



## NATIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

	<b>Introduction &amp; welcome</b>		11:30
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<b>11</b>	<b>Election of a Steering Group</b>		4:10

## 2) Momentum's Aims and Objectives

Although some objectives have appeared on the Momentum website since its launch, a number of views were expressed about them which were reviewed by a provisional Steering Group and which we have attempted to reflect in a redraft below:

### Aim

As the successor to the campaign to elect Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the Labour Party, Momentum is a Labour Party focused organization and its structure must reflect that. Momentum seeks to strengthen the Labour Party by increasing participation and engagement at local, regional and national levels. Furthermore, Momentum is committed to supporting the Labour Party winning elections and entering government. It seeks to use its base in the Labour Party and Labour movement to reach out to the 99% of people who are not currently in any political party, spread Labour values and increase Labour Party membership.

### **WHAT DOES MOMENTUM WANT TO DO?**

- *Organise in every town, city and village to secure the election of a progressive left Labour Party at every level, and to create a mass movement for real transformative change to:*
  - *Redistribute wealth and power from the few to the many.*
  - *Put people and planet before profit and narrow corporate interests;*
  - *End discrimination, advantage and privilege based on class.*
  - *Target growth not austerity, invest to create tomorrow's jobs and reverse privatisation of railways, the energy sector and public services.*
  - *Provide protection at work and strong collective bargaining to stamp out workplace injustice.*
  - *Ensure decent homes for all in public and private sectors through a big house-building programme and rent controls.*
  - *Support workers and their trade unions defending the interests of their members, families and communities.*
  - *End discrimination based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or age.*
- *Transform Labour into a more open, member-led party, with socialist policies and the collective will to implement them in government.*
- *Bring together individuals and groups in our workplaces and communities to campaign and organise on the issues that matter to us.*

## **HOW WILL MOMENTUM DO THIS?**

- *Encourage those inspired by Jeremy Corbyn's leadership campaign to join and get involved in the Labour Party.*
- *Assist members in making their voice heard in Labour Party debates.*
- *Provide support, training and mentoring to help and encourage potential Labour candidates, ensuring there are more suitable candidates with a wide range of life experiences, especially working class black, Asian and women candidates.*
- *Facilitate and coordinate the building and support of organisations that can make concrete improvements to people's lives, thereby demonstrating how collective action and Labour values can transform our society for the better.*
- *Organise inclusive events, rallies, meet ups and policy consultations for political education and mass mobilisation for a more democratic, equal and decent society.*

## **Regional Network Meeting Input**

The West Midlands Regional Network meeting unanimously voted to place the the paragraph that is currently the “context” at the start of the paper on membership at the start of the objectives as our aim.

*“As the successor to the campaign to elect Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the Labour Party, Momentum is a Labour Party focused organization and its structure must reflect that. Momentum seeks to strengthen the Labour Party by increasing participation and engagement at local, regional and national levels. Furthermore, Momentum is committed to supporting the Labour Party winning elections and entering government. It seeks to use its base in the Labour Party and Labour movement to reach out to the 99% of people who are not currently in any political party, spread Labour values and increase Labour Party membership.”*

Since it is impractical for a committee of the size of the National Committee to redraft such a document, but that it is also thought undesirable to have a lengthy period of internal discussion about objectives rather than focussing on important campaign objectives, **it is recommended one of the following options be adopted:**

- i. The draft is accepted with any minor amendments; or
- ii. The draft is accepted without amendment as a temporary measure and a working party be established (comprising volunteers from the NC) to undertake limited consultation with the NC and report back; or
- iii. The current objectives be retained.

