

# Labour Left Alliance

## Time to get organised!

It has been clear for some time that the existing structures we have for organising the Labour Left are not fit for purpose. We are now in a situation where, four years on from the 2015 Jeremy Corbyn leadership campaign, we have a socialist Labour leadership, but significant gaps where the grassroots network should be mobilising. We need to find a different model and a different way of organising ourselves in a situation where Momentum has lost the trust of the grassroots of its own membership, never mind the wider Labour Left.

With British (and world) politics in total flux, the Labour Left needs to be able to

mobilise effectively and with a radical agenda, to defend the Party against attack from within and without, and to give support to struggles against austerity and oppression in the here and now, without waiting for a Labour government, but helping to prepare for one. That left needs to be supportive of the overall policies of the current leadership – but willing and able to be critical when that is required. And it needs to be sufficiently robust and organised to defend a Corbyn government against the full force of the inevitable all-out attacks the establishment will launch as soon as Corbyn is elected Prime Minister.

## Great start for Labour Left Alliance

Over 1,300 people from more than 400 CLPs have already signed up to the Labour Left Alliance, which is also supported by Labour Against the Witchhunt, the Labour Representation Committee, Red Labour, the Labour International Left Alliance and the Campaign for Chris Williamson MP. Local Left Labour groups in support include:

- ★ Sheffield Labour Left
- ★ Merseyside Labour Left Alliance
- ★ Bristol and West Left Alliance
- ★ Brighton and Hove LLA
- ★ West Yorkshire Labour Left Alliance
- ★ Momentum Halton & Weaver Vale
- ★ North Kent Labour Left Alliance
- ★ Dulwich Labour Left
- ★ Labour Briefing Scotland
- ★ Rotherham Left Momentum
- ★ Bromley Momentum
- ★ Leicester Labour Left
- ★ Slough & East Berkshire Momentum
- ★ Barnsley Labour Left

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# Call for a Labour Left Alliance

The degeneration of Momentum has reached a critical point. Jon Lansman's attack on Jewish Voice for Labour as "not being part of the Jewish community" and his demand that Chris Williamson MP should be expelled from the Labour Party are indefensible. Sadly, Momentum at a national level has become an organisation that has now fully joined the witch-hunt against Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters.

It is not good enough to call for people to join this or that existing group. We have to be honest: None of our existing Labour left organisations are, by themselves, the answer. But they can be part of the solution.

**We therefore believe that there is now an urgent need to build a democratic, transparent and socialist Labour Left Alliance that:**

- ➔ organises democratically and transparently;
- ➔ both supports Corbyn against attacks by the right, and is independent and able to criticise the leadership when necessary;
- ➔ campaigns for the implementation of trigger ballots (as a step towards mandatory re-election) so that the Parliamentary Labour Party better reflects the pro-Corbyn views of the vast majority of members;
- ➔ opposes racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and all other forms of discrimination and is consistently internationalist, a stance which by definition includes support for the democratic and national rights of the Palestinians;
- ➔ opposes attempts to conflate anti-Zionism with antisemitism;
- ➔ campaigns to radically transform and democratise the Labour Party & the unions.
- ➔ supports and encourages struggles against austerity and all forms of oppression.

**If you agree with this call, please sign at [www.labourleft.org](http://www.labourleft.org). We expect signatories to be active members of the Labour Party and get involved in local Labour Left groups. We also welcome those who have been suspended/expelled/excluded as part of the witch-hunt against Jeremy Corbyn. For more information visit our website or email [info@labourleft.org](mailto:info@labourleft.org).**

## **Recommended fringe meetings** (venues tbc)

**Sunday September 22, 5.30pm:** Jewish Voice for Labour fringe meeting: 'Let's Talk about Palestine' with Haneen Zoabi, Ilan Pappé, Graham Bash.

**Monday September 23, 6.30pm:** Labour Representation Committee fringe meeting with Chris Williamson, Jackie Walker and Ian Hodson: 'What kind of Labour Left do we need?'

**Tuesday September 24, 7pm:** Labour Against the Witchhunt fringe meeting with Chris Williamson, Ken Livingstone, Jackie Walker, Asa Winstanley

**Wednesday September 25, 3pm**

**Labour Left Alliance networking meeting for all signatories.**



