

**About
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Labour Together has been set up by Labour politicians from across the party's political spectrum.

We are chaired by Jon Cruddas MP and will work closely with both the right and left traditions of the party. Our vice chairs include Lisa Nandy MP, Steve Reed MP, Cllr Sir Richard Leese, Cllr Sharon Taylor and Cllr Judith Blake.

Our purpose is to bring the Labour Party together as a united political force that can defeat our political opponents, win the next General Election, and form a Labour government to change our country for the better.

Labour Together's focus will be on a national and local politics that is both radical and credible. We will encourage respectful debate that listens and learns, ensuring the Labour family gives itself the best possible chance of building a broad, election-winning coalition. The first step is to understand why Labour lost in 2015 and to learn how the party can get back in touch with the millions of voters it needs to form a Labour government.

The growth in party membership to nearly 400,000 is a fantastic opportunity to build a Labour movement that is in touch with the hopes and concerns of voters in all parts of the country. Labour Together will work to harness the ideas, talent and energy of both new and longstanding members. We will involve councillors, parliamentarians, trade unions, our elected representatives in devolved institutions, and socialist societies.

What Labour Together will fund

Labour Together will support projects that help bring about the long-term renewal of the Labour party. They will combine radical new ideas with Labour values, help to unite the party on the ground, and be relevant to voters lives.

We will support projects in four key areas:

Research

Projects which analyse the condition of the country by identifying social, political and economic trends, by understanding the views of the electorate, or by debating the effects of social and technological change

Policy

Projects which innovate with new approaches to policy making and help develop a vision for the country's future based on radical, credible, and electable policy ideas rooted in Labour values.

Organisation

Projects which strengthen Labour organisationally and help the party campaign for electoral success locally and nationally.

Practice

Practical projects which show how Labour can bring about real change in the community, or which support Labour locally where it is seeking to win or retain power.



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Assessment Criteria

We will consider supporting projects that:

- Share the aims and values of the Labour Party.
- Make a real difference that benefits the Labour Party or the communities we seek to represent.
- Are additional and would not have received funding from elsewhere.
- Have reliable management and oversight in place.
- Become self-sustaining over time where possible.
- Help bring our party together.

Who we are

Jon Cruddas (Chair),

MP for Dagenham and Rainham

Lisa Nandy (Vice-Chair),

MP for Wigan

Steve Reed (Vice-Chair),

MP for Croydon North

Cllr Sir Richard Leese (Vice-Chair),

Leader of Manchester City Council

Cllr Sharon Taylor (Vice-Chair),

Deputy Leader of LGA Labour Group

and Leader of Stevenage Borough Council

Cllr Judith Blake (Vice-Chair),

Leader of Leeds City Council

Applying to Labour Together

Labour Together's full website will be up and running by July. It will include the criteria, and provide details of funded projects and their outcomes. In the meantime, we invite expressions of interest to be sent to info@labourtogether.co.uk

We are currently developing a series of projects, as follows:

Labour Academy

To train members in leadership, organising and campaigning skills

Labour Future

A series of policy development programmes, in partnership with other groups that are part of the Labour movement.

Labour in Power

Learning from and sharing Labour's experience where it is already in power.

Our supporters include

Jack Dromey, MP for Birmingham Erdington and former Deputy Secretary General of Unite the Union

Nick Forbes, Leader of the LGA Labour Group and Leader of Newcastle City Council

Lord Peter Hain, Former Cabinet Minister and Labour Peer in the House of Lords

John Hannett, General Secretary of USDAW
Harriet Harman, MP for Camberwell and Peckham

Baroness Oona King, Labour Peer in the House of Lords

Lord Neil Kinnock, Former Leader of the Labour Party

Clive Lewis, MP for Norwich South

Ian McCartney, Former Cabinet Minister and former Labour Party Chair

Lord Jack McConnell, Former First Minister of Scotland

Rachel Reeves, MP for Leeds West

Future project partners

The Fabians

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Progress

