

## **Nominations from the Leader of the Labour Party**

### **1. Andy (Andrew) Roe KSFM - Chair of the national Building Safety Regulator and former London Fire Commissioner.**

Andy Roe joined the London Fire Brigade (LFB) in 2002 as a firefighter, serving at every rank before being appointed as London Fire Commissioner in 2020. Prior to joining LFB, Andy served for a number of years as an officer in the British Army, before leaving to work with young refugees in London. Andy led the LFB, one of the world's largest emergency services, through the global pandemic and wholesale reform in response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. This included leading LFB through statutory inspection in 2024, when it was recognised as the most improved service in the country. After retiring from the LFB, Andy was appointed as the new Chair of the national Building Safety Regulator. Alongside this he is the strategic safety advisor to Transport for London and a non-executive director of GB (Olympic) Boxing, having been involved in the sport of boxing from childhood.

### **2. Dame Ann Limb DBE DL - Former Further Education College Principal and former Chair, The Scouts. Pro Chancellor, University of Surrey, and Chair of City & Guilds Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation, and The King's Foundation.**

Dame Ann Limb is a former Further Education College Principal. Since 2005, she has held Chair and Non-Executive Director roles across the public, private, and charity sectors in economic development and education, housing and regeneration, and arts and culture. From 2015-2021, Ann was Chair of The Scouts, the UK's largest youth engagement charity for which she was awarded a DBE for services to young people, philanthropy and charity. She is currently Pro Chancellor, University of Surrey, and Chair of City & Guilds, Lifelong Education Institute, Lloyds Bank Foundation, and The King's Foundation. In

2019, Ann was named #1 LGBTQ+ public sector role model in the OUTstanding List and as a Mancunian, one of the 50 most influential women born in the North of England in the Northern Power Women Power List. Motivated by her Quaker values, in 1998, she founded the Helena Kennedy Foundation, where she is Vice President.

### **3. Brenda Dacres OBE - Mayor of Lewisham**

Brenda Dacres OBE is a British Labour Party politician and the directly elected Mayor of Lewisham, the first woman to hold this office. She is an experienced political leader who has dedicated her career to advancing fairness, opportunity and effective local governance. Before becoming Mayor, Brenda served as a councillor in Lewisham, working to improve housing, transport and the environment. She serves as Chair of London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee, Vice-Chair of Central London Forward, and as a member of the Local Government Association's Public Service Reform and Innovation Committee. Brenda was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 2006, having studied Law, and holds a degree in Physical Sciences with Computing. Before entering public life, she had a successful career in IT within investment banks.

### **4. Carol Linforth OBE – Lately Labour Party Chief of Staff, Operations**

Carol Linforth OBE is a British political official and has a lifetime of political and public service. She has worked continuously for the Labour Party since 1978, providing continuity and guidance, ensuring the Party's operations and public engagement remained strong and professional, supporting 12 party leaders in that time, four of whom were Prime Ministers. With 47 years and counting, Carol is Labour's longest ever serving member of staff. She started as a secretary in the South-west region of the Labour Party in her home city of Bristol, and then transferred to Labour's head office, working her way to

becoming Assistant General Secretary and current Chief of Staff, Operations. Her work has shaped national campaigns, major conferences, and high-profile events and her contribution reflects the enduring importance of experienced, non-elected leadership in sustaining political movements. Carol was awarded an MBE by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and an OBE by His Majesty King Charles III.

**5. Catherine MacLeod - Former journalist and political adviser, Visiting Professor at King's College London and Non-Executive Director at the Scotland Office**

Catherine MacLeod, born and brought up in the Highlands of Scotland, served as Special Adviser to the Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, from 2007 to 2010. During her tenure, she provided strategic counsel on political communications throughout the global financial crisis, contributing to the Treasury's response during a period of unprecedented economic challenge. Prior to her appointment, Catherine had been a print and broadcast journalist for over thirty years, based in Aberdeen, Inverness and finally Westminster. She was Political Editor of *The Herald* from 2003 to 2007, and a regular broadcaster on political issues. Following her service in government, she continues to work in communications, public policy consultancy, and appears regularly on broadcasting outlets. She currently serves as a Non-Executive Director at the Scotland Office and is a Visiting Professor at King's College London. She has been involved in education for nearly 35 years, acting as a school governor since 1992 and she sits on the development board of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, a public higher education college on the island of Skye.

