

Dear Friend,

Momentum Bedford & County are launching a campaign to increase participation and engagement of Labour Party members. Our research shows that local CLP membership almost tripled since Jeremy Corbyn became leader of the Labour party. We all wish to see change in our society and an end to this Tory government and austerity and we can only achieve this by engaging ourselves to advance our movement.

We understand that the majority of members feel irrelevant going to CLP meetings as they cannot have a say on decision making and we say this can be changed if enough members come forward to support **All Members Meeting (AMM)** which means all paid up members to be allowed to attend CLP meetings, **be allowed to vote** (including at AGM) which will therefore increase participation. This also means you will have say on local internal Labour party matters. More importantly this will create a more democratic CLP.

This is part of our Momentum Grassroots Now campaign. In order make any such change we need your help and we are requesting members to **attend branch meetings and AGM**. Especially your next branch meeting in which you can put forward the following motion and vote for it to make real internal change locally. **We believe all paid members are equal and all members should have a vote to make decisions. Motion to make the Bedford & Kempston Constituency Labour Party (B&K CLP) open to all members, more democratic, increase participation and engagement.**

1. This ..... branch calls upon Bedford & Kempston CLP to move from General Committee (GC) meetings, at which only delegates can vote, to the more open and democratic All Member Meetings (**AMM**) at which all members in the CLP can not only attend, but also vote". Any business relating to national and regional bodies of the Labour Party, including annual conferences and nominations should be agreed at all-member meetings where all members have a vote.
2. This branch agrees to send a motion to the Bedford and Kempston GC to this effect.
3. This branch also mandates its EC and GC delegates to vote in favour of All Members Meeting (**AMM**) as above.

This is one motion, but in three parts to ensure branch is forcing this motion to be debated at the CLP meeting and the branch delegates vote in favour of it.

It appears that many members from B&K CLP are unaware of their branch name, branch meeting date, name of their branch contact and are asking us to provide them with the information. Members are saying they have never received any communication from their branch. We do not have information for all branches, could members here help by letting us know:

1. Your branch name
2. Next branch meeting date, time and venue
3. Branch secretary's name (or chair) and contact details

If you are not sure when your next Branch meeting is or in which branch you are in, please contact CLP secretary (Louise Whatham – [louiseward\\_bergeman@hotmail.com](mailto:louiseward_bergeman@hotmail.com)) and ask for your branch secretary's contact details without going into detail. Otherwise you can contact



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us and will try to help you. We have managed to gather the following information which you might find helpful, but **please do check with your branch secretary before going to the meeting.**

Branch Name	Secretary's Contact details / or a key contact whom can help you	Next meeting date/s, time and venue
Brickhill & De Parys	Kate & Tim Retout – tim@retout.co.uk	
Castle & Newnham	Rosie Newbigging – rosieisha@aol.com	
Cauldwell & Kingsbrook	Secretary Abu Sultan sabu.kingswell@yahoo.com Mamunul Islam – moonbduk@hotmail.co.uk	
Goldington & Putnoe	Secretary Hajera Forth – (no permission to give out contact details -NP) Jean Watson – moonshadow036@hotmail.com	
Harpur	Rob Wall – rob.wall1000@gmail.com David Maxwell – davidmaxwell@phonecoop.coop	
Kempston	No details found, please contact CLP secretary for details	
Queen's Park	Secretary Robert Walker queensparklabour@btinternet.com Helga Warzecha - Helgaw51@gmail.com	

**FAQs / arguments for and against AMM**

Arguments for current CLP structure (Delegates only)	Arguments for proposed new CLP structure or AMM (all members meeting)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Having a delegate system speeds up decision making.</li> <li>2. Sensitive information is not leaked.</li> <li>3. If we allow members to vote in CLP matters they will not attend branch meeting</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It makes no difference on time, CLP usually allow members to attend CLP (GC) meeting, but DO NOT allow all members to vote. It would be same meeting at which all paid members will vote to decide for our CLP. All members will have equal voting right.</li> <li>2. Delegates are members and if we can trust delegates we must trust our members too.</li> <li>3. Currently members hardly attending branch meetings, but if members become part of decision making they will become more motivated to engage themselves for the campaign that they have decided to undertake. No member should be treated as flyer girl or leaflet boy, CLP should give equal opportunity to all members</li> <li>4. AMM structure more democratic system and increases accountability.</li> <li>5. AMM encourages members to attend meeting as they have full right to vote and participate directly.</li> <li>6. It is fundamental all member have vote on important matters such as for nominating national or regional conference delegate or selecting candidates for our CLP and electing CLP officers at AGM</li> <li>7. It is evident that most branches do not have regular meeting and</li> <li>8. Members reluctant going to branch meetings as all important matters decided at CLP by delegates and members feels they have no business going to CLP meeting as they (currently) have no right to vote, and all members meeting will change this.</li> </ol>

- Websites for information: <http://momentumbedford.uk/join-labour/howdoeslabourwork> LP current structure | Labour Party website [www.Labour.org.uk](http://www.Labour.org.uk), Becoming councillor <http://beacouncillor.co.uk>

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