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WELCOME



Welcome to the Labour Party!

When I was elected to be your representative in parliament in June 2017, it was on a commitment to a new kind of politics: one that rejects the idea of austerity as an economic necessity, but recognises it as a political choice; that seeks to unite people, not divide them, and that reveals what was previously deemed impossible to be attainable.

It was on this message that The Labour Party won our highest ever share of the vote here in Walton, and the biggest surge for Labour nationally since 1945, when Clem Atlee's Labour Government took power and went on to build social housing, introduce the welfare state, and create our NHS.

Once again, Labour is running on a radical, transformative manifesto which seeks to facilitate the power of ordinary people, properly fund our public services, end the culture of low-paid, insecure work and rebalance our economy to redistribute wealth, power and opportunity for the many.

Our members are our greatest asset, the bedrock of our movement who root the party in communities, moving power to where it should be. Please get involved, campaign, contribute to meetings, and help shape the direction of our party. My door is always open if you'd like to visit my office for a chat.

With the combined efforts of our local councillors, members, trade unions, activists and volunteer groups, we can defend our community from those who seek to divide us, and together create a fairer, more cohesive society built on a foundation of compassion, kindness and social justice.

Solidarity.

Dan



I was inspired to join Labour around the time that Jeremy Corbyn stood for leadership with a fresh set of ideas that offered a real alternative to the Tory policies of austerity and inequality.

In September I was elected as the new Walton CLP Secretary and I am delighted to have been given the chance to work with you to change the direction of Walton and indeed the whole country.

The UK is said to be the world's 6th richest country, yet we have homeless people in every city. We had a health service that the rest of the world envied and looked up to; now it is starved of funds and being prepared for profit hungry privatisers

Our young face an uncertain future with less support and opportunity. Our elderly live in fear of poverty and lack of care.

This is not the only way forward. We offer an alternative. The Labour Party manifesto speaks to the millions of people who want something new. Austerity has always been a political choice ... and we choose something different!

We want a society that plans for prosperity for all and works to develop the potential of people who at the moment have little hope. The people of this country all deserve a chance to shine and build a better world together. Join with us in working to bring this about. For the Many, Not the Few.

John Whearty, CLP Secretary

Welcome to the Party! First of all I would like to welcome you to the party and in particular to Walton CLP.

This is a very exciting time as we campaign for a Labour Government that will redistribute wealth and power for the many not the few. We now have 1100 members that is continuing to grow and with your help we can continue to build and broaden our movement.

Getting active in your local Party is a great way to:

- Meet other Labour Party members in your area
- Bring new ideas and enthusiasm to your local Party
- Make your voice heard in shaping the direction of the Party and Party policy
- Organise local campaigns and get Labour's message out to your local community.
- Help Labour win the next general election and get involved by coming along to your Branch or CLP meetings.



Máire Doolin, CLP Chair

WHO WE ARE



Liverpool Walton Labour is a Constituency Labour Party (CLP) representing the constituency of Liverpool Walton, which is made up of six wards: Anfield, Everton, County, Clubmoor, Warbreck and Fazakerley. Each ward has its own Branch Labour Party (BLP) and local councillors. At our Annual General Meeting (AGM), usually in November, we elect officers to represent the CLP in various roles.

Meet Your Officers:

There are various roles and positions within the Constituency Labour Party (CLP). Every year these are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The current officers are:

Secretary: John Whearty – johnwheartylab@gmail.com

Chair: Mary Doolin

Vice Chair: Ken Dunlop

Vice Chair (membership): Pauline Gibbons

Treasurer: Frazer Lake

Women's Officer: Karen Bellion

Campaign Co-ordinator: Ian Byrne

Equalities Officer: Sarah-Jane Morton

Trade Union Liason Officer (TULO): Donna Henners

Political Education Officer: Lena Šimić

Youth Officer: Feidhelm Doolin

IT & Communications Officer: Robbie Gibbons

TRADE UNIONS



Liverpool Walton Labour celebrates our relationship with the trade union movement, who first founded our party over a century ago.

The unique institutional link between the Labour Party and the nearly three million members of affiliated trade unions is one of our greatest strengths and achievements. The direct line from the shop floor to the party makes Labour the only party which genuinely understands and represents working people in the UK.

In 2017, we unanimously passed a motion affirming our support for workers in struggle, and we are proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with trade unionists on the picket line when fair wages, decent working conditions and safety standards come under attack.

