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## LAS Labour link news



Well, what a difference a week makes!

With the snap General Election having been called this week for 8th June, some of you have already been in touch about what this might mean for us all.

Regarding the already planned local elections. There's no doubt that this is an extremely challenging timescale to select a candidate and get organised behind him or her. But what is crystal clear is that we need to get behind whomever is chosen as our Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. There will be a lot of work to do in a short time frame and I really hope that you as members will all play your part in this.

As soon as Theresa May announced a snap General Election, supporters like you rushed to kick-start our campaign, **with over £200,000 raised in the first 24 hours.**

**And this is just the start.**

# Information

Well; this is exciting! A general election, and my local labour team haven't even got the Surrey County Council election over yet! I know it is democracy, but I do have loads of sympathy with those of you with school aged children where the school is used as a polling station. Two days out of school in consecutive months is no joke, not to mention the expense, and shift changes etc. that you may need to make.



\*Well Local elections done. My local area didn't lose any seats but didn't gain any and I'm sure you are aware of the National situation, it's a tough time and a hard battle.

Now to muster support for the General Election on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Expectations are not high but lets see if we can rock the boat!

Jason Anderson

**Only Labour will stand up for working people, by investing in a richer Britain — watch our video to find out more:**



**Watch and share**

Labour's plan to transform the British economy:

- We'll introduce a real living wage of £10 an hour.
- We'll ban exploitative zero hours contracts to give real job security.
- We'll develop a proper industrial strategy to support our key industries.
- We'll establish a new national investment bank and regional development banks to drive investment.
- We'll end austerity and build world-leading public services by taxing the super-rich.

[Share our plan for change today.](#)

John McDonnell MP  
Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

The Tories already have a war chest provided by a small group of multimillionaires, and with just 50 days until this election, whatever you can afford will help. We will hire organisers across the country, order print and advertising and kick-start our digital campaigns.

Labour will be offering the country an effective alternative to a government that has failed to rebuild the economy, delivered falling living standards and damaging cuts to our schools and NHS.

**Together we can work to ensure the British people vote for a government that will put the interests of the majority first.**

Jeremy Corbyn  
Leader of the Labour Party

Dear Members,

Although we had welcome victories in Manchester, Liverpool, Wales, Doncaster and elsewhere, results were also disappointing for our party. Too many fantastic Labour councillors, who work tirelessly for their communities, lost their seats.

This General Election campaign is a challenge, but it is also a great opportunity for us to work together to create a society in which people are no longer held back by a system that is rigged for the rich. It is a chance to rebuild Britain for the many not the few.

We have many people to convince, and just 33 days to do that, but we are ready for the challenge.

Labour's plan to transform Britain will mean:

- investing in infrastructure and new industries,

- rebuilding our NHS and social care services,

- giving our children and young people a chance to fulfil their potential.

We will win this election together. You can play a vital part by signing up to campaign with Labour now.

It is so important.

This election could be a great and proud moment in our national story and we must seize it.

Jeremy Corbyn,



Last week Labour made 20 pledges to working people - **from banning zero hour contracts, a £10 real Living Wage to scrapping the Trade Union Act, a Labour government will put working people first.**

[You can read the 20 pledges here.](#)

Under the Tories, for too many people work is insecure and pay isn't enough to make ends meet. Labour will create decent jobs you can build a life around, giving you more security and equality in the workplace.

I'm proud that Labour is standing on these pledges to working people and I'll be doing everything I can to ensure that people up and down the country hear the Labour alternative to Tory insecurity.

[Will you play your part too?](#)

Labour is committed to building an economy that provides decent pay, job security and control over our working lives, but we need your help to spread the word.

There are lots of ways to get involved, from sharing on social media, to emailing your friends or joining us at one of our campaign events. **Click below to join the campaign team?**

[action.unionstogether.org.uk/20pledges](http://action.unionstogether.org.uk/20pledges)

I hope to see you on the campaign trail.

All the best,

Ian

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