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Why I am Labour

I joined the Labour Party as a teenager in the 1980s. I joined because I was horrified at what the Thatcher government was doing to our country and now I see the same things happening all over again. I want to see a Labour Government that will deliver for the many not the few.

Representing members' voices on Brexit

We must respect that the country, including some Labour voters, voted to leave, but our responsibility as a Party is to do what is in the best interests of the country. It will not be good enough to say we thought Brexit would be an economic car crash, but we didn't think you'd listen. We have to do everything we can to minimise the economic impact on people who can least afford it. We must avoid a Tory Hard Brexit at all costs. We need to work with trade unions to protect workers' rights and jobs. I've helped set up North Wales for Europe and I'm on the Executive of Wales for Europe, working with Open Britain and other campaigning groups across the UK. Personally, I'd support an opportunity for the British people to speak again either through a people's vote or a general election where we put clear options before them.

A welcoming, inclusive Labour Party

The Labour Party should be welcoming and inclusive for all who share our values. We need to live those values in our meetings, in our campaigning and in our encouragement of new people to get involved. We must all condemn bullying and harassment in the party, wherever it comes from.

Understanding and representing the Party

- The NEC needs to represent our Party across the UK. I'm a member in Wales, but I've previously been a member in Yorkshire, London and the South East. We need to ensure party members right across the UK feel involved and engaged in our decision making and appeal to voters across the UK too.
- I've undertaken grassroot roles of organising election campaigns, running committee rooms, writing and designing election materials, organising fundraising activities and events. I've held posts at branch and constituency level and I've always worked with people across the party. I was both CLP Secretary and Vice-Chair when I lived in Jeremy Corbyn's constituency and I was Ed Miliband's Election Agent and Chair of the Local Campaign Forum when I lived in Yorkshire. Here in Wales I've held posts at a constituency level, including CLP Secretary again and I stood in the 2015 General Election and the 2016 Welsh Assembly Elections.

A manifesto to win the next election and deliver for the many not the few

The Party did a great job in putting together our manifesto for the snap General Election but we need to be working now to build on it and flesh out the detail for a document that will be much more heavily scrutinised as we are seen to be on the brink of taking power. We need to construct a better offering for the working poor and relieve the pressures of Universal Credit. We also need to work with the Co-op Party, of which I am a member, to consider co-operative solutions for ownership rather than assuming the binary of state or private ownership.

If elected I will consult members before meetings and produce regular reports afterwards