**6. David Isaac CBE - Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, Chair of the University of the Arts London, Chair of the Henry Moore Foundation, and a trustee of Cumberland Lodge**

David Isaac is Provost of Worcester College, Oxford. He is a solicitor and was previously Global Head of the Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Sector at Pinsent Masons (2000-21). He is Chair of the University of the Arts London, Chair of the Henry Moore Foundation, and a trustee of Cumberland Lodge. He chaired the Equality and Human Rights Commission (2016-20), and the LGBT rights charity Stonewall (2003-12). In 2011 he was awarded a CBE for his services to Equality and Diversity. An advocate for the Arts, he chaired Modern Art Oxford for two decades and has also served as a trustee of various public bodies and charities, including the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fund (2010-14), the Big Lottery Fund (2014-18), and 14-18 Now (2016-19). At Oxford, he is leading initiatives promoting dialogue and freedom of speech in higher education. He is an honorary fellow of St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

**7. David Pitt-Watson - Responsible Investment Expert. Co-founder and former CEO of the Equity Ownership Service and Focus Funds at Federated Hermes.**

David Pitt-Watson is a leading thinker and practitioner in the field of responsible investment. He was co-founder and CEO of the Equity Ownership Service and Focus Funds at Federated Hermes. He chaired of the UN Environment Programme's Finance Initiative for the Paris climate conference and was closely involved in establishing the UN's Principles for Responsible Investment. He served as Assistant General Secretary for the Labour Party (1997-99), and CEO of Labour Business. He was a partner at Deloitte (1985-97) and has been senior non-executive at KPMG, treasurer of Oxfam, and trustee at NESTA and the IPPR. His advocacy for pension arrangements in Britain has resulted in significant improvement, with full cross-party support. He was Pembroke Visiting Professor and is a fellow at Cambridge University. His books on investment and governance have been translated into five languages.

## **8. Farmida Bi CBE - Chair of Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, Vice-Chair of the Disasters Emergency Committee**

Farmida Bi CBE is the Chair of Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, a global law firm. Her legal practice is focused on debt capital markets and Islamic finance and she has a particular interest in the role that impact and ethical finance can play in promoting ESG objectives. She is active in the charitable sector, currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Disasters Emergency Committee and having previously chaired the Barbican Centre Trust and the Patchwork Foundation. She is also a Board member of CityUK, the industry-led body which represents the financial and professional services sector, and as Chair of its International Regulatory Strategy Group, considers how the UK's regulatory system can remain internationally competitive and effective. She is an honorary fellow of Downing College, Cambridge and of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment.

## **9. Professor Geeta Nargund - Founder and former Medical Director of Create Fertility. Founder and Trustee of Health Equality Foundation**

Professor Geeta Nargund is a women's health expert, academic, founder, diversity champion and a campaigner for gender equality. She has held senior leadership positions across public, private and voluntary sectors. She has served as a Senior Consultant Gynaecologist and Lead Consultant in Reproductive Medicine at St George's Hospital NHS Trust since 1996. She is Pro-Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth, Vice Chair of British Red Cross and Authority Member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, Chair of The Pipeline, a gender parity consultancy and sits on the International Advisory Board of The Lancet Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Women's Health. She is the Founder of Create Fertility and served as its Medical Director until July 2025. She is the Founder and Trustee of Health Equality Foundation (formerly known as Create Health Foundation). She has dedicated her career to tackling wider

health inequalities and improving access to reproductive choices and care globally.

#### **10. Katie Martin – Lately, Chief of staff to the Chancellor of the Exchequer**

Katie Martin has served as Chief of Staff to the Chancellor at HM Treasury following Labour's 2024 election win, following three years in the same role in Opposition. Her tenure has been marked by strategic leadership in rebuilding Labour's relationship with business and supporting the Chancellor through a successful general election campaign. She previously held senior roles in a variety of organisations, including Director of External Affairs at Citizens Advice, Head of Philanthropic Partnerships at the Guardian, Managing Director at ideas42, and Chief Press Officer at the Prime Minister's Office. Katie holds a mid-career Masters in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School and a BA from the University of Sussex.

