

VOTE FOYSOL CHOULDHURY



For Edinburgh Northern and Edinburgh South Western

Dear member,

Edinburgh has been my home for 35 years. I attended Drummond High School, where my journey into equality, community engagement, and social justice began. I owned hospitality businesses and worked as a community activist fighting for diversity, inclusion, and environmental awareness, values that guide my work as a Labour politician.

I stood as a Westminster candidate in Edinburgh South West, in 2017.

This selection is about who will stand up, represent the community and campaign on the ground. I am ready to win in 2026 and keep fighting for our Labour movement to deliver real change in the balance of power in favour of working people.

I am sure, like me, most Labour Party members are horrified by the ongoing situation in Gaza and the West Bank. I have raised this issue in the Scottish Parliament and will continue to do so with Labour MPs. The time for strongly worded statements has long past. Action is needed now.

Since I was elected at the Scottish Parliament in 2021 I have sent monthly newsletters to Lothian Party members, attended CLP meetings and campaigned in all areas of Lothian. I would love the chance to talk with you about your priorities to this election.

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A VOICE FOR ARTS & CULTURE

As the Shadow Minister for Culture, I have contributed to the cultural sector significantly in Edinburgh and beyond. I have always been a proud champion of Scotland's rich history, arts and heritage. I have secured funding to protect local libraries, restaurants, churches, and theatres. From directly supporting Creative Scotland, to backing major festivals that celebrate diverse communities.



EXPERIENCED AND ENGAGED

As your MSP for the past four years, I've worked hard to represent local voices, meeting regularly with community groups, charities and constituents to make sure your concerns are heard in Parliament. I bring the experience, dedication and community focus needed to continue serving Edinburgh. By re-selecting me, you're choosing a proven, engaged representative who will always put our community first.



I CAN WIN FOR SCOTTISH LABOUR

I have been involved with the Labour Party since before my work in the Parliament. I have a deep commitment to the values that define the Labour movement: fairness, equality, and social justice. I understand that politics is about people, and that's why I have always stood up for the most vulnerable.

My record proves that I am a strong Labour voice, as I proudly stand on Labour beliefs- that public services run for people, not profit, opportunity for all, and a strong voice for those too often ignored.

Member of Co-operative party

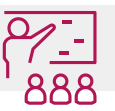


HOUSING



I make an effort to highlight the terrible experiences of children in temporary accommodation with a focus on mould and dampness. I focus on the long term affects of poor accommodation, the housing crisis, Rent Pressure Zones, and the requirement to build more homes.

EDUCATION



I have been outspoken on a number of issues in terms of teacher's rights, and the importance of speech therapy and language therapy for children. I strongly believe in the power of having mental health, social and anti-racism education from a young age in our schools.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



I prioritise improving health and social care services, always putting the needs of patients and families first. I have raised concerns about NHS waiting lists, access to life-saving medical equipment such as diabetes technology, as well as the need for better support for carers. I am working to ensure health centres like East Calder are fit for purpose.

ANTI-RACISM AND EQUALITY



As the first Bangladeshi Member of Scottish Parliament, I understand the barriers many people face and I have worked tirelessly to promote fairness for all. I consistently call for stronger action on tackling all forms of racism. I believe that bringing communities together from all different backgrounds is the best way to ensure a just Scotland.

TRADE UNIONS

I continue to stand proudly with trade unions and workers across Scotland. Labour's New Deal for Working People represents the biggest expansion of rights in a generation, only possible because voters chose change and elected Scottish Labour MPs. Together, we're building a fairer, more secure future for all.
Member of Unite the Union

CAMPAIGNING

My campaigning in elections and by-elections, has given me the knowledge, for Labour to win in Edinburgh and across Scotland, we need to demonstrate there is an alternative to stagnation and an alternative to the state our NHS, economy, housing and education. Learning from the recent Labour's successful by-election, my campaign would be a ground game, a united Team, identifying our vote, increasing postal votes and getting the vote out on election day.

OPEN ALL HOURS AWARD



My team's and my hard work and support were recognised in the Holyrood Awards 2023, "Open All Hours", which demonstrated the reputation I have amongst my fellow MSPs and constituents.



Hustings
Wednesday 13th August

St Augustine's High School
 208 Broomhouse Road,
 Edinburgh EH12 9AD.

Doors open at 6:30pm
 Must be in the room by 7pm or you will not be allowed to vote.

Bring your party membership card, or other proof of identity.



Postal Votes

If you can't attend the meeting to vote, you can apply for a postal vote by **6th of August 2025**.

In an emergency you can apply for an emergency postal vote by **8th of August 2025**.

Members with an email on the party system will get an electronic postal vote. If you don't have an email registered, you'll receive a paper ballot.

On the Men's Ballot vote:

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- To request an electronic vote, email samantha_milling@labour.org.uk with your reason.
- You must give a valid reason for requesting a postal vote.**

