

Ms Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi



By Email Only: [REDACTED]

Thursday, 22 September 2022

Ref: L0089569

Case No: TCR00-5958

Dear Ms Wimborne-Idrissi,

## Notice of Allegation and Administrative Suspension

We are writing to inform you that the Labour Party (**the Party**) has received an allegation that you have committed a Prohibited Act contrary to the provisions of Chapter 2, Clause 1.5 of the Labour Party Rule Book (**the Rule Book**).<sup>i</sup>

Chapter 2, Clause 1.5.B of the Rule Book provides that the following constitutes a Prohibited Act:

*v. "Possessing membership of, providing financial assistance to, sitting on the ruling body of or otherwise supporting (as may be defined by the NEC) any political organisation that the NEC in its absolute discretion shall declare to be inimical with the aims and values of the Labour Party."*

We have set out the details of the allegation below and exhibited the evidence to support this allegation overleaf.

### **Allegation: Participation in Event organised by RESIST, LIEN and LAW, 27 September 2021**

On 27 September 2021, you spoke at the event 'Resist! At the Rialto' which was organised by organisations including: RESIST, Labour in Exile Network and Labour Against the Witchhunt (Exhibit 1). RESIST, Labour in Exile Network and Labour Against the Witchhunt were designated by the NEC on 20 July 2021 as political organisations "*inimical with the aims and values of the Labour Party.*" It is, accordingly, alleged that you committed a Prohibited Act contrary to Chapter 2, Clause 1.5.B of the Rule Book.

On 06 October 2021, the event was published on YouTube titled 'The Resist! Event: Purge III: McCarthyism and Starmer's Labour Party' (Exhibits 2-3).

You have the right to make written representations in response to this allegation within 14 days of the date at the top of this letter.

Please submit any representations you may wish to make in response to the allegation either by email to [disputes@labour.org.uk](mailto:disputes@labour.org.uk) or by post to Disputes Team, The Labour Party, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QT. Please quote case number TCR00-5958 in all correspondence pertaining to this matter.

In accordance with the Rule Book, the General Secretary will then convene a panel of at least three members of the National Executive Committee (the **NEC**) to consider the allegation (the **NEC Panel**).

The NEC Panel will also consider any representations submitted to the Party in your defence within 14 days of the date at the top of the letter. In its absolute discretion, the NEC Panel may consider any representations that you submit after that 14 day period, but you should be aware that the NEC Panel is not obliged to do so.

The NEC Panel shall consider all the relevant evidence available to it and will make a finding (or findings) of fact as to whether, on a balance of probabilities, you have committed a Prohibited Act. The NEC Panel shall give prompt notice of its findings to the General Secretary, and you will then be subsequently notified of the NEC Panel's decision.

Should the NEC Panel make a finding that you have committed a Prohibited Act, you shall cease to be eligible for membership of the Party and your membership shall terminate with immediate effect.

The email address that we will be corresponding with during the course of this process is [nwi1512@yahoo.com](mailto:nwi1512@yahoo.com). If this email address is incorrect, please call 0345 092 2299 to update it.

#### Administrative Suspension

It has been determined that the powers given to the NEC under Chapter 2, Clause I.7.A of the Rule Book should be invoked to administratively suspend you from membership of the Labour Party, pending the outcome of an internal Party investigation.

The administrative suspension means that you cannot attend any Party meetings including meetings of your own branch, constituency, or annual conference; and you cannot be considered for selection as a candidate to represent the Labour Party at an election at any level.

In view of the urgency to protect the Party's reputation in the present situation a National Officer of the Party has determined to use powers delegated to them under Chapter 1 Clause VIII.6 of the rules to impose this suspension forthwith, subject to the approval of the next meeting of the NEC.

#### Confidentiality

The Party's investigation process operates confidentially. That is vital to ensure fairness to you and the complainant, and to protect the rights of all concerned under the Data Protection Act 2018.

We must, therefore, ask you to ensure that you keep all information and correspondence relating to this investigation private, and that you do not share it with third parties or the media, including social media.

If you fail to do so, the Party reserves the right to take action to protect confidentiality, and you may be liable to disciplinary action for breach of the Rules.

You can find more information about your rights and responsibilities with respect to the confidentiality of the investigation at <https://labour.org.uk/members/my-welfare/my-rights-and-responsibilities/labours-confidentiality-and-privacy-policy/>.

Support

You can find details of organisations who can offer support for your health and wellbeing at <https://labour.org.uk/complaints/#support>

If you have questions about the investigation process, please contact the Disputes Team, whose details are included in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

**Disputes Team**

Governance and Legal Unit

The Labour Party

c.c. London Labour

Exhibit 1



Tina Werkmann  
27 September · 🌐

Must-see session now in the Riakto Theatre on 'McCarthyism and Starmer's Labour Party', with Naomi Wimborne, Roger Silverman, Duncan Shipley Dalton and others.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheResistEvent/videos/225398852979990/>

**RESIST!**  
AT THE RIALTO, BRIGHTON  
September 26, 27, 28

www.theresistevent.com

All sessions will be available online at:  
facebook.com/theresistevent

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**Monday, September 27**

**Time: 11am**  
**Title: Purge III: McCarthyism and Starmer's Labour Party**  
Dr Neil Todd via Zoom  
Neil is a scientist (physics, psychology, neurology), a musician and a science historian. He is Senior Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales. After rejoining the Labour Party in 2015, he was suspended pending investigation as part of the current witchhunt. He resigned following the election of Sir Keir Starmer.

