

# FM Pledges & Policies - Compositing document

## Introduction:

This document has been prepared from the pledges and policy ideas that have been submitted as a basis for discussion and decision-making at the Forward Momentum policy team meeting on 27 May 2020 from 6pm to 8pm.

The first section of the discussion will be on the five topline pledges. This is the process we will use:

1. We have composited these pledges together into thematic areas where they seem closely related.
2. Present list of thematic areas (based on pledges - show our working from compositing by listing the different pledge proposals that we have composited for each theme).
3. Check with everyone they are happy that their pledge fits that theme. Ask if there are any thematic areas missing following our compositing? Ask if anyone wants their pledge to be uncomposited and to stand alone as a separate theme?
4. Take a vote on which thematic areas we want to include and which we won't include (up to 5, but doesn't have to be 5). Yes/No vote on each proposal.
5. If more than 5 are voted for positively, vote for top 5.
6. Those will be our top 5 themes which the comms team will commsify and will be used as our overall pledges for the NCG election.

We will then go on to run a second round of discussion and voting on concrete policy suggestions to go under each of these themes/pledges.

This is the process we will use.

1. For each thematic area, there is a list of concrete policies proposed by the campaign and by participants. Proposals for concrete policies have been composited in advance as much as this is possible.
2. We will run a Yes / No vote on each of the sub-policies. Up to a maximum of 5 can be approved per thematic area. If more than 5 have passed the yes/no vote, then vote for top 5.

## **Composited themes:**

This is a list of the themes we have identified from the pledges and policy ideas that have been submitted.

We have composited the various pledges submitted in order to produce these themes. In the meeting there will be an opportunity to suggest particular items should be composited differently.

The original proposals received from delegates / candidates / the board have been compiled at the bottom of this document.

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# **1. Unite the socialist left and transform the Labour party -**

**RED**

***Some suggested policies (from the campaign) for this pledge :***

- *Organise a united left slate for the Labour Party NEC.*
- *Fight for open selections.*
- *Build up grassroots candidates to run for office and Contest elections to elect a new generation of socialist councillors and MPs.*
- *Hold the party leadership to account and to the manifesto on which Starmer was elected.*
- *Develop a comprehensive programme for party reform, including changes to the party's constitution, organisation and culture.*
- *Build robust processes of accountability to hold representatives in public office, such as councillors and MPs to account when they don't act in accordance with socialist values and to encourage them to support to growth of the movement.*
- *Push for Labour's conference to be sovereign.*
- *Push for greater transparency within the Labour party.*
- *Democratically select policies via an online ballot of all members to put forward at Labour Party conference. Actively campaign around the policies members develop and prioritise.*
- *invest in a strengthened Councillor Network to harness the power of local government and support grassroots organising. Develop a set of priorities for Momentum councillors in local government and hold them to account on delivering these.*
- *Campaign for socialist policies within the Labour party, such as a green new deal.*

***Extra policies from composite process:***

- *Local control of LGCs? (R & P)*
- *Sovereign conference that decides policy for manifesto (A.H-C & M.C. & R.F.)*
- *A radical programme for local government to fight cuts and democratise services (M.C.)*

- *Local council leaders elected by local members (M.C.)*
- *Democratic Local Campaign Forums - directly elected by CLPs, and trade union affiliates, open and transparent local government selections, and campaigning alongside the community for the services local people need. (A.W.)*
- *Regional Boards – directly elected by party members, trade union affiliates, and with representation for equalities groups. (A.W.)*
- *Campaign for the repeal of all anti-trade union laws to ensure strong legal and workplace rights for trade unions is achieved. (A.S.)*
- *Push for greater democracy in the Labour Party. L.S.*
- *Run a primary to select the candidates Momentum backs in the Labour Party NEC elections.*
- Immediate talks with other named left groups (ideally, again, livestreamed/recorded) with proposals for an open primary for the NEC slate that adequately reflects regional & minority representation. S.H. & G.S.

***The following pledges fall under this composited pledge:***

**Roy Wenborne and Pat Byrne's 2nd Pledge:**

**Transforming Labour:** to include Open Selection, local control of LGCs, Conference procedures, activating the membership, membership rights, transparency, participatory input into HQ etc.

**Abel Harvie-Clarke's 4th Pledge (partly fits)**

**Democratise the labour movement**

Campaign for open selections and sovereign conference in Labour Party, mobilising online and in person when this is contradicted by leadership

**Advocate for rank and file voice within trade unions**

**Michael Chessum's 2nd Pledge:**

**Transform Labour: put members in charge**

- Open Selections
- Put members in charge: conference must decide the manifesto
- A radical programme for local government to fight cuts and democratise services
- Local council leaders elected by local members
- Take back the NEC, and fight for a members' majority on it

**Part of Liz Smith's 4th Pledge:**

**Push for dem[ocracy] in the LP.**

**Ann Wackett's 1st Pledge:**

**A member led Labour Party!**

We pledge to fight within the party and trade unions for:

- Open selections for MPs –who are accountable to and selected by members
- Democratic Local Campaign Forums - directly elected by CLPs, and trade union affiliates, open and transparent local government selections, and campaigning alongside the community for the services local people need. \*

-Regional Boards – directly elected by party members, trade union affiliates, and with representation for equalities groups. \*\*

**Steve Hudson:**

Immediate talks with other named left groups (ideally, again, livestreamed/recorded) with proposals for an open primary for the NEC slate that adequately reflects regional & minority representation.

**2. Refound Momentum and put members in charge - BLUE**

**Some suggested policies (from the campaign) this pledge :**

- *End divisive backroom deals and let members choose candidates in local selections and run primaries to decide candidates for major internal Labour party elections (subject to negotiation with other groups as appropriate).*
- *Data must be controlled democratically by the NCG. Up to four NCG members will be elected by the NCG to act as directors of the holding company that owns the data. In this role, they will be accountable to the NCG, whose right of control over the data will be enshrined in Momentum's constitution.*
- *Make immediate changes to the constitution to enshrine the rights of members and local groups to have power over decision-making*
- *Revitalise Momentum's digital democracy platform to make it a vehicle for meaningful grassroots participation in deliberative processes rather than mere rubber-stamping.*
- *A deliberative democracy process culminating in a refounding convention in May 2021*
- *Put in place processes to ensure Momentum's NCG members are accountable and responsive to members' ideas and needs. The NCG should meet monthly, using online meeting spaces as appropriate. The NCG Officers Group should be elected by the full NCG and should be recallable. Its decisions should be ratified by the NCG.*
- *Ensure transparency with members in organisational decision-making and in terms of information - both through ensuring regular communication regarding political situations and the circulation of reports and documents.*
- *Encourage openness, inclusiveness and a generous political culture.*
- *Members should select, by all-member vote, one national Priority Campaign from proposals submitted by members.*
- *Members should select, by all-member vote, a number of Policy Priorities for Labour Party conference*
- *Members should shape and decide, through their Groups and Sections, and then through the annual Strategy Development Process, the annual strategy for the organisation.*
- *Increased seats on the NCG to 2 minimum per affiliated TU. (Seats could be increased per union based on members affiliated to LP)*

### **Extra policies from composite process:**

- *Hold a sovereign annual conference with motions, debates and delegates from local groups and liberation groups voting to make decisions (A.H-C. & M.C. & R & P & R.F. & K.W.)*
- *Hold NCG members accountable through regional councils elected by local groups (A.H-C)*
- *Democratising the ownership of Momentum (R& P), Democratising the ownership of Momentum as an institution and the ownership of the Momentum database (need to look into company law for clear route for this) (G. Sriskanthan/S. Hudson)*
- *NCG should elect day to day leadership (A.H-C & K.W.)*
- *Increase the size of the NCG (K.W.)*
- *Reinvigorating regional networks with annual regional all-member conferences to build networks and to co-ordinate on campaigns and refounding process. electing some representation to the NCG. (M. C.)*
- *Election of a National chair (R & P)*
- Abolish the Officers Group so that decisions are made through the democratically accountable NCG representing all regions S.H.
- Make NCG meetings fortnightly/monthly, with online access for those unable to attend in person. S.H.
- Livestream NCG and NCG subcommittee meetings and put them online for members to see and make available full minutes with named participants, with records of how each rep voted on each question. S.H.

