



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

East

Russell Cartwright

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Gender

Male

Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Luton and Central Bedfordshire and Co-op Group

Co-operative Party experience

I have served two terms on the CPDC and hope I have been able to bring my experience of similar bodies from my union, Unite and the Labour Party. Fortunately, we do not appear to have too many disciplinary cases to hear which indicates the acceptable standard of behaviour that we would hope to expect from Co-op Party members.

I have been a member of the Co-op Party for over 35 years, with a similar period of membership of the Labour Party. I have been a member of my union for over 50 years. I am currently Treasurer of my Co-op Party Branch.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I represent my union on the Labour Party National Constitutional Committee and have undertaken regular training relevant to the CPDC and other bodies. I am familiar with the Party rules and have the ability to assess facts of cases dispassionately and fairly.

Previously, I have been a member of my union's Executive Committee, and of the Labour Party Regional Board. I have held a number of posts in the Labour Party and my union during my periods of membership.

Supporting statement

I hope members will support my nomination for the CPDC and I will do my best to apply the principles of natural justice alongside the rules of the Party if re-elected.

Although the number of disciplinary cases are few, it is important that the Party is able to demonstrate that it upholds principles of good behaviour and common decency between its members and in its dealing with other bodies. The existence of the CPDC ensures this is the case.



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Dennis Jones

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Gender

Male

Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Peterborough and Huntingdon branch, Central England Anglia

Co-operative Party experience

Chair of Central England Anglia party council for past three and a half years.

Active branch member.

Supporting statement

I am totally committed to fairness, equality and diversity for all and see myself as the type of individual who is the proverbial 'safe pair of hands' to ensure Cooperative principles are invoked and upheld.

I am an experienced Labour and Cooperative councillor who is currently the group whip and has been so for the past four years. I have not completed the space above as I do not know what other relevant experience is needed to fulfil the requirements of the role.

I am willing to undergo any/ all training to ensure that I am able to fulfil the role on behalf of the party and the members we serve.



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Andrew Manning

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Gender

Male

Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

South Essex Branch

Co-operative Party experience

Been a Co-op party for nearly twenty years. Previously stood in Branch positions. Also, been a Labour & Coop candidate for local/County council elections back in the day.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Hold many training /educational qualifications not related to Co-op party.

Been a Trade union advocate at branch level in the past.

Supporting statement

What i can bring to the table is an amount of non-Coop party experience, to assess information and reports submitted.

Having p/t worked/taught (tefl) in central /east Europe, gives me an understanding beyond politics, what makes things tick, and importantly for this post ,people.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

East Midlands

Titus Ajayi

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

West Northamptonshire branch, Central England Eastern and Southern Coop

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

Chair, West Northamptonshire branch

Vice chair, Society Party Council (Central England Eastern & Southern Coop)

Delegate to Coop Party Conference 2019 and 2022

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Councillor and Vice Chair, Kingsthorpe Parish Council

Member, National BAME Network, Cooperative Party

Exco Member, East Midlands Cooperative Party

Co-chair, Northampton North CLP

Community Chair, Reasonable Ground and Use of Force Panel, Northamptonshire Police

Member, Northampton Independent Advisory Group, Northamptonshire Police

Supporting statement

I have been member of the Party for more than 8 years and have had the opportunity of been actively involved in various party activities. I believe that the Disciplinary committee is a very important organ of the party which plays a vital role of ensuring fairness and maintaining the integrity of the Party. I am a Trade union workplace representative for Unite and have experience of representing colleagues in grievances/disciplinary, negotiations, collective bargaining meetings over pay, terms and conditions of employment.

I am a good listener and have logical reasoning skills to think through problems, and make appropriate cause and effect relationships, connections and comparisons.



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East Midlands

John Banks

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Derby and South Derbyshire

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

2012-2016 NEMCO Chair

2021 Labour and Co-operative Candidate for Allestree

2022 Labour and Co-operative Candidate for Chaddesden



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Elaine Dean
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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies
Derby, South Derbyshire and Burton. Central Co-op

Gender
Woman

Co-operative Party experience

I have been a Co-op Party member over the last 40 years. During that time I have been Chair for a while and Secretary for a number of years. I am currently Assistant Secretary at my branch. I am also on the Society Party Council and have been a board rep for the past 9 years. I also served 8 years on the Subscribing Societies committee where I played an active role.

