

Subject Line: GMB Ability – Biennial Elections and AGM

Dear Member

GMB London Region is pleased to announce that GMB Ability is running its biennial elections for seats on its Committee.

GMB Ability is an established self-organised forum of like-minded, empowered, self-defined disabled people actively campaigning against and questioning stereotypes surrounding disability in the workplace, challenging employers to look past the 'dis' in disability and to look at the **ability** of the person.

GMB is striving for the day when self-defined people will not be judged by their disability but by their strength of character and their **ability** to get the job done.

CALLING NOTICES Biennial Committee Elections Annual General Meeting

Biennial Elections to Committee – Nominations Closing Date – 3rd January 2025

Nominations close at **midday** on **3rd January 2025**, and you can nominate yourself (you do not need a seconder) by emailing charlotte.pace@gmb.org.uk with your name, membership number, the role you are standing for, and a statement of no more than 250 words on why you would like to join the Committee. **The deadline for nominations is 3rd January 2025.**

Committee Roles

There are currently 13 posts for election – 6 Officer posts and 7 Committee posts.

Officers (6)

1. Chair

Chairs the monthly Committee meetings and the AGM, and principal representative of the Committee. Works with Secretary, Vice Chair and Assistant Secretary to ensure Ability's work, meetings and campaigns run smoothly.

2. Vice Chair

Deputises for Chair as required.

3. Secretary

Carries out daily administration and correspondence for Committee in accordance with its instructions, including agenda and meeting records. Provides reports to meetings and oversees preparation for AGM.

4. Assistant Secretary

Assists Chair, Secretary, and Organiser in arrangement of meetings, AGM and campaigns, and participates at regional and equality events.

5. Organiser

Makes sure the Committee has an effective organising and recruitment plan to deliver Ability's organising, recruitment and equality aims. Also helps develop comms to engage regularly with relevant members.

6. Communications Officer

Is responsible for all social media output and communications with network members.

Committee Members (7)

The roles of the Committee members include (but are not limited to):

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- ◆ Attend and participate fully at Committee, related meetings and regional events
- ◆ Participate fully in Ability's campaigning and organising activities
- ◆ Contribute to GMB Ability's newsletters and reports
- ◆ Implement AGM and related decisions as agreed.

Annual General Meeting & Elections – Saturday 18th January 2025

Registration is also now open for GMB Ability's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Click the [Registration Link](#) today to register. Registration closed on the **10th January 2025**

The AGM takes place on:

Date: 18th January 2025

Time: 11am till 2.30pm (venue opens at 10.30am)

Venue: Mary Turner House, 22 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

This will be a hybrid meeting. When you register, please indicate if you are going to attend online, so we can ensure you receive the Teams link to join.

We hope you will consider nominating yourself for a seat on the GMB Ability Committee and/or coming to the AGM to find out more about how you can get active.

You can reach us via email at: londonability@gmbactivist.org.uk or on X [@gmbability](https://twitter.com/gmbability)

Yours in solidarity,

Ann Weeks

GMB Ability – Chair (Interim)

Rachael Baylis

Equalities Officer & Regional Organiser

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