### 3) Structure

Based on feedback from regional networks, Scotland and Wales and other organisations, the National Committee is **asked to agree the following**:

#### a) National Committee

- The initial **composition of the National Committee** shall be:
  - For each **English regional network, Scotland and Wales**, 2 delegates for the first (and one more for each additional) 10,000 supporters or part thereof – at least one of whom shall be a woman (rising to two for 4 delegates) – to be chosen by the regional network or Scottish Momentum & Welsh Labour Grassroots;
  - For each **equality or liberation group** (BAME, Women, Disability, LBGT, and Youth & Students), 2 representatives at least one of whom shall be a woman, chosen with the widest possible consultation as agreed by the Steering Group;
  - For national **trade unions**, 2 delegates for the first (and one more for each additional) 200,000 members or part thereof up to a maximum of 5 – at least one of whom shall be a woman (rising to two for 4/5 delegates) but with the gender balance requirement waived for unions with less than 10% female membership;
  - Members co-opted from **Labour Party organisations/publications** as follows: CLPD, Compass, LRC – 2 each at least one of whom shall be a woman, plus one each from Labour Against Austerity, Labour CND, Labour Briefing Coop, Left Futures, Open Labour, Red Labour.
  
- All delegates/representatives may, in the event of absence, be replaced by **substitutes** nominated by their organisations, and an organisation represented on the national committee (or their delegate) may nominate someone other than their delegate to be on the Steering Group.
  
- The structure of the National Committee will be **subject to review** and initial representatives from regions or nations should serve for no more than six months, after which **annual elections** will take place for the National Committee for the year ahead.
  
- The functions of the National Committee shall be to:
  - **Engage and consult with supporters** to organise effectively at a local level, maintain democratic, inclusive and pluralist representation, and facilitates maximum participation, coordination and activity;
  - **Establish equalities and/or liberation networks** and work towards **elections** for positions on the National Committee;

- o Establish a **membership and affiliation structure**, and encourage **trade union participation** at all levels;
  - o Secure **financially sustainability**;
  - o Set up any necessary **working groups**.
- The National Committee shall **meet at least quarterly** (not always in London) to agree key priorities, where possible in consultation with the membership, and receive progress reports.

### Regional Network Meeting Input

- North East and Cumbria unanimously put forward a proposal that “The National Committee should be tasked with engaging with special interest groups, such as Momentum NHS.”
- North East and Cumbria unanimously put forward a proposal that the “National Committee shall organise a national conference made up of delegates from local groups annually.”

#### b) Steering Group

- The National Committee shall nominate a **Steering Group** which will consist of 4 Trade Union representatives and 8 others from the Committee, half of whom shall be women, plus one representative from each of Scottish Momentum and Welsh Labour Grassroots. The group may co-opt non-voting experts onto the board as required.
- The Steering Group shall:
  - o Oversee the **operation** of the organisation, deliver key **campaigning priorities**;
  - o Agree a **staff structure**, recruit staff, approve terms and conditions and oversee their management;
  - o **Nominate directors** of Momentum Campaign Services Ltd;
  - o Ensure the establishment of inclusive and democratic **equalities or liberation networks**;
  - o Propose **policies on key governance and organisational issues**.

#### c) English Regional Networks, Scotland and Wales

- Regional Networks in each English region shall consist of at least two Labour Party members, at least one of whom should be a woman, from each verified local and equalities/liberation group, and each affiliated organisation. Additional representatives may be determined proportionally based on membership/numbers of supporters, analogous to the structure of the national committee.
- Through their meetings and online communication, networks should:
  - o Facilitate **maximum participation, coordination and activity** at a local and regional level;

- Agree **regional priorities**, organise regional gatherings, events, conferences and other activities;
- Engage with **regional Labour Parties**, assist party campaign activities where possible, and promote Momentum objectives within the regional Labour Party;
- Determine the boundaries of local groups so as to full coverage of the region.
- Ensuring that nationally agreed policies are adhered to by all Momentum local groups and in all activities in their regions.
- In Scotland and Wales, **Scottish Momentum** and **Welsh Labour Grassroots** have agreed to promote and organise in their nations the activities and campaigns Momentum is planning across Britain and will represent their nations in overseeing Momentum and devising its strategy.
- Members and affiliated supporters of the Labour Party may join Momentum as individuals wherever they live. However, in line with the policy of the Labour Party and for the same reasons, **Momentum will not organise at a local level in Northern Ireland.**

### Regional Network Meeting Input

- North East and Cumbria voted unanimously that regions and nations should hold an, at least annual, policy making conference.
- South West put forward the following proposal: *“The number of regions and the regional boundaries will be determined following a mapping of membership, groups and geographical factors to ensure the most effective, participatory and accessible organisation. This review should include full consultation with local groups. Any proposals must be agreed by the National Committee before implementation.”*

### Additional Motions Received (Please see accompanying papers)

- A paper has been tabled (please see accompanying papers) on Scotland’s autonomy and funding by the delegates from Scotland.

