

Nick Donovan: independent candidate NEC nomination request

 I am seeking your CLP's nomination in the NEC election, so I can help steer Labour towards remaining in the European Single Market.

 **Labour experience.** I am independent of any slate and not a member of any left or right faction. I am a Unite member, vice chair of my local CLP, have campaigned hundreds of times in over 15 key seats. I am the author of a Fabian report on a wealth tax and write extensively about the costs of Brexit, state aid rules and nationalisation. I'm on the advisory board of the Labour Campaign for the Single Market.



 **Other relevant experience** includes my roles as campaign director of an anti-corruption NGO, director of a large credit union, and former assistant director of the British Legion.

Reason for standing

 Leaving the single market is inconsistent with our anti-austerity agenda. Government estimates of the loss of GDP caused by a hard Brexit range from 6.2% to 7.5%. In plain English: hard Brexit results in fewer jobs and lower wages for ordinary workers. The estimates of lost taxes range from £36bn to £45bn. This is equivalent to about ¼ to ⅓ of the NHS budget. Brexit threatens to extend and intensify austerity. Leaving the single market also threatens to damage peace in N. Ireland.

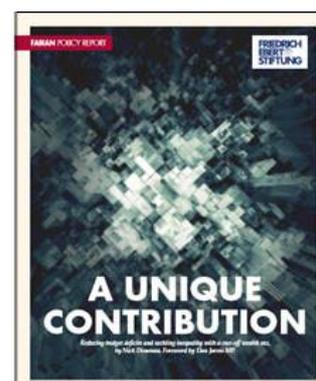
 Brexit is the most serious crisis faced by the UK since Iraq. I am seeking your CLP's nomination for an NEC place so I can be a voice for members who wish the UK to permanently remain in the European single market and customs union, while retaining workers' rights and freedom to move. I will also support efforts to keep the door open to second referendum on the final deal.

 If elected I will also play a wider role in supporting the leadership to unite the party and get ready for government, while ensuring that decisions are fair, transparent and democratic. The main NEC candidate slates already have enough nominations – so why not lend me your vote?

Experience and background

 My father was a carpenter, I attended my local state comprehensive school, and worked part time to pay my way through my time at the Universities of Leeds and Warwick.

 I am a democratic socialist. I first joined Labour when I was 22, and have been a continuous member since 2005 (no. L0072853) and now serve as vice chair of Lewisham West and Penge CLP. I am the author of *A Unique Contribution*, a Fabian report designing a wealth tax, and have written extensively on the costs of Brexit for Labourlist.



 I am a campaign director of an anti-corruption NGO, where we investigate the role of multinational companies in corruption, environmental degradation and human rights abuses. I have a background in a military bomb disposal team and later became the former assistant director of the British Legion where I helped get higher compensation for working class victims of asbestos, better pensions for military widows, and helped establish an armed forces credit union. I am now a director and board member of Planesaver, a large 11,000 member credit union set up by Unite members, which serves airline workers and the military.