

## **SELF NOMINATIONS FOR 2019-20 NLP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – STATEMENTS**

### CLP Chair / President – **Mike Stonard**

It would be an honour to be re-elected as your Norwich Labour Party President. Serving our party has been a privilege and pleasure, and it is something I take very seriously.

It should not be forgotten that it is only a matter of a few years since we were a minority administration at City Hall. Electoral progress like that we have seen in Norwich does not happen by accident; it is the result of a clear focus and a lot of hard work by hundreds of Labour Party members across the City. It has meant that we have been able to build council houses for the first time in decades – with those at Goldsmith Street winning an international award – and to work hard to keep Labour values in the driving seat at City Hall, ameliorating the worst excesses of the Tories savage public sector cuts.

Locally, we need to continue to demonstrate, through our words, policies and our actions, that we are the party of the many, listening to the concerns of ordinary people and acting to improve their lives and their opportunities. This means continuing to offer a coherent, popular alternative to the Tories, remaining focussed, and working hard to retain and extend our power and influence locally.

I would like to thank all those comrades who, this year, have worked to ensure an active and efficient party machinery that is focussed, funded and able to deliver more incredible election victories, building on the other successes of recent years. It is vital that we are not distracted and maintain this capability.

#### **My Priorities:**

My top priority would be to ensure the party remains united in the face of the Tory government's divisive policies and to secure a Labour Government.

This includes making a priority of maintaining our control of the City Council and committing to fully support our PPC Karen Davis and MP Clive Lewis going into the next General Election where we will take both Norwich seats.

#### **My key priorities would be:**

Ensuring Norwich Labour Party is a visible, campaigning organisation on the key political issues of the day, in particular opposing the Tories' savage attacks on the welfare state and the most vulnerable in society; co-ordinating campaigns with our councillors on the City and County Councils and our Member of Parliament, and harnessing their power and influence to further our aims.

Ensuring Norwich Labour Party is welcoming of new members and supporters; that meetings are conducted in a comradely and inclusive manner; that our ways of working are accessible; and that we are an inclusive organisation which celebrates diversity, fights discrimination of all kinds and has zero tolerance of all prejudice and discrimination.

Making a priority of maintaining our control of the City Council. Recognising that control of the City Council enables us to translate our Labour values into practical measures locally in ways that are directly relevant to people's everyday lives and concerns. This also greatly helps us in our efforts to extend our influence at County Hall and to elect and re-elect Labour MPs in our two parliamentary constituencies.

Focus upon Norwich North in particular to ensure we not only win the parliamentary seat but continue to build our capacity, develop every ward to win Broadland District Council to continue our election success of 2019 and power forward to turn every part of city and suburbs deepest red. We can do it if we work together, focus, target and use the skills, resources, talents and energy of all.

Secure Norwich Labour Party's financial future and, in particular, ensure our precious financial resources are wisely invested and not eroded. We hold these resources in trust for our successors, and the revenue generated from them (together with fundraising and donations) ensures we have the resource to fight elections in years to come.

Ensure the internal workings of the Norwich Labour Party are both transparent and accountable to its members, democratic and conducted in a spirit of inclusion, respect and solidarity.

If re-elected I will work to build a Norwich Labour Party for the many not the few.

### **My background**

I have been a member of the Labour Party all my adult life and a member of a Trade Union all my working life. I joined Labour Students in 1979, aged 20, and joined the Labour Party in 1982, aged 23. I have a 38-year association with the party and have been a full member for 35 years. I grew up in a working class family in London, before joining the NHS and moving to Norfolk. Norwich is my home.

I am a Labour City Councillor and currently am Cabinet member for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth, having formerly held the portfolios for Resources and for Environment, Development and Transport. I also am currently President of Norwich Labour Party and a member of the Executive Committee.

I am an active community worker and campaigner and, at the moment, this includes being Chair of Future Projects, the social inclusion charity.