#### **11. Joe Docherty - Chair of Northern Powergrid Foundation and Trustee, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, former Chair of Council, Durham University**

Joe Docherty began his career in banking in the North East of England, having obtained undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Engineering from Strathclyde University. He is Chair of Northern Powergrid's charitable foundation and is a Trustee of Esmee Fairbairn Foundation. He recently completed his final term as Chair of Council at Durham University and was previously a Trustee of Arts Council England, where he was Chair of their Area Council for the North of England. He was a founding Trustee of The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead and a Board Member of IPPR North. In 1997 was appointed Special Advisor to Northern Development Company, and has championed regional economic growth and devolution ever since. He has held senior roles in organisations delivering large scale regeneration, inward

investment, housing and skills. He received the Ralph James Scholarship to attend Harvard Business School's AMP programme in 2011.

## **12. Len (Leonard) Duvall OBE - Chair of the London Assembly and Leader of the London Assembly Labour Group**

Len Duvall OBE AM is the Chair of the London Assembly and Leader of the London Assembly Labour Group. He has held political office for thirty-five years, including as the Leader of the London Borough of Greenwich 1992-2000. He was elected to the London Assembly as the Assembly Member for Greenwich and Lewisham upon the establishment of the Greater London Authority in 2000 and has been the Leader of the Assembly Labour Group since 2004. Mr Duvall chaired the Metropolitan Police Authority from 2004-2008. He has delivered infrastructure projects and secured funding to assist in the regeneration of London. In May 2024, he was elected Chair of the London Assembly in its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. He has played leading roles in international, national and regional agencies and forums working with private, public and charitable organisations. He was awarded an OBE in 1998 for his contribution to London Local Government.

## **13. Matthew Doyle - Former Director of Communications to the Prime Minister and for the Labour Party**

Matthew Doyle is a communications professional with over 25 years of campaigning experience. He has worked with two Labour Prime Ministers: Tony Blair between 2005 - 2007 and as Director of Communications for Keir Starmer as he entered No10, having served for three years in that role for the Leader of the Opposition. He led the communications strategy that helped deliver Labour's 2024 win. Beginning his career in Parliament, he joined Labour's media unit in 1998 rising to Head of Press and Broadcasting for the party's successful 2005 campaign. After that win, he was appointed special

adviser to David Blunkett at the Department of Work and Pensions before joining Downing Street. He was then Tony Blair's Political Director as he left office and took on the Middle East Quartet role. He then spent a decade working for a range of campaigns and causes before returning to Labour Headquarters in 2021.

#### **14. Sir Michael Barber - Chancellor, University of Exeter and adviser to the Prime Minister on effective delivery**

Sir Michael Barber is a globally recognised expert in government effectiveness and public service reform. He founded the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit in 2001, leading it until 2005 to ensure delivery of key domestic priorities. He later served as a partner at McKinsey & Company and Chief Education Adviser at Pearson. In 2013, he founded Delivery Associates, advising governments worldwide on policy implementation. From 2017 to 2021, he was the founding Chair of the Office for Students, England's higher education regulator. He has advised the UK Chancellor (2022-2024) on skills and the future economy and currently serves as Adviser to the Prime Minister on Effective Delivery and as the Foreign Secretary's Envoy on governance in the Palestinian Authority. His books, including *Accomplishment* (2023) and *How to Run a Government* (2016), have been published globally. Knighted in 2005, he is Chancellor of the University of Exeter and holds multiple honorary academic and civic roles.

#### **15. Neena Gill CBE - Former Member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands**

Neena Gill is a British Labour politician who has served as a Member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands from 1999 to 2009 and 2014 to 2020. In the European Parliament, she served as chair of the following delegations(committees): South Asia (SAARC), India, Japan and as vice chair of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. She has steered various major



pieces of legislations as a rapporteur in the European Parliament from financial regulations to e-content. She was awarded a CBE in 2017, Pravasi Bhartiya Sammam by the President of India, in 2018 was made a fellow of Liverpool John Moores University. Since 2013 she has served as the chair of Sikhs for Labour, a national campaigning organisation. She also has extensive experience as a CEO in Housing/not for profit sector, as senior executive in a tech multinational and as a non executive in the charitable arena.

