

YOUTH COORDINATOR – GEORGE LANKESTER

I first moved to Norwich in 2014 and quickly became involved with the party while at UEA, campaigning regularly across both constituencies for the General Election in 2015. I am forever grateful my first year here coincided with such a campaign! In the years following I worked tirelessly; sometimes successfully, sometimes not, to get as many students out campaigning for City Council candidates as possible. Like many younger members I have been inspired by Jeremy's message of real change for our society in which power, wealth and opportunity are in the hands of the many.

During the General Election campaign in 2017 I worked for the local Party while finishing up my degree as a Mobilisation Assistant, working to increase our capacity across wards in the city. During my time in Norwich I have been greatly impressed by Clive who has energy and strength in fighting forward for a positive and socialist Labour Party. It was a real honour and privilege to work on his election campaign in 2017. During this time I spoke to hundreds and hundreds of members, building my mobilisation skills and helping develop local capacity. I feel that I could bring this skillset to the Youth Officer role, and in particular I want to ensure that Karen in Norwich North has the resource needed to ensure we win back this seat for Labour.

After graduating I moved back to my family's home in Ipswich where I have spent time on the Executive Committee mobilising young members.

Throughout my various experiences I have become accustomed to organising innovative new ways of encouraging those to become involved with our movement at all levels. It is difficult at times, despite our surging popularity with the younger generations, but I would like to think that through my work I have made some positive impact on encouraging those to come forward and give whatever they can to the Labour movement. As part of this, I'd also like to think that I've helped to foster an environment where friends have been made, and positive experiences have been had.

I have very recently moved back to our fine city with my partner, working for a medical research charity based in Cambridgeshire. I am keen to work closely with Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to secure a victory in both Norwich seats for Labour and do my bit to push our Party forward, and I think that I have the experience and willpower to encourage other young people to do the same.