

Nominations from the Leader of the Labour Party

1. Alison Garnham - Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group.

Alison has been Chief Executive of the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) since September 2010. Prior to this she was the CEO of Daycare Trust and was previously, for nine years, the Director of Policy at One Parent Families (now Gingerbread). In her early career, she worked for women's organisations and local voluntary sector organisations and worked for nearly ten years as a welfare rights adviser in Citizens Advice Bureaux in Leeds, Halifax and Peterborough. She joined CPAG in 1989 where she co-authored books about the Child Support Act. She has subsequently written about childcare, lone parenthood and child poverty. Before joining One Parent Families she was Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Honorary Research Fellow at London Metropolitan University. She was a member of the Social Security Advisory Committee for nine years and since 2018 has been a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

2. Alison Lowe OBE - Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in West Yorkshire.

Alison was appointed Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in West Yorkshire in 2021. She was previously Chief Executive of Touchstone, a West Yorkshire-based mental health charity that specialises in serving marginalised communities, for 17 years. Alison was the first Black woman elected to Leeds City Council in 1990 representing Armley on behalf of the Labour Party. She undertook various roles including chairing the Women's Committee, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Police and Crime Panel. She also chaired the Yorkshire and Humber Employers' Committee. Alison was the first person in her family to attend university, which she did after having 2 young children, and she went on to gain both a degree and a Masters from the University of Leeds. In 2022, she was awarded an OBE and an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Leeds.

3. Barbara Mills KC - Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales (2025), family law barrister and Joint Head of Chambers at 4PB.

Barbara was called to the Bar by Inner Temple in October 1990 and appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2020. Barbara is a Master of the Bench at Inner Temple. She became a Recorder in 2012 and a Deputy High Court Judge in 2023. She is the joint head of chambers of 4PB, the leading family law set of

chambers in England and Wales. Barbara is a family law barrister specialising in complex and sensitive cases concerning children. Her litigation practice involves high conflict cases featuring allegations of serious abuse often with an international element. Barbara is also committed to Non-Court Dispute Resolution (NCDR), has been mediator since 2005 and one of the few barristers in England and Wales accredited to consult with children whose parents are in mediation. She has been an arbitrator since 2016 and was the Chair of the Bar Council in 2025.

4. Cathy Ashley OBE - Chief Executive of Family Rights Group and former Chair of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

Cathy has served for 22 years as Chief Executive of Family Rights Group, a national child welfare charity. She has been at the forefront of designing policies and innovative practices, also delivering services to enable children to live safely within their families and to ensure that children in care have loving, lasting relationships. She has initiated ground-breaking research, delivered talks internationally and co-written books on family-led decision-making and under-explored areas of children's social care including carers raising their siblings. Cathy served as a Labour councillor in Lambeth in the 1990s, and was one of a group of local parents who established Elmgreen School in Tulse Hill, London, the first parent-promoted comprehensive secondary school. Motivated by her family's experiences, Cathy chaired the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust from 2010-16, and received an OBE in 2017 for services to Holocaust remembrance. She is Treasurer of the Jewish Labour Movement.

5. Christina McAnea – Former General Secretary of UNISON.

Christina has been a trade union national negotiator for over 30 years. She was General Secretary of UNISON, the UK's largest union from 2021 to 2026. She is an experienced campaigner on workers' rights, equalities and the provision of public services. During the Covid pandemic she was the only trade union representative on the UK Government's Social Care Covid Taskforce, and she also co-chaired the Future Social Care Coalition. She was a co-founder of the Cavendish Coalition which was set up to deal with the impact of Brexit on the health and social care workforce. She is currently a member of the board of ACAS (the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service), a trustee of The National Portrait Gallery and she sits on the Independent Commission on Community and

Cohesion. Christina was born in Glasgow and obtained a BA from the University of Strathclyde.