### **CLP Secretary – Rosemary Duff**

I have served as secretary for Norwich Labour Party for the last three years, and would be honoured to be re-elected to this role for the coming year. My activities include:

- Working on behalf of all Norwich CLP members, responding swiftly and impartially to requests and queries
- Liaising with branches, offering support and training. Helping decipher issues relating to this year's boundary changes
- Maintaining a good relationship with Region, and with the national membership and IT teams
- Preparing the weekly email newsletter – collating submissions from EC and others, preparing original content re CLP activities etc, setting it up in Organise
- Responding to membership queries, updating details
- AMM – preparing and printing report packs and other documentation, collating AMM reports from EC and representatives, responsibility for setting up and clearing away after. Working with others on EC to plan meetings and choose speakers. Writing up discussion notes
- EC – preparing and circulating the agenda, in consultation with the President and with input from EC. Attending the monthly EC meeting, printing EC documentation
- Local elections (all-up elections this year) – helping with call for candidates, receiving completed nomination forms, responding to queries, helping run Super Saturday for short listing and selection meetings
- Admin relating to motions, CLP nominations for NEC etc, Conference delegates, National Policy Forum Consultation, Implementing CLP rule changes
- Website updates, Members Information pack, room bookings, phone messages etc
- Complaints and disciplinary matters

Please vote for me – if elected I will continue to work to support a strong, tolerant and inclusive Labour Party in Norwich. In the likely event that this year sees a General Election or a People’s Vote / Referendum re Brexit, I will work to help promote party policy.

#### Treasurer – **Nick Williams**

I am very grateful for the support I have received during my time as Treasurer and would ask for your support again.

During my time as Treasurer I have ensured Norwich Labour Party meets its legal obligations and safeguarded our investments, so they are handed on to those who come after us. It is of fundamental importance to me to ensure there is a viable Labour Party in the future with the resources it needs to function.

If elected as Treasurer I would continue working with my colleagues on the Executive Committee and across the party to ensure Norwich Labour Party continues to be financially strong so we can continue to campaign effectively. This year's elections in difficult circumstances demonstrated the importance of being able to fund effective campaigns in Norwich and Broadland.

During my time as Treasurer accurate records of income and expenditure are kept, all spending is approved and monitored and invoices are paid on time. In addition the party meets its legal obligations to ensure our annual accounts are prepared, approved and submitted in line with the requirements of the Labour Party and the Electoral Commission. We also ensure that donations are recorded and reported in accordance with the law.

If re-elected as your Treasurer I would work in partnership with the Vice President (fund raising) to raise money to make the party financially self sufficient.

I would continue reporting monthly to the Executive Committee on our financial position and provide a report for each All Members Meeting where I am always happy to answer questions.

I hope I may receive your support again this year so I may continue as your Treasurer.

Thank you

Nick Williams

#### Membership Officer – **Natasha Harpley**

It has been a privilege to be Norwich Labour Party's Vice President Membership this past year and I would love to continue in this role.

I have worked hard alongside my EC colleagues, branches and campaign committees to try and develop our local campaigning by encouraging maximum participation in NLP activities - including inviting members to tell me about barriers to attending All Member Meetings and then adapt the meetings accordingly. I've also helped to facilitate new member training and taken feedback about important discussion topics and fed them back at EC, ensuring they are discussed.

This has been a particularly difficult period for the Labour Party as we've seen a steady trickle of resignations over the past few months - which is in stark contrast to the buoyant surge of membership since 2015. I am one of the 2015 cohort of members and joined because I was utterly dismayed after the General Election defeat and wanted to be more pro-active in getting the Tories out and a Jeremy Corbyn lead Labour Government in. Members new and old play a crucial role in how our party is run and that

combination of experience and enthusiasm, although sometimes clashing, it is what keeps our party vibrant and functioning. I want to make sure that we remain focussed on our shared goal of a Labour government, despite differing opinions on the best tactics to achieve that.

Whilst I embrace new technologies as effective ways to reach voters, physical campaigning is still absolutely key to our success - whether that be door knocking, rallies or street stalls. Without our members, none of that would be possible and we wouldn't have an active presence in local communities and zero chance of the Labour government that our country so desperately needs.

I've been proud to join and lead canvassing sessions for County, City, District and Parliamentary elections in Norwich, and was a County Council candidate in 2016 and this year (successfully!) a District Council candidate. Also, along with fellow NLP activists and at our own expense, I campaigned in the 2016 Stoke by-election. It was a genuinely heart warming experience to see so many people from all over the country, come together and work as one united force to get our message out there and fight for a Labour victory.

