



GRASSROOTS BLACK LEFT

Labour African, Caribbean and Asian Socialists

Toolkit for GBL activists

Here's some guidance on a minimum of what our supporters are encouraged to do to help build Grassroots Black Left and be effective activists.

1. Pay the annual GBL membership subscription at the beginning of each year. This is £15 for waged and £5 for unwaged. This is currently the sole means by which our activities are funded. Payment can be made here: <https://grblackleft.com/join-us>
2. Recruit at least five eligible GBL members
3. Belong to a trade union affiliated to the Labour Party of which there are 12. They are ASLEF for train drivers: <https://www.aslef.org.uk/> the Bakers Union, which organises at bakeries and outlets like McDonalds and Greggs: <https://www.bfawu.org/>, Community, the steel workers' union: <https://community-tu.org/>, CWU, for post and telecoms workers: <https://www.cwu.org/>, the firefighters FBU: <https://www.fbu.org.uk/>, GMB for public service, including health, town hall, and general workers: <https://www.gmb.org.uk/>, the Musicians Union: <https://musiciansunion.org.uk/>, NUM for miners: <http://num.org.uk/>, TSSA for railway ticket office workers: <https://www.tssa.org.uk/>, Unite the Union, for public and voluntary sector and industrial workers: <https://unitetheunion.org/>, UNISON, the largest union in the NHS and town halls <https://www.unison.org.uk/> and USDAW for shop workers <https://www.usdaw.org.uk/>
4. Join a socialist society affiliated to the Labour Party: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist_society_\(Labour_Party\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist_society_(Labour_Party)). These include the influential Fabians, Young Labour and groups like the Socialist Health Association, the Socialist Educational Association: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist_Educational_Association, and join the Co-operative Party, which is the only political party allowed to affiliate to the Labour Party and which runs joint candidates for local and national elections, including MPs: <https://party.coop/>. For instance, Kate Osamor is a Labour and Co-op Party MP.
5. Promote GBL and its policies whenever you can, including by being a GBL speaker at meetings. The policies include our positions on the Black Lives Matter Movement, Covid-19 and Black communities, Black people in health and social care and as service users, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, mental health, and the soon to be re-released *Black Agenda*. See: <https://grblackleft.com/>
6. Be active in a GBL sub-group. These include for health and social care workers, youth and students and, in the future, trade unionists, local councillors and educators.
7. Join and participate in the GBL social media groups on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/785490121610129/>, and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/grblackleft?lang=en>

8. Be familiar with the Labour Party rule book: <https://labour.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Rule-Book-2020.pdf>
 9. Get Citrine's ABC of chairmanship
<https://www.goodreads.com/work/editions/2354258-the-abc-of-chairmanship>
- We will be getting in touch about the setting up of Labour Party "BAME" branches when the national party makes the process clearer.