### **The following pledges fall under this composited pledge:**

#### **Roy and Pat's 1st Pledge:**

**Refounding Momentum:** to include all of the detailed proposals for a constitution convention, an annual conference, democratising the ownership of Momentum, a democratic NCG, election of National Chair, regional committees, giving power to the local groups, etc.

#### **Abel Harvie-Clarke's 1st Pledge**

##### **Refound Momentum**

Reinvigorate local groups with funding and access to data [cf.4]

Hold a sovereign annual conference with motions, debates and delegates from local groups and set up liberation groups (eg BAME Momentum) voting to make decisions.

NCG should elect day to day leadership. Hold NCG members accountable through regional councils, elected by local groups

#### **Michael Chessum's 1st Pledge (partly fits)**

##### **1. Refound Momentum as a democratic activist community**

- Democratic votes for all Momentum candidates for party committees and parliamentary selections

- An annual democratic conference for Momentum

**Roxanna Frasers' 5th Pledge:**

**DEMOCRACY**

Refound Momentum, transform the Labour Party, NEC, open selections, sovereign annual conference [cf. 1], develop left candidates, Momentum annual conference, Transparent localised processes. Ensure local groups and sections: the membership, have the final say

**Kas Watana's First Pledge Partly Fits Here:**

**PLEDGE 1**

**Momentum should become an exemplar of labour movement democracy**

Elected representatives from regional networks and self organised groups should collectively debate and decide on the political strategy and priorities of Momentum in an annual sovereign conference

A conference (ideally a physical conference) would allow real debate and deliberation to occur, with voting on motions from delegates.

This necessitates (re)building local groups and grassroots networks that, as well as being centres of activity and political education, can hold their delegates to account.

The political leadership of Momentum should be elected and accountable to its membership.

This could be facilitated by increasing the size of the NCG; that would mean a leadership more plugged into the work of lay activists. The NCG could elect the day-to-day leadership of Momentum, which can be recalled and mandated by the wider NCG.

**Liz Smith's Fourth Pledge:**

**Democracy- refounding MM**

**Sonali Bhattacharya:**

**I'm sure there will be a key pledge about internal democracy.**

**Deborah Hermanns**

**Sub policy to a democracy section**

“Data must be controlled democratically by the NCG. Up to four NCG members will be elected by the NCG to act as directors of the holding company that owns the data. In this role, they will be accountable to the NCG, whose right of control over the data will be enshrined in Momentum's constitution.”

**Steve Hudson:**

- Carry out experiments with different democratic forms (e.g., STV, liquid democracy) for constitutional convention
- Develop mechanism for local groups to vote to allow their Momentum resources & contacts to be put at the service of local campaigns, if they so decide. (Especially post-Corona)
- Firm commitment to local members (and ONLY local members) being able to choose their own candidates at all levels.
- Campaign for open primaries across key left groups including Momentum for the selection of NEC candidates for a left slate.

- Abolish the Officers Group so that decisions are made through the democratically accountable NCG representing all regions
- Make NCG meetings fortnightly/monthly, with online access for those unable to attend in person.
- Livestream NCG and NCG subcommittee meetings and put them online for members to see and make available full minutes with named participants, with records of how each rep voted on each question.

### **3. Turn members into organisers to build power in our communities and workplaces - GREEN**

***Some suggested policies (from the campaign) for this pledge :***

- *Prioritise every member being able to learn and develop as organisers by providing accessible political education and practical skills training courses online and in person for all members, from new activists to experienced organisers, with a focus on empowering young, working class and BAME activists. Provide digital platforms for members to educate and train each other through skills shares, reading groups and more.*
- *Develop a cadre training school/programme where hundreds of members can take part in sustained training and educational programmes, with a focus on empowering young, working class and BAME activists to lead our movement, from community organisers to future councillors and MPs.*
- *Momentum should provide practical support and resources for member-led campaigning efforts in partnership with other organisations such as tenants unions and trade unions, as well as local and single-issue campaigns, such as campaigns against unpopular housing redevelopments.*
- *Momentum nationally should organise national and regional campaigns, in partnership with other organisations, and provide digital tools, training and resources to support members and local groups to participate, in order to build the skills of Momentum's members.*
- *Work closely with trade unions to initiate and support trade union recruitment drives and campaigns, and support members and local groups to set up creative initiatives, such as "workplace canvassing" modelled by the Sheffield Needs a Payrise campaign.*
- *Create a trade union section of Momentum (looking to examples such as the DSA's Labor Commission) for Momentum members to encourage and support each other, in their local groups and on a wider basis, to engage in workplace organising and campaigning, as well as working with trade union broad left sections on campaigning and to achieve greater democracy within all trade unions.*
- *Create a national trade union liaison officer role under the direct control of the NCG and the trade union section. This officer would be responsible for close working with affiliated Trade Unions and the wider TU movement. They would also work with local groups to build solid links between groups and TU branches and trades councils. They would also train a trade union engagement officer for every local group, whose priority is to build relationships with local trade union branches and act as a coordinating mechanism for combined activity. Also key in negotiating with TU's at LP conference on policies.*

- Democratically develop a set of key priority areas for community organising and campaigns, e.g. good housing for all / stop gentrification and provide support for members and local groups to organise around these issues.
- Hire a researcher to work with members locally to produce detailed analysis of political power, class composition, potential constituencies of support, campaign research and so on.

**Extra policies from composite process:**

- Back every strike and mobilise members to support workers in struggle on picket lines (A.H-C & M.C.)
- Organise with unions to campaign for public ownership and workplace democracy (A.H-C)
- Act as a networker between different social movements to coordinate left-wing campaigning (A.H-C)
- Organise for democracy and radical action in unions (M.C. & K.W.)
- Advocate for rank-and-file voice in trade-unions (A.H-C)
- Organise protests and direct action on healthcare, housing and jobs (M.C.)

**The following pledges fall under this composited pledge:**

**Roy and Pat's 3rd Pledge:**

**Building in the Community:** helping to create local and national campaigns, involving local parties in community activities, linking up with the trade unions

**Abel Harvie Clarke's 2nd Pledge:**

**Organise for class struggle**

Organise within unions to campaign for public ownership and workplace democracy

Mobilise members to support workers in struggle eg on picket lines

Act as a networker between different social movements to coordinate left wing campaigning.