Over the course of local and general election campaigns since 2015, I have been very 'hands on' in many different capacities. During the 2017 snap General Election, I worked on Dr Chris Jones' campaign as a mobilisation assistant, with my primary role being managing Chris's public email account and dealing with enquiries from voters and also co-ordinating some visits and campaign days. Since then I have helped Karen Davis' PPC campaign in Norwich North and have received Labour Party training to build capacity and work with members, as well as use various Labour technologies. I've engaged with local branches to help them fill delivery round gaps, co-ordinated a large scale direct mail across Norwich North, as well as assisted in surveying our members to ask how they think we should campaign to win in Norwich North.

As a single parent, I understand the barriers that some members may experience when becoming more involved with campaigning and standing for elected roles. I want to continue exploring how to break down those barriers so our local party and Labour movement is more representative of the wider society and those who need us most. NLP members have told me that they often feel out of the loop with what is happening at EC and Councils if they are not able to attend meetings, I would like to explore ways of expanding communication and also increasing democratic involvement.

If re-elected, I will be a sensible voice at EC and someone who is always approachable. I will work closely with our great candidates Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to secure a victory in both Norwich seats for Labour. I will continue to write regular reports for AMMs and newsletters and listen to what members are saying to me.

#### Women's Officer – Rachel Everett

We are extremely lucky that we have many remarkable women in our CLP. The gender gap has meant that we must continuously *make* ourselves feel strong and fight to be heard in certain aspects of our society. Politics is one aspect in which women, in the past, have had to mimic men in order to be heard, rather than be heard and respected for themselves. I am proud that the NLP is not one of those environments and I hope that, as women's officer, I can engage with those women who are still intimidated and help to bring them and their opinions to the fore.

I will work closely with our great candidates Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to help secure a Jeremy Corbyn led Labour Government. When campaigning for my ward, I have been surprised that some women still go and get their husbands to talk to me because they don't feel that they have an opinion or "don't know anything about politics". As the mother of daughters, I have made sure that my children know what is going on in the world and that they have an opinion of their own.

I am also aware of the struggles of being a single parent on a low income. The day-to-day challenges of working and budgeting while supporting one's children is a real achievement and one that often goes unacknowledged. If I can help women who feel overwhelmed by these challenges, by making it easier for them to access local political groups, I will feel I have done my job.

#### Policy Officer – Jess Carrington, Liam Murphy (BALLOT)

##### **Policy Officer – Jess Carrington**

I am proud that we as a party have a radical, transformative and clear set of policies designed to truly deliver a Britain for the Many Not The Few. We can all remember that lightning strength of those policies, properly articulated within the dynamic environment of the 2017 snap General Election. People could see a difference and a vision of the future which they shared and wanted to support. We must do the same again.

That will only happen if the ideas, priorities and ambitions of our mass membership party, through the lived experience of the workplace, home and community are properly articulated into our National Policy Forum policy making process, leading to new offers for our 2022 manifesto (or whenever the General Election is held).

I believe that to get Labour elected, we need strong socialist policies to repair the damage caused by austerity. Policies on issues that matter to people, including the NHS, social care and climate change to name but a few. Labour is a member led organization with an excellent people powered policy making process, the National Policy Forum. But we must use it better. If I were elected as Policy Officer, I would work to increase your input into this, by facilitating regular respectful policy discussions, and by ensuring that members know how to submit motions. I would work closely with fellow EC officers to ensure that everyone's voice is heard, and to facilitate educational sessions on policy consultations/procedures.

Inspired by Jeremy Corbyn, I joined the Labour Party in 2017, after canvassing for our excellent local Labour MP Clive Lewis and great councillor and PPC Karen Davis. Throughout the year I door knock, deliver leaflets and support local campaigns. I am also a trade union activist and have helped run a refugee support group. I hope you will support me in this important role, so that we unlock the ideas of our members and help produce yet another positive and radical manifesto.

##### **Policy Officer – Liam Murphy**

I have lived in Norwich and Norfolk since 1995, raising two children as a single parent whilst managing a self-employed career working as a book-seller, landscape gardener and picture framer.

I have also studied to Masters level obtaining degrees in Cultural Studies and Creative Entrepreneurship from NUA and UEA.

I have been an active Labour Party member since 2015 (University Branch) and am also actively involved with the Peer to Peer Foundation and believe strongly in cooperative, shared ownership and in the power and ability of people to produce their own wealth and to manage it as close to that point of production as possible.