**16. Nick (Nicholas) Forbes CBE - Chair, Breaking Down Barriers Commission and former Labour Leader, Newcastle City Council**

Nick was born and raised in the North East, graduating from Cambridge University (1997), Sheffield Hallam (1999), and the Open University (2009). He is a Non-Executive Director of Gentoo Housing Group and Director of the national charity ASH (Action on Smoking and Health). Awarded a CBE in the 2019 New Year Honours for services to Local Government, Nick led Newcastle City Council for eleven years, negotiating one of the first City Deals and championing regional devolution. He served six years as Senior Vice Chair of the Local Government Association, twelve years on Labour's National Policy Forum, and six years on the Labour Party's National Executive Committee. Nick has chaired Core Cities UK, served as Vice Chair of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority, and was a Director of Newcastle International Airport. He currently chairs the National Breaking Down Barriers Commission, which focusses on the role of business in creating social value.

**17. Peter Babudu - Executive Director of Impact on Urban Health, former councillor in Southwark**

Peter Babudu is Executive Director of Impact on Urban Health, part of Guys and St Thomas' Foundation, where he leads its work to advance health equity. Peter has held several roles focused on helping amplify marginalised voices,

including at the Youth Endowment Fund, where he established the Peer Action Collective, the country's largest youth-led community research and social action network, and as Chair of Blagrave Trust, a foundation for and co-led by young people. Peter also previously served as a Local Councillor in Southwark, where he led a major review into school exclusions in the borough that culminated in the creation of the first borough-wide School Inclusion Charter in the country. He also established the Southwark Pioneers Fund, focused on helping people facing disadvantage to launch and grow businesses. Peter began his career as a corporate solicitor and is a Fellow of the Windsor Fellowship, On Purpose and Windsor Leadership.

#### **18. Peter John OBE - Former Southwark Leader and former Chair of London Councils**

Peter John OBE was an elected councillor for 20 years in Southwark and served as the Council's Leader for a decade between 2010 and 2020 - overseeing significant economic growth and new housing in the borough. He was the Chair of London Councils from 2018 – 2020, having previously served as its Deputy Chair; and was a member of the London Enterprise Panel. He served on the Local Government Association's Executive and the City Regions Boards and was a member of the UK delegation to the Council of Europe Congress. Peter has been a practising barrister for 35 years and has recently acted as a strategic advisor on local government, planning and the built environment. A school governor at Riverside Primary School, Bermondsey for more than 30 years, he is a Trustee of the Old Vic Theatre and sits on the President's Circle at the Central School of Ballet

#### **19. Richard Walker OBE - Founder and Chairman, Bywater and Executive Chairman, Iceland Foods**

Richard Walker is a British entrepreneur and business leader. He is Founder and Chairman of Bywater, a developer and investment manager focused on driving low-carbon development and refurbishment, and Executive Chairman of his family business, Iceland Foods. As an environmental advocate, he has removed palm oil from Iceland's own label products, cutting plastic packaging and reducing food waste. As a social advocate, he created the Iceland Food Club: a unique interest-free microcredit scheme that has lifted tens of thousands out of food poverty; and the company's Second Chance Initiative, that has offered more than 1,000 low-risk offenders opportunities to rebuild their lives on release from prison. He is Chair of the Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation, which has donated over £38m to good causes. He is an Ambassador for The Wildlife Trusts and Alzheimer's Research UK. An active voice on social and economic matters, Richard frequently speaks and writes in the media on policy reform issues.

