

Updated list: Where you can vote for anticuts, anti-war candidates on Thursday

While speculation mounts on whether Rishi Sunak could be forced into a summer poll, Thursday's local elections across England will give millions of people the opportunity to show what they think about all the establishment politicians. If you really do believe that it is time to vote for something different, why not start on May 2nd?

Below is a record of all the anti-cuts, anti-war candidates standing on May 2nd that the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) is aware of. They include the candidates appearing on the ballot paper under the TUSC name on Thursday, but also, from page eight, others – standing as independents, or for parties not yet part of the TUSC umbrella – who have been recommended for support for their anti-austerity, anti-war stance.

The TUSC candidates in the May elections

Below is the list of the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) candidates standing in the local elections taking place on May 2nd.

There are 275 council candidates, contesting seats in 54 local authorities in England, presented in a regional breakdown, plus four constituency candidates for the Greater London Authority assembly and the Salford city mayor.

Out of the council candidates, 269 are standing in tier one or two local authorities with scheduled elections this year – 49 out of the 107 councils in that category. There is also one community councillor listed, seeking re-election in May. The remaining five candidates are contesting council by-elections that have been called to coincide with the May polls (indicated with an asterisk).

Overall, 13.8% of the council wards with local elections this year (264 out of 1,904, nearly one-in-seven) will have at least one TUSC candidate on the ballot paper, contesting 10% of the seats available, three times as many as in the 2023 local elections.

Greater London Authority

Assembly constituency
City & East
Croydon & Sutton
Havering & Redbridge
North East

Candidate's name

Lois Austin April Ashley Andy Walker Nancy Taaffe

Mayoral elections

Authority
Salford City Council

Candidate's name Sally Griffiths

Eastern

Local authority Candidate's name Ward Eleanor Donne **Basildon** Fryerns **Basildon** Laindon Park Dave Murray Basildon Lee Chapel North Elaine McDonald Basildon Pitsea North West Jack Huggins Basildon **Andrew Buxton** St Martins

Cheshunt North Broxbourne Josh Asker Cheshunt South & Theobalds **Broxbourne** Bea Gardner **Broxbourne** Flamstead End Aaron Smith **Broxbourne** Hoddesdon Town & Rye Park Pauline Sulman **Broxbourne** Waltham Cross **Christine Thomas Broxbourne** Wormley & Turnford Robert Landon

Epping Forest Loughton Forest Scott Jones **Epping Forest** Waltham Abbey North Adeline Walsh

Harlow Old Harlow Paul Lenihan

Peterborough Central Steve Cawley Fletton & Woodston Peterborough John Lloyd Peterborough North John McGarry

Bandley Hill & Poplars Mark Pickersgill Stevenage Stevenage Bedwell Steve Glennon Helen Kerr Stevenage Longmeadow Stevenage Martin's Wood Mark Gentleman Stevenage Old Town Mark Kerr Stevenage Roebuck **Bryan Clare** Shephall Barbara Clare Stevenage Amber Gentleman Stevenage St Nicholas Stevenage Symonds Green Trevor Palmer

Watford Central James O'Connor Watford Holywell Mark O'Connor Watford Derek Foster Leggatts

East Midlands

Local authority Ward Candidate's name Lincoln Carholme Nick Parker

Lincolnshire County Council * Park Emma Knight

London

Local authority Ward Candidate's name LB of Croydon * Park Hill & Whitgift Ben Goldstone LB of Croydon * Woodside Michelle Wall LB Hounslow *

Brentford West

Northern

Local authority Candidate's name Ward Gateshead Blaydon Tom Allen

John Viner

GatesheadDeckhamNorman HallGatesheadHigh FellElaine BrunskillGatesheadLow FellSimon MordenGatesheadRyton, Crookhill & StellaRos Cooper

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Kenton Nick Fray

North TynesideChirton & Percy MainPete RobsonNorth TynesideCullercoates & Whitley Bay SouthJohn HoareNorth TynesideLongbenton & BentonDan GeorgeNorth TynesideMonkseatonLee Dickson