I have campaigned against modern slavery and in favour of legislation strengthening for violence against shopworkers. I have personally recruited many new party members and encouraged local councillors to stand as Labour & Co-op and lobbied for Derby South to be Labour/Co-op when Margaret Beckett stands down.

I have attended many national conferences over the years.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I was a magistrate in Derby for 20 years, chairing the main criminal court and the specialist Domestic Violence court. I undertook specific training on the Human Rights Act and for the Domestic Violence court as Derby were a UK prototype court and everyone working in that court had to have the training. I qualified as a court chair after 5 years, the earliest possible time. I have also sat in the Crown Court with a judge on Appeals from the magistrates' courts.

I chaired the Conduct Committee for 5 years at Central England Co-op and for 3 years as President acted as the Appeal. As a teacher of teenagers in a tough school I had to arbitrate many times and I acted as School Counsellor for 10 years & qualified as a bereavement counsellor

Supporting statement

I have carefully read through the requirements of this particular role and believe that I have the personal skills and attributes to do justice to the position based on my life and professional experience. I am always slow to judge and open to try and compromise through to solution. As a magistrate I learned to listen carefully to both sides of every contested story and adjudicate accordingly without fear or favour. I also understand the difference between 'beyond reasonable doubt' and 'a balance of probabilities'.



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I am a very close and careful listener who takes time with deliberations and can ask relevant and pertinent questions in the quest for the truth.

I believe this is an ideal position for me to further serve the Co-op Party.



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East Midlands

Kevin Hepworth

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Derby and South Derbyshire

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

Current member of the CPDC

Branch Treasurer

Attended several Co-op Party Conferences

Member for 30+ years

Previous Labour/ Co-op Council candidate.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Former Trade Union Full Time Officer with vast experience of disciplinary issues.

Former Regional Legal Officer of Unite.

Former member SOGAT final appeals committee also Former member of Labour Party National Constitution Committee.

Member Central England MCC, Former Board member of Midland and Central England Society.

Attended courses on Equality, also Biased awareness.

LP Regional Board member 40 years sitting on many disciplinary and appeal panels.

Chair Derby Sth CLP 30+ years.

Supporting statement

I ask for your support to be re-elected to this vital impartial Committee. I hope my experience above shows you I have the necessary attributes to continue in the role. I am known for my honesty in this role, listening to all sides and making a decision based on the facts and not pressured by either side which is important to ensure all feel they have had a fair hearing in a Co-operative way.



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East Midlands

Jean Innes

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Central England Northern

Gender

Woman

Co-operative Party experience

Member since 2013. Attend local meetings whenever possible. keep up to date with party policies and campaigns. Also promote the party locally.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

The main experience I have is life.

As a member of the co-operative party and Labour Party I have a full understanding of codes of conduct and why they are necessary.

I also spent over 10 years as a senior union workplace representative for USDAW. I received excellent training from the union and my experience taught me that not everything is clear cut.

I am now a chesterfield borough councillor and, as one of my duties, I sit on the employer/ trade union committee.

Supporting statement

I realise this would be listening to members from the 'other side' if you will, but I feel I have the integrity, honesty and experience to bring a lot to this role.

I would listen to their case, after reading the paperwork, and decide on the merit of each case.

I realise if one member lets us down, they let the whole movement down.



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East Midlands

Peter Smith

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

NEMCO branch, Central England North party council

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

North East and North Cumbria Party Council secretary 2010 - 2017

Conference Arrangements Committee 2015 - 2022 (chair 2022)

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Member Northern Regional Board, Labour Party 2008 - 2017, including attending and chairing a number of disciplinary panels

Member of Central England Co-op northern region member and communities council 2018 - present

Supporting Statement

Having been involved in the Co-operative Party as a Party Council Secretary and a member of Conference Arrangements Committee I would like to continue to help out the party. I have had extensive experience of disciplinary panels in the Labour Party during my nine years as a member of the regional board.