Eg anti-racist campaigning, migrant rights activism, anti-police brutality campaigning

**Michael Chessum's 3rd Pledge:**

**3. Turn outwards: build social movements and class politics**

- Organise for democracy and radical action in union, rather than just treating their leaderships as stakeholders

- Back every strike, be on every picket

- Run an on-the-ground campaign to unionise precarious workers

- **Fight post-Covid austerity: organise for a anti-cuts committee in every community**

- Throw Momentum's weight into organising protests and direct action on the NHS, housing and jobs

**Roxana Fraser's 3rd Pledge:**

**TRADE UNIONS**

Connect and empower momentum members to join with unions, grassroots union workers, to organise workers struggles collectively taking politics back into communities and workplaces. We need to strengthen and organise our agenda, democratise the unions and campaign to repeal all anti trade union laws.

**Kas Witana's 2nd Pledge:**

**Make trade unions great (again?), worker's struggles are central to rebuilding the left**

Tony Blair once boasted that the UK has the most restrictive anti trade union laws in Europe. While conference voted to repeal them, there was no active campaign around this.

Momentum is serious about rebuilding Britain's trade union movement as a social force in society. Defeating the anti-union laws is central to that. Momentum will loudly campaign to repeal all the anti-union laws

Momentum will push for Labour to support the unofficial actions of workers asserting their rights during COVID-19 and push for the party to begin the work of trade union-building both at a national and local level.

Momentum will organise within unions in the same way it organises inside the Labour Party. That means supporting and coordinating initiatives from workers fighting for democracy in the trade union movement, and backing them if they face resistance from their leadership.

**Liz Smith's 2nd Pledge:**

**Communities-with TUs and rent coops etc helping to empower our local communities.**

**Sonali Bhattacharya:**

**Turn Members into Organisers:** Support and foster self-organisation among activists, particularly youth and BAME members with training, skill sharing and political education. Introduce a national BAME members network to build BAME power and promote leadership. Build class solidarity across communities.

**Build Power in Our Communities:** Nurture and establish links of solidarity with community campaigns and support self-organisation. Prioritise workplace organising and foster increased union participation. Forge meaningful connections with campaign groups and charities fighting for economic and social justice. Build our movement through winnable campaigns.

Go beyond political education to offer political training (How do we organise a demo? How do we organise a labour or rent strike?) Pulling in international partners to learn international lessons (eg from NYC rent strike or Berlin) (S. Hudson/G. Sriskanthan)

## **4. Hand power to local groups, nations, regions and interest & identity-based groups - YELLOW**

### ***Some suggested policies (from the campaign) for this pledge :***

- *Prioritise resources for local Momentum groups, including access to membership data and funding, and provide guidance and support from central to help them organise and take action.*
- *Empower BAME self-organisation and leadership and push for a coherent, unified struggle against racism. Introduce a national BAME members network.*
- *Rethink the grouping of regions in Momentum so that power is effectively distributed among regions and nations to allow member-led decision-making on those scales.*
- *Implement a resourcing model that diverts resources (money, staff time, training) from areas where Momentum is already successful to where it is less successful. Supplement this by re-launching programmes such as Labour legends for local council elections and mass canvassing weekends.*
- *Develop regional and interest-based policy research groups, to feed into Momentum's democratic policy-making processes, so Momentum's policy demands speak to working class communities in all areas of the country.*
- *Invest in building communications capacity in the regions, so Momentum's communications reflect the cultural and historical particularities of those areas.*
- *There should be a platform for members to create interest or identity-based sections, like 'Momentum Teachers', 'Momentum Women' or 'Momentum Climate Justice', so long as they serve a purpose and meet basic criteria like a minimum number of members and annual elections.*

### ***Extra policies from composite process:***

- *Establish liberation groups (BAME, LGBTQ+, Disabled) and youth groups to organise struggles and lead the fight against racism, transphobia, bigotry and oppression (R.F. & L.S.)*
- *Provide childcare facilities to make meetings more inclusive and accessible (R.F.)*
- *Introduce a national BAME members network to build BAME power and promote leadership. M.R., A.S., A.W., J.L.*
- *Aim to move the central office out of London in the long term, beginning with identifying a northern city within 3 months and opening an office there with a core team within a year. Every time a staff member leaves the London office the funding behind that contract is put behind a role in the Northern office. R.M. & D.H.*

- Aim in the long-term aim to establish smaller regional offices. These could be based in existing regional trade union buildings if space is available to deepen coordination. R.M. & D.H.
- Rethink the grouping of regions in Momentum so that power is effectively distributed among regions and nations to allow member-led decision-making on those scales. R.M. & D.H.
- Ensure local groups are the basis for backing potential candidates in internal party elections and that the centre does not impose decisions from above R.M. D.H.
- Create a digital platform for all Momentum members to support a decentralised activist network, allowing members to organise themselves horizontally, without going upwards through structures. People would tag their interests & regions, and be able to message & mobilise other people with similar interests or in the same region about campaigns / meetings / demos / strikes / elections / whatever (S.Hudson)
- In the re-founding process Momentum must recognise that devolved nations have their own parliaments and so deserve their own political autonomy.
- Momentum must disentangle Wales from the North West and Scotland from The North and International to allow for proper democratic representation within the UK left. Momentum must allow Wales and Scotland to have their own reserved electoral seats on the NCG in the process of disentanglement with the North West / North.
- When selecting national campaigns Momentum must seek that they are truly national campaigns, by working in partnership with the devolved areas. Campaigns need to reflect where powers are devolved or not.
- Prioritise resources for national and local Momentum groups, including access to membership data and funding, and provide guidance and support from central to help them organise and take action.

***The following pledges fall under this composited pledge:***

**Roxana Fraser's 4th Pledges:**

**LIBERATION GROUPS**

Establish democratically run liberation and youth groups. Empowering underrepresented groups, , BAME , LGBTQ+, disabled to identify the issues within their communities.

Organise workers struggles and lead the fight against racism, transphobia, bigotry and oppression.

Meetings need to be far more inclusive, accessible and provide childcare facilities.

**Kas Witana's 1st Pledge (partly fits)**

**Momentum should become an exemplar of labour movement democracy**

This necessitates (re)building local groups and grassroots networks that, as well as being centres of activity and political education, can hold their delegates to account.

**Liz Smith's 3rd Pledge:**

**Rebuilding MM- is re building and extending the membership, BAME Youth wing LGTBQ etc.**

**Sonali's Pledge:**

**BAME self organisation**

**Anne Wackett's 2nd Pledge:**

**No 2 - BAME REPRESENTATION**

**'Turn Members into Organisers:**

Support and foster self-organisation among activists, particularly youth and BAME members with training, skill sharing and political education. Introduce a national BAME members network to build BAME power and promote leadership.

Build class solidarity across communities'

**Michael's Chessum 1st Pledge (partly fits)**

**1. Refound Momentum as a democratic activist community**

- Autonomous local groups in every area, with access to their own data and resources

- Democratic regional networks, coordinating activity and linking us up

**Rory MacLean's Pledge:**

Power to the regions and local groups

- Aim to move the central office out of London in long term, beginning with identifying a northern city within 3 months and open with a core team within a year.

- Every time a staff member leaves the London office the funding behind that contract is put behind a role in the Northern office.

- Rethink the grouping of regions in Momentum so that power is effectively distributed among regions and nations to allow member-led decision-making on those scales.

- Prioritise resources for local Momentum groups, including access to membership data and funding, and provide guidance and support from central to help them organise and take action.