**Roger Silverman**  
Roger is a lifelong socialist activist, a member of Newham Socialist Labour and of the suspended West Ham CLP. He is currently under threat of "auto-exclusion".

**Duncan Shipley Dalton @BaronVonDuncs**  
Duncan is a barrister who holds a Masters in Law in Human Rights from Queens University Belfast and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

**Esther Giles @VoteEsther**  
Esther stood for Labour Party treasurer in the 2020 NEC elections on a platform of democracy and good governance - coming second to the incumbent union-backed treasurer.

**Professor Brian Cathcart @BrianCathcart**  
Brian is professor of journalism at Kingston University in London and was one of the founders of the Hacked Off press reform campaign group. Other speakers will include a representative of Jewish Voice for Labour @VoiceLabour.

**Time: 1:30pm**  
**Title: Municipal socialism: The left in local government**  
Speakers to include Carol Burton, Roger Silverman, and Greg Hadfield.

**Time: 3:30pm**  
**Title: Socialists, proportional representation, and re...**  
Steve Freeman via Zoom  
Steve is convenor of the Labour Working Group. He is a member of the Labour Left Alliance and the Republican Socialist Platform (RSP) in the Radical Independence Campaign (RIC) in Scotland.

**Tina Werkmann**  
Tina is co-chair of Labour Against the Witchhunt and secretary of Labour Left Alliance. She is also involved in the Labour Campaign for Free Speech and Labour in Exile Network.

**Kevin Bean**  
Kevin is lecturer in Irish politics at the Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool. His interests include Provisional republicanism, state counter-insurgency strategies, and the development of nationalism in Europe.

**Time: 6pm**  
**Title: Why alternative media is important to the left**  
Peter Osborne via Zoom @OsborneTweets  
Peter is former chief political commentator of The Daily Telegraph, from which he resigned in 2015. He is author of *The Rise of Political Lying, The Triumph of the Political Class, and The Assault on Truth - Boris Johnson, Donald Trump and the emergence of a new moral barbarism*. He writes a political column for Middle East Eye.

**Asa Winstanley @AsaWinstanley**  
Asa is an investigative journalist, living in London, who writes about Palestine and the Middle East. He writes for the award-winning Palestinian news site The Electronic Intifada and has a weekly column for the Middle East Monitor.

**Time: 6pm Defend The Left**  
Speakers include Jackie Walker, Graham Bash, Esther Giles, Bob Sewell (editor of Socialist Appeal). For security reasons, the venue will be announced a couple of hours before the event is due to start. Email info@defendtheleft.org.uk and/or follow @TheResistEvent

The Resist Event was live.

27 September · 🌐

Resist Event

Exhibit 2

**RESIST!**

AT THE RIALTO, BRIGHTON  
September 26, 27, 28

Labour left alliance   Labour AGAINST the witch hunt   Labour Campaign for FREE SPEECH   We are Labour Exile   resist Movement For a People's Party   Labour Party MARXISTS www.labourpartymarxists.org.uk

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The Resist! Event: Purge III: McCarthyism and Starmer's Labour Party

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Dr Neil Todd and the witchhunt timeline. Dr Neil Todd is a scientist (physics, psychology, neurology), a musician and a science historian. He is Senior Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales. Coming from a Scottish mining family, he first became active in politics during the 1983-84 miners' strike Neil was involved in successful legal action against the Labour Party to

**Exhibit 3**



**The Resist! Event**

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Dr Neil Todd and the witchhunt timeline. Dr Neil Todd is a scientist (physics, psychology, neurology), a musician and a science historian. He is Senior Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales. Coming from a Scottish mining family, he first became active in politics during the 1983-84 miners' strike Neil was involved in successful legal action against the Labour Party to prevent his expulsion during the 1980s witchhunt, which led to the establishment of the now sidelined National Constitutional Committee. After rejoining the Labour Party in 2015, he was suspended pending investigation in 2019 as part of the current witchhunt. He resigned following the election of Keir Starmer in 2020.

Roger Silverman and the weaponisation of antisemitism. Roger is a lifelong socialist activist, a member of Newham Socialist Labour and of the suspended West Ham CLP, currently under threat of "auto-exclusion" for his active resistance to the witchhunt of socialists. He stood in last year's Labour Party NEC elections as a candidate on the Labour Left Alliance slate and reached stage 30 out of 37 ballots.

