

As per Another Europe's constitution, the National Committee consists of 16 members elected by our members, with 8 seats reserved for self-identifying women.

At closing of nominations for 2024 NC elections, we have 6 members put themselves forward for election as self-identifying women.

Those 6 are automatically elected, with two seats on the NC remaining reserved for women to be filled by co-option from the NC with full voting rights from any members that subsequently put themselves forward.

Another Europe's members will now go to a vote to fill the other 8 seats on the Committee from the remaining 11 members who nominated themselves. Their short statements follow.

Dave Levy

I have been on the committee for two years. I have led the NC's input to the Conference on the Future of Europe and Citizen's takeover Europe which campaigns for democracy in the EU.

We need to put Brexit's failure on the Parliamentary Agenda and to build mass popular support; I believe AEIP is the best instrument for doing that.

The EU is a lifelong commitment to me. I also believe that the EU is a project for peace, it's been too often forgotten and I am often let down.

AEIP needs to continue to campaign for a better Britain and a return to the European Union I have the campaigning and professional experience to help it become what it needs to be.

I am a Londoner and Labour Party member. I have expertise in macroeconomics, cyber security, and industrial innovation.

Luke Cooper

I was a co-founder of Another Europe Is Possible back in 2016 and work closely with our staff team and NC to deliver our impactful agenda. We were right to understand Brexit as the local franchise of a global rise of authoritarian nationalism - an assessment that only becomes truer with each passing day. As an academic at the LSE, I coordinate the Ukraine research programme and write about various issues including war and authoritarian nationalism. In the next year, I'm keen to continue the work Another Europe does with our international partners and allies to promote solidarity with international causes, using the platform and resources I have access to as an academic to assist the organisation's work. 2024 is set to be a major year of change, not only in the UK but globally too as 2 billion people go to the polls facing stark choices over democracy, social justice and the green transition. While the likely end of Conservative rule is not going to deliver the change we need, it will be an important shift in context. As an NC member, I will work to develop a body that can capitalise on this changing situation, paving the way for a future Brexit reversal by maintaining deep international links with social movements in Europe and beyond.

Zoe Gardner - [elected](#)

I have been a member of the AEIP National Committee since day one and am keen to continue my long-standing commitment to this movement. I work on migration and refugee rights and am an active campaigner on this issue in the UK and connected to movements fighting for the same cause across

Europe. I hope to continue to fight on this issue with the membership of AEIP against discrimination, racism and the rise of the far-right for an internationalist politics that is worth belonging to.

Joseph O'Toole

Hello! I'm Joseph, I'm from Rugby and now live in Bath, working in data for a development charity.

I've been on the Another Europe National Committee since 2022. I've built up our plans to better involve members, aiming to grow our capacity, make more decisions collectively, spread our vision more widely, and win more victories. I would love to continue this work of broadening and expanding our crucial movement.

I have also drafted statements on behalf of the NC, as well as managed social media and given talks to CLPs for Labour for a New Democracy.

I believe that any progressive future will be led by the pro-European left, and that Another Europe should be a major centre of grassroots organising against austerity, bigotry, nationalism, and authoritarianism. It is crucial that we continue to stand in solidarity with oppressed and occupied people globally, from Ukraine to Palestine.

John Palmer

I have actively engaged for many years with the campaign to secure the return of the UK to EU membership and with the struggle for a future socialist European Union. I follow closely developments in the EU towards enlargement and deeper integration. I believe the nations of the UK have an important role to play in helping to shape this future.

Colin Gordon

Can I refer to this open letter I sent to friends at AEIP, which they kindly shared as this blog post <https://www.anothereurope.org/open-letter-to-friends-in-another-europe-is-possible/>.

My life has been entwined with Europe (Germany, then France and Italy) since the early 70s. Europe has always meant politics and ideas, and my life has been formed by people and contacts along these pathways. Brexit has affected me more than any other public event, and working with others to overcome this aberration has meant for me a challenge to mobilise whatever resources we possess for understanding and responding to our present.

In Grassroots for Europe I coordinate dialogues among pro-European UK organisations including AEIP. I would like to help strengthen these campaigning links with AEIP and its partners. Our struggle against Brexit is essentially the same as the struggle of EU democrats in the EU against the current far-right incursion.

Laura Parker -elected

Another Europe for me represents a political tradition which has never been more relevant - committed as it is to human rights, pro peace and anti racism and anti imperialism, all within an inclusive and pluralist approach to building political alliances. A committed long standing supporter of the organisation, I am proud to be a member of its National Committee and hope to continue to bring my experience as a campaigner and organisational leader to bear as we go into this critical election year, in the U.K. and elsewhere.

Andrea Pisaura

I am a leading activist within the Italian progressive community in the UK, I helped AEIP connect to the Italian left in the UK, and in Italy. This year I want to help organising a series of events to remember the 100th anniversary of the murder of the socialist leader Giacomo Matteotti by a squad of Mussolini henchmen. This murder was a turning point in European history as it allowed Mussolini to start his fascist dictatorship and nefarious influence on the world. Matteotti had many connections with London and the Labour Party that is worth remembering this year as an occasion to talk about antifascism in the XXI century. I am also currently co-coordinating the pan European campaign "Europe for Scotland " which asks EU leaders to offer Scotland positive terms should it wish to rejoin the EU as an independent country and I'll work to harmonise the campaign goals within AEIP's strategy.