#### d) Local, equalities or specialist groups

- Before setting up any such group, agreement must be reached between the organisers and national (UK) Momentum or (for local groups) the regional network, Scottish Momentum or Welsh Labour Grassroots, to agree a **suitable geographical area or other organisational boundaries**.
- All groups must (subject to National Committee principles/restrictions) be:
  - **open** to all eligible supporters within the geographical area or other organisational boundaries.

- o **democratic, inclusive, pluralist and participatory** in nature. However, the group can determine its own internal structure democratically, subject to the principles agreed by the National Committee.
- To become fully verified, the group must choose (in line with the requirements in the Membership section § 6 below) at least each year:
  - o Two main **points of contact**, at least one of whom must be a woman, who shall shall act as representatives in the regional network.
  - o Two **social media managers**, at least one of whom must be a woman, to operate local social media accounts, ensuring that guidelines are adhered to.
  - o A **data manager** who must be a Labour member and will be given access to the database to communicate with their supporters, and appropriate guidance and training, and must ensure that:
    - the database is updated with details of new supporters;
    - compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements in respect of the use of the database.

#### e) Group Verification

1. *If there isn't a Momentum group in your borough/district council, contact the Regional Network (or Scottish Momentum in Scotland or Welsh Labour Grassroots in Wales) to discuss an agreed area to convene a meeting. The meeting must be communicated to all of the supporters in your area using Momentum's central database. The convener of the meeting is not the local group's leader but simply the organiser of the first meeting.*
2. *The group must agree the **Code of Ethics** [see §6.4 below] and to abide by the agreed rules of membership and attendance at meetings.*
3. *The group must seek a constructive relationship with local CLPs & trade unions and set up a working group to engage with community, campaigning, and activist groups in their area.*
4. *The group must provide two Labour Party members at least one of whom must be a woman, as points of contact and to be placed in a Regional Network.*
5. *The group must agree the code on data management [to be drafted following advice currently being sought] and on social media management. Named persons on behalf of the local group will be accountable for social media output and, to Momentum Campaign Ltd, for management of data. They will be in contact with Momentum's national social media manager and placed in a network for coordinating, quality controlling and sharing best practice in social media output.*

#### Regional Network Meeting Input

- North West unanimously proposed a liberation/equalities group be established for older or retired people.



## 4) Finance

At its launch, it was agreed Momentum would not engage in an explicit fundraising drive in the absence of a transparent governance structure, although donation buttons are included on most emails and are possible through the website. Despite that, Momentum has received £33,441.56 since its launch on Thursday 8 October 2016.

- £31,267.06 from online donations by 1260 supporters (an average donation of £24.43);
- £1,194.50 in cash donations at events;
- £980 in cheque donations;
- Office space – donation in kind;
- Leaflets – donation in kind.

In addition, there was some legacy funding from the Jeremy Corbyn Leadership Campaign though there were also some inherited liabilities. Momentum's expenditure has been very low, relying significantly on the goodwill and generosity of volunteers and supporters.

### **Approximate monthly outgoings:**

Four interim staff members have been paid at £1500 pcm	£6000 pcm
Volunteer expenses (lunch + travel)	£600 pcm
Nationbuilder subscription	£850 pcm

### **Other expenditure:**

Canvassing for the Oldham By-election (4 x coaches + social)	£3,500
Banner	£250
Badges	£400
Organising costs for 8 x Regional Network Meetings	TBC
Organising cost for National Committee Meeting	TBC



## 5) Staffing

Currently, Momentum employs 4 interim staff on rolling one month contracts which accounts for the bulk of the organisation's costs as can be seen above. The reference group has previously considered a staffing budget which envisages up to 8 permanent staff although this would inevitably be subject to income. It was agreed that all positions would be advertised, starting with a national coordinator. The proposed structure with estimated full years costs was as follows:

### Operations

- National Coordinator @ 35k	<b>38,000</b>
- Central Coordinating officers (2) @ 25k	<b>56,000</b>
- Regional Organisers (2) @ 22.5k	<b>50,000</b>
- Press Officer @ 25k	<b>28,000</b>
- Social Media manager @ 25k	<b>28,000</b>

### Website

- Manager	<b>28,000</b>
- Hosting/ Nation Builder	<b>15,000</b>

**Total:** **243,000**

It is recommended that the Steering Group be asked to re-examine these proposals in the light of possible income and take what steps it deems necessary to recruit permanent staff at a level that is sustainable.

