

## Electing A New Organising Group

1. The current Momentum Bristol (MB) Organising Group (OG), was elected in October 2018. To ensure the development of MB a new OG needs to be elected. The OG proposes the following mechanism for the democratic election of a new OG, accountable to local Momentum members. This mechanism is largely identical to the process used to elect the current OG. The aim is that this election should be completed by the end of January 2020.

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. The election will be overseen by a returning officer, Rachel Godfreywood who is a full-time Momentum staff member.
3. 12 people, gender balanced (i.e. a minimum of six women) will be elected to the OG, including at least 1 person self-identifying from each minority group/liberation strand (i.e. LGBT, BAME, Disabled and Youth).
4. 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 and may vote for any 12 candidates of their choosing – irrespective of gender or minority group/liberation strand.
5. 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 the gender balance of the full OG (i.e. at least six women) is achieved. If insufficient LGBT, BAME, Youth and Disabled candidates are nominated the places will be filled by candidates ensuring that 12 officers are elected and maintaining the gender balance requirement of the OG.
6. There will therefore be 12 voting members on the OG.
7. Nominations will be opened for elections, at least 2 weeks before elections start. Candidates can self-nominate or be nominated by others. Candidates must be paid up 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.
8. 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 by contacting the returning officer.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. Should one of our members be elected to the National Coordinating Group (NCG) then this member or members will be co-opted to the OG.
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.

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