6. June Sarpong OBE - Broadcaster, charity campaigner and social equity advocate.

June is a British broadcaster, charity campaigner and social equity advocate whose work spans three decades. Born and raised in London she first rose to national prominence as a television presenter on Channel 4's T4 and has since become one of the UK's most influential voices on equity, representation and social affairs. In 2018, she was appointed Non-Executive Director of the Social Mobility Commission, and in 2019 made history as the BBC's first Director of Creative Diversity where she led initiatives to improve representation across the broadcaster's national and global content across all of its platforms and was the first woman of colour to sit on the BBC's Executive Committee. The author of four books offering evidence-based solutions for building more equitable societies, June was awarded an OBE in the 2020 New Year Honours. She serves as a Trustee on the Tate's Board of Trustees.

7. The Rt Hon Ken Macintosh DL – Former Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament.

Ken is a Scottish Labour politician who served as the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament from 2016 to 2021. Ken began his career as a TV Producer with the BBC in 1986 working on a range of flagship news and current affairs programmes until he was elected to the first Scottish Parliament in 1999. Over 22 years at Holyrood representing the constituency of Eastwood and the West of Scotland, he held various frontbench roles for the Labour Party including Finance, Education, and Communities. As Speaker, Ken established the Independent Commission on Parliamentary Reform and he went on to chair Lar Housing Trust and to advise the learning disabilities organisation, Enable, as well as supporting governance programmes in emerging democracies abroad. He is a member of the Privy Council and a Deputy Lieutenant of Renfrewshire.

8. Kitty Ussher - British economist, former Member of Parliament for Burnley and former Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

Kitty is a British economist, former MP and Treasury minister with over 30 years senior experience in both government and business. A former MP for Burnley (2005-10) she served as Economic Secretary to the Treasury (City Minister)

during the financial crisis and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Work and Pensions. As a Lambeth councillor (1998-02) she chaired the Finance and Environment Scrutiny Committees. Her business experience includes Managing Director, Head of Group Policy Development at Barclays; Chief Economist at the Institute of Directors; Non-Executive Director at Revolut UK; and Non-Executive Director at London LGPS CIV Ltd, an investment pool for local authority pensions. She is member of The Times Shadow Monetary Policy Committee, a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, a Governor of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), founder of Labour in the City and has written think-tank publications on aspects of British economic and industrial policy.

9. Marcus Davey CBE - Former CEO and Artistic Director of the Roundhouse.

Marcus was the CEO and Artistic Director of the Roundhouse for 26 years. During this time, he established it as Europe's leading creative centre for young people and as one of the nation's favourite music/performing arts venues. He is a trustee of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, and co-Chair of the Young Creatives Commission. Marcus has extensive arts sector leadership experience, dedicating his life to widening access to creativity and developing pathways into work for young people. He was on the Advisory Boards of the Cultural Learning Alliance, and Creative UK. Marcus was on the London Council for Arts Council England and is a former Chair of the PRS Foundation. Marcus is an honorary fellow of The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, of Dartington College of Arts and has an honorary PhD from the University of Gloucestershire. He is an Ambassador for the government's Enrichment Framework.

10. Martin McTague OBE - National Chair of the Federation of Small Businesses.

Martin is the National Chair of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), the UK's leading organisation representing the interests of small companies and the self-employed, where he has volunteered in a variety of roles including National Chair Policy & Advocacy and Chair of North East Regional Policy Group. Alongside his work at the FSB, Martin has served on the Low Pay Commission for five years, advising the government on rates of the National Living Wage, and as a Council Member of the business conciliation and advisory body, Acas, since September 2023. Alongside Martin's career representing the interests of small

businesses and the low paid, he has set up and run his own companies in the North East of England. In 2024, Martin was awarded an OBE for services to small businesses and in 2026 the Freedom of the City of London both recognising his work of over 30 years.

11.Nick Stace OBE - Chief Global Impact Officer at Howden Group.

Nick is Chief Global Impact Officer at Howden Group, where he leads on insurance as a force for good in addressing global challenges. He chairs the Howden Foundation and co-chairs the UK Government's Willow Review into the commercial benefits for small businesses transitioning to net zero. He has held CEO roles across the private and voluntary sectors, including The King's Trust, Choice Australia, Saga Travel and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and was Deputy CEO of consumer group Which?. He has also been a board member of the National Trust and the Financial Conduct Authority. He chairs the Prison Reform Trust and The Conduit Club and is a member of the UK-Ukraine Strategic Trade and Industry Group at the Department for Business and Trade. He holds an OBE for services to consumers and the environment, and an Honorary Doctorate from Hull University.

