

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017 – Labour candidates

There are 23 Edinburgh Labour candidates standing at the 2017 council elections on 4 May, 12 of whom are women.



MAUREEN CHILD – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 17 –
PORTOBELLO/CRAIGMILLAR

Maureen started as a community activist and volunteer in Portobello in the 1980s and was first elected in 1995 for Milton Ward (Ward 40) representing Joppa, Brunstane and Magdalene. Maureen has been Councillor for Portobello/Craigmillar (Ward 17) for the last 10 years helping to develop these diverse neighbourhoods and communities from the grass roots.

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DAVID WALKER – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD
17 –PORTOBELLO/CRAIGMILLAR

David Walker has 20 years' experience of voluntary work, community regeneration and the functions of local government. He was one of the founder members of Craigmillar Credit Union and helped develop it into the Thistle Foundation, with over 1,000 members and over £250,000 in assets. First elected in 2012.



LEZLEY CAMERON – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 16 – LIBERTON/GILMERTON

Lezley Cameron was born in Dufftown. She attended Banff Academy and studied English at Glasgow University, and then studied Business and Human Resources. She ran a consultancy providing strategy policy, public affairs, events, business liaison and fundraising services. She is a former Councillor for Alnwickhill and was the Council’s Economic Development Leader.



TIM POGSON – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 16 –LIBERTON/GILMERTON

Tim is originally from Yorkshire, and has lived in Edinburgh since 1995. Almost all his career has been spent working in social housing. He currently works for a charitable organisation that supports council housing services and housing associations throughout Scotland. “I believe that I have the experience and knowledge necessary to make an excellent contribution to managing public services.”



IAN PERRY – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 15 – SOUTHSIDE/NEWINGTON

Ian Perry has been a councillor for over twenty years, and has represented Southside/Newington for ten years. He has been chair of the Environment Committee, Depute Leader of the Council and is Chair of the Planning Committee. In that role Ian has sought to promote Edinburgh’s economic

development without damaging our unique heritage.



JOAN GRIFFITHS- LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 14
- CRAIGENTINNY/DUDDINGSTON

Joan Griffiths has lived in Craigentenny/Duddingston for over 37 years. I have been involved in the Action Group for over 30 years following the birth of my son who has a profound disability. In 2010 I received an MBE for my voluntary work with people with a learning disability across Scotland. I care deeply about my local community and it is an honour to serve as your local Councillor.



LYNDSAY MARTIN - LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 14 -
CRAIGENTINNY/DUDDINGSTON

Lyndsay Martin has served as a community councillor, a member of a community centre management committee and is co-founder of a voluntary organisation. She has experience in the voluntary sector with communities from all over Edinburgh. "I believe I am an excellent choice as your local councillor and will commit to representing the community. I will always put people first!



GORDON MUNRO- LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 13 - LEITH

Gordon was first elected for the Harbour Ward in 2003, winning back the seat from the SNP. He was re-elected in 2007 for the new, 3 member Leith Ward. Gordon was Housing spokesperson from 2007-2010 and is currently the Economy Spokesperson for the Labour Group.



MARION DONALDSON – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 12 – LEITH WALK

Marion Donaldson entered politics as a foodbank team leader driven to improve life chances for all. As a former pharmacist, health is a priority for her. “If elected I will continue working to improve access to local GPs and support our public services.”



NICK GARDNER– LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 12 – LEITH WALK

Nick Gardner has worked and lived in Leith Walk ward for 30 years. He has been a youth & children’s worker, and worked in mental health day services. As a local Labour Councillor, he has taken up schools, parks, planning, housing, and antisocial behaviour issues. Nick has joined many campaigns, from Climate Change, to anti privatisation, to support for refugees.



KAREN DORAN – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 11 – CITY CENTRE

Karen Doran was born and brought up in Edinburgh, and has

lived here all her life. She was educated at Tollcross Primary School and James Gillespie's High School. She lives with her husband and two children, and has worked as an office manager for Malcolm Chisholm and Mark Lazarowicz. She was elected as councillor in 2012.



