



DEBORAH HOBSON **for the NEC Constituency section seat**

Labour Party membership number L0001446

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Deborah is an African Caribbean woman and long-standing Left activist in Camberwell and Peckham CLP and nationally in the labour movement. For many years, she has campaigned for the Labour Party. Deborah is her CLP BAME Officer, working to recruit under-represented people to Labour and get them actively involved in one of the most deprived areas of the country.

A media worker, Deborah is currently a mature student, who has used her media skills to help to organise and run courses in community journalism for marginalised young people.

She has organised in her neighbourhood on loneliness among the elderly and mental health issues. As the former Vice-Chair of her Unite Lambeth and Southwark Community branch, Deborah has campaigned to help residents on housing, welfare benefits, food poverty and cuts to the NHS – issues about which she has personal experience. She volunteers at a foodbank, where she holds a monthly benefits advice session.

Deborah's work with young black people has included helping to organise a Media and the Riots conference after the English disturbances of 2011 that resulted in a ground-breaking report, and, more recently, a Youth on Youth Violence community event. She championed a youth on youth violence motion passed by the Labour Party London Regional Conference aimed at helping to tackle the urgent crisis.

Deborah is a former BIFU and Unite work-place representative, a position she held for seven years despite opposition from a hostile management. During that time, she successfully negotiated better terms and conditions for workers and did case work, for which she was commended, and recruited new members.

She is Co-Chair of Grassroots Black Left – a national organisation for African, Caribbean, Asian and other people of colour that's a successor to the Labour Party Black Sections. Racism is a scourge in our society that must be stamped out and Deborah has devoted her political life to that and other struggles for justice, including by helping to build vital alliances with organisations and individuals. She has a broad range of communication, media and political skills she brings to the labour movement.

Black women are among the most deprived people in society and the most badly affected by the Tory government's devastating policy of austerity and cuts and should therefore be in the forefront of the working-class fight-back.

Deborah supports the popular progressive manifesto on which Labour fought the last general election that included positive national and international policies, not least on the climate emergency and Green New Deal.

- **Treasurer of the NUJ's Black Members Council. She's been a regular TUC Black Workers Conference delegate.**
- **Sits on the London and South East Regional Labour Party and Unite Liaison Committee and executive committee of her Unite union branch**
- **A Vice-Chair of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and Labour Representation Committee. Deborah is on the steering committee of Southwark Momentum.**