North West

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Knowsley Northwood Neill Dunne

Manchester Harpurhey Sam Hey

PrestonDeepdaleHasan TunayPrestonPlungingtonJoel Patton

Salford Eccles Sally Griffiths

SeftonDerbyDean YoungSeftonNetherton & OrrellOwen CroftSeftonSt OswaldConor O'Neill

Trafford Longford Samuel Hogan-Webb

Westmoreland & Furness * Grange & Cartmel Martin Powell-Davies

Southern

Ward	Candidate's name
Bewbush & North Broadfield	Robin Burnham
Broadfield	Christopher Ellis
Gossops Green & NE Broadfield	Mark Wright
lfield	Wyn Duggan
Northgate & West Green	Peter Miller
Pound Hill North & Forge Wood	Ben Newman
Pound Hill South & Worth	Ruth Gaunt
Southgate	Brett Shattock
Three Bridges	Tim Holt
Tilgate	Chris Owen
Blackbird Leys	Sam Bennett
Blackbird Leys	Agnieszka Kowalska
Churchill	James Morbin
Cowley	Alex Chapman
Donnington	Kerensa Hone
Littlemore	Rachel Cox
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Oxford Northfield Brook Rosie Douglas-Brown Oxford Rose Hill & Iffley Ruben Simwogerere Oxford St Clements James Bonner Oxford St Mary's Orlando Munoz **Portsmouth Baffins** Rachel Nolan **Portsmouth** Charles Dickens Chris Pickett **Portsmouth** Cosham Nicola Doyle **Portsmouth** Nelson Nicholas Doyle **Portsmouth** St Thomas John Burrows Chloe Stoakes Reading Caversham Reading Colev Sadigua Khan Reading Katesgrove Sam Church Reading Norcot Jen Bottom Reading Redlands Melanie Dent Reading Whitley Saffi Hussam Rushmoor Aldershot Park Tom Mortimer Rushmoor Manor Park Agnieszka Ciezkowska Rushmoor Rowhill Dan Warrington Rushmoor Wellington Ryan Lyddall Banister & Polygon Southampton Karen Rogers Southampton Bargate Donna Dee Southampton **Bassett** Aziz Dieng **Bevois** Southampton Nadia Ditta Southampton Bitterne Park Graham Henry Southampton Coxford Maggie Fricker Freemantle Southampton Catherine Clarke Southampton Harefield Barbara Webber Andrew Howe Southampton Millbrook Southampton Peartree Mike Marx Southampton Portswood **Tony Twine** Southampton Redbridge Pete Wyatt Southampton Shirley Parveen Ishfaq Declan Clune Southampton Sholing Southampton Swaythling Nick Chaffey Southampton Thornhill Clara Asher Woolston Sue Atkins Southampton Woking Canalside Eleanor Waple Woking Horsell E Stephens-DuCros Woking Mount Hermon Raven Dimitrii-Simone Wokingham **Norreys** Sarah Gilman Wokingham Winnersh John Gilman

South West

Local authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Bristol	Bedminster	Anthony Rowe
Bristol	Brislington West	Domenico Hill
Bristol	Central	Nicholas Clare
Bristol	Clifton Down	Suzanne Muna
Bristol	Easton	Chris Parry
Bristol	Eastville	Annabel Griffiths

