

## Kent

Kent CLP delegates to Regional Conference will have the chance to elect two representatives to the South East Regional Board – at least one must be a woman. Attached are the statements of those candidates who have been nominated by CLP's within Kent.

Delegates will also be able to vote for two South East Representatives on the National Policy Forum (NPF) – at least one must be a woman. Statements from those candidates that have been nominated by CLPs in the South East, and by Affiliated Organisations, are also attached.

The nominated candidates are listed below:

### **Regional Board Reps:**

#### **Karen Constantine**

Nominated by: Gravesham CLP; Sevenoaks CLP

#### **Vince Maple**

Nominated by: Gravesham CLP; Sevenoaks CLP; Sittingbourne & Sheppey CLP

### **National Policy Forum Reps:**

#### **Karen Constantine**

Nominated by: Canterbury CLP; GMB; Mid Sussex CLP; Unite

#### **Fiona Dent**

Nominated by: Co-operative Party

#### **Tom Hayes**

Nominated by: Co-operative Party

#### **Carol Hayton**

Nominated by: Brighton Pavilion CLP; Crawley CLP; GMB; Hastings & Rye CLP; Horsham CLP; Hove CLP; Mid Sussex CLP; North East Hampshire CLP; Oxford East CLP; Oxford West & Abingdon CLP; Unite

#### **Sue Ledwith**

Nominated by: Oxford West & Abingdon CLP

#### **Chris Percival**

Nominated by: Gosport CLP





# VOTE KAREN

Dear friends,

Thank you for the nominations!

I'm a lifelong Labour and Trade Union member, a campaigning activist and a committed feminist. As an elected, socialist politician, serving at District and County level, I get things done!

I am seeking your vote this weekend to serve again on the South East Regional Board as your CLP Rep.

During the past two years as your representative, I have heard appeals and brought common sense and sound judgment to bear. I have helped to chair meetings to ensure the smooth running of our local party branches and assisted in elections across the South East to make sure our basic democracy is upheld.

As a grass roots Trade Union voice, I have fought against the rotten Tory austerity agenda. My position on the Board and as a Thanet District and Kent County Councillor has been used to promote our vibrant party as much as possible.

I want to see Labour in power with Jeremy Corbyn as leader, as well as a greater number of Labour MPs in Kent, to work alongside our fabulous Rosie Duffield MP and, of course, many more elected councillors.

We have a fantastic opportunity in front of us to make a Socialist Government a reality. As a Regional Board member I will strive to ensure our values are fully acted on by our Regional Office staff. I will seek to ensure that resources are used wisely, that disputes and grievances are settled swiftly and that we use membership funds to secure our success.

I am currently a National Officer for MiP, negotiating for and representing workers in the NHS. I have more than 30 years experience as a union officer working extensively in the public and private sectors, I'm passionate about equality and diversity and dedicated to promoting women into politics. I have been a Labour Party member since my late teens and have held many positions within the Party.

Please vote for me to get a hard working, grass roots, experienced and common sense board member.

Thank you!

Karen Constantine

You can see more about what I do and represent

 [Karen4Labour.uk](http://Karen4Labour.uk)

 [@uk\\_karen](https://twitter.com/@uk_karen)

 [karenconstantine](https://www.facebook.com/karenconstantine)

# Vote Vince



Dear fellow Kent Labour Party Member,

I am writing to you to seek your support in re-election to the South East Regional Board as one of the two elected representatives for our county. My thanks to the CLP's across the county who have nominated me for re-election.

I'm proud to have represented our county for the past six years.

In that time I've campaigned with hundreds of activists across Kent as well as attending meetings and also supporting processes like councillor panelling and parliamentary candidate selections.

I am the Leader of the Labour Group on Medway Council and have represented Chatham Central since 2007. It was a fantastic privilege to be the parliamentary candidate in 2017 for Chatham and Aylesford standing on the brilliant Labour Party manifesto.

I want Jeremy Corbyn to be our next Prime Minister but that can only happen if we are electing more MP's alongside Rosie Duffield in Kent. We know the seats can be won as the previous Labour Government had a great team of Labour MP's across Kent.

We also need to further increase our representation on councils – in the face of nearly a decade of austerity it is often Labour Councillors who are at the forefront of stopping the worst excesses of Tory despair.

I hope your delegates at Regional Conference will lend me your vote to continue to support and represent our county on the regional board, pushing for greater resources for both the South East region as a whole and Kent in particular.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to get in touch either on Twitter @vincemaple or drop me an email [vince.maple@medway.gov.uk](mailto:vince.maple@medway.gov.uk)

Yours in Solidarity

Vince Maple