To enable this, my conviction about policy is that it should be drawn from the people it will affect most. By engaging our members in policy research and formation, I will aim to create an environment of policy formation rooted in lived experience, backed up by relevant learning and research which strengthens the workings of local democracy as well.

I would achieve this by working closely with other all other EC team members and in collaboration with the Membership officer, TULO, Political Education Officer, Youth officer, Disability Officer and Fundraising Officer.

I am able to give time to the role and will dedicate myself to building an effective local policy centre of action and contribution that is accessible to all.

### Communications and Social Media Officer – Emma Hampton

Over the past year, as Norwich Labour's 'assistant secretary (the non-EC role elected to oversee Norwich Labour communications and social media, and which will be replaced by the above role on EC) I have:

- Posted regular content to Norwich Labour social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). Over 700 Facebook posts published in this period.
- Ran a full schedule of manifesto, campaigning and 'get out the vote' content in the run up to, and on, local and European election polling days.
- Shared key campaign events and requests for volunteers on social media; passed on numerous positive responses to the relevant campaign organisers.
- Achieved a 20% increase in Facebook page likes by regularly inviting those who've engage with the page to 'like' it also.
- Gone through the necessary set-up and verification stages so Facebook ads can be run on the Norwich Labour Facebook page using Labour's 'Promote' targeted advertising system.

If (re-)elected to the role, I would seek to make further progress by:

- Using Promote to advertise Norwich Labour content (if/when it becomes necessary to complement the promoted content that runs from Clive, Karen and local Labour groups).
- Looking to produce more localised graphic and, potentially, video content in line with Labour brand guidelines.
- Working with the current admin and other relevant role-holders to ensure our new website is accessible and up to date. Ensuring it has basic information about council candidates at election time. Facilitating use of the website for any branches who want to host online petitions about local issues.
- More proactively sharing good practice and resources with branches who have social media; offering help to any branch not on social media but who would like to be.
- Keeping in touch with the local Labour groups/representatives with regards to what content relevant to Norwich Labour they're releasing; working with regional office (as required in party guidelines) to generate our own press content as/when necessary.
- Working closely with our great candidates Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to secure a victory in both Norwich seats for Labour.

### *Norwich Labour/relevant experience*

**Nelson Branch:** youth officer (2015-16), ward organiser (2016-17), City Councillor (2018-19); **Norwich Labour EC:** youth officer (2016-7), political education officer (2017-18), minutes secretary (2018-19); **Misc:** Clive Lewis General Election team 2017 (responsibilities inc. social media, website, editing/publishing video content, drafting basic local press releases regarding visits, member and public email comms); Norwich

South lead conference delegate (2017); The World Transformed Labour Party Conference comms team (2018); Norwich Labour assistant secretary (2018-19).

### Trades Union Officer – **Chrissie Rumsby and Glenn Springett (Job Share)**

My name is **Chrissie Rumsby** and I have been TULO for the past year and in that year have supported various Trade Union Strikes and Disputes. If voted back I would like to progress to making the party more active with various trade unions and encourage more to join a union. I would also like share my role with Glenn as he is an experienced UNITE organiser, with a wealth of knowledge and experience behind him. With Glenn I would like to form a team of people involved in their various unions so that Norwich CLP will be at the forefront of any dispute.

I have been a Trade Union Member for many years. This began in the 1980's when I started in the NHS, when I was a member of the Transport and General Workers (T&G). I joined Unison as a student nurse in 2004 and once qualified I continued my membership. Working in the NHS I have seen how services are being decimated and strongly believe that together in a union we can continue to fight this government.

Over past year I helped to lead the campaign from Labour Group to support the FBU from the potential takeover by the Police Crime Commissioner. I have also shared various events and the disputes on the party members FB page so member could support their campaigns such as Britvic and the RMT strike.

If elected as Trade Union Coordinator I will work closely with our candidates Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to secure a victory in both Norwich seats for Labour. As well as working closely with the Trades Council. I also intend to develop a team of Trade Unionists that can help Norwich CLP become a fighting force for the coming year. I would like to work with the Youth Coordinator to engage with younger people, encouraging them to take up union membership, finding out what stops some youth from joining. I aim to have more action days and to get some unions to give us talks on various issues in the workplace that the Labour Party could help with. Creating more of a profile may help to encourage more union members to join the Labour Party and in turn more members of the Labour Party take up union membership. I hope you will support me.

