

LWN Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a question or wish to know more about the process, below is our FAQs, which hopefully answer anything you need to know! Please get in touch if not.

I have just nominated myself, what happens now?

Firstly, thank you. Once your nomination has been submitted, we will verify that you are eligible to stand. The only reasons you will not be able to stand in our elections are:

- a) you are not a full member of LWN,
- b) that you have not had four months consecutive membership prior to the nominations opening, and/or
- c) you fail to validate your nomination on the nomination website.

We will contact you to confirm if you are eligible to stand or not.

When you start your nomination form, UK-Engage will ask you to submit an email and password, so you can stop and start your application until the close of nominations. Once you have registered, you will receive an email from them to activate your account and possible follow-up emails.

Please be aware that by pressing 'Save' at the end of the nomination form it will automatically be **marked complete and submitted**. You can amend your application up to close of nominations.

If you decide to **withdraw** you must email lwn@uk-engage.org to confirm this. We cannot guarantee that if you withdraw on, or after, the 18th August 2024 you will be removed from the ballot in time.



Who conducts LWN's election process?

UK-Engage have a long track record of running elections. Their system allows us to engage more with voting members – something we strive to do.

UK-Engage will send out emails to eligible members on our behalf, including the actual ballot.

LWN Returning Officer is **Claire Reynolds**, LWN Director.

How do LWN contact members?

We do our utmost to contact all LWN members about the election, beforehand so members can nominate themselves, and after, to vote.

LWN will send out reminder emails about nomination being open and voting. Plus we pay for several reminder to be sent out via UK-Engage to those who haven't used their vote.

It is important that you keep us up-to-date with all your current contact details. Please let us know your current [email here](#) or re-subscribe to our e-news [here](#).

If you **haven't received your ballot** by 3rd September, please get in touch [via email](#), and we will investigate and reissue if necessary. Please check your junk first; the email will come from UK-Engage.

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I've heard you have one reserved spot for a Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority woman on the Executive Committee per year, how does this work?

Yes, in 2018 we changed our constitution at the AGM to have one fixed post per year on our Executive Committee reserved for the *Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority* woman who receives the highest number of votes.

On the nomination form you will be asked if you self-define as *Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority*, please tick if this applies to you as it cannot be done retrospectively, and complete the nomination form as per the instructions and we will do the rest.

Please be aware that this only applies to our Executive Committee elections and not officer posts.

I've heard that if I get elected, I can't support internal candidates?

Yes, we ask LWN Executive not to openly support or promote candidates for internal selection. LWN is a sisterhood, and it's not uncommon for more than one LWN member or graduate to be standing in the same election, therefore we ask our Executive Committee not to support a candidate. This includes publicly supporting male candidates in internal selections.

How can candidates' campaign?

LWN has never given out membership list, nor do we promote candidates. Candidates are asked to submit a 250 personal statement, a photo, and one way to be contacted, this will go out with ballots along with your name and CLP.

We know it's harder by not having a membership list, so we encourage you to share your campaign material with your own political networks (obviously legally) specifying only Labour Women's Network members can vote.

In previous years, candidates have set up

Facebook pages, X accounts or hash tags, used endorsers, created campaign videos, or have made simple websites to promote their candidature. We encourage you to share any campaign material on social media and use **#lwnelects24** so that voters can find material easily.

How will I see who else is up for election?

Only once voting has started via your ballot.

When and how will I find out the results?

We will email out all candidates later afternoon of our AGM and ask that you keep this to yourself until the AGM.

What is, and happens at the AGM?

An annual general meeting (AGM) is a constitutional yearly 'gathering' of LWN members. It allows members to hear our achievements and work over the year. Members can also ask questions and make suggestions for next year.

At our AGM we also announce the results of our Executive Committee elections, and if required make any changes to the constitution. We ask that all candidates do their best to attend our AGM.

In line with our #keepthegoodstuff campaign, LWN has made a commitment to always hold our AGM online.

As our AGM is now digital, you need to pre-register to attend, click; www.lwn.org.uk/agm_2024
The **deadline to pre-register is noon on 3rd September 2024.**

We hope this gives you all the information you need, but please get it touch [here](#) if you have any further questions.