## 6) Membership

### a) Context

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### b) Members and Supporters

At present Momentum has no members, only supporters. It is proposed to introduce a membership scheme for England which reflects the nature of a Labour Party focused organization whilst also encouraging the continuing role of supporters in local groups in order to reach out to a wider pool of people who can be engaged in activities and, we hope, eventually be encouraged to the party – Wales and Scotland may choose to modify these proposals according to their own circumstances such as in relation to the different circumstances caused by the rise of the SNP and social movement related to the independence referendum.

It is proposed to introduce a **membership scheme** for individuals based on a minimum fee of £10 each calendar year (£5 unwaged) or £1 per month paid by standing order. This is seen as a necessary income stream in addition to affiliation fees and donations (crowd-sourced and from larger donors) for Momentum to become a sustainable and effective organisation. If 20,000 members were recruited, this could generate over £150,000 per year. Since Scotland and Wales already have membership fees, there may need to be an agreement about the sharing of fees for members there.

In any event, it is proposed that any current **supporter** (anyone on the national database or who attends local group meetings) who does not pay the fee should continue to be classified as a supporter and encouraged to participate in some if not all meetings and activities.

The membership scheme cuts across the previous desire of the MPs reference group to restrict participation and/or office holding within Momentum in order to:

- Encourage supporters to **join and become active in the party** in order to ensure we achieve our objectives;
- **Prevent the participation in Momentum of people hostile to the Labour Party** or to the objectives of Momentum;

- **Avoid the damage** to Jeremy Corbyn's leadership and the alienation of some supporters at such involvement.
- **Clearly signal** to party members whose support we seek **that Momentum is totally committed to the Labour Party.**

Membership may be more attractive if members were entitled to some rights which non-members did not possess. It appears widely agreed that anyone holding a position in the organisation should be a Member of Momentum as well as of the Labour Party.

It would also be beneficial if participation in Momentum was limited to people who support its objectives.

### **Option One: Labour Party members only may participate**

Under this option, **only those members and supporters who are individual members of the Labour Party would be allowed to participate** in organizing and planning meetings. This would greatly simplify the rules of participation though clearly at the cost of excluding some people (though it is a relatively small proportion at such meetings in many groups).

However, since Labour party membership was the primary concern here, it would be hard to restrict supporters within the organization from voting or other benefits, which may impact on take up of membership.

Although membership and participation would be restricted to party members, local groups could still hold public meetings or organize joint campaigning activities or events with other political organisations outside the Labour Party such as CND or the Peoples' Assembly, which may include members of other parties who adhere to the 'code of ethics.'

### **Option Two: Momentum members must be Labour members but all supporters would be able to participate in local groups apart from members of other hostile political organisations.**

**Members** and any **supporters** who wished to attend planning and organizing meetings would be required to support the objectives and abide by the code of ethics of Momentum. **Members** would have to be an individual member of the Labour Party to join as a member but **supporters could still attend and participate** in local groups provided they were not a supporter of any organisation opposed to the Labour Party.

**Members would be entitled** to stand for any office in Momentum and to vote in any elections or referenda at a regional or national level. **Supporters** able to attend planning and organizing meetings could vote on matters within those groups but not beyond nor, if they were not a Labour Party member or affiliated supporter, to discussions or votes on matters relating to the Labour Party. Otherwise, supporters could also participate in referenda, consultative surveys and ballots about campaign priorities and policy.

If this option could allow, at some future date, a further category of associate membership to be introduced for supporters who were not members of any

other political organization opposed to the Labour Party but supported the aims and values of the Labour Party. It would, however, be wise to wait for a few months in order to maximize the recruitment of full members of Momentum and of the Labour Party itself.