12.Parvais Jabbar MBE - Human rights expert, co-founder and Co-Executive Director of The Death Penalty Project.

Parvais is the co-founder and co-executive director of The Death Penalty Project. For over three decades, he has specialised in human rights assisting individuals facing the death penalty. He has worked with governments, courts and civil society organisations internationally to promote reform and the abolition of capital punishment through law, policy and practice. He writes, lectures and broadcasts on criminal justice matters and has led international delegations and advocacy missions supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. A leading international expert in death penalty and criminal justice reform issues, he has played a significant role in landmark legal challenges across the Commonwealth. In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded an MBE in 2012 and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Middlesex University in 2016. He is a Visiting Professor of Practice at the Centre for Criminology, Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford.

13.Roberto Neri - CEO of The Ivors Academy and a Director of UK Music.

Roberto is a music industry and creative industries veteran with over 25 years experience of leading and building global companies. He is currently the CEO of The Ivors Academy which represents over 15,000 songwriters and composers and which has delivered The Ivor Novello awards for over 70 years. He is also a director of UK Music and was the previous Chair of the Music Publishers Association. He has held directorships with PRS for Music, MCPS and PPLPRS LTD. Roberto is also a Trustee at the music and dementia charity Music for my Mind.

14.The Rt Hon Sir Sadiq Khan - Mayor of London and former Member of Parliament for Tooting.

Sir Sadiq is the Mayor of London, first elected in 2016 and re-elected for a historic third term in 2024. He is the first Muslim Mayor of a major Western capital and has led London through significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, terrorist attacks and the climate emergency. Under his leadership, London has expanded affordable housing, introduced free school meals, increased youth provision, transformed public transport including the completion of the Elizabeth Line, and introduced the world's largest clean air zone. Before becoming Mayor, Sadiq was a councillor and MP for Tooting. He has held various Ministerial positions, attending Cabinet as Minister of State for Transport. The son of a bus driver and a seamstress, he grew up on a council estate, working as a prominent human rights lawyer before entering politics. He remains an advocate for social justice, equality, and the role of cities in tackling global challenges.

15.Saul Lehrfreund MBE - Human rights expert, co-founder and Co-Executive Director of The Death Penalty Project.

Saul is a human rights advocate and academic who has spent over thirty years working internationally to protect the rights of people facing the death penalty. An expert in constitutional and international human rights law, he has advised governments on legal reform and contributed to research and public policy on human rights issues. As co-founder and co-executive director of The Death Penalty Project, he has helped shape landmark legal challenges to capital punishment and supported criminal justice reform across the Commonwealth. A specialist in this field, he has appeared before parliamentary commissions and led international delegations supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. He was awarded an MBE in 2000 and received an Honorary

Doctor of Laws from the University of Reading in 2009, where he is a Visiting Professor of Law. He is an Honorary Professor at the School of Policy Studies at the University of Bristol.

16. Tim J Smith CBE – Former Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency.

Tim has had a distinguished career in the food, agriculture and retail sectors. He is Chairman of Cranswick plc, a FTSE 200 food producer, and Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Governors at Sheffield Hallam University. He also serves as a Non-Executive Director of Pret A Manger, Chair of the Food and Drink Sector Council and a member of the Food Strategy Advisory Board advising Government on agri-food policy. He was previously Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency, where he strengthened consumer confidence, introducing the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. He was previously Chief Executive of Arla Foods UK and Group Quality Director at Tesco plc, leading major improvements in quality, transparency and responsible sourcing. He has contributed to national policy through roles including Chair of the Trade and Agriculture Commission. He was appointed CBE in 2022 for services to food and agriculture.

