

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LINK MEMBERS  
NALM**

**Election of Steering Committee Members**

For a term of office beginning April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 and concluding April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

**Candidate's Election Addresses**

Please read carefully before marking your ballot papers

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## London

### Mr Malcolm Alexander



Biography  
Malcolm Alexander

I am a health campaigner, with a special interest in stroke, complementary medicine, mental health, health of asylum seekers, NHS privatisation, and working with communities to change health policy.

I'm Chair of the National Association of LINK Members and have worked actively with the Steering Committee to build a powerful, independent, national movement of LINKs members, capable of directly influencing government to meet the needs of local people.

I have worked actively with politicians at the national level and with the media. I am Chair of the Patients Forum for the London Ambulance Service and formerly Director of the Association of CHCs and Chief Officer of Southwark Community Health Council.

I am a director of both Action against Medical Accidents and Medical Justice. I teach patient and public empowerment courses at Westminster University and work in anthropological research at University College London

Malcolm Alexander

### Mr Arthur Brill

Extensive General Management, Consultancy and Voluntary sector background, including Fundraising for the visually impaired.

#### Short Voluntary activities summary

1. Chair: Camden LINK
2. Chair: Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum, Royal Free Hospital. Now elected Governor Members Council, Stroke Pathway and Panel of Users since 1999.
3. London Forum of PPIFs Steering Committee
4. Fellow Chartered Institute of Management (25 years), including project initiator; in Business for the Community, Young Persons Concert Foundation
5. Justice of the Peace, 20 years.
6. Patient representative: NHS London Commissioning Group. Patient and Public Advisory Group and Stakeholder Board, in addition Camden PCT Board; Provider Services and Stroke LTC Committee.
7. Camden Quality of Life Panel - Elected Member 2004-5

I look forward to assisting NALM members if elected.

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## Mr Sebastian Mani

I am there to listen to the people understand their concern and to serve the people.

## Mr Shivakuru Selvathurai

### **Personal Statement for Nomination:**

As an individual, I have always discharged my activities in the best of public community around me. As a beloved father of mentally disabled daughter, I had to bear loads of pressures, but, there were organizations willing to contribute benefits. Upon my careful consideration into the society, I dedicated myself into voluntary services that benefited many people. As return to my services to the society, I was awarded,

- Adult Learners Week Award in 2003
- Community Service Volunteer Award in 2005
- Refugee Volunteer Man of the Year Award in 2007

With all my dedication to community, I take this opportunity to stand for the people with respect.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,  
Mr Shivakuru Selvathurai  
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Middlesex.



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## South West

### Mrs Daphne Branchflower

I was born in Bristol. I went to a special day school and also the boarding school I went to was for disabled children.

Having left school at 16, I went back into education when I was 37. I have since obtained my Bsc Hons social work degree and also a first class masters degree.

I think being disabled all my life has made me empathetic to other people in a similar position to myself. I have been a disabled activist since I was about 18.

Since moving back to Bristol in 1973 I have become very involved in the local council. I am a disability equality advisor. Currently I also work for the University of the West of England as an occasional lecturer in social work. I also do some free-lance work in equality training and research. I do all this as well as being involved with Bristol Link.

I am totally committed to the social model of disability as I feel society puts the barriers up for disabled people, and disabled people themselves are not the problem.

Daphne Branchflower  
03/03/09



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## West Midlands

No Candidates

## Yorkshire and the Humber

Mrs Ruth Marsden

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Currently representing Yorkshire and Humberside, and Vice Chair of NALM, I have a track record as productive for the organisation and supportive of its members. I have requisite knowledge of the context of health and social care, contacts at local, regional and national levels, the time to give and the self discipline to give it.

I am diligent in sharing information, providing timely feedback and actioning members' concerns and remain committed to seeing LINKs become fully effective for all.

I would welcome the opportunity to help develop further the Association and its work.

Ruth Marsden



# NALM Annual General Meeting

## April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

### Conference Motions

NALM is a democratic organisation and members are invited us to help determine NALM's policy. Individuals and LINKs in membership of NALM may submit a motion to the NALM Conference/AGM which will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

A motion is a formal proposal for the conference to adopt a specific policy, take a specific course of action or to work toward a specific goal, and if it is supported by a majority of those members attending the conference it becomes part of NALM's work programme for the coming year.

All individual NALM Members and LINKs in membership of NALM are invited to submit motions to the conference to help determine our policies and actions for 2009-2010.

#### 1. Motions need to contain several key elements:

- What the issue of concern is. This is usually phrased as coming from the conference itself; e.g. 'This conference notes with concern that LINKs are not receiving the level of funding required ...'
- What you want done about it. This can be phrased as an instruction to the Steering Group to do something; e.g. ...and therefore instructs the NALM Steering Group to work with the other national bodies to organise a campaign for etc...
- What you want to achieve; e.g. ... to ensure that all LINKs have adequate budgets to achieve their objectives.

#### 2. Getting the motion agreed at the AGM

At the AGM, the proposer will be asked to propose the motion and another person to second the motion. Any other NALM Members present will have an opportunity to give their views. Once Members have had an opportunity to comment, the Chair will ask for a show of hands. If a majority of those present vote for the motion, the motion will become the policy of NALM.

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