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**Reasoning:** FM needs to signal that it gets that BAME activists are greatly underrepresented within Momentum. This amendment – compressed if necessary – is a must if we are to become an inclusive movement which reaches out to those clearly not yet joining us. We need a strong BAME voice inside Momentum and specific measures to grow talent and new leadership so that Momentum becomes the inclusive movement it needs to become.

**Proposed by Mish Rahman, supported by Andrew Scattergood, Ann Wackett & Julia Larden (wording seen)**

**Gaya Sriskanthan:**

- Devolve **HQ functions to regions**, maintain London office for its comparative advantage of political lobbying and serving the South East local groups

**Harriet Protheroe Soltani's pledge:**

### **Nations, not regions**

- In the re-founding process Momentum must recognise that devolved nations have their own parliaments and so deserve their own political autonomy.
- Momentum must disentangle Wales from the North West and Scotland from The North and International to allow for proper democratic representation within the UK left.
- Momentum must allow Wales to have its own reserved electoral seat on the NCG in the process of disentanglement with the North West.
- When selecting national campaigns Momentum must seek that they are truly national campaigns, by working in partnership with the devolved areas. Campaigns need to reflect where powers are devolved or not.
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## **5. Campaign for a just, [green] post-Coronavirus deal -**

### **PINK**

#### ***Some suggested policies (from the campaign) for this pledge :***

- *Campaign to ensure that working class communities don't pay the price for the Covid public health and ensuing economic crisis.*
- *Partner with trade unions on campaigns in support of teachers, healthcare workers and social care workers and to build a coalition of the vulnerable to fight back.*
- *Support tenant organising and local campaigns to fight evictions and gentrification after COVID-19.*
- *Team up with Mutual Aid groups to support them to organise and mobilise support for campaigns against exploitation in communities across the UK.*
- *Push the Labour party to have more radical policy up to the challenge of this crisis, including protections for renters, a people's bailout, a green new deal and climate justice, support for migrants,*
- *Put forward a radical, socialist vision for the future as a route out of this crisis.*

#### ***Extra policies from composite process:***

- Fight for UBI (R & P & L.S.)
- Hold leadership to motions passed at previous conferences such as LGND and LCFM motions (A.H-C. & K.W.)
- Momentum will make explicit the links with activists fighting similar struggles globally through solidarity actions (K.S.)
- Momentum will bring together socialists from across Europe to debate and discuss common strategies in response to COVID and the resultant economic fallout (K.S.)
- Organise an anti-cuts committee in every community (M.C.)
- Commitment to the 2019 manifesto, which offers solutions now and post-pandemic (S.B.)
- Form a trans-left covid-alliance to develop a strong, coordinated left approach to covid recovery to develop joint campaigns and policy platforms across major left groups (e.g., major unions, CLPD, LARAF, Lab4GND) (G. Sriskanthan)
- Campaign for a green recovery that doesn't lead us from the Covid Crisis to the Climate Crisis. Make a Green New Deal an organising and rallying focus for

worker-centered, community-led, green recovery from Covid (G. Sriskanthan).

- The Coronavirus crisis is global. Use transnational solidarity to achieve our goals in the UK, to support and not harm workers everywhere and people of the Global South, and to stem the rise of the far right. Pull together international campaigns in collaboration with strong left partners abroad that have clear strategic objectives: eg carbon divestment / green new deal, digital strikes against Facebook, Amazon, coordinating international labour strikes against Uber, Amazon, Deliveroo. (G. Sriskanthan/S. Hudson)

***The following pledges fall under this composited pledge:***

**Roy and Pat's 4th Pledge**

**Defending working people in the coming crisis: UBI, fighting a new austerity, etc.**

**Roxana Fraser's 1st Pledge:**

**POST COVID LANDSCAPE**

The working classes globally must not bear the brunt of the coronavirus pandemic. We must organise solidarity actions with an aim to build a more equal green internationalist socialist post coronavirus future.

**Liz Smith's 1st Pledge:**

**COVID- should include GND and UBI.**

**Kas Witana's 3rd, 4th and 5th Pledges:**

**Build solidarity across borders**

The logic of workers' struggles against transnationals is to link up internationally and fight together. In its efforts to help workers organise in Britain, Momentum will make explicit the links with activists fighting similar struggles globally, through political education and, where possible, practical solidarity actions.

The working class has more in common with each other than they do with bosses who share their nationality. Momentum will campaign for ways to bring together socialists from across Europe together to debate and discuss common strategies in response to COVID and the resultant economic fallout.

**Michael Chessum's 3rd Pledge:**

**3. Turn outwards: build social movements and class politics**

**- Fight post-Covid austerity: organise for a anti-cuts committee in every community**

**Sonali Bhattacharya:**

I also think we need one on **Climate Catastrophe, a green industrial revolution, and a just transition.**

I think we need **one on Covid** which is centred around a commitment to the 2019 manifesto which offers the solutions we need now, and post-pandemic.

## **6. Put forward a socialist vision of society - ORANGE**

*Some suggested policies (from the campaign) for this pledge :*

- Campaign for socialist policies within the Labour party, such as a green new deal.
- Build wide public support for socialist ideas, not only focusing on winning the debate inside the party.
- Support broad-based political education, including on areas which are often neglected, such as decolonisation and internationalism.
- Create spaces for the discussion of radical ideas within Momentum.
- Create processes for members to democratically decide key policies for Momentum to advocate for.
- Support local groups to develop socialist plans for local government.

***Extra policies from composite process:***

- Promote socialism through a culture of vibrant political arts, focused membership and community engagement strategies and a welcoming atmosphere that embraces left unity and comradely debate.

***Composited the following pledges:***

**Liz Smith's 5th Pledge:**

**Political Ed and training including having LW candidates ready at all levels. A five year plan if you like.**

**Roy and Pat's 5th Pledge**

**Preparing for Power: learning the lessons of the last election and applying them**

**From Abel Harvie-Clarke's 4th Pledge**

**Foster a culture of pluralism and debate through political education and discussion space**

**Michael's Chessum 1st Pledge (partly fits)**

**1. Refound Momentum as a democratic activist community**

**[- Something on political education]**

**Roxana's 2nd Pledge**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Revitalise and support the membership to develop multi-layered grassroots radical political education (including region wide speakers lists, workshops, and training events) establishing far reaching strategies that promote socialism through a culture of vibrant political arts, focused membership and community engagement strategies and a welcoming atmosphere that embraces left unity and comradely debate.

## **7. An internationalist approach & Opposition to nationalism - PURPLE**

### **Policies from composite process:**

- Connect with workers in struggle across the world and link them up with activists and workers in similar struggles here in the UK
- Seek to convene with socialists across Europe and the world to discuss post-covid landscape and organising for a just transition
- Oppose nationalism.
- Oppose the rise of the new right, from Trump to Orban to Johnson to Bolsonaro
- Put Momentum at the heart of anti-racist, anti-fascist organising
- Defend migrants' rights: free movement, the right to vote and access to services

### **Abel Harvie-Clarke's 5th Pledge**

#### **An internationalist approach**

We have more in common with the working class abroad than bosses in this country. Momentum should:

Connect with workers in struggle across the world and link them up with activists and workers in similar struggles here in the UK

Seek to convene with socialists across Europe and the world to discuss post-covid landscape and organising for a just transition

Oppose nationalism in Britain, not seeking to "redefine" but instead making the case of international solidarity

### **Michael Chessum's 5th Pledges:**

#### **5. Make Momentum lead against the new nationalist right**

- Oppose the rise of the new right, from Trump to Orban to Johnson to Bolsonaro
- Put Momentum at the heart of anti-racist, anti-fascist organising
- Defend migrants' rights: free movement, the right to vote and access to services
- Link up workers and social movements across borders, with political education and practical solidarity

## **8. Fight for free movement and to extend the Brexit transition period - BROWN**

### **Policies from composite process:**

- Momentum will link up with campaigns like the Labour Campaign for Free Movement and press the new leadership to implement in full the platform won at Labour conference in 2019.
- Momentum will argue how restrictions on free movement undermine the ability for workers to self organise.
- Momentum will fight for the Brexit transition to be extended.