Nominations from the Leader of the Liberal Democrats

1. Dave McCobb – Liberal Democrat Director of Field Campaigns. Former Hull City Councillor of 22 years.

Dave McCobb has dedicated 24 years to public and civic service in Kingston upon Hull, serving as a City Councillor for Beverley Ward from 2002-2018 and the successor Beverley & Newland Ward from 2018-2024. In that time he has held many local authority roles, including serving as an Executive Member on two occasions and an Area and Scrutiny Chair. In 2025 he became a Trustee of the William Wilberforce Lecture Trust, a local registered charity that exists to promote public education on human rights, democracy, and freedom by funding and organising a series of public lectures in Hull. Having worked for the Liberal Democrats in a variety of increasingly senior roles since 2004, he took over as Director of Field Campaigns in 2020 and is widely credited with rebuilding the Liberal Democrats as an election-winning, campaigning organisation. He holds an MA from Oxford University in Modern Languages (French & Spanish).

2. Hannah Kitching – Chair of the Yorkshire Liberal Democrats and Town Mayor of Penistone. Former NHS physiotherapist and Barnsley councillor.

Hannah Kitching, a former NHS physiotherapist specialising in adult neurology, joined the Liberal Democrats in 2016. An enthusiastic campaigner, she was elected to Barnsley Council in 2018, where she built a strong opposition group and focused on youth and family issues, including serving as a school governor and chairing the Early Help Delivery Group. Stepping down from the council in 2026, she remains a Penistone Town Councillor and has served as Town Mayor of Penistone since May 2025. Hannah is active within the Liberal Democrats, serving as Chair of the Yorkshire Liberal Democrats, Vice Chair of the English Party, and holding seats on the party's Federal Board and Federal Conference Committee, all with a focus on driving progress and electoral success.

3. Julia Aglionby – Executive Director of the Foundation for Common Land. Agricultural valuer and former Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate.

Julia Aglionby's work bridges relations between farming communities and environmental organisations. She is Executive Director of the Foundation for Common Land, Professor of Practice at the University of Cumbria and a practicing agricultural valuer with a PhD in Law. Her voluntary roles include Commissioner of the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission, a Trustee of Susan's Farm, a Cumbrian charitable care farm, a member of Lancaster Royal Grammar School Academy Trust as well as serving as a Deputy Lieutenant of Cumbria. Previously Julia was a Board Member of Natural England and an environmental economist in South-East Asia. Julia was parliamentary candidate in Cumbria for the Liberal Democrats in the 2019 and 2024 General Elections. As a river swimmer, Julia campaigns to address water pollution in the River Eden and in her life and work draws strength from her Quaker faith.

4. Mark Petterson – Director of Warwick Energy Limited. Pioneer of UK offshore wind and long-standing adviser to the Liberal Democrats.

Mark Petterson is a Director of Warwick Energy Limited, a company he co-founded in 2000, where he has been a pioneer of offshore wind developments for the last 25 years. His UK projects include Thanet, the largest development of this type in the World when it came onstream in 2010. With three projects successfully in operation he is the UK's leading independent developer of

offshore wind. His successful 45 year career in the energy sector has included a variety of entrepreneurial technical, commercial and managerial roles. Mark has been a member of the Liberal Democrats for over 25 years and has been an informal advisor to the Party for more than ten years. He has long supported charities involved in tackling youth homelessness, particularly Centrepoin, and has been a Trustee of Banbury Young Homelessness Project (BYHP) since 2016.

**5. Dr Tim Leunig – Chief Economist at Nesta and Visiting Professor at LSE.
Former senior civil servant and economic adviser.**

Dr Tim Leunig is an international prize-winning economist. He taught at LSE for over 20 years and is now a Visiting Professor of Practice in the LSE School of Public Policy, as well as an Honorary Professor in Politics at UCL. He has also taught at Oxford, as well as universities in the US and Europe. He is currently Chief Economist at Nesta, the innovation agency, Director of Economics at Public First Consulting and Senior Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Government. He is a trustee of Turn2Us, a charity providing information and support to people facing financial issues, and the Education Policy Institute. He is a Fellow of the Royal Economic Society, the Royal Historical Society, the Academy of Social Sciences and the Royal Society of Arts. He was previously a senior civil servant, working in 6 departments including HM Treasury, where he served as economic adviser to two Chancellors.

Nominations from the Leader of the Conservative Party

1. David Ross - Entrepreneur and Philanthropist. Co-Founder of Carphone Warehouse, Sponsor and Chair of David Ross Education Trust, Founder of the Nevill Holt Festival and former Chair of the National Portrait Gallery.

