

## Electing A New Organising Group

1. The current Momentum Bristol (MB) Organising Group (OG), which co-ordinates MB activities was formed by representatives from the 'action hubs' created when MB was established in autumn 2015. Most of these hubs no longer meet.

To ensure the development of MB a new OG needs to be established. As a first step in this process, the existing OG proposes the following mechanism for the democratic election of a new OG, accountable to local Momentum members. This aim is that this election should be completed by the end of February.

This election is an initial stage in the evolution and development of MB as a democratic organisation. The newly elected OG will be free to propose further developments to improve Momentum Bristol as a democratic, accountable, representative and participative, member led organisation.

2. 12 people, gender balanced (six men and six women) will be elected to the OG, including at least 4 people self-identifying from each minority group/liberation strand (i.e. LGBT, BAME, Disabled and Youth).
3. All those enrolled as full Momentum members living in the parliamentary constituencies comprising MB will be eligible to vote. Each member will have 12 votes. Each of the LGBT, BAME, Youth and Disabled candidates with the most votes will be elected. The other eight places will go to the remaining men and women candidates with the most votes such that a gender balance of six men & six women is achieved. If insufficient LGBT, BAME, Youth and Disabled candidates are nominated the places will be filled by 'general' men & women candidates.
4. There will therefore be a minimum of 12 voting members on the OG.
5. Nominations will be opened for elections, at least 1 month before elections start. Candidates can self-nominate or be nominated by others. Candidates must be national Momentum members and Labour Party members. Each nomination must be seconded by two other MB members. Candidates will submit a brief candidate statement that will be made available on the MB website.
6. No more than 4 weeks prior to the election there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) open to all MB members at which members will be able to express views as to the direction of MB and question candidates. This meeting will also receive a report from the outgoing OG.
7. Election of OG members will be by on-line vote. Members (e.g. with difficulties accessing the Internet) will also be able to submit their vote at the EGM.
8. The OG will have the power to co-opt people onto the OG in order to carry out the aims & objectives of MB. Where at least one representative from each CLP within MB is not elected by the process described above, the necessary CLP representatives will be co-opted to the OG. Where LGBT, BAME, Youth and Disabled representatives are not elected by the process described above, they will be co-opted. Co-optees will not have voting rights.
9. The OG will have the power to establish whatever functional officer posts they think useful in order to carry out the aims & objectives of MB. Holders of these posts will be elected from within the OG (including co-optees).
10. Should one of our members be elected to the National Coordinating Group (NCG) then this member or members will be coopted to the OG.
11. All minutes of OG meetings (including attendance) will be made available online to MB members/supporters. Provision will be made for members/supporters to raise questions about OG decisions online and, if necessary, at general meetings.
12. If an elected OG member fails to attend 3 consecutive OG meetings a simple majority vote of OG members at an OG meeting will initiate the election of a replacement OG member by MB members.

13. Every six months there will be a meeting of Momentum members which will receive a report from the OG. At that meeting the election of a new OG can be triggered by a majority vote of the number of MB members who voted in the election for the OG, or a majority vote of current MB members, whichever is the greater.
14. Every 12 months there will be a meeting of Momentum members which will hear a report from the OG. From this meeting the election of a new OG will be initiated. This will follow the guidelines above unless new procedures have been adopted in the meantime...

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