### **Kas Witana's 3rd Pledge:**

#### **PLEDGE 3**

#### **Fight for free movement, fight to extend the Brexit transition period**

Past attempts by Labour to pander to the lie that austerity, stagnating wages, and unemployment are the result of migrants has not won over working-class voters hostile to immigration. In the face of a global lurch towards right-wing populism, if the left is serious about tackling the ideological roots of racism, it should begin by challenging this 'common sense' view when it is expressed by the representatives of our movement.

Momentum will link up with campaigns like the Labour Campaign for Free Movement and press the new leadership to implement in full the platform won at Labour conference in 2019.

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Momentum opposes Tory plans for a migrant-bashing hard Brexit, and as such will fight the Brexit transition to be extended. This primarily is an issue of defending working people's living standards and rights, and should unite comrades on both sides of the Brexit debate.

## **9. Fight for climate justice - DARK GREEN**

### **Policies from composite process:**

- Restructure our entire politics around fighting climate change M.C.
- Fight for a Green New Deal, and a worker-led transition to a carbon neutral economy M.C.
- Make Momentum a hub for organising climate strikes and the climate justice movement M.C
- Push for democratic ownership of energy and finance M.C.
- Take climate strikes into the workplace/ Make Momentum a hub for organising climate strikes (A.H-C. & M.C.)
- Support workers in the fossil fuel industry to plan their own transition to zero carbon / push for democratic ownership of energy and finance (A.H-C. & M.C. & K.S.)
- Defend LGND conference policy and campaign also to oppose airport expansion and for public ownership of finance (A.H-C)
- Migrant justice is climate justice. Momentum should hold the Labour leadership to account to stick to the LCFM policy passed at Labour conference 2019 (A.H-C)

### **Michael Chessum's 5th Pledge:**

#### **4. Tackle the climate crisis as our biggest political priority**

- Restructure our entire politics around fighting climate change
- Fight for a Green New Deal, and a worker-led transition to a carbon neutral economy
- Make Momentum a hub for organising climate strikes and the climate justice movement
- Push for democratic ownership of energy and finance

### **Kas Witana:**

#### **Make LGND a living policy that is fought for in the here and now**

Momentum will raise the profile of ecosocialist politics and engage rank and file workers in all industries to develop and formulate their own demands for a worker-led just transition. In climate critical industries, Momentum will support and develop campaigns to encourage rank and file trade unionists to plan and retraining for socially useful, sustainable work. Momentum will push Labour to make sure the more radical aspects of the policies brought to conference in 2019 - like zero net carbon emissions by 2030, public ownership of the Big Six and public ownership of banking and finance stay on the agenda

Abel Harvie-Clarke

#### **Fight for climate justice**

Momentum should take the climate strikes into the workplace

Support workers in fossil fuel industry to plan their own transition to zero carbon

Defend LGND conference policy and campaign also to oppose airport expansion and for public ownership of finance

Migrant justice is climate justice. Momentum should hold the Labour leadership to account to stick to the LCFM policy passed at Labour conference 2019

# Original Proposals received from delegates / candidates / board that have now been composited:

## ROY AND PAT:

Suggest the following Five Pledges to be expressed by an appropriate and impactful slogan. All of the detailed proposals to be allocated to the relevant Pledges, and presented as drop-down ideas or a hyperlink which is most practical and graphically attractive

- 1) **Refounding Momentum** / slogan (e.g. *Momentum for the Many*)
- 2) **Transforming Labour** / slogan
- 3) **Building in the Community** / slogan
- 4) **Defending working people in the coming crisis** / slogan
- 5) **Preparing for Power** / slogan

*Some details that could go into each Pledge*

1. **Refounding Momentum:** to include all of the detailed proposals for a constitution convention, an annual conference, democratising the ownership of Momentum, a democratic NCG, election of National Chair, regional committees, giving power to the local groups, etc.
2. **Transforming Labour:** to include Open Selection, local control of LGCs, Conference procedures, activating the membership, membership rights, transparency, participatory input into HQ etc.
3. **Building in the Community:** helping to create local and national campaigns, involving local parties in community activities, linking up with the trade unions
4. **Defending working people in the coming crisis:** UBI, fighting a new austerity, etc.
5. **Preparing for Power:** learning the lessons of the last election and applying them

## ABEL HARVIE CLARKE:

### 1. Refound Momentum

- Reinvigorate local groups with funding and access to data
- Hold a sovereign annual conference with motions, debates and delegates from local groups and set up liberation groups (eg BAME Momentum) voting to make decisions.
- NCG should elect day to day leadership. Hold NCG members accountable through regional councils, elected by local groups

### 2. Organise for class struggle

- Organise within unions to campaign for public ownership and workplace democracy
- Mobilise members to support workers in struggle eg on picket lines
- Act as a networker between different social movements to coordinate left wing campaigning. Eg anti-racist campaigning, migrant rights activism, anti-police brutality campaigning

### 3. Fight for climate justice

- Momentum should take the climate strikes into the workplace
- Support workers in fossil fuel industry to plan their own transition to zero carbon
- Defend LGND conference policy and campaign also to oppose airport expansion and for public ownership of finance
- Migrant justice is climate justice. Momentum should hold the Labour leadership to account to stick to the LCFM policy passed at Labour conference 2019

### 4. Democratise the labour movement

- Campaign for open selections and sovereign conference in Labour Party, mobilising online and in person when this is contradicted by leadership
- Advocate for rank and file voice within trade unions
- Foster a culture of pluralism and debate through political education and discussion space

### 5. An internationalist approach

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- Oppose nationalism in Britain, not seeking to “redefine” but instead making the case of international solidarity

## **MICHAEL CHESSUM:**

### **1. Refound Momentum as a democratic activist community**

- Autonomous local groups in every area, with access to their own data and resources
- Democratic votes for all Momentum candidates for party committees and parliamentary selections
- An annual democratic conference for Momentum
- Democratic regional networks, coordinating activity and linking us up
- [- Something on political education]

### **2. Transform Labour: put members in charge**

- Open Selections
- Put members in charge: conference must decide the manifesto
- A radical programme for local government to fight cuts and democratise services
- Local council leaders elected by local members
- Take back the NEC, and fight for a members' majority on it

### **3. Turn outwards: build social movements and class politics**

- Organise for democracy and radical action in union, rather than just treating their leaderships as stakeholders
- Back every strike, be on every picket
- Run an on-the-ground campaign to unionise precarious workers
- Fight post-Covid austerity: organise for a anti-cuts committee in every community
- Throw Momentum's weight into organising protests and direct action on the NHS, housing and jobs

### **4. Tackle the climate crisis as our biggest political priority**

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## **ROXANA FRASER:**

### **FORWARD MOMENTUM 5 PLEDGES**

#### **1. POST COVID LANDSCAPE**

The working classes globally must not bear the brunt of the coronavirus pandemic. We must organise solidarity actions with an aim to build a more equal green internationalist socialist post coronavirus future.

#### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

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#### **3. TRADE UNIONS**

Connect and empower momentum members to join with unions, grassroots union workers, to organise workers struggles collectively taking politics back into communities and workplaces. We need to strengthen and organise our agenda, democratise the unions and campaign to repeal all anti trade union laws.

#### **4. LIBERATION GROUPS**

Establish democratically run liberation and youth groups. Empowering underrepresented groups, , BAME , LGBTQ+, disabled to identify the issues within their communities.

Organise workers struggles and lead the fight against racism, transphobia, bigotry and oppression.

Meetings need to be far more inclusive, accessible and provide childcare facilities.

#### **5. DEMOCRACY**

Refound Momentum, transform the Labour Party.

NEC, open selections, sovereign annual conference, develop left candidates, Momentum annual conference,

Transparent localised processes. Ensure local groups and sections: the membership, have the final say.

## KAS WITANA:

### PLEDGE 1

#### **Momentum should become an exemplar of labour movement democracy**

- Elected representatives from regional networks and self organised groups should collectively debate and decide on the political strategy and priorities of Momentum in an annual sovereign conference
- A conference (ideally a physical conference) would allow real debate and deliberation to occur, with voting on motions from delegates.
- This necessitates (re)building local groups and grassroots networks that, as well as being centres of activity and political education, can hold their delegates to account.
- The political leadership of Momentum should be elected and accountable to its membership. This could be facilitated by increasing the size of the NCG; that would mean a leadership more plugged into the work of lay activists. The NCG could elect the day-to-day leadership of Momentum, which can be recalled and mandated by the wider NCG.

### PLEDGE 2

#### **Make trade unions great (again?), worker's struggles are central to rebuilding the left**

- Tony Blair once boasted that the UK has the most restrictive anti trade union laws in Europe. While conference voted to repeal them, there was no active campaign around this. Momentum is serious about rebuilding Britain's trade union movement as a social force in society. Defeating the anti-union laws is central to that. Momentum will loudly campaign to *repeal all the anti-union laws*
- Momentum will push for Labour to support the unofficial actions of workers asserting their rights during COVID-19 and push for the party to begin the work of trade union-building both at a national and local level.
- Momentum will organise within unions in the same way it organises inside the Labour Party. That means supporting and coordinating initiatives from workers fighting for democracy in the trade union movement, and backing them if they face resistance from their leadership.

### PLEDGE 3

#### **Fight for free movement, fight to extend the Brexit transition period**

- Past attempts by Labour to pander to the lie that austerity, stagnating wages, and unemployment are the result of migrants has not won over working-class voters hostile to immigration. In the face of a global lurch towards right-wing populism, if the left is serious about tackling the ideological roots of racism, it should begin by challenging this 'common sense' view when it is expressed by the representatives of our movement.
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#### PLEDGE 4

##### **Build solidarity across borders**

- The logic of workers' struggles against transnationals is to link up internationally and fight together. In its efforts to help workers organise in Britain, Momentum will make explicit the links with activists fighting similar struggles globally, through political education and, where possible, practical solidarity actions.
- The working class has more in common with each other than they do with bosses who share their nationality. Momentum will campaign for ways to bring together socialists from across Europe together to debate and discuss common strategies in response to COVID and the resultant economic fallout.

#### PLEDGE 5

##### **Make LGND a living policy that is fought for in the here and now**

- Momentum will raise the profile of ecosocialist politics and engage rank and file workers in all industries to develop and formulate their own demands for a worker-led just transition.
- In climate critical industries, Momentum will support and develop campaigns to encourage rank and file trade unionists to plan and retraining for socially useful, sustainable work.
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## LIZ SMITH:

COVID- should include GND and UBI.

Communities-with TUs and rent coops etc helping to empower our local communities.

Rebuilding MM- is re building and extending the membership, BAME Youth wing LGBTQ etc.

Democracy- rebounding MM and continuing the push for dem in the LP.

Political Ed and training including having LW candidates ready at all levels. A five year plan if you like.

## ANN WACKETT:

### PROPOSAL No 1 - **A MEMBER LED LABOUR PARTY!**

**EITHER – THIS SHORTER VERSION –Which can be boiled down further to the bit in red. – or shortened in other ways.**

#### **A member led Labour Party! [Or Democratize the Labour Party!]**

- **Open selections for MP's, and democratic reform of Local Campaign Forums and Regional Boards.**
- Momentum should actively campaign alongside local communities and party members and ensure that their voices are heard within the local party

**OR - THIS LONGER VERSION WHICH INCLUDES EXPLANATORY FOOT NOTES – which of course I'm not expecting to be included but which may help.**

#### **A member led Labour Party!**

We pledge to fight within the party and trade unions for:

- Open selections for MPs –who are accountable to and selected by members
- Democratic Local Campaign Forums - directly elected by CLPs, and trade union affiliates, open and transparent local government selections, and campaigning alongside the community for the services local people need. \*
- Regional Boards – directly elected by party members, trade union affiliates, and with representation for equalities groups. \*\*

*\*Footnote: LCFs Democracy Review recommendations were 75% CLPs, 25% TU affiliates, later watered down by the NEC in 2019 to one third CLP, one third TU's and one thirds Labour Group*

*\*\* Regional Boards – Democracy review recommendations were 50% member OMOV, one third TU affiliates and also equalities representation] For both suggest we leave more open so these can be democratically debated within FM/ Momentum and wider movement.*

#### **Reasons to support:**

#### **Both inside and outside the Party!**

Deborah Harmanns and Andrew Scattergood have both argued in recent great articles that FM needs to support those organizing within the Labour Party, advancing socialist policies for the party, AND to work within the trade unions and social movements to build power in the workplaces and communities. Neither have seen any tension between these activities.

The amendment I have suggested seeks to make clear that Momentum intends to define itself as NEITHER detached from the Labour Party NOR operating only within the narrow confines of Labour Party run campaigns but as critically linked to community struggle. Similarly that community struggles need to be linked back to the trade union and labour movement to have traction. That's important to signal I think as it will affect who we attract and deter membership wise if FM win the NCG elections.

### **A regional perspective – but not untypical**

In Regions such as the West Midlands – a large chunk of the red wall – many CLPs and Local Campaign Forums are moribund to the point of extinction. In electorally critical deindustrialized areas like Wallsall North and Stoke South this was a major factor which hampered Labour's ability to claw back marginal seats from the Tories in the GE17. Nationally Labour gained 32 seats. In the West Midlands we gained two and lost two seats meaning that we still only had 23 Labour seats out of 59 in the region. *Meaning that electorally in 2017 in the West Midlands we stood totally still despite the Corbyn surge.*

The GE19 consolidated the Tory grip on the West Midlands by snatching more seats from Labour and turning previous marginal Tory and Labour marginals into safe Tory seats. *There was a catastrophic drop from 23 to 15 Labour held seats in the region.* Clearly this is not all due to the state of the parties locally *but unless we democratize the party at its base it is hard to see how Labour will be able to reconnect with the communities it should be representing on the ground.*

This is a situation which applies not only to the West Midlands but other areas across the country - though I've not had time to pull the other data together.

