

*Steve Maggs*

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. "Yes, it's really important to me that all people are free to be themselves and are protected in doing so. The second part of the question is clearly big topic to deal with and there are no easy fixes unfortunately. We need a clear and public commitment from the Party to lead on this and the Party rules must include guidance and disciplinary rules to support this. Education is key but the leadership and officers at CLP and regional level have a responsibility to ensure their LGBT+ comrades voices are heard and rights fought for.

" 2. "Yes, trans women are women."

Steve Maggs did not reply to Labour Women's Declaration Working Group questions.