Jim Newell

*My name is Jim Newell and I'm 65. I spent most of my working life teaching politics and I am the author of *European Integration and the Crisis of Social Democracy* (Palgrave, 2022). I am currently working on another book: 'The UK's road back to Europe'. That sounds rather backward-looking but I actually believe that the campaign for re-joining requires a forward-looking strategy informed by a vision for a more democratic, more progressive EU. I believe that there is no progressive agenda to be had in the early twenty-first century that does not have at its core the ambition of extending democracy across borders. I am standing simply because I would like to do my bit to try to make the world a better place. I'm a protester rather than a politician, but believe I can contribute through the writing and research skills I have acquired over the years.*

Ana Oppenheim - [elected](#)

Hi! I'm Ana, I'm a longstanding Another Europe NC member, I work for a supportive Labour MP and in my spare time I'm an activist involved in the London branch of the Polish leftwing party Razem (you might have listened to me talk about Polish politics in a recent episode of the AEiP podcast). I'm also involved in the Ukraine Solidarity Campaign and previously co-founded the Labour Campaign for Free Movement.

While I haven't had as much capacity lately as I did in the past, I'm keen to stay involved in Another Europe's work. In particular, I'm looking forward to supporting our campaign around the upcoming European elections and mobilising fellow EU nationals in the UK to take part (and vote left), while building connections with socialists and progressive movements across the continent.

Erwin Schaefer

As a current committee member I have had the privilege of representing the 'Green Left' group of the Green Party, providing a Green progressive angle towards the decision making. As an EU citizen with decades of UK residency I recognise the urgent need for a strong, coherent, progressive organisation with an internationalist outlook, able to contribute towards keeping the country's direction on a path of cooperation, solidarity, strengthening progressive ties, and sustainability. I firmly believe this can most emphatically be achieved by renewed links with our closest neighbours. I feel AEIP serves this purpose effectively with its broad spectrum of knowledge, progressive outlook and contacts available on the National Committee and I would love the opportunity to continue playing my part in keeping AEIP as a strong relevant voice.

Cat Villiers - [elected](#)

Witnessing months of unbearable conflict and loss in the world, we are only at the start of a year that will bring elections in the USA and the UK, that will challenge and change us further. The very promise of the name, Another Europe is Possible, has never seemed more important.

I have been on the AEIP NC for a few years and I am also on the Organising Committee for Stop Trump, along with others from this group. The things that haunt me at night are still the dark challenges for migration, growing racism, inequality engulfing us, and climate. My work in film and drama continues to try to make complex ideas accessible and reflect our world back to us. I would like to continue to work with this unique collective of committed voices to find ways to collaborate with our European and international colleagues in this very challenging moment.

Patrick Costello

I have been a member since 2016 as AEIP has for me been the only pro-remain campaign that has made the arguments for Europe from the left. I have recently taken early retirement as an EU official giving me both the freedom and the time to invest in AEIP's work. I have started writing a regular column on EU developments for Chartist magazine and I have a wide network of contacts within the EU institutions that can be useful to developing AEIP's agenda and campaigning work.

Mary Kaldor **elected**

I have been active in AEIP since it was launched in May 2016. I am committed to the idea of a progressive Europe that plays a global role in supporting peace and human rights and I really hope that the UK will rejoin the EU as soon as possible. I am alarmed at the spread of right wing populism and see our role as building a pan - european resistance as well as pushing for a progressive foreign policy on issues such as Ukraine solidarity or stopping the genocide in Gaza (while also stopping Hamas).

Michael Chessum

Given the economic reality outside the EU and the likely result of the general election, it is inevitable that the UK's relationship with Europe will gradually become a mainstream topic again. We must fight for this to happen on progressive terms, and to carve out a prominent space for the left within the debate. Some of this work will be intellectual, but just as crucial will be a sharp sense of political interventionism. It's in the latter of these (in Labour and on immigration specifically) that I think I might be of use.

Although the time I can offer is very limited, I'm up for returning to the NC at this juncture to help tentatively prepare for the next political cycle (albeit as a supporting act!).

I was the National Organiser for Another Europe for five years from 2016 to 2021. I'm a member of Labour, Momentum and the GMB.

Julie Ward - **elected**

I've been involved with AEIP since before the 2016 referendum. As a former Labour MEP (2014-20) I'm connected to many progressive European organisations with whom we MUST continue to work. I served on the European Parliament Committees for Culture & Education, Women's Rights & Gender Equality, Regional Development and Economic Affairs. I had responsibility for relations with Bosnia Herzegovina and Kosovo and continue my work in the Balkans (also with Ukraine Solidarity Campaign). I've been an active member of the NC for 4 years, eg bringing Roma voices into our conversations, attending Grassroots for Europe roundtables, contributing to the Citizens Take Over

Europe initiative. I'm a member of Goldsmiths Law Dept 'Britain in Europe' think-tank and contributed to a policy briefing on immigration. I'm a child rights campaigner with a particular focus on unaccompanied minors. I'm currently campaigning to shut down a detention centre in Durham. I write, edit, proofread - useful skills!

Sandy Martin

Having stood for the European Parliament in 2014 as Labour's third-place candidate in the East of England, I pledged when elected to Parliament in 2017 to do everything I could to keep the closest possible relationship with the EU. Working alongside other MPs such as Clive Lewis, Alex Sobel and Lloyd Russell-Moyle in the "Love Socialism, Hate Brexit" campaign, we encouraged our Party to adopt a second referendum position. Alas, Johnson's lies and the craven Tory press scuppered this last chance. As an internationalist and a democratic socialist I believe that we can and must rejoin and help lead the political changes Europe needs. I remain in Labour Movement for Europe, but we need a more dynamic campaign to galvanise the left and gain popular support. I believe Another Europe is well-placed to help lead that campaign, and I want to be a part of it.

Full list of nominated candidates:

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Zoe Gardner - **elected**

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