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# SOCIALISTS

We appeal to you to support the re-admittance to the Labour Party of expelled and excluded socialists, by signing the petition in support of the joint application below. It is from 75 people, with a combined Labour Party membership of over 1,000 years. Among the 75 are members of the Militant Editorial Board, including Peter Taaffe, now general secretary of the Socialist Party; Tony Mulhearn, one of the leaders of the struggle of Liverpool City Council in the 1980s; and Dave Nellist, previously Labour MP for Coventry South East.

The election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour leader represents an opportunity for the Labour Party to be rebuilt as a clearly anti-austerity socialist party, with an open and democratic structure. How-

ever, it is clear that the pro-capitalist wing of the Labour Party remain determined to undermine and when possible remove Jeremy Corbyn. There is a real danger that, on the basis of further compromises and retreats in a vain attempt to pacify the Blairites, the opportunity to change Labour could be wasted.

The election of Donald Trump in the US is an indication of how the right can gain if we do not build a clear socialist party that defends the interests of the working class. We urge you to assist the struggle to transform Labour by supporting the admittance of the 75, and others who have been similarly expelled or excluded, into membership and also by supporting requests for affiliation from any socialist organisation that so applies.

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**W**e the undersigned call on Labour's National Executive Committee (NEC) to accept our applications for membership of the Labour Party following the re-election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour leader.

We are socialists, trade unionists, working class community activists and young people who have been expelled or otherwise excluded from the Labour Party because of our socialist ideas. Between us we have more than 1,000 years membership of the Labour Party. We include amongst our signatories former Labour councillors and an MP; elected trade union national executive members and local union branch officers; from labour

and trade union movement activists with years of experience, to a new generation of young campaigners. Some of us were expelled 30 years ago or more; others were excluded from membership during the recent leadership election.

Because many of us who found ourselves outside the Labour Party rightly continued the struggle for socialism through membership of other organisations, we know that our applications for re-admittance will be denounced by the establishment media as 'left-wing infiltration'. But we have no wish to hide our background.

We urge the NEC to boldly undercut the media's attack not only by admitting us into membership as individuals but by deciding favourably on requests for affiliation from any socialist organisation that so applies.

Jeremy Corbyn's election to the leadership marked the beginning of a new struggle against a capitalist establishment determined to see off all challenges to their interests and we want to play our part in seeing that struggle through to victory.

