

JAWAD KHAN



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FOR LABOUR STUDENTS
NATIONAL SECRETARY

I'm Jawad Khan and I'm standing to be your National Secretary of Labour Students. I'm currently a student at the University of Manchester and have been active in the Labour Party and trade union movement for 4 years and in Labour Students for over 2 years.

My experience in Labour Students has been mixed. I have met amazing activists across the country who are passionate not just about getting a Labour government but about helping people suffering under the Tories whilst we are out of government through charities, trade unions and student-led campaigns.

I have also seen thousands of students shut out of Labour Students and its structures by those within our movement who fail to push for democracy and accountability. This is exemplified by the struggle for One Member, One Vote.

I'm standing because I know that Labour Students has the potential to be accountable and democratic whilst fighting for socialist values within our education system by educating and empowering our members.

I want to share my vision for Labour Students and my priorities if elected as your National Secretary. But fundamentally my job will be to serve you, the members of Labour Students, and to help build a student movement you can be proud of.

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Democracy and Accountability

Opening up the internal democracy of Labour Students is vital for building an inclusive movement. Sadly this has been held back year after year despite having consistently been a popular campaign pledge from many candidates.

Many of you will have experienced the difficult system used this year to affiliate Labour Clubs and then register to vote in the national elections. As the student wing of a party that has spoken out against voter suppression, it is a stain on our movement that this year's election process has isolated thousands across the country. In particular, those in smaller Labour Clubs have been hit hardest and many have now been disenfranchised.

Elect me and I will ensure we have a proper system of One Member, One Vote where all student members of the Labour Party will have access to our democratic structures, regardless of the size of their Labour Club.

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Political Education

We need to be empowering students to fight for real change on campus and for socialist values in our education system. To do that, Labour Students must provide comprehensive political education for its members.

Elect me and I will work with the National Committee to create a training guide that will be available online for all members to access. I will consult with our membership to find out what topics or skills they want to learn about. I will also make this political education easy to access, using tools such as webinars and online discussions.

We must also be unafraid to make this education explicitly political, aiming to educate our members about the history of our movement and how we fit in to the context of an international struggle for socialism. Elect me and I will ensure comprehensive political education is implemented.

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Grassroots Campaigning

Whilst knocking on doors in elections is vital work, we should not limit the campaigning activities of Labour Students solely to elections. Labour Students can do so much more than tweeting the occasional hashtag or dictating which target seat members should go campaign in.

I want the role of the Labour Students National Committee to be to empower student activists on the ground so they can campaign for change on campus and in wider society. This starts with the comprehensive political education mentioned above. If elected, I will work closely with Regional Coordinators to ensure that members across the country are given the necessary resources and support to run successful campaigns. Alongside this, I will create an online database of active campaigns ran by members as well as a campaign hub on the website so members can access resources.

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Building Links With Trade Unions

Due to the growing financial pressure to fund their time in education, more and more students are having to work to make ends meet. Because of this, workplace issues must become a priority of Labour Students. That is why I want to increase our cooperation with the trade union movement. My background is as a trade unionist so I have the experience necessary to make this happen.

Elect me and I will ensure that resources are created as part of the political education programme that educates students on their rights as workers and how they can join a union to fight for better pay and conditions. I will also encourage Labour Clubs to run union recruitment campaigns on campuses in collaboration with local union branches as well as updating them on strike action so they can join picket lines in solidarity. Finally, I will fully support calls for a Trade Union Liaison Officer on our National Committee and will do everything I can to ensure this happens.

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My Experience

Trade Union Representative, Young Labour National Committee - 2018-Present

GMB Young Members National Committee - 2015-Present

Delegate, TUC Young Workers Forum - 2015-2017, 2018-Present

BAME Officer, Manchester Labour Students - 2018-Present

Trainee, Policy/Projects Department, European Trade Union Committee for Education - 2017-2018

Administrative Assistant, GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Region - 2016

Election Coordinator, Liversedge and Gomersal BLP - 2017 General Election

Council Candidate - 2016 Kirklees Metropolitan Council Elections

Youth Officer, Batley and Spennings CLP - 2015-2017

Youth Officer, GMB B05 Branch - 2015-2017

Branch Secretary, Liversedge and Gomersal BLP - 2015-2016

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Proud to have been nominated by the following Labour Club's:

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