**20. Russell Hobby CBE - CEO, The Kemnal Academies Trust, former CEO, Teach First and former General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers**

Born in Abingdon, Russell was educated at St Nicholas Primary School and John Mason Comprehensive School. He studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He began his career in management consultancy. From 2010 to 2017, he served as General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT). He was CEO of Teach First from 2017 to 2025, leading national efforts to address educational disadvantage. In 2025, he became CEO of The Kemnal Academies Trust (TKAT), one of the UK's largest multi-academy trusts. He is a non-executive director at Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Trust, a member of the education committee of the Royal Society and former trustee of The Brilliant Club and the Fair Education Alliance. Russell was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire

(CBE) in the 2022 New Year Honours for services to education. His leadership has shaped national education policy and practice.

**21. Cllr. Dr Sara Hyde - Fabian Society Chair and Islington council's Executive Member for Health and Social Care**

Cllr Dr Sara Hyde is Fabian Society Chair and Islington Council's Health and Social Care Executive Member. She spent a decade working in prisons, then post-release as a mentor and managing support services. She sat on an NHS Strategic Clinical Network and Ministry of Justice board recommending magistrates for appointment and is an ambassador for Hope and Vision Communities. Sara has a prison-based PhD from the University of Nottingham. She was a London Assembly candidate, parliamentary candidate and is a councillor, who served four years as Chief Whip. She steers Labour Party policy development on Labour's National Policy Forum. She nurtures new leaders, previously facilitating Christians on the Left's mentoring scheme and brings forward women leaders as an executive member of Labour Women's Network and former FWN Chair. Starting from root causes, her work contributes to preventing suicide, ending violence against women and girls, tackling addiction and enabling safer communities.

**22. Cllr. Shama Tatler - Brent Councillor and Vice-Chair of the London Labour Regional Executive, Patron of the Labour Housing Group and Head of the Labour Group Office at the Local Government Association.**

Shama Tatler was first elected to Brent Council in 2014 representing Fryent ward, and re-elected in 2018, she now serves the residents of Kingsbury ward. Shama was appointed as Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning in Brent in December 2016. Under her leadership, thousands of new homes have been delivered alongside progressive planning policies. Shama currently serves as Vice-Chair of the London Labour Regional Executive, Vice-Chair of Labour

Indians, and Patron of the Labour Housing Group. She is a graduate and mentor of the Fabian Women's Network mentoring scheme. Shama was also a Labour Party Parliamentary candidate in 2024. Shama began her career as a secondary school History and Humanities teacher and she is a life member of the Children's Cultural Organisation, Shishukunj. She now works as the Head of the Labour Group Office at the Local Government Association (LGA), supporting Labour councillors and councils.

### **23. Dr Sophy Antrobus MBE - Senior Research Fellow and Co-Director of the Freeman Air and Space Institute at King's College London**

Sophy Antrobus is a Senior Research Fellow and Co-Director of the Freeman Air and Space Institute at King's College London. She served as an officer in the Royal Air Force from 1991 to 2011 including in Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and was awarded the MBE for support to air operations in Afghanistan in 2001-2. From 2013 to 2015 she stood as the Labour Parliamentary Candidate for Gloucester. In 2019 she earned a PhD in Air Power and lectured in Strategic Studies before moving to KCL in 2020. She is Fellow and former Chair of the Learned Society Board of the Royal Aeronautical Society. In 2024 she was invited to be a member of the Air Panel for Labour's Strategic Defence Review. As well as her work in defence, she is an advocate on homelessness and domestic violence, as an Ambassador for the Alabaré charity and the Hollie Gazzard Trust.

### **24. Tracey Paul - Chief Communications Officer at Pool Reinsurance and former policy advisor.**

Tracey Paul is Chief Communications Officer at Pool Reinsurance, the UK's government-backed terrorism reinsurer. Since joining Pool Re in 2018, she has led strategic engagement and communications across the organisation, contributing to national resilience against terrorism risk. Her work has included

advancing awareness of terrorism insurance, expanding coverage to include business interruption and cyber risks, and liaising with government and industry stakeholders to address evolving threats. Tracey previously held senior roles in public policy and advocacy, including at the British Heart Foundation and the National Citizen Service. She also served as Chief of Staff to Dame Louise Casey on the review of community cohesion and extremism. Earlier in her career, she held senior roles in the Labour Party, including leading strategic communications during general election campaigns. She holds a degree in International Relations from the University of Sussex and continues to contribute to national security discourse through her leadership at Pool Re.

