

BAME COORDINATOR – IFTEKHAR ALAM

It would be a great honour to fulfil this role for Norwich Labour Party, working closely with Clive Lewis, Karen Davis & EC officers, to ensure the active participation of BAME members in our party and utilising their support to secure two Labour MPs for Norwich.

Norwich is a rapidly changing city but a city built on a real reputation of welcoming newcomers and strangers over hundreds of years. That has been largely helped by having strong Labour representation at every level which has placed the values of tolerance, respect and decency at the core of how services are provided. Many in the BAME community remember the support Labour gave, over generations to tackle racial discrimination and the active help to champion, expand and promote the rights of our community. Now more than ever we need to harness the skills, relationships, knowledge and abilities of our BAME members to win a Labour government committed to delivering our fantastic manifesto from 2017.

If elected to this position I would take active steps to; -

- a) Speak to each BAME member and complete an audit to see what they are interested in and what they would like to do locally to help.
- b) Develop a welcome pack for new BAME members.
- c) Organise, working with other groups, campaigns to engage ethnic minority voters to highlight the positive policies a Labour government would seek to deliver.
- d) Work with the political education officer and policy officer to run training events, policy development sessions and social events too.
- e) Develop our BAME members so they become activists within our party.

I am enthusiastic and committed to achieving this. Working together we can win together and the contribution of BAME members, sometimes overlooked, will play a real role towards this goal. I hope you will support me.