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Rebuff for Momentum chief as local Labour Party snubs his NEC bid

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The head of Momentum suffered a symbolic defeat last night when his local constituency Labour Party failed to back him for elections to the national executive committee (NEC).

Jon Lansman, founding chair of the Corbynista organisation, missed out as Bermondsey and Old Southwark CLP backed three candidates who are running a rival campaign to Momentum.

The south London party branch backed Johanna Baxter, Gurdiner Singh Josan and Eddie Izzard, who describe themselves as independents. [Baxter](#), a Unison official and former NEC member, and Josan, [vice chair of Sikhs for Labour](#), are however seen as highly sceptical of Jeremy Corbyn.

Lansman is running on the Momentum-backed Centre Left Grassroots Alliance slate for the NEC alongside Manchester councillor Yasmine Dar and national policy forum representative Rachel Garnham. All three are still expected to win a place on the Labour's ruling body after picking up nominations from around 100 CLPs each.

Candidates no longer require a nomination from the party in which they are live since rule changes introduced last year after Rhea Wolfson, a Momentum-backed activist, [failed to win backing in her constituency](#).

Labour's NEC is being expanded as part of a series of reforms agreed this autumn before conference between Jeremy Corbyn and the committee itself. Three new places are being added for CLP members as well as new slots for trade union reps.

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**Eccles** • 2 hours ago

I really do not care about whether Lansman gets elected or not, but I am disappointed at the continued use of pejorative language within the party against fellow members. On the one hand you complain about being called "red Tories", but then freely throw around the term "Corbynistas".

This is not grown up behaviour. Attack the arguments, fine, but by continuing to attack members, - voters who you need if you want to regain any kind of power, you simply keep digging yourselves deeper and deeper into the hole you have put yourselves in...

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**Kate** → Eccles • 43 minutes ago

Also the use of a photograph of Jon looking very casual standing in the doorway of a caravan with a Gaza teeshirt, shorts and sandals when there are many other photographs they could have picked. It really couldn't be any more obvious that Labourlist dislikes him. It is not suprising considering Edwards used to work for Chris Leslie, Peter Mandelson is a former director of the website and alongside his mate Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, who is also a former employee of Blair.

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**bill1111** → Eccles • 2 hours ago

This is not an accurate representation of what is happening. In fact it is opponents of Corbyn who have been subjected to the greatest level of abuse and intimidation. I do use the term Corbynista but only because I, and the people in the party who I support, are routinely called Blairites. But of course that's not all we're called. I have been called vermin, vile, a Tory, an idiot and of course a Red Tory and a Blairite. Corbyn supporters routinely call for us to be thrown out of the party and have said on countless occasions that we should leave. Intimidation by Corbyn's supporters during the leadership election was endemic . Corbyn did very little to put the intimidation, vitriol and abuse to bed. He is the leader of the party and he has the responsibility to ensure that democratic and open debate takes place within the party free from intimidation and abuse. As we will see in the coming months, especially as there is an outside chance that Lansman could lose, invective, vitriol and abuse by Corbyn's supporters will continue and IMHO intensify unabated.

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**peter** → bill1111 • 2 hours ago

Whoever called you vermin, vile, a Tory, an idiot, or a red tory was wrong.

Just as the person who accused me a few days ago of 'filling my boots' with dollops of homophobia and transphobia was wrong too.

Abuse, intimidation, personal attacks and silly name calling should be condemned wherever it occurs.

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**Progressive** → peter • an hour ago

Looks like you're being called out as a liar Peter.

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bill1111 → peter · an hour ago

'Just as the person who accused me a few days ago of 'filling my boots' with dollops of homophobia and transphobia was wrong too'.
But of course that isn't what I said.

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peter → bill1111 · an hour ago

You said to me: "I expect the vitriol against Eddie will get worse over the coming months with a large dollop of homophobia and transphobia chucked in for good measure. No doubt you'll be filling your boots".