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Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

London

Bevin Betton

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Enfield

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

Having studied Law and industrial relations at university I worked in Human Resource Management for over thirty years in the public sector . I am in the Labour party for over 30 years and the Cooparty party for over 20 years .I have an ability to understand the demands and needs of others ,and ability to sustain a balanced view, good communication skills and the ability to present hard facts in a palatable manner. Currently the chair of Enfield Cooparty .I have dealt with disciplinary matters at all levels of an organisation's.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I have experience in dealing with issues of Equality and Diversity and is fully committed to to such a policy and it's implementation. I am fully conversant with issues of Governance and I am also a schoo governor of over twenty years dealing with governance issues.

Supporting statement

See above statement



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

London

Alan Hall

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Lewisham

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

As chair of Lewisham co-operative party branch I have overseen several projects including working with the local council, housing association and fair trade committee.

I have served on the regional co-operative council.

Finally, as a co-operative local councillor it was important to translate aspiration into action. I am a proud co-operator and Bellingham in Lewisham is a beacon of co-operatives.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Relevant experience includes being Chair of Audit Panel on Lewisham Council, Chair of the Constitution Working Party of Lewisham Council and Chair of Overview & Scrutiny.

Currently, I am a Governor of Guy's & St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust.

Supporting statement

Turning co-operation into action can prove difficult without a proper understanding of the economics, governance and management practices and processes necessary to achieve a successful co-operative.

As a longstanding board member of Phoenix Community Housing I have support the building of co-operative homes, community facilities and supported local co-op schools.

Governance is incredibly important to keep our ethics and standards alive when the challenges to delivering co-operative values are all around us.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

London

Shaida Mehrban

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Heston Central

Gender

Woman

Co-operative Party experience

I was a Labour councillor for Hounslow South from 2014-22 . I have been a member of the co-operative for a few years and have worked with the team by attending region meetings and the monthly meetings that used to take place. We collectively used to see what ideas were important to members and what we could work with and what the co-operative values were and of course how to bring about change. I also attended flag hosting days. I think I did make a difference to the group meetings and our shared values. I have along with the team worked with members values, aspirations whilst promoting what the movement is all about, e.g. inequalities at work, discrimination, gender balance, pay and promotion, access to health services.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I am a vice chair of GMB SISTERS COMMITTEE and have thoroughly enjoyed making a difference to our group. i have added value and commitment to moving the team forward along with others. i was a volunteer support worker at VICTIM SUPPORT where i made sure that every person had an equal chance of been heard and helped. I did do training for that and as a volunteer Trustee at disability network Hounslow , i make sure that we treat all the able and disabled people with the same level of respect as care. whilst working at the council I have always been fair and made sure that all y ward residents whome I was the voice for were treated fairly and helped each one with the same level of respect no matter who they were.

Supporting statement

i am a promoter of equality and have always believed in the fact that each one of us has and should have a fair access to all, In many countries like where I have come from, equality for women has been an issue since the birth and i have done so much to air my voice for a change. I have also raised this at many functions especially asian orientated places where women are still second class citizens. Pay and rights are a big thing and I feel that work accessibility for mums who have childcare responsibilities is a big issue. I have raised so many issues with employers about about promoting flexi hours so mums can work from 9.30-3pm.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

London

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Brent and Harrow

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

I am a long-term Co-operator, serving as Chair of the Brent and Harrow Co-operative Party, and previously as Equalities Officer (now Auditor and delegate) of the London Co-operative Party Council. I was also a delegate to the National Co-operative Party Conference in Leeds in 2022. I previously stood as a parliamentary candidate in Surrey Heath in 2019, and a local council candidate in 2021, and 2022. I have also campaigned for Labour and Co-operative figures including my local MP Gareth Thomas, Krupesh Hirani AM, and Annelise Dodds MP during my time at university. I was recently admitted to the Co-op Party Parliamentary Panel, and elected to the BAME and (dis)Ability Steering Committees, underlining my commitment co-operative values.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I currently serve as the Chair of Brent and Harrow Co-operative Party, as well as a member of the party's BAME and (dis)Ability Steering Committees. I was previously the Equalities Officer for the London Co-operative Party Council, and also am an Executive Committee Member for both GMB Race and Ability. I previously served as Harrow West CLP's BAME Officer, and now serve as the Disabilities Officer, as well as being an Executive Committee member for both Open Labour London, and recently elected to Disability Labour's national committee. I am also a Board Member for the HAD (Harrow Association of Disabled People). I have extensive experience of sitting on committees to oversee matters, and with working with others in such a capacity.