### **So what's this got to do with democratic reform of the Local Campaign Forums and Regional Boards?**

Local Campaign Forums and Regional Boards play a huge role in the life of labour activists – either for the good they do *or for the harm.* The Labour Party Rule book 2019 defines their function at:

#### ***Chapter 12 Rules for Labour Party Campaign Forums***

##### ***Clause II. Objects***

***1. To co-ordinate the activities of CLPs and branches within the area for the purpose of securing the return of Labour representatives to the borough/ district/ unitary/ county borough/ county council ('the council').***

***2. To work with the Labour Group to organise opportunities for individual members, branches, trade unions, affiliated organisations and community organisations to enter into dialogue with the Labour Group on current local***

***government policy issues and ideas for the Party's future programme and manifesto.***

***3. To compile a panel of candidates in accordance with the provisions of chapter 5 of the national rules of the Party.***

***4. To undertake activities within the area for the purpose of new candidate recruitment.***

***5. The LCF shall seek to contest all seats in each electoral area in consultation with the CLPs concerned.***

Our experience of our LCF in Birmingham, the UK's second city, is for example –

- the frequent blocking of great dynamic fresh talent wanting to stand as Councillors and represent their communities - as the LCF blocks them from getting onto the local government panel. If you aren't on the panel you can't go forward for selection by a branch/ward;
- No visible credible attempts to nurture talent from all sections of the community;
- Practically zero / no campaigning except during elections themselves, and often patchy at that.

In my own area in Birmingham this has led to an almost complete disconnect between community activists who campaign for improved services etc in the face of a right wing Council that doesn't meet their needs, and in many cases the indifference/non engagement of Councillors who are the beneficiaries of a biased pro-establishment Local Campaign Forum that serves to protect existing incompetent Councillors and keep out fresh blood. Even party members who are involved in local campaigns – necessarily disconnected from the local Labour Party - are difficult to get to CLP meetings – why bother, they say, the party has nothing to offer.

Anecdotally other CLPs and Local Campaign Forums across the region are in a similar state. We need to bring them back under the control of the membership and trade unions to breathe life into them as the Democracy Review suggested.

Of course this is not to say that there is no good work done – some Councillors manage to slip through the net and be effective. But we need transformative change of the LCFs if we are to have comprehensive change on the ground.

Similarly **Regional Boards** are responsible for '*liaising with the NEC to promote and build a political, organisational and campaigning profile of the party amongst the electorate and to develop a regional dimension to national policy and campaigns.*'

*[West Mids Board rules 2014]. As a party activists for over 20 years in the West Midlands I can honestly say I've not seen that delivered. Without a vibrant campaigning regional board we went into the Mayoral elections in 2016/17 with one hand behind our backs – a poor quality right wing candidate with lacklustre policies and a lack lustre campaign.*

*If FM wants to signal that it understands the needs of activists organizing within the party at grass roots level, and those organizing within the community it needs to be clear that it sees Momentum as the bridge between the party and the community. A set of pledges that doesn't commit to democratize the party at its base won't be convincing to the many activists facing these barriers.*

**Ann Wackett – Policy Delegate from Birmingham Supported by Andrew Scattergood, Mish Rahman, Julia Larden & Pat Holmes (though I've not had time to get this exact wording signed off)**

## **No 2 - BAME REPRESENTATION**

'Turn Members into Organisers:

- Support and foster self-organisation among activists, particularly youth and BAME members with training, skill sharing and political education. Introduce a national BAME members network to build BAME power and promote leadership.
- Build class solidarity across communities'

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**Reasoning:** FM needs to signal that it gets that BAME activists are greatly underrepresented within Momentum. This amendment – compressed if necessary – is a must if we are to become an inclusive movement which reaches out to those clearly not yet joining us. We need a strong BAME voice inside Momentum and specific measures to grow talent and new leadership so that Momentum becomes the inclusive movement it needs to become.

**Proposed by Mish Rahman, supported by Andrew Scattergood, Ann Wackett & Julia Larden (wording seen)**

## SONALI BHATTACHARYA:

**Turn Members into Organisers:** Support and foster self-organisation among activists, particularly youth and BAME members with training, skill sharing and political education. Introduce a national BAME members network to build BAME power and promote leadership. Build class solidarity across communities.

**Build Power in Our Communities:** Nurture and establish links of solidarity with community campaigns and support self-organisation. Prioritise workplace organising and foster increased union participation. Forge meaningful connections with campaign groups and charities fighting for economic and social justice. Build our movement through winnable campaigns.

I also think we need one on **Climate Catastrophe, a green industrial revolution, and a just transition.**

I think we need **one on Covid** which is centred around a commitment to the 2019 manifesto which offers the solutions we need now, and post-pandemic.

I'm sure there will be **a key pledge about internal democracy.**

## **Rory MacLean:**

**Pledge: Power To The Regions**

Sub pledges:

- Aim to move the central office out of London in long term
- Within the first year open an office in the north of England with a core team of staff, immediate fundraising drive to make this possible and conduct a review within three months to locate which city the new Northern office will be based in
- Every time a staff member leaves the funding behind that contract is put behind a role in the Northern office, every time new funding for additional staff becomes available that is put into staffing in the Northern office
- Aim in the long-term aim to established smaller regional offices. These could be based in existing regional trade union buildings if space is available to ensure deeper coordination
- Conduct a review of regional boundaries with local members in order to create regions which make more geographic sense

## **Gaya Sriskanthan:**

- Devolve **HQ functions to regions**, maintain London office for its comparative advantage of political lobbying and serving the South East local groups

## **Charlie Macnamara:**

**Pledge: Campaign for a just post-Coronavirus deal**

## **Steve Hudson:**

### **FIRST 100 DAY PLAN**

#### Democratise

- Abolish the Officers Group so that decisions are made through the democratically accountable NCG representing all regions
- Make NCG meetings fortnightly/monthly, with online access for those unable to attend in person.
- Livestream NCG and NCG subcommittee meetings and put them online for members to see and make available full minutes with named participants, with records of how each rep voted on each question.

#### Govern from the grassroots up

- Set a date for a national conference / constitutional convention.
- Set an outline for a constitutional convention (looking at forms of democracy within Momentum)
- Firm commitment to local members (and ONLY local members) being able to choose their own candidates at all levels.
- Develop mechanism for local groups to vote to allow their Momentum resources & contacts to be put at the service of local campaigns, if they so decide. (Especially post-Corona)

#### Rebuild Left Unity

- Immediate talks with other named left groups (ideally, again, livestreamed/recorded) with proposals for an open primary for the NEC slate that adequately reflects regional & minority representation.

**Gaya Sriskathan:**

### **Pledge 1: Refound and Reform**

*Democratise – Devolve – Govern from the ground up*

#### Democratise the structure and workings of Momentum

*Democratise the ownership of Momentum* as an institution and the ownership of the Momentum database (need to look into company law for clear route for this).

*Refound Momentum.* Run a democratic and inclusive process which allows members to amend the constitution. Lets redistribute who has power in Momentum and where decisions are made on policy and strategy.