## **25. Uday Nagaraju - Technology Consultant, Politician and Founder of AI Policy Labs.**

Uday Nagaraju is a technology consultant, politician, Labour adviser and AI policy advocate with a strong commitment to Artificial Intelligence (AI) for societal good. He was the Labour's Parliamentary Candidate for North Bedfordshire and has served as a pro-bono adviser to the Party in the External Relations team. With over two decades of experience in the technology sector, Uday has provided strategic leadership in performance testing and digital transformation, helping organisations deliver reliable, high-performing technology solutions. He is the Founder of AI Policy Labs, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to advancing responsible AI. Uday also led the Mahatma Gandhi Future Leaders Programme, a mentorship initiative promoting political leadership among British Indian members of the Labour Party. His latest venture, AIPL Nova, in its early stages, aims to develop tools to help organisations navigate the opportunities and challenges of AI.

## **Nominations from the Leader of the Liberal Democrats**

**26. Mike Dixon - Chief Executive of the Liberal Democrats. Former charity leader and Government policy adviser**

Mike Dixon has been the Chief Executive of the Liberal Democrats since 2019, leading the party's operations through a period of sustained growth culminating in the 2024 General Election. He is currently a non-executive director of GAMPSTOP, the UK's National Online Self Exclusion Scheme. From 2017 to 2019, he was the Chief Executive of Addaction, a charity working with young people, adults and families in overcoming the problems associated with drug and alcohol misuse. Previously he was Assistant Chief Executive of Citizens Advice, and was Director of Strategy and Policy for Victim Support. From 2006 to 2009, he held senior policy roles in Government as a member of the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit and as Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for International Development.

**27. Dominic Hubbard (Lord Addington) - Liberal Democrat spokesperson for disabilities in the House of Lords and Honorary President of the British Dyslexia Association.**

Dominic Addington has been a Liberal Democrat hereditary peer for nearly 40 years. Since entering the House in 1986 he has been a hard-working public servant, dedicating himself fully to the House of Lords. Dominic has served in numerous roles, including as Deputy Chief Whip for the Liberal Democrats in the Lords; as spokesperson on Disability; and as spokesperson on Sport. He has also been a member of a number of select committees such as Olympic and Paralympic Legacy; the Arctic; and Energy and Environment. His tireless work in the Lords has met with many successes, recently achieving a change to the Football Governance Bill on community sport. Dominic is a passionate campaigner on special educational needs, working assiduously with colleagues across the House and with outside organisations to improve support for and

enhance understanding of SEND. He is currently Honorary President of the British Dyslexia Association.

## **28. Rhiannon Leaman - Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Liberal Democrats**

Rhiannon Leaman has been Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Liberal Democrats since 2019, playing a critical role in the party's success at the 2024 General Election. She has previously held campaigning roles in the Liberal Democrats and charities. As the Liberal Democrats' Head of National Campaigns from 2017 to 2019, she co-ordinated the party's campaigning for a better UK-EU relationship. From 2015 to 2017, she worked in Save the Children's Humanitarian team, campaigning to make a difference for children across the world. Previously, she worked for Ramblers, the UK's walking charity, championing access to the countryside for all

## **29. John Russell (Earl Russell) - Liberal Democrat spokesperson for energy and climate change in the House of Lords**

John Russell is the Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change. John became a member of the House of Lords in 2023, winning a whole-House by-election with 58% of the vote. Since his election, John has dedicated himself fully to the House of Lords, regularly speaking and voting in the House and has served on two select committees, including the Environment and Climate Change Committee. John has built relationships across political divides, and successfully secured changes to the Great British Energy Bill to ensure certain energy projects benefit local communities. He served as a Liberal Democrat Councillor in Lewisham from 2006 to 2010 and was a candidate for the London Assembly in 2012 and at the General Election in 2017. John was previously a professional photographer specialising in political photography, event photography and landscape photography.