Supporting statement

My commitment to the party, and passion for co-operative values, motivates me to join the Disciplinary Committee. I joined the party due to its commitment to diversity and inclusion, and I firmly believe that (alongside Labour), the Co-op Party is the greatest vehicle for progressive and social change in the UK. I will work alongside fellow co-operators to ensure our constitution and founding principles are upheld, and that the party continues to thrive as a welcoming and tolerant place. I will exercise sound judgement to ensure cases are heard and addressed fairly, and ensure those not sharing our values do not threaten or undermine that. I am proud to call the Co-op Party my home and will ensure it remains a welcoming, tolerant family.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

London

Chris Purnell
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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies
London Socialist Film Co-op

Gender
Male

Co-operative Party experience

I have in the past attended meetings of the Bromley Co-op Party and took part in discussions, more recently having attended webinars organised by the Co-op Party.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Employed barrister from 1988 to 2011 in Law Centres mostly, representing on unfair dismissal, discrimination and wages issues. Sat as a First tier Tribunal Judge in the social entitlement chamber from July 2013 to January 2022 hearing appeals against refusals of social benefits. I once chaired a disciplinary panel of Greenwich and Bexley Credit Union.

Supporting statement

I am now fully retired and could utilise my past judicial experience on the Co-op Disciplinary Committee.



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London

Jason Williams
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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Vice Chair London Region, Secretary Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, and City Branch

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

Long standing Branch member and delegate to local Labour party, elected co-Vice Chair of London Regional party in 2022 and member of London Party Council

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Westminster Councillor, Chair of Planning Committee and Policy & Scrutiny Committee, School Governor, former Chair of Big Local Pimlico and Trustee for Toy Library. As a School Governor I have chaired disciplinary and grievance panels as well as pay review appeals.

Supporting statement

Long standing Co-operator and experienced community activist and passionate about Coop values. Experienced in ensuring processes are followed and the process is fair and transparent.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

North East and Cumbria

Allan McLeod

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Tees Valley

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

I have been a Cooperative Party member for the past 6 years. I attend meetings whenever I am able and during discussions I will give my view on any matter for debate in a respectful and comradely manner.

I have come to view the Cooperative Party as

Since joining I have served 3 years as a member of my parties regional council, including time as vice chair before asking not to be re-nominated to regional council as a healthcare worker during the pandemic I needed to offload many of my political responsibilities.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

During my time within the Labour, Coop and trade union movements I have gained significant experience in issues of equalities. I have been Middlesbrough CLP's LGBT officer, and as a trade union representative I have become accustomed to representing healthcare workers/union members through workplace processes dealing with OccHealth in order to ensure reasonable adjustments were made to ensure members were able to remain in their place of work, and on occasion I have given members advice on disciplinary and capability issues relating to their workplace.

Supporting statement

As a staunch defender of democracy I believe that a person's right within a representative democracy to be a member of the political party who's ideology most closely alignes with their own is just as fundamental and important as the right to vote in a general election. To that end I view all political parties as having a duty towards pluralism and inclusion, and being obligated to treat it's mass membership in a way which allows all members to participate within their party without having to endure exclusion (such as through disability) or bigotry (such as because of LGBTQ identity or xenophobic prejudice), and having a duty to intervene when members are subjected to unacceptable behaviour which may make them feel unwelcome or excluded



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North West

No applications were received. A by-election will be held later in the year to fill the remaining spaces.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

Scotland and Northern Ireland

Mark Rivers

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

NE Scotland Branch, Cooperative Group, Mid Counties Cooperative.

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

Former Cooperative Councillor for Round Green ward in Luton, and former Chair of the Luton & Central Bedfordshire Branch.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Former NEC member for BECTU (now a division of Prospect), and a TU Branch Chair for over 20 yrs. 10 yrs as a member of Luton Borough Council where I chaired most staff disciplinary hearings during my tenure. Former Governor of three schools (primary, special primary, and virtual school for looked after children) where I undertook a number of disciplinary investigations. As a TU Lay Official I represented many members at disciplinary and capability hearings (generally disabled members facing dismissal because of their disability). I successfully represented both my father and ex-wife in pursuing Employment Tribunal claims. A former member of BECTU's Disabled Members Network and Disability Committee. Former member of Luton's Fostering Panel.