As in option one, groups could still hold public meetings, events and activities on a very much broader basis. **This option means that all positions at regional and national level would be held by Momentum members who would be individual members of the Labour Party.**

### **Option Three: Open to anyone who does not support anti-Labour candidates**

**Members** and any **supporters** who wished to attend planning and organizing meetings would be required to support the objectives and abide by the code of ethics of Momentum. **Members** would have to be an individual member of the Labour Party, or affiliated supporter, or support the aims and values of the Labour Party and not be a member of another political party. **Supporters could still attend** local groups provided they were not a supporter of any organisation opposed to the Labour Party.

**Members would be entitled** to stand for any office in Momentum and to vote in any elections or referenda. **Supporters** able to attend planning and organizing meetings could vote on matters within those groups but not beyond nor, if they were not a Labour Party member or affiliated supporter, to discussions or votes on matters relating to the Labour Party. Otherwise, supporters could also participate in referenda, consultative surveys and ballots about campaign priorities and policy.

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### **Regional Network Meeting Input**

Six out of eight Regional Networks were consulted on an earlier version of this paper, which firstly separated the issues of membership of Momentum from the issues of attendance at meetings and eligibility for standing for office.

There was very little support for permitting people who were not members of the Labour Party to hold office in the organization particularly membership of national or regional bodies. There was also little more support for permitting people who are members of other political parties to attend local group meetings other than open meetings or meetings with other organisations for planning joint initiatives.

Six out of eight regions, therefore, did not consider the three options as set out here in the current form.

- West Midlands voted 26-1 to exclude *members* rather than *supporters* of organisations opposed to the Labour Party from Momentum membership or supporter criteria
- With this amendment passed, West Midlands voted 26-1 in favour of Option 3 over Option 2
- Yorkshire and the Humber voted 11-1 in favour of open participation to those not involved in other parties with the 1 vote against in favour of fewer restrictions against involvement by other political parties
- North West voted 19 in favour of open participation to those not involved in other parties, 4 in favour of Option 1, and 3 in favour of fewer restrictions against involvement by other political parties
- North East and Cumbria unanimously supported open participation to those not involved in other parties
- East of England voted unanimously to include affiliated supporters in Option 2 but voted 5 to 3 in favour of Option 3 with 2 delegates abstaining to register support for fewer restrictions against involvement by other political parties
- London voted 30-3 to maintain that office holders shall be Labour members only
- London voted 18-12 to make the definition of what is a political party more explicit
- With these amendments passed, London voted 23 in favour of open participation to those not involved in other parties, 3 seeking an alternative, less restrictive proposal, and 8 requesting further consultation before a decision is taken
- South West voted 5-3 in favour of open participation to those not involved in other parties with the 3 voting for fewer restrictions. A minority paper has been submitted (see below).
- South East majority position was in favour of open participation to those not involved in other parties with a minority favouring fewer restrictions on members of other political parties

#### **Additional Motions Received (Please see accompanying papers)**

- “Lambeth Momentum calls on the National Committee to remove the restrictions being placed on non-LP members and to adopt a constitution that enfranchises all members who agree with our aims and code of ethics.”
- South West minority paper (see above) removing some restrictions on some members of other political parties

#### **c) Other factors affecting participation**

It has been pointed out that the Labour Party may unreasonably proscribe organisations or exclude individuals from membership. For this reason, it is

proposed that the National Committee may decide by resolution to admit into membership any person whom it believes has been unfairly excluded from membership of the Labour Party, and shall be the final arbiter in any dispute about whether an organisation is “opposed to the Labour Party” as a determinant of membership of Momentum. Decisions could also be delegated to the steering group in order to minimise any delay involved in such decisions.

#### d) **Attendance and behavior at Meetings**

Where Momentum groups choose to organise campaigning activities or public events as open meetings, groups may wish to exclude individuals who fail to adhere to the ‘code of ethics.’ Furthermore, as Momentum is a Labour-focused organisation, individuals should not be permitted to promote any other political party at such a meeting which includes distributing literature inside the meeting room/hall for or by any organisation opposed to the Labour Party (though people cannot be prevented from selling papers or distributing leaflets outside meetings).

