

ANGUS REILLY

FOR

VICE-CHAIR FOR CAMPAIGNS AND POLICY



I'm Angus Reilly, and here's why you should vote for me as Vice-Chair for Campaigns and Policy...

Since joining the Labour Party in 2014, I have been a CLP Chair and an Election Agent in the 2017 General Election, in which I ran our candidate's local campaign which achieved Labour's highest ever share of the vote in the constituency. Whilst a student at LSE I have been Secretary of our Labour Society. The role of Secretary meant I spent time helping to organise our events and our campaigns, and now I'd like to help other students with their campaigns. I believe that I can use my experience and ideas to help make Labour Students an organisation that improves the lives of students across the country.



LSE Labour and Labour Students has been a huge part of my life since coming to university. I have had some amazing experiences and made close friends with people I never would have met. As a gay man, this movement has meant so much to me and I know that our liberation campaigns are central to what we do. I believe that we can create more active, campaigning caucuses on our campuses so I would work with our officers to provide the requisite resources to do so.



Fighting all forms of oppression should be at the heart of what we do. I want to work with groups like LGBT Labour and the new Labour Students Trans Officer to tackle transphobia in our party and society. We have seen a disgraceful rise in antisemitic incidents, so by working with the Jewish Labour Movement and Union of Jewish Students I want to ensure that every club in the country receives antisemitism training.

How we achieve inclusive and effective campaigns:

I've seen that **our campaigning needs to be accessible for everyone and often fails to be so**. I would therefore seek to work more with the liberation caucuses and external organisations like Disability Labour to create an environment in which no one is left behind. We should be doing more to encourage other ways to support our Party as a student, whether that be through phone-banking or fundraising because our movement should be accessible to those who need it to be. I also want to encourage **partnerships with other Labour organisations, such as Labour Campaign for Mental Health**, on campaigns and events because, as I have seen at my home club, we can achieve so much more if we work with other parts of our movement.



Labour Students continues to be too focused on the clubs with lots of members and the places that are easy to get to from London. We should be doing more to support smaller clubs and those in the nations; I am lucky to be part of a London club but I know that other clubs don't have the access and capabilities that being in London affords. Therefore, **Labour Students should organise more away days in target seats and council boroughs** by working with the Regional Coordinators and Club Chairs. In tandem, I would create a **travel fund to assist students in getting to these events**.



Labour Student's first priority has to be the issues that face students. Whether those be the rights of student workers or exorbitant prescription charges, it's Labour Students' duty to shout loudly about them. Therefore, **I would listen to what students want to change, what would help them**. I would then **work with the committee to craft a report and pass that on to our Party's leadership**. We are lucky that our leadership cares about what we have to say; Labour Students have an opportunity to really change the lives of students across the country that is what we should fundamentally be about as a movement.

Every university and club will face their own unique issues though so **Labour Students needs to support clubs in their own campaigns**. For example, at LSE, the university refused to provide the funding for consent training and Labour members were active in protesting that. What Labour Students has is collective experience and we can help each in campaigning the issues that affect us on our campuses. We have some excellent officer networks in Labour Students, on campaigning and on liberation, and we should utilise those to improve our on-campus activism.

I'm standing for Vice Chair, Campaigns & Policy to transform Labour Students into the dynamic, accessible and transformative force I know it can be. I'd love your support, and please contact me on Facebook, Twitter (@Angus_Reilly) or at a.reilly2@lse.ac.uk if you have any questions!