



My Manifesto for International Officer:

Democracy in Labour Students:

Labour Students has had a complicated relationship with internal democracy - while this is the first election where the result has not been decided by delegates at conference, the system we have in place has proven confusing and inaccessible to a wide variety of clubs and members. Last year some members of the committee called for a voting system that is truly One Member One Vote, where students from any university can decide how the organisation supposed to uphold their interests' functions.

If elected International Officer, I will continue this fight for One Member One Vote, and will continue to advocate for a voting system that allows students who support our party the right to contribute to its future.

Upholding our Relationship with Socialist Parties across the World:

As an organisation of young socialists, we have a responsibility to ensure that our internationalism is shown not only in words, but in practice - we are members of the Young European Socialists, and the International Union of Socialist Youth, and having a strong presence in these organisations is a fundamental requirement of us acting as international socialists should. I will ensure that our participation in the YES Summer Camp, European Youth Forum, and other related opportunities remains consistent.

Radical Solutions to Climate Change:

The defining process of the 21st century will be climate change, and the unequal distribution of its impacts across the world. The first victims of climate crisis will be those in the global south without the resources and mobility to manage their livelihoods and families through the crisis. Labour Students, as the future of the party and the world, must demand immediate action to severely cut climate emissions and support the implementation of programmes like the Green New Deal domestically and internationally. We have a responsibility to make this central to our programme, and if elected International Officer this will be front and centre to our political priorities.

Supporting our Policy on Brexit:

At the last party conference, delegates democratically decided to formulate our party's position on Brexit - we will prioritise a General Election to ensure that a Labour Government negotiates a deal with the European Union that prioritises above all else the protection of worker's rights and living standards in the United Kingdom. As the student wing of the party, it is important that we respect the democratic processes that are central to our party's policy making.

Time is running out, and it is important that we unite around this policy and continue to put pressure on the government with the power of this unity - to this end, I will fight to make sure that Labour Students' approach to Brexit is in line with the party's priorities.

Self-Determination as a 1st Principle:

The United Kingdom's legacy internationally is one of imperialism, exploitation, and disrespect for the communities of the global south and the world over - we have exploited our hegemonic position to carve up the territory and wealth of the world, and it is important to act on the knowledge that the processes that drove these actions are still at play. If elected International Officer I will guarantee that our allegiances are driven by a belief in peace and self-determination, above all else, and seek to ensure that our membership has the opportunity to engage with the movements fighting for these same objectives.

These five principles will underline my approach if elected International Officer, and I hope that you can lend me your vote to bring to this position the seriousness and foresight that our movement requires.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at jamesmckevitt222@gmail.com, find me on Twitter at @JamesMcKevitt22, or find me on Facebook. Thank you for reading!