#### **Regional Network Meeting Input**

- London voted 21-17 to keep the prohibition on distribution of literature from other political parties at Momentum meetings and events.
- North East and Cumbria decided unanimously to remove restrictions on distribution of literature at public events.

#### e) **Code of Ethics for Momentum Members and Momentum Groups**

These objectives (with a few minor alterations) were agreed by the launch reference group and have been displayed on the Momentum website since its launch. However, based on the consultation prior to this inaugural National Committee, we propose the following amendments (shown as underlined or crossed out):

Individuals and groups using the Momentum name and branding must operate according to the following principles at all times:

- As the successor to Jeremy Corbyn's Leadership Campaign, Momentum promotes the values that Jeremy popularised during the campaign, of fair, honest debate focused on policies, not personal attacks or harassment.
- Momentum seeks to build positive relationships with Constituency Labour Parties, trade unions and other Labour movement or campaigning organisations that share its aims and principles.
- Momentum seeks to reach out across the community and encourages the participation of people who may not have been involved in political activities before. Ensuring the safety and self-expression of everyone is a priority, especially of those who are often marginalised on the basis

of their gender, sexuality, ethnicity, race, religion, class, disability and educational or economic status.

- Groups of individuals may form local Momentum Groups to share ideas, organise and participate in activities at their local level, which demonstrate how 'Labour socialist values' and collective effort can make a positive social and/or environmental impact. These groups must be democratic in their nature and be organised around a spirit of collaboration, inclusion and respect.
- As the successor to Jeremy Corbyn's Leadership Campaign, Momentum promotes the communication of progressive ideas for political change, such as:
  - Opposition to austerity and privatisation,
  - The promotion of equality and participatory democracy,
  - Strong collective bargaining to stamp out workplace injustice,
  - A big housebuilding programme and rent controls,
  - Action on climate change.
  - No more illegal wars, replacing Trident not with a new generation of nuclear weapons but jobs that retain the communities' skills,
  - Public ownership of railways and in the energy sector, and
  - An end to scapegoating of migrants.

These are the values policies for which Jeremy Corbyn was elected.

- Momentum is wholly committed to working for progressive political change through methods which are inclusive, participatory and non-violent.
- Momentum seeks to build a social movement in support of the aims of the Labour movement and a fairer and more decent society. Momentum is committed to supporting the Labour Party winning elections and entering government in 2020 and seeks positive and productive engagement with Constituency Labour Parties and trade unions.
- Failure to abide by this code of ethics may result in suspension or permanent exclusion from Momentum meetings, online groups and/or membership.

### Regional Network Meeting Input

- Yorkshire and the Humber unanimously voted to include Branch Labour Parties, along with CLPs and trade unions that Momentum groups should seek a positive relationship with



## 7) Affiliation

It is proposed that Momentum introduce the following basis for affiliation of Labour movement organisations – Trade unions and Constituency Labour Parties:

**Trade unions** (including regional organisations and local branches):

Fewer than 2,000 members	£25
2,000 – 4,999 members	£75
5,000 – 19,999 members	£200
20,000 – 99,999 members	£400
over 100,000 members	£600

Affiliated organisations may send delegates (who are individual Labour Party members) to regional networks and the National Committee in accordance with the basis set out in §3. Affiliated local branches may send delegates to local Momentum groups – up to 5 delegates who work but do not live in the area, and an unlimited number who live in the area – who must support the objectives of Momentum, abide by the code of ethics of Momentum **and** is an individual member or affiliated supporter of the Labour Party or supports the aims and values of the Labour Party and is not a supporter of any organisation opposed to the Labour Party.

Trade unions which are not affiliated to the Labour Party have not yet been invited to participate in Momentum, but there are some who would wish to do so. Subject to the requirement that they accept the objectives of Momentum and nominate as delegates individual members of the Labour Party

### **Constituency Labour Parties**

CLPs may affiliate for a fee of £20 for a calendar year. They may then send 2 delegates to the regional network (at least one of whom must be a woman), and any number of delegates to local Momentum meetings who must support the objectives of Momentum, and abide by the code of ethics of Momentum.