**Glenn Springett:** Apologies for not being present, I'm currently at Durham for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miner's Gala, the showpiece of the Trade Union Movement.

I first became part of the union movement in the 90s, working at Fords in Dagenham. Since then I have held both Lay and Full-Time officer roles for UNISON; from workplace Shop Steward to leading a delegation to National Conference; to being a full time organiser.

I served as President of the Norwich and District Trades Union Council, lectured in Trades Union Studies at City College, and presently undertake part time roles as an Accredited Support Companion (representing members in formal hearings) as well as delivering the Unite in Schools program - an important role in sharing the TU message and values with our next generation.

I am Vice-Chair of Unite's Area Activist Committee.... And as a qualified social worker I have a 'day job' as a Children's Advocate.

I've formerly been a member for the Eastern Labour regional board and Vice-Chair and TULO of Broadland CLP.

I am fully committed to working alongside Chrissie to ensure that the trades union movement continues to fight for our Labour Party in Norwich.

In solidarity, Glenn

### Political Education Officer – Sarah Taylor

It is sometimes said that people join political organisations because of their beliefs and stay in them because of the people they meet and the friendships they develop.

Combining stimulating political discussion and developing members' education within a friendly, open and comradely environment is crucial. Not only does this make us more effective at campaigning and winning elections, but it develops us as people, increases confidence and presents new opportunities, helping create the member led organisation we desire.

It would be a real privilege to be elected to this important role, helping to lead the opportunity for this party to develop our political education agenda at all levels. I will work closely with both Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to ensure that we can develop a fully rounded socialist education platform aimed at helping both candidates to develop winning policies for both Norwich constituencies.

If elected I would seek to ensure that we have;

A forward plan of dynamic and interesting political discussions at each All Members Meeting which help develop our understanding and local policy agenda by doing the following

- a) I can ensure that these meetings will attract a range of high profile speakers on subjects which appeal to most party members and are particularly relevant to the communities we all live in. In this we are lucky to have a huge range of positive and radical policies which have motivated us all to campaign for our party.
- b) I will create a range of speakers within a 'directory' who can attend branch meetings and events to provide interesting and stimulating topics for discussion by utilising the many contacts I have locally and nationally We need to ensure branch meetings, where most members engage locally, benefit from this opportunity.
- c) Encourage and empower members to harness the considerable new training opportunities which the national party have invested in including face-to-face, online, regional conferences, webinars and the new and dynamic E-learning platform, Achieve.

As a nurse who has been involved in nurse and medical education for many years, I have a passion for education, mentoring and developing people by helping them find pathways appropriate to their skillset and interests. I also have experience of organising & running national and local training and educational events and currently do this as part of my NHS job and enjoy networking and team building to achieve this.

Taken together, and working closely with colleagues on the EC, I believe we can create a truly stimulating, interesting and political education agenda for the year ahead. I hope you will support me.

### Disability Coordinator – Ashley Bowhill, Kate Kingdon (BALLOT)

#### **Disability Coordinator – Ashley Bowhill**

Hello, my name is Ashley, I'm 26, born and bred in this fine city of ours. I am a wheelchair user myself. When I was younger, I'd question why people of a certain age seemed bitter with society, rather "glass half empty". My mum told me that people of various minorities had to handle ridicule, accessibility issues, isolation to name a small amount of obstacles. At 26, I am very lucky not to have encountered such struggles- things have changed, and I am eager to ensure we continue to turn minorities into majorities.

However living as a minority doesn't mean that the dreams and ambitions held by the majority are instantly curtailed. It's vitally important that we reach out to all quarters, and unite as one regardless of ability, age, gender, or sexual identity.

On a personal note, it is imperative to instigate the improved accessibility of the west Earlham shopping centre. A popular shopping area, hosting a convenience store, a cafe, and library to name but a few, with only the library truly accessible.

This undoubtedly means our local shops are in decline, with one shopkeeper telling me that he faces closure as trade is so slow. Going forward, thinking about the fine work taking place in the Town Close Ward, and the re-developments of the Suffolk Square shops, where these shops have experienced an increased footfall thanks to these alterations, I would like to see the same outcome for small businesses in West Earlham.

