

Mark McDonald

Bringing people together

My name is Mark McDonald and I am asking for your support in the forthcoming election to be a member of the NEC. I have put some links below to Facebook and a short two-minute video detailing my background.

The essence of my campaign for election is about unity. The whole purpose of the Labour party is to win, to get into government and help better our society for those who most need it. If we are not in power then we are no more than a football supporters club. For too long we have been divided, for too long we have been too self-obsessed and had our focus distracted from the need to win. Sadly, at times our members and CLPS are seen like a burden and not given the resources and particularly finances to do what is required in our local areas. This must change. We need to be determined, focused and driven. I can tell you one thing, the Tories have no qualms in their ruthless determination to get into and maintain power.

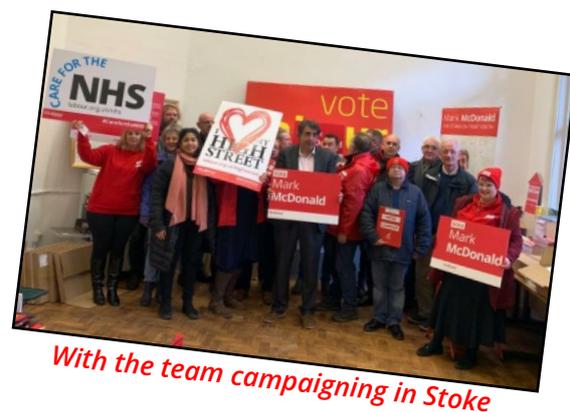
Don't get me wrong I am not suggesting we sacrifice our core principles for power far from it what I am saying is we need to take those core beliefs to the country, we need to give our members the tools needed to win back power and support them in doing so. In my experience you have to give members the chance to step up and take ownership of campaigns and campaigning. Empowered people are the change makers and the community engagers. To get into government we have to play to our strengths and that is clearly our membership.

Yes these are high goals but I have the ability to achieve this. I worked for the NHS for many years in A&E and later in the operating theatre. I then went to night school as a mature student and became a barrister in my early 30s.

I have worked in the USA on the death penalty working in a civil rights centre in Tennessee and helped set up a large anti-death penalty organisation. I also became the director of a miscarriage of justice organisation and currently work on some

high profile cases of innocent people. I later worked in Palestine and set up one of the largest groups within the Labour Party, Labour Friends of Palestine.

In short I have spent my whole life in public service and I think I can make the real change needed to win back power.



With the team campaigning in Stoke

? Why Me

I can get things done. I have the skills and importantly the life experience to cut through the noise and get to the heart of the issue.

? Why Now

It's time for a change. The NEC is seen as making too many decisions without transparency and any accountability.