## 8) Campaign Objectives

Momentum's National Committee is due to meet at least quarterly. Therefore, campaign objectives will be set on a quarterly basis, with more urgent campaigns decided upon by the Steering Committee in between meetings of the National Committee.

Momentum has six proposed campaign objectives over the next three months: May's elections (English local and mayoral, Welsh Assembly, and Scottish Parliament), the People's Assembly march for Health, Homes, Jobs, and Education, Labour's National Executive elections, election of delegates to Party Conference, opposition to Trident renewal, and Westminster by-elections.

### May Elections

Momentum proposes to organise in support of Labour candidates in May's various elections. Momentum will encourage its supporters and local groups to attend Labour campaign days and maintain near constant mobilisation in advance of these crucial elections. Momentum will support Labour's campaigns in Wales and Scotland, as directed by our organisation in each country. In England, Momentum will particularly focus on the Mayoral elections and their accompanying council or assembly elections in London and Bristol as well as the following council elections: Harlow, Norwich, Derby, Lincoln, Carlisle, Rossendale, West Lancashire, Crawley, Southampton, Exeter, Cannock Chase, Dudley, Redditch, Bradford, and Rotherham.

### March for Health, Homes, Jobs, and Education

On 16 April, People's Assembly are organising a March for Health, Homes, Jobs, and Education.

It is proposed that Momentum works closely with the People's Assembly to build for the March, help deliver it, and ensure that the campaign continues with dozens, if not more, of local ongoing campaigns.

This is an opportunity for Momentum's local groups network to demonstrate how our organisation can translate a national campaign into local actions and knit together local campaigns into a national message.

We would ask our network of local groups to design or join campaigns around one or more of the four areas, linking them together for mutual support and to help them develop swiftly.

We propose that our local groups organise with People's Assembly local groups to deliver days of action in seven cities across the UK in the run up to the March on 16 April.

These days of action would be a rally plus additional campaigning. Activists could, for example, split into groups focused on each of the four areas and spend the rest of the day on a campaign. These could link up with existing local campaigns on particular issues, including existing local Momentum group campaigns. These campaigns would ensure that the mobilisation for the March and its demands live on in dozens of ongoing local and regional campaigns.

In addition, we would run a supportive social media campaign and encourage Constituency Labour Parties to be involved in the regional events and the March on 16 April itself.

The three draft key demands on each of four areas are as follows:

#### HEALTH:

- Fully funded and publicly owned NHS - end privatisation
- Invest in health workers - end the staffing crisis
- No cuts or closures

#### HOMES:

- Hands off social housing
- Secure homes for all
- Control rents

#### JOBS:

- Scrap the Trade Union Reform Bill
- Stop insecure contracts
- End the pay freeze, living wage for all

#### EDUCATION:

- Scrap Tuition Fees
- Invest in our futures - stop cuts to education
- End the marketisation of education

### **Election of Conference Delegates**

This year's Labour Party Conference will be the first to begin to take account of the massive increase in party membership brought about by last year's leadership election and Jeremy Corbyn's victory. Labour First, representing the right of the party, are organising as best they can to secure delegate position to conference for their minority wing of the party.

It is proposed that Momentum supports efforts by Labour Party members and trade unionists to elect delegates to conference who represent the broad mainstream of Labour Party grassroots opinion, which is firmly in support of the leadership.

## **NEC elections**

Elections for Labour's National Executive Committee are upcoming. Again, Labour First, representing the right of the party, are working hard to secure positions for their minority wing of the party, which is hostile to the party's leadership. The Centre Left Grassroots Alliance has produced a slate of candidates that supports the party's leadership.

It is proposed that Momentum engages its supporters to explain the role and importance of the NEC and supports the CLGA slate of candidates.

## **Opposition to Trident**

Jeremy Corbyn was elected by a landslide on a platform to change the party. One of these changes was to drop Labour's commitment to renewal of Trident nuclear weapons. In the next few months, it is expected that Parliament will debate renewing Trident. The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) is leading the campaign against renewal and is organising a "Stop Trident" national demonstration on 27 February.