Duncan Shipley Dalton (@BaronVonDuncs) and the unlawful failure to uphold natural justice and factional abuse of power. He is qualified as a barrister in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. He holds a Masters in Law in Human Rights from Queens University Belfast and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University. Duncan was involved in the Irish peace process that led to the Good Friday Agreement. He is a former Stormont MLA. Before his legal career, he was a soldier.

Esther Giles (@VoteEsther) and the financial cost of Labour's war on socialism. Esther stood for Labour Party treasurer in the 2020 NEC elections on a platform of democracy and good governance – coming second to the incumbent union-backed treasurer. A qualified public finance accountant, she worked in chief financial officer posts in local, regional and national organisations across the NHS. Esther is currently treasurer of the Socialist Health Association. She was placed on administrative suspension by the Labour Party in November 2020. There has been no resolution yet.

Professor Brian Cathcart (@BrianCathcart) and the role of the pro-Zionist main-stream media in the smear campaign. Brian is professor of journalism at Kingston University in London and was one of the founders of the Hacked Off press reform campaign group. He has been a journalist at Reuters, The Independent, and the New Statesman; he currently writes on press and media matters for Byline Times. Brian's books include *Were You Still Up for Portillo?* (1997), *The Case of Stephen Lawrence* (1999), and *The News from Waterloo* (2015). In 2019, with Paddy French, he published *Unmasked: Andrew Norfolk, The Times newspaper and anti-Muslim reporting – A Case To Answer*.

Also speaking was Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi of Jewish Voice for Labour (@JVoiceLabour).

Chair: Norman Thomas

<sup>i</sup> 5. Exclusions from Membership

- A. A member who commits a Prohibited Act in Chapter 2.1.5.B ceases to be eligible for membership of the Party and his or her membership shall terminate in the circumstances set out in Chapter 2.1.5.C.
- B. Prohibited Acts are the following acts:
  - i. Possessing membership of a registered political party in the United Kingdom other than the Party or the Co-operative Party.
  - ii. Supporting financially a registered political party in the United Kingdom other than the Party or the Co-operative Party.
  - iii. Joining a Parliamentary party or caucus other than the Parliamentary Labour Party or the Labour Party in the Welsh Parliament or the Scottish Parliament.
  - iv. Joining a local authority Group other than the official Party Group without the permission of the NEC.
  - v. Possessing membership of, providing financial assistance to, sitting on the ruling body of or otherwise supporting (as may be defined by the NEC) any political organisation that the NEC in its absolute discretion shall declare to be inimical with the aims and values of the Party.
  - vi. Physically abusing employees of the Party.
  - vii. Threatening or harassing employees of the Party.
  - viii. Being convicted by a Court in the United Kingdom of a serious offence. For these purposes, a 'serious offence' is an offence that is serious in the opinion of the NEC and which may include, inter alia, indictable offences, sexual offences and/or offences committed by an adult against a child.
  - ix. Failing to satisfy an order for costs in the Party's favour promulgated by a Court or Tribunal in the United Kingdom.
  - x. A 'substantiated safeguarding concern' finding is made as the result of either an investigation by a Local Authority Designated Officer or another suitable professional regulatory body, or as the result of an outcome from a safeguarding investigation conducted by a statutory agency.
- C. The membership of a member who commits a Prohibited Act under Chapter 2.1.5.B shall terminate on the date on which the General Secretary or a national officer of the Party sends that member notice that the NEC has made a finding of fact pursuant to Chapter 2.1.5.D that the member has committed the Prohibited Act.
- D. The NEC shall determine whether a member has committed a Prohibited Act under Chapter 2.1.5.B in accordance with the following provisions:
  - i. Chapter 6 shall not apply to findings of fact made under this clause.
  - ii. The General Secretary shall send to the member a Notice of Allegation. The Notice of Allegation must:
    - a. State details of any allegation that the member has committed Prohibited Act;
    - b. Be accompanied by any relevant evidence supporting that allegation;
    - c. State that the member has a right to make representations in writing within 14 days of the date the Notice of Allegation;
    - d. Inform the member how any such representations should be made; and
    - e. Draw to the attention of the member the provisions of Chapter 2.1.5.
  - iii. The member shall have a right to make representations to the NEC in writing within 14 days of the date of the Notice of Allegation.
  - iv. The General Secretary shall convene a panel of at least three NEC members to consider the allegation.
  - v. The NEC must consider any representations submitted in defence that have been provided within 14 days of the Notice of Allegation. The NEC may in its absolute discretion consider any representations that are submitted after that 14 day period but the NEC is not obliged to do so.

- vi. The NEC panel shall make findings of fact whether or not the member has committed a Proscribed Act on the balance of probabilities upon consideration of all the evidence available to the NEC.
- vii. The NEC panel shall give prompt notice of its findings to the General Secretary.
- viii. The General Secretary shall give notice of the NECs decision to the member. Notice must:
  - a. Set out the NEC's findings of fact;
  - b. State that the member's membership stands terminated; and
  - c. Inform the member of a right of appeal under Chapter 2.1.6 and to whom to address that appeal.