David Ross is a UK based entrepreneur and philanthropist. David co-founded Carphone Warehouse in 1991 and led its growth as Europe's leading mobile communications retailer. His philanthropic work is carried out through his charity The Ross Foundation. It makes charitable donations to cultural and sporting causes as well as his educational trust which sponsors over 30 academies across the midlands and north of England. He chairs education charity the New Schools Network. He is a board member of the British Paralympic Association and Chair of the British Olympic Foundation, having been a Director of the British Olympic Association. He has sat as both Trustee and subsequently Chair of the National

Portrait Gallery leading the redevelopment and subsequent reopening of the gallery in 2023. He has also founded and funded the Nevill Holt Festival.

2. General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO - Lately Chief of the General Staff, British Army.

General Sir Patrick Sanders served as one of the Defence Chiefs from 2019-2024, initially as Commander of UK Strategic Command (2019-2022) and subsequently as Chief of the General Staff (2022-2024). His career began in the Cold War in West Germany and he has commanded on operations in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan and was decorated for leadership under fire. Away from operations he served in the Pentagon working for the US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and in the UK MOD as Director of Operations. He retired after a 40 year career in the British Army, and is now Chair of Herminius Strategic Intelligence, Strategic Defence Adviser to Banco Santander, and Senior Adviser to STARK. He co-hosts a weekly geo-political podcast for The Times and The Sunday Times called 'The General & The Journalist', and is Patron of the UK's Afghan Veteran's Charity.

3. Professor Swaran Singh - Professor of Social and Community Psychiatry, University of Warwick; Consultant Psychiatrist, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust and former Equality and Human Rights Commissioner

Professor Swaran Singh started training as a surgeon before becoming one of the UK's most influential psychiatrists. Over 35 years in the NHS, he has driven national reforms by consistently following evidence over ideology. He developed London's first Early Intervention in Psychosis service, transforming outcomes nationally and internationally. His research underpinned the 2007 amendment to the Mental Health Act 1983. He originated transitional youth mental health, leading the landmark TRACK and MILESTONE studies that shaped NICE guidance and the NHS Long Term Plan. He has extended evidence-based care to low- and middle-income countries across Africa and Asia and is a founding member of the International Association for Youth Mental Health. His reputation for impartiality led to his appointment as an Equality and Human Rights Commissioner (2013-19). He chaired the Conservative Party's Independent Investigation into Discrimination, all recommendations implemented and now leads mental health work for the Professional Cricketers' Association.

Nominations for Crossbench Peerages

1. The Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson - Investigatory Powers Commissioner. Former President of the Queen's Bench Division and Lord Justice of Appeal. Former Chair of the Sentencing Council and Chair of the Leveson Inquiry into the Culture, Practices and Ethics of the Press.

Sir Brian has been the Investigatory Powers Commissioner since 2019. He practised at the bar on the Northern Circuit from 1971, taking silk in 1986. He was appointed a High Court Judge in 2000. After serving a Presiding Judge on the Northern Circuit, he was appointed Deputy then Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales having been elevated to the Court of Appeal in 2006. He was the inaugural Chair of the Sentencing Council (2009-13) and conducted the Inquiry into the Culture Practices and Ethics of the Press in 2011-12, becoming President of the Queen's Bench Division in 2013. He has conducted a review into the Efficiency of Criminal Proceedings (2014-15) and the Independent Review of the Criminal Courts (2024-26). He has been Treasurer of the Middle Temple, an honorary Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, and was Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University (2013-21).

2. Sir Chris Wormald KCB - Former Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service.

Sir Chris served as Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service between December 2024 and February 2026. In September 1991 he joined the Department of Education and Science and undertook a range of roles including Principal Private Secretary to two Secretaries of State (Estelle Morris and Charles Clarke) and finishing as the Director of Academies and Capital. From 2006 to 2012 he held Director General roles at the Department of Communities and Local Government and at the Cabinet Office, including as the Head of the Economic and Domestic Secretariat and Director General for the Deputy Prime Minister. In 2012 he was made Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education and then in 2016 became Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Care. He received a Knighthood in 2017 for public service.