MANDY WATT – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 10 – MORNINGSIDE

Mandy Watt is a qualified accountant who graduated from Napier University. She held senior positions with listed international companies before taking on challenging roles with several local charities. Politics became her passion during the independence referendum, when she campaigned tirelessly with the Labour team for Scotland to remain in the UK.



ANNE WIMBERLEY – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 9 – FOUNTAINBRIDGE/CRAIGLOCKHART

Anne Wimberley was born and raised here in Edinburgh. Her daughter went to school at a time when she claims shortages in schools were unknown, and was able to take art, music and PE lessons for granted. “My elderly parents got incredible healthcare when they needed it. I would like to see children and pensioners today getting the same opportunities and care my family had.”



SCOTT ARTHUR – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 8 – COLINTON/FAIRMILEHEAD

Scott Arthur is standing for election in Colinton-Fairmilehead because it's my home and I want to make sure it stays the best place in Edinburgh to live and work. If elected, I'll work with the community to protect the greenbelt, tidy up our streets and bring good quality jobs to the area.



CARMEL SMITH – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 7 – SIGHTHILL/GORGIE

Carmel Smith is married and her husband is currently a serving military officer. She has 3 children, two serve in our local police and one works in finance. Carmel has worked for a charity in Edinburgh for the past 5 years. Carmel said: "As your local councillor, I will work hard to look after local people's interests."



DONALD WILSON – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 7 – SIGHTHILL/GORGIE

Donald Wilson has been a Councillor in Edinburgh since 1999, previously representing the Shandon Ward and then the Sighthill/Gorgie Ward since 2007. He has served as a Bailie and as Lord Provost since 2012. Donald has led many successful campaigns such as the one to save the Gorgie War Memorial Hall.



JUNE WHITELOW – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 6 – CORSTORPHINE/MURRAYFIELD

June Whitelaw is a widow, a mother, a sister and a retired shop worker still active as a retired member in her union, USDAW. "My life experience will inform my work on your behalf. You elect three councillors to represent this area, and I would relish being one of them."



JAMES DALGLEISH – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 5 – INVERLEITH

James Dalgleish was educated locally at Broughton High School and lives in North Edinburgh. He has worked for MPs as a case-worker, one of Scotland's leading elderly-care charities and currently works in finance. "I have gained invaluable experience in helping others. I believe I have the skills, background and determination to serve Inverleith Ward."



CAMMY DAY – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 4 – FORTH

Cammy was born and raised in Edinburgh. He spent most of his career working with young people in many of the city's areas of deprivation. Cammy was key in supporting the first youth forum in the north of the city. Elected in November 2008, Cammy is currently Convener of Education.



HEATHER PUGH – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 4 – FORTH

Heather Pugh grew up in West Pilton and went to school at Royston and Ainslie Park. Four generations of family have lived here and she brought her daughter up here. "I was a civil servant and actively campaigned on green, health & safety and disability issues within my union. I am a grafter."



KAREN KEIL – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 3 – DRUM BRAE/GYLE

Karen Keil was born and raised in Edinburgh, and worked for the Church of Scotland Counselling Service at Simpson House as an administrator and counsellor. Then Karen worked for the development charity, Christian Aid, for nearly 20 years. She was first elected in 2012.



RICKY HENDERSON – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 2 – PENTLAND HILLS

Ricky Henderson says it has been a privilege to have been Councillor for the Pentland Hills ward since 2007. "I have 18 years experience of representing local people and working with community groups and have been fortunate to carry out numerous different roles on the Council. I feel passionately about our city."



BRUCE WHITEHEAD – LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR WARD 1 – ALMOND

Bruce Whitehead's family has lived in Almond since 1978, and his father Jim Whitehead helped establish Queensferry's Community Council in 1983. "I have worked in shipping & oil, and then as a journalist at the BBC and ITN. I live in South Queensferry with my partner and son."