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West Midlands

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Cannock Chase	Norton Canes	Paul Wainwright
Coventry	Bablake	Anthony Downes
Coventry	Binley & Willenhall	Rob Slater
Coventry	Cheylesmore	Judy Griffiths
Coventry	Earlsdon	Adam Harmsworth
Coventry	Henley	Aidan O'Toole
Coventry	Holbrook	Jim Hensman
Coventry	Longford	Alan Checklin
Coventry	Lower Stoke	John O'Sullivan
Coventry	Radford	Dave Anderson
Coventry	Sherbourne	Jane Nellist
Coventry	St Michaels	Dave Nellist
Coventry	Upper Stoke	Terri Rosser
Coventry	Westwood	Jim Donnelly
Coventry	Whoberley	Zoe Parker
Coventry	Woodlands	Sarah Davis
Coventry	Wyken	Maneet Matharu
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Nuneaton & Bedworth	Arbury	Eve Miller
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Camp Hill	Paul Reilly
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Chilvers Coton	Bernadette Quinn
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Exhall	Eileen Hunter
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Slough	Mark Burdett
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Sandwell	Oldbury	Richard Gingell
Sandwell	Smethwick	Ravaldeep Singh Bath
Sandwell	Wednesbury North	Gareth Knox
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Worcester	Arboretum	Calvin Fowler
Worcester	Cathedral	Archie Harrison
Worcester	Dines Green & Grove Farm	Mark Davies
Worcester	Lower Wick & Pitmaston	Eloise Davies
Worcester	Warndon & Elbury Park	Jason Ford
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Bradford Bolton & Undercliffe Tom Gibson

Bradford	Eccleshill	Laura Fretwell
Hull	Avenue	Mike Whale
Hull	Beverley & Newland	Mike Hirst
Hull	Longhill & Bilton Grange	Tony Smith
Hull	Holderness	Paul Spooner
Hull	West Carr	Joyce Marshall
Kirklees	Ashbrow	Daniel Green
Leeds	Beeston & Holbeck	Louie Fulton
Leeds	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	R Chaves-Sanderson
Leeds	Gipton & Harehills	lain Dalton
Leeds	Headingley & Hyde Park	Florian Hynam
Leeds	Hunslet & Riverside	Oisin Duncan
Leeds	Kirkstall	John Tival
Leeds	Little London & Woodhouse	Anthony Bracuti
North East Lincolnshire	Freshney	Paul Wood
North East Lincolnshire	Haverstoe	Val O'Flynn
North East Lincolnshire	Heneage	John Stiff
North East Lincolnshire	Humberston & New Waltham	Joe Carter
North East Lincolnshire	Immingham	Nathan Newton
North East Lincolnshire	Park	Dave Mitchell
North East Lincolnshire	Scartho	Val Pow
North East Lincolnshire	Sidney Sussex	Mark Gee
North East Lincolnshire	South	Bill Ward
North East Lincolnshire	Yarborough	Phil Tuplin
Rotherham	Aughton & Swallownest	Paul Marshall
Rotherham	Boston Castle	Chris Bingham
Rotherham	Keppel	Tom Lynn
Rotherham	Rawmarsh West	William Price
Rotherham	Rother Vale	Neil Adshead
Sheffield	Beauchief & Greenhill	Daniell Smith
Sheffield	Beighton	Mark Dixey
Sheffield	Birley	Andrea Ugolini
Sheffield	Broomhill & Sharrow Vale	Ted Boyle
Sheffield Sheffield	Burngreave	Hollie Buisson
Sheffield	City Crookes & Crosspool	Madeline Rooney Joe Hibbert
Sheffield	Dore & Totley	Jemima Johnson
Sheffield	East Ecclesfield	Rebecca Fryer
Sheffield	Ecclesall	Noah Eden
Sheffield	Firth Park	Joanna Hall
Sheffield	Fulwood	Philip Bunn
Sheffield	Gleadless Valley	Simon Jenkins
Sheffield	Graves Park	Liam Ball
Sheffield	Hillsborough	Leah Byatt
Sheffield	Manor Castle	Alistair Tice
Sheffield	Mosborough	Rory Smith
Sheffield	Nether Edge & Sharrow	Bridget Gilbert
Sheffield	Park & Arbouthorne	Jack Jeffrey
Sheffield	Richmond	Susan Statter
Sheffield	Shiregreen & Brightside	Patricia Prystupa

Southey Sheffield Harry Lomas Sheffield Stannington Robert Simpson Sheffield Stocksbridge & Upper Don Claire Wraith Sheffield Walkley Isobel France Sheffield West Ecclesfield Christie Littlewood Sheffield Woodhouse Josh Crapper Wakefield Hemsworth Michael Johnson Wakefield Stanley & Outwood East Darren Lumber Wakefield Wakefield East Mick Griffiths Wakefield Wakefield North Tom Griffiths **Waverley TC** Cllr Neil Adshead Waverley