### **30. Sarah Teather - Charity leader, former MP for Brent East and Brent Central and former Minister of State at the Department for Education**

Sarah Teather is a charity leader, experienced Board member and former government minister and MP. She is currently interim Chief Executive of a national children's charity that helps young people, families and schools to tackle bullying. She also serves on the boards of Barts Health NHS Trust and Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust as a non-Executive Director. Previously, she led JRS UK, a charity providing support, legal advice and accommodation to refugees. She was the Minister of State for Children and Families from 2010 to 2012. She served in Parliament for 12 years as MP for Brent East from 2003 to 2010, and then as MP for Brent Central following boundary changes. She stood down from Parliament in 2015.

#### **Nomination from the Leader of the Conservative Party**

### **31. Sharron Davies MBE - Campaigner for Women's Rights & Olympic Swimming Silver Medallist for Great Britain**

Sharron Davies MBE is one of Britain's most recognisable sportswomen. She first swam for the British team aged 11, began her Olympic journey aged 13 and by 15 won Commonwealth golds. Sharron amassed over 200 British records, 20 national championships, an Olympic Silver medal and an MBE for services to swimming. Post-retirement, Sharron has worked extensively in the media, becoming a respected BBC presenter and commentator while dedicating herself to sports advocacy through roles with Disabled Sport England and SportsAid. Sharron successfully campaigned to get swimming onto the national curriculum and launched her own annual swimming event, 'Swim For Life', with Princess Diana which has raised millions for different causes. Sharron launched Gift Aid with Sir John Major which has raised billions for charities. Sharron is a courageous campaigner for the integrity of female sport. Her book 'Unfair Play'

was hailed by fellow sporting legends Daley Thompson and Martina Navratilova.

**32. Professor Simon Heffer - Professor of Modern British History at the University of Buckingham and a historian, journalist, author and political commentator**

Simon Heffer has been Professor of Modern British History at the University of Buckingham since 2017. He is also a columnist for The Daily and Sunday Telegraphs, for which he first worked in 1986 and of which he was deputy editor from 1994 to 1995 and Associate Editor from 2005 to 2011. He writes regularly for other publications and is a frequent broadcaster. He is the author of a number of works of 19th and 20th century history and biography, of three books on English grammar, and editor of the Diaries of Sir Henry ‘Chips’ Channon. He has served on the boards of several musical organisations and charities, including the Elgar Birthplace Trust and the Britten Sinfonia. He has been chairman of The London Chorus since 2022. He is a vice-patron of Rochester Cathedral’s Gundulf Society. During the Blair administration he sat on the Home Office’s Sentencing Review Panel.

**33. Rt Hon Sir John Redwood - Former Cabinet Minister and Member of Parliament for Wokingham**

Sir John Redwood has combined a long public service career with substantial academic, business and charitable work. As the Conservative Member of Parliament for Wokingham for nearly 40 years, he held both Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet roles. Prior to this, he was a County Councillor and advised the Conservative Opposition on economics, before leading Margaret Thatcher’s Downing Street Policy Unit . As a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, he has written and lectured widely on economics and public policy, and is a Chartered Fellow of the CISI. He contributes thought leadership in the media and to

leading think tanks regularly. In business, he founded investment management firm Pan Asset and has consequently served as Chief Global Strategist at Charles Stanley. His charitable work includes longstanding support for Variety, the children's charity, the Royal British Legion and Guide Dogs. He now helps guide All Souls College's Endowment to support more scholars.

### **Nominations for Crossbench Peerages**

#### **34. Charles Kinnoull (The Earl of Kinnoull) DL - Convenor of the Crossbench Peers, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, former Chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee**

Charles Kinnoull is a crossbench member of the House of Lords. In April 2023 he was elected as Convenor of the Crossbench Peers, and thus serves as leader of the 180 crossbench members. Between 2019 and 2023 he served as Chairman of the European Affairs Select Committee, having joined the Committee in early 2016. He is also a Deputy Speaker and is a member of the House of Lords Commission. He entered the Lords in February 2015. Charles is a barrister and was previously at Hiscox Group, a leading international insurer and FTSE company for 25 years. Among other things he the Commanding Officer of the Atholl Highlanders and is an officer in the King's Bodyguard for Scotland. He is also Chairman of Culture Perth & Kinross, the Trust that runs the museums and libraries in that part of Scotland. Charles farms organically in Perthshire, Scotland.