Supporting statement

I believe I have a wealth of experience I can bring to any disciplinary panel. My experience as a trade union representative made me the go-to choice to chair staff disciplinary panels at Luton Borough Council. I am able to sift through large volumes of evidence and distinguish between what is relevant to a case and what is not. Through targeted questioning I am able to form an opinion based on the balance of probabilities. I understand that being the subject of a disciplinary hearing can be daunting, and that it is often necessary to coax out the rationale for an individual's actions before you can make a judgment on whether those actions were appropriate in the circumstances.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

South East

Lynda MacDermott

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Surrey Branch Co-operative Party

Gender

Woman

Co-operative Party experience

In 2021 I was proud & humbled to receive the Chris Herries Memorial Award for outstanding commitment to co-operative values and principles.

A Party member for 23 years, I am presently Treasurer of Surrey Co-op Party Branch & Secretary to the SE Regional Party Council from 2020.

With 16 branches to liaise with, this involves a considerable administrative commitment, but gives me great insight into branch activities, their problems and successes & an understanding of the importance of a framework of rules to democracy & the smooth running of the Party

I act as an ambassador for the Party to spread the message & grow the membership by making presentations to CLPs & non-political organisations & of course I'm an active campaigner.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I have been a member of the Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee since 2020. It is a challenging & thought-provoking role, but one which is vital to the safety of members & the reputation of the Party

As a Co-op Party rep on the SE Regional Board of the Labour Party, I participated in several appeal proceedings & supported a local CLP in special measures.

Until 2022 I represented NHS patients on Surrey Heartlands Primary Care Committee where many confidential & difficult decisions were made & I was the patient rep on the CCG Information Governance committee which involved annual GDPR training.

I was Director of Personnel in a Special Education Trust for 5 years, overseeing many disciplinary matters including a formal tribunal.

Supporting statement

I am seeking re-election to the CPDC because I believe I have the necessary skills, experience and training to support the Party effectively.



I have undergone formal training both by the Party, my employment and in NHS and Educational voluntary organisations to address bullying, sexual harassment, unconscious bias, equality and diversity in all its aspects & GDPR & use this knowledge in hearings.

I can work collaboratively but am independent enough to form my own judgements, applying the values of fairness, equality & honesty with understanding & humanity I hope.

I know and understand the Party rules, its members and the sorts of problems that arise

I am adept at analysing complicated situations & documents & asking relevant questions.



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Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

South East

Richard Symonds

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Chair, Dover, Deal, Thanet and Folkestone Branch

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

* About 10 years membership, have been Chair of local branch for 3 years. COOP Party delegate to S. Thanet LP GC, and also on Thanet LGC for the May Elections.

* Have written briefs on relevant matters, attended regional and national meeting. Was to represent branch at this year's National Conference, but had to withdraw because of a health issue.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

* Retired consultant psychiatrist, Fellow of Royal College of Psychiatrists. Masters degree in Law (mental health).

* Served for 18 years as medical member of Tribunal Service (Mental Health), so used to reaching legal decisions on detained patients. Was 5 years as Clinical Director of psychiatric department of a local NHS Trust and chaired several disciplinary panels. Recently retired from Editorial Board for public publications of RCPsych.

* I continue to provide counselling in my union, BMA, Peer Support Group

* Member of Unite (Community) Union, Socialist Health Association and Compass (briefly started a local branch)

* Chair of Broadstairs Branch Labour Party.

* On Committee of, and active in, local branch of U3A

Supporting statement

The Party is asking for volunteers for the Disciplinary Committee and I am putting in a application. I think I have the skills from my career to make dispassionate judgments. I am applying because I have been very concerned at how the Labour Party failed to prevent infiltration from the 'infantile left' parties overtly hostile to the LP, which led to a takeover in South Thanet CLP and its near collapse. At least I was able to study the beliefs and modus operandi of these groups. Subsequently the LP NEC over-reacted and is now expelling loyal and long-serving comrades, risking our ability to fight local elections and a General Election. I want to prevent a similar process in the Cooperative Party.



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South West

No applications were received. A by-election will be held later in the year to fill the remaining spaces.



Co-operative Party Disciplinary Committee Applications 2023

Wales

Anthony Lewis

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Llanelli and West Wales Branch

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

Secretary of Cardiff and Vale Branch. Member of CO-OP Disciplinary Committee.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Former Labour and CO-OP Councillor. Former school governor. Former member of FE/HE College Corporation. Former national executive member of trade union.

