

Kerry Postlewhite
Candidate Statement

I first joined the Labour Party in the early 1980s. I grew up delivering leaflets, and during elections my parents' front room often doubled as a committee room. Labour has always been part of my life.

Over the years, I've been active in the party in many different ways. I was involved in Labour Students and served on its National Executive. I've worked supporting Labour councillors in London boroughs, and for more than a decade worked for the Socialist Group of MEPs, including Labour MEPs, and was active in Brussels Labour. I've campaigned in countless elections, regularly knock on doors, stood as a parliamentary candidate in 2024, and today I'm active in Hereford & South Herefordshire CLP and my local community.

I'm a founding member and Chair of Mainstream because I believe Labour is strongest when it is broad, democratic and confident in its values. I took time away over Iraq, but I returned because Labour remains the only party that can transform the lives of working people - and has a proud record of doing so.

These NEC elections are crucial. The NEC is the governing body of our party, and it must reflect Labour's core principle: *by the strength of our common endeavour we achieve more than we achieve alone*. Through years of working across different organisations, sectors and scales, I've learned that better decisions come from listening to, and learning from, a wide range of voices. That culture of openness and democracy must apply to how we organise internally too.

I am a member of Community and the GMB.

As a CLP representative on the NEC, I would see my role as speaking up for all members, ensuring their voices are heard, respected and reflected in decision-making. After winning government again in 2024, I was over the moon - but now we must step up, be bold, grow and energise our membership, and deliver the change we promised.

I'd be proud to have your endorsement.