Other anti-cuts and anti-war candidates standing on May 2nd

Listed below are the authority and ward details of 69 other stop the cuts and stop the war on Gaza council candidates standing in May's elections that TUSC is aware of, alongside two Combined Authority Mayoral candidates, one Police & Crime Commissioner candidate, and an alternative list for the London-wide members section of the Greater London Authority assembly. The most prominent contender included is Jamie Driscoll – regularly referred to in the establishment media as 'the last Corbynista in office' – who has a real prospect of becoming the Mayor of the new North East Combined Authority.

The list also includes the candidates of the Workers Party of Britain, led by the new Rochdale MP George Galloway, which has had observer status on the TUSC all-Britain Steering Committee since March 2022. The Workers Party has participated in all the discussions on that body but at this stage does not wish to take up full constituent status; which means having the right – but also the responsibility – to exercise a veto power over decisions to be made in the name of the coalition (the TUSC core policies, candidate approvals etc) under the TUSC 'consensus rule'.

Other candidates include those from smaller left-wing parties which TUSC and its constituent organisations, locally and nationally, have attempted to liaise with to avoid electoral clashes: including the Communist Party of Britain, politically linked to the *Morning Star* newspaper, and Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party. Some other parties in this category – specifically, the Breakthrough Party, Left Unity and the Northern Independence Party (which constituted the People's Alliance of the Left PAL group formed in 2021), and the more recently-established Transform Party launched in November 2023 – are not standing any candidates in May that we know of.

The last category on the list are candidates appearing on the ballot paper as Independents who have left the Labour Party in opposition to its general march to the right; or others, from a Labour background or not, who are standing in protest at the slaughter in Gaza. This is not by any means a full list of the 500 or so candidates appearing with the 'Independent' description in May's polls, which is used by individuals with an array of different political views. 'Independents', in fact, form the fourth largest group in UK local government, and where they control councils have acted no differently from establishment party politicians.

But the individuals listed here are those who have been recommended for support by local constituent organisations of TUSC and others – and in Coventry, Sheffield and Worcester with local TUSC candidates standing down in their favour – who could properly be described as anticuts and anti-war candidates even though, on this occasion, they have decided to stand as Independents. ■

Alliance for Green Socialism

One council candidate in one local authority.

Local authorityWardCandidate's nameLeedsChapel AllertonMike Davies

Communist Future

This Manchester-based group is standing three candidates in the city council elections.

Local authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Manchester	Ancoats & Beswick	Chris Strafford
Manchester	Cheetham	Edmund Potts
Manchester	Piccadilly	Sinead Rylance

Communist Party of Britain

The Communist Party are standing a list of candidates for the Greater London Assembly London-wide members seats, and six council candidates in six different authorities.

GLA London-wide Assembly Members election

This is a city-wide poll to elect eleven members of the Assembly in a modified proportional representation system. There are 12 party lists on the ballot paper, including the CPB, and three Independents.

Council candidates

Ward	Candidate's name
Abbey	Simon Brignell
Heaton	Steve Handford
Nelson	Ben Clarke
Weaste & Seedley	Chris Neville
Walkley*	Ben Ughetti
Sopwell	Mark Ewington
	Abbey Heaton Nelson Weaste & Seedley Walkley*

^{*} Walkley ward is also being contested by the TUSC candidate, Izzy France, who additionally is the TUSC prospective parliamentary candidate in the constituency that covers it. This was discussed with the local Communist Party branch but unfortunately, although other wards in Sheffield were offered to the CPB to stand in uncontested, they felt that they wanted to stand in Walkley even if it meant a clash with TUSC.

Socialist Labour Party

Across the country the SLP are standing a total of six council candidates in four wards – all in Gloucester. Unfortunately, by not responding to approaches locally or nationally to say what their plans were, in one three-seat ward – Barton & Tredworth – there will be two SLP and two TUSC candidates on the ballot paper.

