

*Julian Vaughan*

Reply to Labour Party LGBT Network questions:

1. Do you accept that trans women are women, trans men are men, and non-binary people are non-binary - and will you commit to respecting trans people as their self-declared gender – if so, how will you integrate this approach to tackle the culture of entrenched transphobia, from the grassroots membership up to the leadership?
2. Will you defend the current Labour Party policy and principle of inclusion of Transgender women on All Women Shortlists?

1. "I do accept that trans women are women, trans men are men, and non-binary people are non-binary, while in favour of a six month 'living in acquired gender' requirement, rather than two years as is the case now. The current process to acquire a Gender Recognition Certificate is too complex and intrusive and should be streamlined. I believe that the current requirement for spousal consent should be abolished. The world is changing fast and knowledge and openness about transgender people and their experiences continues to grow. I will continue to listen to people's views and research the issues faced by trans people. In my experience, debate and education at grassroots level is an effective way forward, with CLP motions being passed up through the party, but the Parliamentary Labour Party, including the leadership must also take the lead. As a NEC candidate, I have pledged to promote policies to tackle the injustices faced by the most vulnerable and marginalised in our communities and this includes injustice and discrimination faced by trans people."

2. "I will defend this policy - the policy of all women shortlists has proved an effective tool, along with others, and trans women should be included."

Julian Vaughan did not reply to Labour Women's Declaration Working Group questions.