*Carry out experiments with different democratic forms* (e.g., STV, liquid democracy) for constitutional convention

*Campaign for open NEC primaries* across key left groups including Momentum for the selection of NEC candidates for a left slate.

#### Devolve power to the regions

*Re-establish regional networks.* Support these regional networks having their own committees to help coordinate activity and support throughout the region and support the redistribution of Momentum funds regionally. Support these regional networks to have representation on the NCG. Support creating regional conferences and events in each Labour Party region, which come together to discuss ideas, network and establish campaigns.

*Rethinking the regions in Momentum* - Change constituencies so due respect is given to regions, nations and under-represented groups.

*Devolve HQ functions to regions,* maintain London office for its comparative advantage of political lobbying and serving the South East local groups

*Revitalise Momentum's digital democracy platform* to make a vehicle for meaningful grassroots participation in deliberative processes rather than mere rubber-stamping. Transparent, rigorous decision-making open to all.

*Local ownership of resources.* Develop mechanism for local groups to vote to allow their Momentum resources & contacts to be put at the service of local campaigns, if they so decide. (Especially post-Corona)

### Govern from the ground up

*Give local groups decision-making power.* Restitute power to grassroots members by giving them control over local candidate selections, policy-making, and strategy. Momentum by and for its members, with no stitch-ups, no backroom deals, and no unaccountable leaders.

*Hold a democratic annual conference.* Decide policy and strategy at an annual conference, binding to the NCG. The annual conference has the power to instruct the NCG. The annual conference will have a clear, open motions process (i.e. not just be a rally with some workshops).

*Commit to local democracy.* Firm commitment to local members (and ONLY local members) being able to choose their own candidates at all levels.

## **Pledge 2: Serve the Grassroots** Self Organisation

### Support local self organisation

*Invest in local MM Groups.* Give access to data, funding, and provide guidance and support from central to help them organise and take action. Programme to start up and rebuild local groups in areas where they don't exist or are no longer functioning. Engage with local groups when making decisions on national campaigns.

*Turn Members into Organisers.* Support and foster self-organisation among activists, particularly self-identifying and interest-based groups such as youth and BAME members with training, skill sharing and political education. Introduce a national BAME members network to build BAME power and promote leadership. Build class solidarity across communities.

*Promote creative and transformative culture.* develop a more proactive outreach strategy in communities and in Left spaces through promoting socialism through arts, political culture and comradely debate.

*Decentralised digital self-organisation.* Create a digital platform for all Momentum members to support a decentralised activist network, allowing members to organise themselves horizontally, without going upwards through structures. People would tag their interests & regions, and be able to message & mobilise other people with similar interests or in the same region about campaigns /meetings / demos / strikes / elections / whatever

*Training in political organising.* Go beyond political education to offer political training (How do we organise a demo? How do we organise a labour or rent strike?) Pulling in international partners to learn international lessons (eg from NYC rent strike or Berlin).

### **Pledge 3: Further the Socialist Movement**

#### **Labour Party Activism – Union and Movement Building – Left Unity**

##### Labour Party activism

Defend, promote and expand on the substance of the 2019 manifesto and its politics within the party and in the country - at conference, NEC, coordination with SCG in parliament, through grassroots-led campaigns for local wealth building, changing ideas of what's "common sense" through comms work.

Hold elected representatives in our movement to account - build robust processes to hold representatives in public office, such as councillors and MPs to account when they don't act in accordance with socialist values, working closely with a network of socialist councillors and MPs. Put in place processes to ensure Momentum NCG members are accountable.

##### Serve unions, left movements and socialism

*Work with trade unions and tenants unions* (at a national and local level) to build campaigns, and revitalise workplace struggle. Support issue-based and community-based campaigns (e.g. anti-gentrification campaigns) both through supporting member to act locally and through political leverage. Become a powerful force building socialist politics in every part of the country by connecting and empowering active trade unionists, single-issue campaigners, political education initiatives and left CLPs.

*Work with critical social justice and climate justice movements:* Build alliances with and serve important left campaigns, such as workers rights, green new deal, migrant rights, anti-racism etc. Put Momentum's powerful campaigning and database assets to the service of these self-organising movements.

## Left Unity

*Ensure left unity through democracy* Members should select, by all-member vote, Momentum's candidates for major internal Labour Party elections e.g. Leader and NEC (subject to negotiation with other groups as appropriate).

### **Pledge 4: Campaign for a just, green post-coronavirus future**

Trans-Left Alliance -- Green New Deal -- Transnational Solidarity

*Have a strategy and campaign for the post-Covid landscape.* Join unions and movements to campaign for a just post-coronavirus future. Working class communities must not pay the price for the Coronavirus crisis. Back workers, communities and unions in their struggles, campaigns, and initiatives during the pandemic, and build member-led campaigns around this in communities and in collaboration with partners. Aim to build a vision for a more equal, green, socialist post-Coronavirus future.

*Form a trans-left covid-alliance* to develop a strong, coordinated left approach to covid recovery to develop joint campaigns and policy platforms across major left groups (e.g., major unions, LLA, CLPD, LARAF, Lab4GND)

*Campaign for a green recovery* that doesn't lead us from the Covid Crisis to the Climate Crisis. Make a Green New Deal an organising and rallying focus for worker-centered, community-led, green recovery from Covid

*Build transnational solidarity and action:* The crisis is global. Use transnational solidarity to achieve our goals in the UK, to support and not harm workers everywhere and people of the Global South, and to stem the rise of the far right. Pull together international campaigns in collaboration with strong left partners abroad that have clear strategic objectives: e.g. carbon divestment / green new deal, digital strikes against Facebook, Amazon, coordinating international labour strikes against Uber, Amazon, Deliveroo.

## **100 Day Plan**

### **1. Refound and Reform**

Democratise

- Abolish the Officers Group so that decisions are made through the democratically accountable NCG representing all regions

- Make NCG meetings fortnightly/monthly, with online access for those unable to attend in person.
- Livestream NCG and NCG subcommittee meetings and put them online for members to see and make available full minutes with named participants, with records of how each rep voted on each question.
- Put in place a clear plan to democratise the ownership of Momentum as an institution and the ownership of the Momentum database (need to look into company law for clear route for this).

#### Govern from the ground up

- Set a date for a national conference / constitutional convention.
- Set an outline for a constitutional convention (looking at forms of democracy within Momentum)
- Firm commitment to local members (and ONLY local members) being able to choose their own candidates at all levels.
- Develop mechanism for local groups to vote to allow their Momentum resources & contacts to be put at the service of local campaigns, if they so decide. (Especially post-Corona)

#### Rebuild Left Unity

- Immediate talks with other named left groups (ideally, again, livestreamed/recorded) with proposals for an open primary for the NEC slate that adequately reflects regional & minority representation.

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### **Pledge: Nations, not regions**

- In the re-founding process Momentum must recognise that devolved nations have their own parliaments and so deserve their own political autonomy.
- Momentum must disentangle Wales from the North West and Scotland from The North and International to allow for proper democratic representation within the UK left.
- Momentum must allow Wales to have its own reserved electoral seat on the NCG in the process of disentanglement with the North West.
- When selecting national campaigns Momentum must seek that they are truly national campaigns, by working in partnership with the devolved areas. Campaigns need to reflect where powers are devolved or not.
- Prioritise resources for national and local Momentum groups, including access to membership data and funding, and provide guidance and support from central to help them organise and take action.