Written below is a model motion that you can submit to your local branches and CLP’s. If you have any further questions about this motion, you can get in touch with us by emailing manifesto@ndlabour.co.uk

Labour Party Autism / Neurodiversity Manifesto

We welcome the drafting of a specific Labour Manifesto on Autism/Neurodiversity, as well as the November 2019 founding AGM of Neurodivergent Labour – a labour movement organisation established to represent neurodivergent people and to campaign for their rights.

We note that this process has been overseen by a team of neurodivergent Labour Party members and supporters convened by John McDonnell MP and has had input from trade unions and campaign groups. In 2019 John McDonnell pledged that Labour will take the Neurodiversity Manifesto “into government”.

We note that autistic, dyslexic, and dyspraxic people, and people with attention deficit disorders, Tourette’s, obsessive-compulsive disorders and other neurodivergent conditions experience a great deal of hostility, distress and disadvantage in our society, and that strong Labour policies on this issue can make a real difference to people’s lives.

We support the draft Manifesto’s core principles of the social model of disability; the neurodiversity approach; opposition to austerity; socialism, democracy and solidarity; and ‘nothing about us without us’.

We welcome the Manifesto’s policies, including commitments to stop and reverse cuts to services; provide access to diagnosis/recognition for all; fund and organise education to meet neurodiverse needs; place a legal requirement on employers to make workplaces and working conditions more equal and accessible and less hostile; and add ‘neurological status’ as a tenth protected characteristic under the Equality Act.

We urge the Labour Party to adopt this Manifesto as its policy and to campaign vigorously to promote it.

We resolve to donate £x [please insert a figure, depending on your branch/constituency party’s finance].

We resolve to invite a speaker from Neurodivergent Labour to a future meeting.