In a thread where you (rightly) bemoan abuse and intimidation, you really shouldn't be defending what you said there.

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Kate → bill1111 · 38 minutes ago

Bill1111 - the right's consistent strategy has been passive aggressive. Many have played the victim in order to smear the left when most members on the left are really nice people. I am not saying there aren't incidences where people are abusive, as it happens on all sides but to pretend that the right are victims is untrue. The right has spent a great deal of energy in the last two years undermining Corbyn on social media and then has the cheek to complain when we are not doing as well in the polls as we should be.

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Mara Naile-Akim → bill1111 · 2 hours ago

It is not accidental that the most abused politician is Diane Abbott

We have our own fair share of trolls, but the vast majority of abuse is not done by us.

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Gloria Hole → Mara Naile-Akim · an hour ago

Tory male MPs received the highest percentage of abuse during the General Election, not Abbott. I'll go out on a limb by suggesting that abuse didn't come from Tory voters.

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Malc Krukowsky → Gloria Hole · an hour ago

This was a telegraph story, saying the Tories received the highest percentage of Twitter abuse against the number of tweets received. E.g. Male Tory MP who received 100 tweets, if 6 of those are abusive then that is a greater percentage than say Diane Abbott who received (for example) 1000000 tweets and 20000 of those were abusive. - note these are not the actual numbers just representing why your stat of highest percentage is bogus.

So we are comparing the only metric where Tories received more abuse, but the actual number of abusive tweets was far more for Diane Abbott. It is a spin story using statistics to mislead you. Please try and engage your brain
when reading Tory propaganda

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**Gloria Hole** → Malc Krukowsky · an hour ago

Hi numberwang Abbott. Odd name to choose for a forum.

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**TRUSSY66** → Gloria Hole · an hour ago

Abbott receives the most..

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**Gloria Hole** → TRUSSY66 · an hour ago

She doesn't, so there is that.

Thanks for dropping by.

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**Eccles** → bill1111 · 2 hours ago

I did not claim that the left of the party are innocent in this and I'm not going to indulge in any measuring of blame and declaring who is more culpable than who, that road leads nowhere. Both sides will merely claim that the other is worse.

Where does this get us?

The left is in power in the party now, that cannot be denied. They are not going away anytime soon. In order to gain power and influence the votes of the left must be courted. Attacking the voters whose votes you need will not persuade them to support your cause.

It does not matter how right you think you are, nor how wrong you think they are.

"If we are to succeed we must start from where the electorate are"

This was repeated over and over by the moderates in the leadership election and it is perfectly sensible advice, but the first electorate on the path to power is the electorate of the party leadership. If you have any hope of gaining power and influence you must take a large number of them with you.

Attacking them will not do the job, no matter how foolish you might think they are...

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**bill1111** → Eccles · an hour ago

Couldn't agree more. The problem is that as things stand the Corbyn wing of the party isn't listening or even engaging in debate. Furthermore, if every time you criticise their approach they shout 'Blairite' or 'get out of the party' - how can progress can be made? I imagine, if you're singing 'oh Jeremy Corbyn' at the top of your voice and someone pipes up and says how do we win Mansfield or Walsall North back they get drowned out by the singing.

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**Progressive** → Eccles · an hour ago

"I'm not going to indulge in any measuring of blame" No because you know

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Bill 1112 · 2 hours ago

They are obviously feeling confident that Jon will win and are helping support a wider range of candidates get onto the ballot.

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peter · 2 hours ago

Peter, you write: "Jon Lansman, founding chair of the Corbynista organisation, missed out as Bermondsey and Old Southwark CLP backed three candidates who are running on the rival slate to Momentum".

I agree with you that Johanna Baxter, Gurinder Singh Josan and Eddie Izzard are running on a slate (the joint Progress Labour First slate representing the right wing of the party), and are not therefore independent of factions.

I should add I have no objection to slates or groups within the party organising and agitating for the policies and platform they support!

