

Deborah Hobson

Camberwell and Peckham CLP. Labour Party membership number: L0001446



Deborah is a socialist African Caribbean woman, trade unionist and long-standing activist in the Camberwell and Peckham CLP and nationally in the labour movement. For more than a decade, she has campaigned for the Labour Party. Deborah is her CLP BAME Officer, working to recruit under-represented people to Labour and get them actively involved in one of the most deprived areas of the country.

Black women are among the most deprived people in society and the most badly affected by the Tory government's devastating policy of austerity and cuts and should therefore be in the forefront of the working-class fight-back. As an NEC member Deborah would fight for and be accountable to Labour members who need a strong voice at this crucial time for our party. She believes that the racism and attacks on Black communities in the UK that have resulted in the Grenfell fire tragedy, the Windrush scandal and continuing police brutality against Black men that reignited the Black Lives Matter movement, demand strong Black advocates in the Labour Party and wider labour movement. Deborah would oppose unfair disciplinary action against members and promote the value of natural justice.

Deborah is a documentary filmmaker and visual artist who recently completed a master's in fine art at the prestigious Chelsea College of Arts.

Experience:

2021 to present, a national co-ordinator for new anti-racism organisation The Liberation Movement.

2018 to present, Co-chair with councillor Hassan Ahmed, of Grassroots Black Left.

2019 to present, representative to the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance.

Trade unions:

2021 to present, National Executive Committee member, National Union of Journalists.

2021 to present, Vice-Chair, London Freelance branch, National Union of Journalists.

2018 to 2021, Treasurer, Black Members Council, National Union of Journalists.

2020 to 2022, Chair, Unite the Union National Publishing and Media branch.

2022 to present, Secretary, Unite the Union National Publishing and Media branch.

Labour and Co-operative Parties:

2018 to present, African, Caribbean, Asian and Other people of Colour/BAME officer for the Camberwell and Peckham Constituency Labour Party.

2020 to present, member of the Co-operative Party's Women's Network Committee.

2019 to present, Vice-Chair, Campaign for Labour Party Democracy.

2018 to 2020, Vice-Chair, Labour Representation Committee.

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