Unions help workers get together, stop people being treated unfairly and get a better deal from their employers.

You can join a trade union here: www.tuc.org.uk/join-union

Liverpool Walton Labour pride ourselves on being a CLP that actively campaigns in our community, whether it's collecting for food banks, canvassing, or joining workers in dispute on the picket line.

Of it's your first time volunteering and you're unsure of anything, we're here to give advice, arrange care shares, or pair you with a more experienced member to show you the ropes.

Just call or text our Campaign Co-ordinator Ian on 07748 107 012.

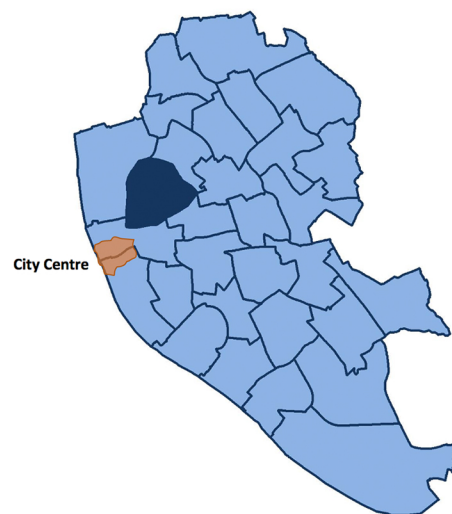




CLP meetings are held bi-monthly. Our meetings offer members the opportunity to get involved with discussions around issues that affect our community and issues on a national level. We regularly invite guest speakers to lead off on subjects that our members choose to discuss. It also offers members a point of policy formation within the Labour Party whereby any member can submit a motion to be discussed and voted on at one of our meetings.

YOUR BRANCH

Everton is one of six wards in the Liverpool Walton constituency. Each ward has its own Branch Labour Party (BLP), where you can attend meetings to discuss issues relevant to your local area.



Your Branch Officers:

Secretary: Karen Bellion – secretaryevertonlabour@gmail.com
Chair: Gary Anderson
Vice-Chair: Lena Šimić
Treasurer: Maureen Royce

Your Councillors:

Jane Corbett
John McIntosh
Frank Prendergast

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JARGON BUSTER



As you can probably tell already, there are lots of acronyms that we use in the Labour Party. Hopefully this will help you understand most of them that we use:

Acronym	Meaning	Description
CLP	Constituency Labour Party	Every parliamentary constituency has a Constituency Labour Party (CLP). This is the body of all local members who live in the constituency. Liverpool Walton CLP meets bi-monthly, with the exception of August and December. The CLP has the ability to send delegates to the Labour Party's national conference, nominate members for internal party elections such as elections for the NEC and NPF, put forward motions and rule changes to conference, as well as selecting the parliamentary candidate.
BLP	Branch Labour Party	Each of our 6 wards within a CLP has its own Branch Labour Party (BLP). For example, Anfield BLP consists of members living in the Anfield ward. Each branch has its own elected officers who run the local branch. Branches also meet bi-monthly, in advance of the CLP meeting. The branch has the ability to hold local representatives to account, pass motions to the CLP, and select candidates for Local Government elections (Councillors).
PLP	Parliamentary Labour Party	The Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) consists of the Labour Party's elected Members of Parliament (MPs). As well as its role voting on legislation and forming governments, the PLP has the ability to nominate individual MPs for the Party leadership. Each candidate for leader requires signatures from 15% of the PLP.
LCF	Local Campaign Forum	The Local Campaign Forum (LCF) is the campaigning body for a given area. We have an LCF that covers the whole area of Liverpool and we are allowed to send 7 delegates to the LCF. Responsibilities include setting the direction of campaigning across the city, as well as ratifying the panel of candidates for Local Government elections.
AGM	Annual General Meeting	Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place once a year. Both the CLP and each of the six BLP's have an AGM to elect their officers and agree standing orders for the year ahead. The CLP AGM is usually in November.
NEC	National Executive Committee	The National Executive Committee (NEC) is the governing body of the Labour Party, overseeing the overall direction of the party and the policy-making process. It sets strategic objectives on an annual basis and meets regularly to review the work of the party.
NPF	National Policy Forum	The National Policy Forum (NPF) is where the Labour Party's policies are discussed and decided upon. The NPF is elected by members and comprises of the entire NEC as well as additional representatives from the regions and affiliated organisations.

“You need two flames burning in the human heart - the flame of anger against injustice, and the flame of hope that we can build a better world.”

Tony Benn



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