It is proposed that Momentum supports CND in its efforts before 27 February and on the demonstration. It is also proposed that Momentum seeks to promote worker-led solutions to the question through public meetings and debates organised by local Momentum groups.

## **Westminster by-elections**

In November and December, Momentum mobilised support for the Labour campaign in the Oldham West and Royton by-election. Momentum proposes to mobilise support from across the country to campaign for Labour in any upcoming Westminster by-elections.

## 9) Report on Activities

Momentum launched just weeks after Jeremy's victory. The first priority was to capture the energy and enthusiasm that his campaign sparked. Within 24 hours, Momentum had over 12,000 likes on Facebook. Across the UK, supporters started to organise meetings and gatherings in their local areas, bringing together the young and old, seasoned Labour Party activists, trade unionists, community organisers along with people who had never been involved in politics before.

This explosion of energy meant that Momentum could begin running national campaigns in support of Jeremy in his first few months of leadership, demonstrating the strength of his grassroots support. In just three months, thousands of Momentum volunteers participated involved in numerous **national campaigns**, such as:

- **Democracy SOS.** Momentum's first campaign was a [mass voter registration](#) drive to lessen the impact of government changes that could see up to two million people drop off the electoral register. 150,000 leaflets were distributed by Momentum activists at events all around the UK.
- **No Work Penalty.** As part of the successful campaign against George Osborne's tax credit cuts, Momentum [collected 'Dear George' messages](#) about how people would be personally affected. These were watched, 'liked' and shared by tens of thousands of people on social media.
- **Oldham by-election.** Momentum helped mobilise people from across the UK, including organising coaches from five cities to transport activists to canvass for a Labour win in the Oldham West and Royton by-election. Jim McMahon won the seat with an increased share of the vote and thanked Momentum for the [support](#). Hopefully, this will be the first of many election victories for the Corbyn-led Labour Party.
- **Don't Bomb Syria.** Over 30,000 supporters used the Momentum lobby tool to email their MPs asking them to vote against the bombing in Syria – as two-thirds of Labour MPs were persuaded to do.
- **Justice for Climate and Jobs.** Momentum helped mobilise supporters to join the largest worldwide environmental demonstration in the run up to the Paris Conference.
- **#EndRailRipOff.** As the Tories hiked the rail fares by an additional 1.1%, Momentum supporters campaigned outside stations all around the UK calling for public ownership of the railways
- **Solidarity with the Junior Doctors and Student Nurse Strikes.** Momentum encouraged supporters to join the strikers on their pickets, bringing them tea, coffee, cakes or simply some solidarity.

**In addition to national campaigns, there have been countless excellent local initiatives, such as:**

- **Momentum Thanet** – Illustrated the turning tide in British politics by inviting Michelle Dorrell (former Tory voting, Question Time ‘Tax Credit star’) to speak on a panel alongside John McDonnell. [Read about it here.](#) They also gained a key council seat from UKIP in Newington elections.
- **Momentum Tyne and Wear** – Talk Socialism. Regular workshop building confidence in debating and challenging ‘mainstream’ assumptions about the economy.
- **Momentum Brighton and Hove** – Momentum activists took Democracy SOS (voter registration) to local football matches.
- **Momentum Sheffield** – Momentum Sheffield teamed up with the local CLP to hold a day of action against UKIP.
- **Momentum East End** – People’s PPE. A series of lectures and workshops bringing politics, philosophy and economics to London’s East End free of charge (featuring Owen Jones, Peter Osborne, Ann Pettifor, Yanis Varoufakis and others).
- **Momentum South East Cornwall** - Cake, culture and politics. A coffee morning with the local Labour branch to raise money for St Austell’s food bank.

## 10) Report on local groups and regional networks

There are around 100 groups at different stages of development with the nine English regions. The table below shows the numbers of fully verified, active groups. Many others are in the process of holding their first meetings and events and progressing through the stages of verification.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Current number of verified local groups</u>
North East and Cumbria	7
North West	12
Yorkshire and the Humber	7
West Midlands	13
East Midlands	2
South East	11
South West	6
East	7
London	20

All English regions, with the exception of the East Midlands, have had their first Regional Network Meeting, bringing together delegates from all verified local groups