Campaigning for the accessibility of west Earlham shopping centre is far from my only concern. After witnessing and volunteering with a person who had been made redundant from the former Remploy factory, it made me realise how difficult it is for someone with no computer skills, no CV to fall back on, and to bounce back into the workplace. A problem that may face workers at the closure of the Colman's mustard factory!

It is for the party to show the public that we are an all-inclusive party, welcoming involvement from all, and help us to shape our future, from Norwich Pride, to Disabled campaigners. I want to help shape a multi-coloured future for Norwich and the Labour Party.

I am filled with excitement to with our candidates Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to ensure when a general election comes we win both seats for Labour., and wish to unite a diverse city, and to let the city know that we, the Labour party are alive and kicking, with our fingers on the pulse, encouraging and supporting diversity across our wonderful city, supporting both our electorate, and our local businesses in the process.

### **Disability Coordinator – Kate Kingdon**

I would like to put myself forward as CLP Disability Officer to ensure disabled members are able to be fully involved in the work of the local party and that our voices and views are represented and heard within the policy and campaigns of the branch.

I will ensure that this role encompasses all forms of disability including invisible disabilities such as my own, learning difficulties, mental health issues, cognitive disabilities, physical disabilities and the vitally important role that unpaid carers play in their support.

As well as being a carer, I have navigated the process from wellness to being medically retired and on benefits and experienced first hand the humiliations of the current system.

I have lived and worked in Norwich for 20 years. I was the founding Director of Norfolk Community Foundation which builds funds to provide on-going support and resilience to community groups and projects across Norfolk. Laterly I worked for Age UK Norfolk championing Information, Advice and Advocacy Services for vulnerable people. My knowledge and understanding of these groups will help to inform my role as Disability Officer.

On leaving University I worked in inner cities across the North and Midlands to ensure that local people benefitted from urban renewal investment projects. I am committed to the fight to build a fairer society and ensure equality of opportunity and access to services for all – whatever their needs.

### 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.

### Youth Officer – **George Lankester, Charlie Pritchard, Joe Williams**

#### **Youth Officer – 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.

#### **Youth Officer – Charlie Pritchard**

Since Corbyn was elected Labour leader in 2015, we have seen a phenomenal injection of young energy into the party through Young Labour and Momentum. During the 2017 general election, the turnout of voters aged 18-24 increased by 16% from 2015, a figure that conveys a thirst for radical politics amongst an emerging generation of activists-in-the-making. As youth officer for Norwich Labour Party, I will aim to catalyse the energy of students and young workers who want a socialist party committed to abolishing the Tory policies which are sabotaging our future. Working conditions under zero-hours contracts are oppressing young workers to the limit, but we are unionising and fighting back with an unprecedented vigour. With help of trade union officials, I intend to aid solidarity between students and young workers in different sectors in collective struggle against exploitation. Activity at UEA has declined in recent years, and I will make sure to kick-start the political development of students with campaigns, canvassing sessions, collaborative events and reading groups. As young people fight their way through this vicious economy, they must be supported by a party dedicated to building socialism in our lifetime.

#### **Youth Officer – Joe Williams**

My name is Joe Williams and I am nominating myself for the position of Youth Officer at Norwich CLP. I am 22 years old and currently an MA student at UEA. Before this, I studied in London at Goldsmiths College, where I was Secretary-Treasurer of Goldsmiths Labour Students in my final year. At the same time, I was also the only current student sitting on the university's board of governors.

I have only recently gotten back into local party activity, attending University BLP meetings and delivering leaflets in University ward. But I have been a Labour Member since June 2015, and I have close links and friendships with young comrades in London Young Labour, various Labour Students societies in London, and Durham Labour Students.

I am a friendly, good-humoured and approachable person, but I strongly believe in zero tolerance towards any hateful or oppressive behaviour or bullying. If we are to cultivate a robust youth movement, we have to be welcoming and inclusive.

My first idea would be to set up a Tribune Reading Group. These are very successful in other CLPs throughout the country, and it would provide an opportunity for political education and discussion amongst our young members.

### LGBT+ Coordinator – Ben Hardie

I have been a member of the Labour Party since 2012, and have been active within Norwich Labour since 2016 when I moved back to the city. I ran as a candidate in the 2018 and 2019 city council elections for Eaton Ward, and am currently the sitting youth officer on EC. Throughout this time I have canvassed in most areas of the city and in Norwich North, which we will likely need to win to form the next government.

