

Navendu Mishra Statement



I am a lifelong anti-racist activist, and have always advanced the rights of BAME people, be it as a UNISON organiser, or in my role as a former NEC representative. I believe our Party is fortunate to have the support of many ethnic minority groups, but we cannot be complacent. Historically, the Labour Party has engaged with many ethnic minority groups in ways that are patronising and clientelist rather than empowering, and our reputation is vulnerable as a result. If elected to the NEC as BAME representative, I will focus on supporting the establishment of a new organisation representing BAME Party members, ensuring it receives the resources, autonomy, and power that our BAME members deserve.

I have recently been elected as MP for my local constituency of Stockport, having previously worked as a Unison industrial organiser, where I am currently working on building a whole new sector of unionised care workers. I have been a Party activist for years, having served at various local and regional committee levels, I was fortunate enough to be elected MP, having previously served on the NEC as a CLP representative between 2018 and 2019. I am also an active member of Unite the Union.

In my view, the role of Labour's organisation representing BAME members should be to encourage self-organisation, strengthen BAME members to have a stronger voice in Party policymaking, and support better organising in BAME communities.

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