Local authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Akhlaque Ahmed
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Saiham Sikder
Gloucester	Coney Hill	Toriqul Islam
Gloucester	Matson, Robinswood & White City	Kazol Ahmed
Gloucester	Matson, Robinswood & White City	Aswadul Fardeen
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	Foujia Metaly

Workers' Party of Britain

The Workers' Party are standing a candidate for the Bedfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner position, and 33 council candidates in eleven of the 107 local authorities with scheduled elections in May.

Bedfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner candidate

Waheed Akbar

Council candidates

Council candidates		
Local authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Bolton	Hulton	Sajid Pathan
Bolton	Queens Park & Central	Omar Shafiq
Bolton	Rumworth	Ismail Ibrahim
Bury	Bury East	Syed Hashmi
Bury	Redvales	Shabaz Shamim
Bury	Unsworth	Iftikhar Ahmed
Hyndburn	Central	Mohammed Irfan
Calderdale	Park	Shakir Saghir
Manchester	Burnage	Syed Ataur Rahman
Manchester	Fallowfield	Murtahin Billah
Manchester	Levenshulme	Muhammad Iqbal
Manchester	Longsight	Shahbaz Sarwar
Manchester	Rusholme	Naznin Hussain
Manchester	Whalley Range	Tanvir Marth
North Tyneside	North Shields	William Jarrett
North Tyneside	Whitley Bay North	Gordon Bell
Oxford	Temple Cowley	Boris Fedorov
Peterborough	Dogsthorpe	Rob Petch
Rochdale	Balderstone & Kirkholt	William Howarth
Rochdale	Bamford	Jamil Akhtar
Rochdale	Castleton	Thomas Byrne
Rochdale	Central Rochdale	Farooq Ahmed
Rochdale	Healey	Amr Nazir
Rochdale	Kingsway	Haroon Khan
Rochdale	Littleborough Lakeside	Uzair Mehmood
Rochdale	Milkstone & Deeplish	Minaam Ellahi
Rochdale	Milnrow & Newhey	Rashida Jordan
Rochdale	Norden	Sana Aziz
Rochdale	North Heywood	Saliah Begum
Rochdale	Wardle, Shore & West Littleborough	Ali Shahid
Rochdale	West Heywood	Umar Malik
Tameside	Hyde Newton	Audel Shirin
Wigan	Shevington with Lower Ground & Moor	Peter Seddon

Identified anti-war and anti-cuts Independents

There are over 500 candidates in May appearing on the ballot paper as an Independent. As it is not obviously clear however whether someone could properly be described as an anti-cuts and anti-war candidate from the Independent description alone, TUSC contacted over thirty socialist parties and campaign groups, including the 'No Ceasefire, No Vote' network of ex-Labour councillors, asking them for details of any Independent candidates that they were supporting on May 2nd. There are likely to be more than just the 22 candidates below, but this is what we know of.

North East Combined Authority Mayor

Jamie Driscoll

West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor

Akhmed Yakoob

Council candidates

Worcester

Worcester

Local authority Ward Candidate's name Blackburn Blackburn Central Terri Mahmood **Bradford** Shipley Nagbea Coventry Foleshill Ferhan Azad Kiani **Grantham PC** St Vincent's Charmaine Morgan **Grantham PC** St Vincent's John Morgan Maya Evans **Hastings** Hollington **Kirklees Dewsbury West** Tanisha Bramwell Howdon **North Tyneside** Maureen Madden **Pendle** Bradley Mohammed Iqbal Pendle Brierfield West & Reedley Mohammed Hanif **Pendle** Marsden & Southfield Mohammad Adnan **Pendle** Whitefield & Walverden Asjad Mahmood **Sheffield** Darnall Qais Al-Ahdal **Stroud** Cainscross Charlie Mitchell **Stroud** Stroud Slade Thea Pilikian **Stroud** Rodborough Helen Ellioott-Boult **Stroud** Rodborough Robin Layfield Walsall Blakenall Pete Smith

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