Outside of the Labour Party I am currently actively involved with the Pride committee at my office (Marsh). In that role I was responsible for securing a place for Marsh at the Norwich Pride parade, due to be held on Saturday 27th of July, and for general parade organisation. I also frequently assist Marsh in its recruitment events held at UEA and the Forum, and as part of this role I commissioned an anonymous survey to analyse how prospective future employees view LGBT in the workplace. I commissioned this survey completely off my own initiative, and passed the results onto Marsh management to help inform their approach to recruitment and to LGBT rights in the workplace, an achievement I am very proud of.

I would be very excited to take up the role of the Norwich Labour LGBT officer. I would be very keen to link Norwich Labour up to the other LGBT groups operating throughout the city (including Marsh Pride), and to ensure that LGBT Labour members feel they are able to engage with the wider Norwich LGBT movement. Making sure that Norwich Labour fully engages with Norwich Pride 2020 and other associated events will be included in this approach.

I am fully committed to I will working closely with Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to secure a victory in both Norwich seats for Labour and would therefore be delighted if you would consider me to be your LGBT officer.

### Campaigns Coordinator – Adam Giles and Jo Smith (Job Share)

We are proud of our achievements as a Norwich Labour Party. Proud of our long tradition of always working, always caring, working hard all year round, not just at election time.

Campaigns Coordinator is an intensive and busy job which will lend itself well to a job share. We have worked together for a couple of years professionally and know that this is a partnership that will work.

If elected we would approach the role with drive and passion, working as hard as possible to get Karen elected as the MP for Norwich North, Clive re-elected as the MP for Norwich South, and deliver a positive set of City Council election results.

We believe that combined we have the necessary skills and experience to carry out this role. Between us we have experience in using Contact Creator, Insight (the Labour Party's statistical analysis website), CFL Mailmaker, Organise, and MembersCentre. We are also able to use the Norwich Labour Party's risograph printer and folding machine.

Adam: "I was responsible for implementing Clive's campaign strategy at the 2017 general election, increasing our majority to 15,596 votes and raising our percentage vote share by 21.7%. Over the past two years as Campaigns Coordinator the Party has made a net gain of three councillors.

Due to the increased pressures on my time now as a councillor I would welcome working in partnership with Jo, with her valuable experience as a ward organiser, branch secretary, and local councillor".

## Fundraising Coordinator – Nikki Aldous

It is often said that you cannot have “politics without pounds” and raising money for our cause, in order for Labour to win at every level, is critical. We know that the Tories have their few millionaires to bankroll them while we have a mass membership party and historic and crucial link to organised labour through the trade unions.

I believe this role is truly vital to our chance of defeating our opponents next year and particularly winning Norwich North which we must, in order to help form a Labour government. I have a record of fundraising, am an effective communicator and comfortable at organising successful fundraising events.

If elected to this important role I will;

- a) Work with the Treasurer and EC to immediately draw up a fundraising forward calendar of events throughout the year ranging from the large scale dinners to smaller events such as quiz nights, coffee mornings, raffles, summer BBQs and our Christmas Party.
- b) Draw on the huge skill (much of it professional) which exists amongst our membership to plan, publicise and ensure these are successful. We are lucky as a constituency to have a significant reservoir of skill in this field and it needs to be coordinated and used effectively to this purpose. Fundraising should be fun too, and we need to put the ‘social’ back into socialism!
- c) Promote and develop the excellent Norwich Labour Party 100 club which is already generating thousands of pounds of much needed revenue for our party. If we could secure even just another 50 members into this club it would yield a very significant additional fund into our party with little administrative or organisational cost. That will take dedication and focus, significant time through meeting members and persuading them to join, but it is a goal I have.
- d) Thanking our members and thanking those particularly who donate through attendance at events or through standing orders. Most importantly it is crucial we project very clearly where that money is spent and what the difference it makes achieves. Many members, for understandable reasons, might not know just how much it costs to produce a ward based leaflet or 100 posters. Paying towards these items of campaigning and seeing the valuable difference it makes can help stimulate our regular donations.

Taken together I know that we can fundraise better, develop the skills around this of our members and most importantly use the funds we generate to defeat our opponents to ensure general election victories for both Clive Lewis and Karen Davis and elect a radical and transforming Labour government. I hope you will support me.