

# Eddie Izzard

For Labour's NEC

For an open welcoming Labour Party

## Why I'm standing for the NEC

I'm proud to be a member of the Labour party and I believe we can make it even better. That's why I'm standing for the NEC.

**I want everyone to feel welcome in the Labour Party. Our meetings and events should be open to all of our members particularly members who felt excluded from politics in the past.**

Being an actor and performing stand up is what I do for a living, but being an activist has been part of me for a long time. I came out in 1985, joined the Labour Party in 1995 and I have now campaigned for LGBT rights, for the Labour Party, for Europe and have run marathons for charities for many years. I have campaigned against racists and fascists all over our country and around the world.

I have campaigned with Labour members in over 100 constituencies. What I most love about being a Labour Party activist is connecting with new and different people.

**I am my own person, I am not standing for any faction. I am Labour and I always fight for us. I believe in equality, fairness, social justice and compassion. Most of all I believe in ending poverty.**

I started my career performing on the streets of London's Covent Garden. I never gave up when times were hard. Now I perform all around the world. I want all young people to be given the opportunity to follow their dreams.

I am a proud British European. By working together, taking on Brexhate and Trumphate, we can make a world where all seven billion of us have a fair chance in life.

**I want to do all I can to help Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party take the fight to the Tories, building on our strong performance in the general election. A united Labour Party can beat the Tories whenever the election comes.**

**A vote for me is not a vote for politics-as-usual it is a vote for something different and new.**



I have been an activist campaigner for over 20 years.

Now I want to use my experience and ideas for Labour Party members on the NEC.

## As a member of the NEC I will:

- Campaign for a welcoming open Labour Party especially for excluded groups such as LGBT members, disabled members and those of us who are suffering with our mental health.
- Champion ordinary members and stand up for Labour values
- Keep the NEC focused on winning elections so that we can end poverty and make Britain a fairer, kinder and more equal place
- Fight to save our public services including the NHS from cuts and privatisation
- Campaign for Britain to be at the heart of Europe. I'm a returner, more than a remainer
- Stand up for the planet against Brexhate and Trumphate. Together we have got to make a fairer and better world
- Continue visiting as many key seats as possible and making sure they get the resources they need to win the next election.
- Visit local CLPs to listen to the concerns of members and act as a bridge to the leadership.
- Fight for trade union rights and their link to the Labour Party
- Make sure Labour puts ordinary people at the very top of our agenda every every single time

## Who is Eddie Izzard

Eddie was born in February '62 in South Yemen. He grew up living all over Britain. From the age of six, after the death of his mother, he was raised with his brother by a single dad for seven years.

Eddie has spent the last 20 years as an activist campaigning in key seats for the Labour Party. Eddie is not a politician. He has a hugely successful career outside of politics. He came up through comedy and acting in the toughest way possible, as a street performer, and has gone on to international success.

But his career has come alongside his activism. As well as being a passionate anti-fascist, pro-European and a patron of several charities, he has always been prepared to do anything the Labour Party has asked of him – travelling the length and breadth of the country campaigning, fundraising, or using his profile to speak up for those who have no voice.

He is a veteran of four general election campaigns, campaigning where it really counts—at grassroots level. He is committed to putting in the hours, the miles and the graft worthy of an NEC candidate.

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