



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

Listed below are the authority and ward details of 62 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: the Alliance for Green Socialism; the Communist Party of Britain, politically linked to the *Morning Star* newspaper; and Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party. 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 anti-cuts 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 authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Leeds	Chapel Allerton	Mike Davies

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

Local Authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Cambridge	Abbey	Simon Brignell
Newcastle	Heaton	Steve Handford
Norwich	Nelson	Ben Clarke
Salford	Weaste & Seedley	Chris Neville
Sheffield	Walkley*	Ben Ughetti
St Albans	Sopwell	Mark Ewington

* 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

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 Aatur 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 & Deepdish	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 will surely be more to add to the list than just the 18 candidates below, but this is what we know of so far.

North East Combined Authority Mayor

Jamie Driscoll

West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor

Akhmed Yakoob

Council candidates

Local authority	Ward	Candidate's name
Blackburn	Blackburn Central	Terri Mahmood
Bradford	Shipley	Nagbea
Coventry	Foleshill	Ferhan Azad Kiani
Hastings	Hollington	Maya Evans
Kirklees	Dewsbury West	Tanisha Bramwell
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
Worcester	Fort Royal	Resnu Meah
Worcester	Fort Royal	Naheem Zafar