabians. With Labour in government and many people's first political experiences being at university, it is more important than ever for us to have active and organised Labour societies at every university.

Labour Students has given me opportunities to meet incredible people and life-long friends, whilst developing my own political skills. As Ordinary Rep, I will continue to push for more campaign days, training weekends, and conferences that have all benefitted my political education. Labour Students has a proud history of being one of the best-mobilised sections of the party. I am proud of the role that students like me played at the last general election, making the difference in crucial battleground seats across the country. I will push for more travel funds to ensure campaigning is accessible to everyone.

Furthermore, as a Jewish student, I will prioritise Labour's values of standing up against any form of discrimination on campus such as the rise of hatreds like antisemitism.

With political polarisation and apathy that many young people feel today, it can be challenging to stick up for our party and values – however, the threat of extremist politics makes this more important for us to do than ever.

## Jack Leader

**Nominations: 126**

My name's Jack Leader, and I'm running for Ordinary Representative. I believe in a Labour movement where everyone feels valued and no one feels ignored. Those values of inclusivity and equality are what guided our party's historic commitments to a strong welfare state and an education system in which everyone has a chance to succeed. My family came to this country as refugees, and it was these policies that allowed them to build a home here. They meant I could attend university today – where I found a home in a welcoming and inclusive Labour Club.

But not everyone has had that experience. Many student members today do not feel heard. Many feel concerned about the future of those progressive values.

That's why I'm running. I want every student to arrive at university and find an inclusive Labour Club waiting for them. I want those clubs to be the beating heart of progressive politics on campus. Most of all, I want our student members to feel valued and heard as part of our movement. By voicing your concerns, and by speaking up on your behalf for progressive change, I can and will work to realise those goals. Please consider voting for me for Ordinary Representative.

# Jacob Sammon

## Nominations: 113

I'm Jacob Sammon, and I'm standing to be one of your Ordinary Representatives! I want to:

**FIGHT THE FAR RIGHT.** Coming from Barnsley, a post-industrial Northern town, where we lost in 2019 but won in 2024, I know first-hand the importance of taking the fight to Reform and the far right. Reform spread hatred into our communities: Britain stands at a crossroads between these politics and ours. I want to focus Labour Students on stopping Farage. Protecting the most marginalised in our society is at the heart of Labour's mission, and that's why I will push for Labour Students to be an active, campaigning unit. We must organise to defeat Reform.

**LISTEN TO YOU.** The heart of Labour Students is our ordinary members. It's the students who go to Labour soc debates, canvass (slightly hungover) in their uni town on early weekend mornings, and who make friends for life through our movement. We are people-powered. That's why I will be an accessible member of the committee, willing to raise your concerns with the national Party. Already during this campaign, I've heard from members who tell me they want greater collaboration between Labour socs. On committee, I will push for us to create a mechanism which allows Labour socs to connect.

**PROMOTE PROGRESSIVE POLICY.** Our Party has always been for the workers and most marginalised in society. That's why I will support motions on Committee which encourage the Party to be on the right track, including on trans and workers' rights.

# Imara Wright

## Nominations: 49

I'm Imara Wright (she/they), and I'm running to be one of your Ordinary Reps on the national Labour Students Committee.

I'm standing because, now more than ever, we need a Labour Students that is inclusive, democratic, and unapologetic in advocating for the policies students need to thrive. That means unequivocally resisting hate and bigotry in all its forms, and being clear that transphobia has no place in our Party or our movement. Labour Students must be a genuinely safe, affirming space for all young members, including and especially our trans community: we must be willing to speak up when that safety is threatened.

Labour Students has to be bold on the material issues facing students today. On higher education funding, spiralling rents, and the wider cost-of-living crisis, students need a national voice that is organised, confident, and prepared to push our Party in government to go further. We should also be standing in solidarity with staff across our campuses, recognising that fair pay and good working conditions are inseparable from a quality education.

I've been active in my local Labour Party since 2021, and I currently serve as a Labour councillor in my hometown of Bracknell. That experience has shown me the power of collective organising, but also how much more we need to do to support young people to step forward. I want a Labour Students that equips, encourages, and empowers young members to run, to win, and to lead.



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