Supporting statement

I wish to continue as a CPDC mr



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Wales

Mollie Roach

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Cardiff & The Vale of Glamorgan branch.

Gender

Female

Co-operative Party experience

Member for many years. Distance mitigates against attendance at Branch meetings. Participate in on line voting whenever possible

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

Deputy Head in Secondary Education. member of Lord Chancellors Group, Pembrokeshire Advisory Committee (Selecting and disciplining Justices of the Peace), Lay member of Hywel Dda University Health Board, Member of Solva Community Council, member of Pembrokeshire CHC,

Supporting statement

I have been an active member of the Labour Party for many years and as such have also been a member of the Co-operative Party. There are very few Co-operative shops in Pembrokeshire and our nearest bank is in Swansea, but whenever I can, I use the Co-operative shop in Fishguard. I fully support the ideas and activities of the Co-operative Party and would be happy to serve on this Committee.



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West Midlands

Richard Bickle

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

Birmingham, Solihull & Tamworth Branch, Central Midlands Party Council

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

A member for 28 years, I was Vice Chair and Education Officer of the former Norfolk & Suffolk Voluntary Party. Since moving to Birmingham in 2005, I spent several years as Party Council Secretary and am now Branch Treasurer. I was an NEC member from 2008-11 and am seeking re-election to the Disciplinary Committee on which I have served since 2020.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I have extensive governance experience in the co-operative, voluntary and wider third sector. This has included service on the Boards of Co-operatives UK, Co-operative Press, Central England Co-operative (now Central Co-op) and as Society Secretary of Co-operative Press. In these roles I have taken a particular interest in constitutional matters and the drafting of rules. I have also been a Director and Company Secretary of two Social Enterprise Companies, Trustee of an environmental charity, Society Secretary of a Community Benefit Society in the environment sector and chaired a peace and reconciliation charity for 11 years. I completed an Institute of Co-operative Directors' Certificate in 1999.

Supporting statement

I believe that my broad experience in co-operative and community governance, including drafting and implementing rules and codes of conduct, and the reputation I have earned in those roles for thoroughness and attention to detail, have enabled me to make a useful contribution to the work of the CPDC over the past 3 years. My approach is fair minded and analytical. I work well in a team, including discussing and negotiating differences of opinion when they arise, and I would like to think that the members whose cases I have heard during my time on the committee have felt they had a fair hearing - whether they got the outcome they wanted or not.



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West Midlands

Rizwan Jalil

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Co-operative Party Branch and Societies

sandwell

Gender

Male

Co-operative Party experience

I am a Co-Operative Party councillor in the Oldbury Ward and a longstanding member. I am also a elected member of the national BAME co-operators council and the Liaison officer for co-operative Sandwell Branch. I play a vital part in team building and have been able to share co-operative values with the communities I serve. through my role on the BAME committee I play a vital part in giving advice and relaying information to under-represented communities.

I have a deep interest and insight in the co-operative party and have a good understanding of the implications of social, economic and environmental determinants on communities.

Governance, equalities or other relevant experience or qualifications

I've chaired an independent statutory appeals panel in which I've had to make a collective decision regarding school spaces for those children who have been refused a space by the authority and school.

I have had the opportunity to be a chairman of an interview panel in which I've had to make decisions on various different people's ability and confidence to be the best candidate for the job.

I have been part of a panel and had to separate relevant and irrelevant facts and come to a reasoned decision with the support of lay members, I have experience of being impartial and fair in decision making.

Involved in local politics were I also am an executive member in which I get involved with the strategic direction of the local party

Supporting statement

I have the ability to strategically understand complex issues in my capacity as a NHS foundation trust governor and make decisions pragmatically, I have had the experience of working with people from various age groups as well as people from different cultural backgrounds. I have a political role which includes good scrutiny skills via asking probing questions with the ability of integrating conflicting opinions in my deliberations.



As a councillor I am a facilitator and have the experience of being a mediator I have a clear understanding of community concerns.

I communicate with the media on various issues that take place in the community. Am a loyal community leader and very fair in my approach towards people.



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Yorkshire and the Humber

No applications were received. A by-election will be held later in the year to fill the remaining spaces.