



Tom Laing

Region

North West

Co-operative Party Experience

I have been an active member of the Co-operative Party for many years, having organised and run stalls for the Party at the Co-operative Youth Summit as well as Wirral Pride events. I presently serve on the LGBTQ+ Co-operators Council, having previously been Chair. I'm currently a Labour and Co-operative Councillor for Seacombe Ward on Wirral, having been elected in 2023, where I regularly speak up for co-operative priorities in both Council and Labour Group meetings. I am also Chair of the Wirral Co-operative Party and serve as Delegate to the North West North Party Council.

Co-operative Movement Experience

I am actively involved in the co-operative movement, including working as Policy Officer at Co-operatives UK, where I work with co-operative businesses to influence public policy and promote the positive impact of co-operative businesses to government. I am a member of the Co-operative Young Members' Group and serve on Co-op Group's National Members' Council, scrutinising and holding the Board to account. I am an active member of various types of co-operatives, ranging from large-scale to independent co-operatives, and have recently helped organise a Pride Stall to promote a variety of different co-ops in Merseyside.

Governance Experience

I am elected Councillor on Wirral Borough Council, where I currently serve as the Labour spokesperson on the Constitution and Standards Committee. Having been on the committee for the past 2 years, I have also previously served on the Audit and Risk Management committee and deputised on the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee. Outside of Council, I serve on Co-op Group's National Members Council. I am Vice-Chair of the Membership committee, where I work with other members to scrutinise the Board and Executive, input into strategy and safeguard the values and principles of the co-op.

Election Statement

I'm standing to represent England North on the NEC. Born and raised in the North West, the birthplace of our movement, and working for Co-operatives UK, I bring connections and involvement across the co-operative movement and our affiliates, co-operative policy knowledge, and experience as a Labour and Co-operative councillor. I want to help our Party work with this Labour Government to seize the opportunity to grow our movement.

I am passionate about ensuring our Party continues to educate our friends in the labour and trade union movement about co-operative values and use Principle 6 to support a range of co-operative businesses. From community-owned pubs to saving local sports clubs, these priorities demonstrate how co-operation strengthens communities and can defeat Reform and the far right.

As a young, disabled, and queer member of the Party, I am committed to working



closely with equality networks so that lived experience shapes both our policies and how we operate. Young members are the future of our Party and movement, and I want to support initiatives to grow membership among young people.

If elected to the NEC, I will:

- Regularly report back to members.
- Collaborate with equality reps and networks to strengthen their voice and impact.
- Support Principle 6 outreach and engagement across the co-operative movement.
- Ensure the Party actively engages young members as the future of our movement.
- Continues to push for bold co-operative solutions to our society's challenges.

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