EDIT: Ohhhhhhhhhh Peter. You've now edited your article above so the 'offending' line reads: "Jon Lansman, founding chair of the Corbynista organisation, missed out as Bermondsey and Old Southwark CLP backed three candidates who are running a rival campaign to Momentum"

Naughty! What better advert for the disingenuous agenda being pursued by some within the party.

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Patrick Jones · 2 hours ago

They are clearly well aware of what he is like barge pole anyone?

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Alison Piet · 41 minutes ago

Why use the word 'Corbynista'? You make it sound like following the leader of the Labour Party is some kind of grass roots movement! In fact Jeremy Corbyn, the Leader of the Labour Party has introduced politics that people like and returned the Labour Party to centre left policies rather than the right that the party has been persuing since 1997. We do not want to return to that and the melting away of the almost million people membership that have been attracted to the return of centre left politics of Corbyn and his team.

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LeroyGibbs · an hour ago



CLP nominations are a bit of a sideshow these days as it's up to the members to decide who is elected (thank goodness!). It's called democracy.

Cheers

Leroy

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Progressive · 2 hours ago

This is good news, as the left are destroying the Labour party.

Up against a hopeless and out of touch Tory party, and incompetent PM, Labour should have won the General Election.

We didn't because of the leadership and hard left image.

As former Labour MP and Foreign Secretary David Miliband said yesterday with regard to Corbyn's defeat "...there are no Silver medals in politics...".

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Progressive → Progressive · 2 hours ago

You are seriously deluded.

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Progressive → Progressive · 2 hours ago

F**k off

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Progressive → Progressive · 2 hours ago

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Progressive → Progressive · 2 hours ago

Nurse will be along soon, try to keep calm, there's a good chap. What a sad life you must have...

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Progressive → Progressive · 2 hours ago

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Gloria Hole → Progressive · an hour ago

Deluded as in you believe Labour and Corbyn won the General Election? I agree - that poster is deluded and you aren't, because Corbyn and Co are now in Government. Amirite.

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Progressive → Gloria Hole · an hour ago

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Progressive → Gloria Hole · an hour ago

**TRUSSY66** → Gloria Hole · an hour ago

Grow up Gloria.

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**Gloria Hole** → TRUSSY66 · an hour ago

I agree, I really must stop believing the MSM and finally admit to myself that Jeremy Chavez and Co are the true government.

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**andnowforthefacts** → Progressive · 40 minutes ago

With one 2nd place and a DNF he should know.

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**Eccles** → Progressive · an hour ago

Who do you suggest is going to replace Corbyn anytime soon?

The party membership is now left of centre. Some do not like that, but that is the reality of the situation. This means any new leadership candidate must appeal to the left of the party, that is the majority, or they will get nowhere.

Calling the left "morons" will not win their votes, telling them that they are "destroying the party" will not win their votes...

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This comment is awaiting moderation. [Show comment.](#)**Patrick Jones** → Eccles · 2 hours ago

'Their' votes are irrelevant. The general population see them as loons who would wreck the economy and will not vote for them

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**Progressive** → Patrick Jones · 2 hours ago

Indeed, that is very true Patrick. What is often forgotten is that a majority of Labour members, a high percentage who joined specifically to vote for Corbyn, are in a very different position, to the far left, of the general electorate. It is a recipe for permanent Tory governments in return for their ideological purity. Total madness.

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**Mara Naile-Akim** → Patrick Jones · 2 hours ago

40% of the general population (those who voted) did vote for them

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**Progressive** → Mara Naile-Akim · an hour ago

There are no prizes for coming second.




Do you understand why under FPTP the idea of vote share is quite irrelevant to winning power?

For example, in Norwich South, the now disgraced left wing MP Clive Lewis

increased his majority substantially (large student population), but that means nothing when we are unable to win seats in poor working class communities who detest Jeremy Corbyn and his left wing obsessions.

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