*Signed,*

**Peter Taaffe**, Labour Party member 1960-1983; Editor of Militant (1964-96); Socialist Party general secretary (1997-). **Keith Dickinson**, LP member 1957-1983; Member of the Militant Editorial Board; coordinator of Socialist Books. **Clare Doyle**, LP member 1964-1983; Member of the Militant Editorial Board; organiser for Committee for a Workers' International (CWI). **Lynn Walsh**, LP member 1964-1983; Member of the Militant Editorial Board; Editor of Socialism Today (1997-). **Tony Mulhearn**, LP member 1963-1986. Liverpool District LP vice-president 1972-1980; President 1980 until party suspended in 1985; Liverpool Councillor 1984-87; Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) mayoral candidate 2012. **Dave Nellist**, LP member 1974-1992; Coventry South East MP (1983-92); Socialist Party councillor (1998-2012); TUSC chairperson (2010-). **Chris Baugh**, LP member 1974-1995; PCS assistant general secretary (2004-). **Clive Heemskerck**, LP member 1976-1991; Deputy editor of Socialism Today (1996-); TUSC national election agent (2010-). **Hannah Sell**, LP member 1985-1991; LP NEC 1988-89; Socialist Party deputy general secretary (2007-). **Dave Reid**, LP member 1975-1991, Chair LP Wales Regional Youth Committee 1982-84, secretary Socialist Party Wales. **Roger Bannister**, LP member 1970-1986, at time of expulsion was secretary of Broadgreen CLP. Member of UNISON NEC (1993-). **Alec Thraves**, LP member 1976-1992; vice president Swansea Trades council. **Bob Labi**, LP member 1966-1995, LPYS national committee member 1971-1976, Editor LPYS paper "Left" 1971-1977, today organiser for the CWI. **Tony Saunois**, LP member 1970-1985. LP NEC 1978-81, secretary of the CWI. **Dave Griffiths**, LP member 1974-1993. Member of West Midlands LP regional executive. **Kevin Bennett**, LP member 2005-2015. Labour councillor 2008-2015, TUSC councillor 2015-2016. Suspended and excluded from Warrington's ruling Labour group for opposing austerity. **Steve Nally**, Lambeth LP member 1982-1992. Secretary of the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation 1989-1992. Socialist Party and GMB member. **Alistair Tice**, LP member 1971-1990. Currently Socialist Party Yorkshire regional secretary. **Peter Harris**, LP member 1976-1984. **Janet Gibson**, LP member 1983-1992, jailed for non-payment of poll tax in 1991. **Keith Gibson**, LP member 1983-1992, leader of Lindsey Oil Refinery strikes in 2009. **Sharon Milsom**, LP member 1981-1985. Now activist in South Yorkshire Freedom Riders. **Elaine Brunskill**, LP member 1984-1995. Socialist Party Northern Region Secretary. **Eric Segal**, LP member 1976-1991; jailed for non payment of the poll tax. Now secretary South East Kent Trade Union Council. **John Boadle**, LP member 1978-1994. **Jim Lakshman Hensman**, LP member 1969-1993. **Kevin Wilson**, LP member 1982-1996. **Ian Page**, LP member 1981-1995. Labour councillor 1990 to 1995. Socialist Party councillor 1995 to 2010. **Paul Couchman**, LP member 1980-1990. **Bill Mullins**, LP member 1970-1985, ex-senior shop steward TGWU British Leyland rover Solihull. **Dave Auger**, LP member 1982-1991, UNISON NEC. **Mike Forster**, LP member 1972-1993; today Chair of Hands off HRI. **Wally Kennedy**, LP member 1979-1994, Labour councillor 1990-1994. Militant Labour councillor 1994-1998. **Teresa Mackay**, LP member 1961-1986. Secretary Ipswich & District TUC; Vice President SERTUC. **James Ivens**, LP member January-September 2016, News Editor, the Socialist (2015-). **Paul Callanan**, LP member December 2015-September 2016, Socialist Party South London organiser. **Ben Robinson**, LP member July-September 2016, Socialist Party National Committee. **Clive Walder**, LP member 1976-1992. Labour member of East Sussex County Council 1989-1992. Currently Chair of Communication Workers Union Birmingham, Black Country and Worcester Branch. **Dave Gorton**, LP member 1982-1992. Trade union activist and organiser 1981-2016. Currently communications officer, National Shop Stewards Network. **Craig Bates**, Unite Community Stafford Branch Equalities Officer. **Josie Shelly**, Unite Community Stafford Branch Treasurer. **Gary Freeman**, LP member 1972-1991. Unison Health Service Group Executive. **Mick Griffiths**, LP member 1982-1996. **Hugo Pierre**, LP member 1983-91. Currently on the National Executive Committee of UNISON. **Jane Nellist**, LP Member 1980-1993. Currently member of NUT National Executive Committee. **Steve Glennon**, LP member from 1970 to 1987; LPYS National Committee 1974 to 1979; Presently a member Stevenage TUC EC. **Norman Hall**, LP member 1976-1992; TUSC Parliamentary & Local Government Candidate. **Pete Dickenson**, LP member 1973-1991; author of 'Planning Green Growth'. **John Dolan**, LP member 1980-1995; currently Chair of Haringey Unison local government branch; Socialist Party member. **Krystyna Koseda**, expelled from Haringey LP. **Tony Aitman**, Labour Party member 1964-1986; currently UNISON shop steward, voluntary sector, Socialist Party member. **Julia Leonard**, Member of the LP for over 15 years and councillor from 1994 until expelled. **Roger Keyse**, LP member 1968-1995. **Dave Mitchell**, LP member 1979-1989. **Gary Harbord**, LP member 1988-1990. RMT steward and chair Hillingdon TUC. **Pete McNally**, LP member 1974-1992. **Dave Murray**, LP member 1979-1992. **Eleanor Donne**, LP member 1980-92; Branch treasurer Basildon LG branch Unison. **Tom Barker**, LP member August-October 2016. **John Blackall**, LP Member 1982-1992. Liverpool Labour councillor for Kensington 1987 - 1988. **Jim Horton**, LP member 1982-1987. **Jane James**, LP member 1972-1987. **Judy Griffiths**, LP member 1976-1993. **Peter Bradley**, LP member 1970-2006. Labour Councillor for Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council 1988-2006, Mayor of Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council 2005-2006. **Dave Warren**, LP member 1978 - 1991; branch secretary of PCS DVLA. **Steve German**, LP member 1981-1993. **Nick Chaffey**, LP member 1988-1993. **Liz Filer**, LP member 1982-1993. **Maggie Fricker**, LP member 1980-1993. **David Beale**, LP member 1974-1995. **Tim Wall**, LP member 1983-1989. **Lesley Woodburn**, LP member 1982-1991. **Ruthie McNally**, LP member 1976-1992. **Kevin Higgins**, LP member 1982-1988. **Terry Pearce**, LP member 1954 - 1989. Currently Chair Bracknell UNITE.