

Somebody Worth Voting For



On May 5, the same day as the General Election, Hoxton will elect a new councillor to represent this area in Hackney Town Hall. But unlike previous local elections this time you have somebody worth voting for: **Hackney Independent's Tony Butler.**

Tony is somebody who many people in Hoxton know personally. He has been active in Wenlock Barn Tenant Association and other local campaigns. Tony led the campaign for the new "Blue Hut" youth centre in Provost Street. None of the other candidates in this election have ever been active in Hoxton.

Hackney Independent, who Tony Butler is standing for, have been active in community campaigns in Shoreditch for more than 6 years. You will have seen the Hackney Independent newsletter that is regularly put through letterboxes across the area.

Tony is sure that he can make a difference. Here are his answers to some of the questions he's been asked when canvassing:

***What's the point in voting?
Nothing ever changes.***

"Things are changing all the time and none of it has a positive effect on the people who live in Hoxton. I love living in Hoxton, but I hate what our Labour councillors are doing to it.

The Labour Party now represents the developers of luxury flats and the newcomers who live in them. Labour's candidate actually sets up privatisation schemes for a living. He used to work in Tony Blair's private office. On the council I would put the interests of Hoxton's tenants, leaseholders and local shops first."

How do we know that you won't disappear after the election like all the others?

"With the £10,000 wages paid to councillors I will open a

drop-in centre in the area where you can come and see me and the other people involved with Hackney Independent, and together we can try to solve local problems. I would hold regular open meetings where anyone can say what they think I should be doing as councillor. I live here and I shop and socialise in Hoxton so you can see me on the streets."

How can one person make a difference?

"It's not just me, it is also Hackney Independent. I am the strongest candidate with the strongest team behind me. We've seen plenty of talking shops run by middle class professionals but Hackney Independent have a track record in really getting involved with local issues and campaigns. Most

importantly, it is about Hoxton people controlling what happens in our area. New Labour are always telling you your say matters in Hoxton and then never listen or act in our interest."

"Even as one Hackney Independent councillor I can ask the questions Labour councillors won't ask - like *where's our money gone?*"

"I need your help on May 5. Vote for me, the Hackney Independent candidate. If you don't normally vote, please vote this time. If you normally vote Labour, please give me a chance."

VOTE TONY BUTLER ON MAY 5TH

5 Reasons to Vote for William 'Tony' Butler

1. TONY BUTLER IS THE ONLY ONE FROM HOXTON

The others are from places like Stoke Newington, Homerton and Victoria Park.

What do they know about Hoxton?

2. TONY BUTLER IS THE ONLY COUNCIL TENANT

None of the others live on council estates. The Labour man lives in a luxury canal side flat with gates to keep him safe. The Tory looks out onto Victoria Park.

What do they know about living in a council estate?

3. TONY BUTLER PUTS HOXTON TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS FIRST

None of the others have ever been active in Hoxton before. Tony led the campaign to set up the "blue hut" youth club. He has been active in Wenlock Barn Tenant Association for years and was Chair of the New Deal's Area 1 Forum. Hackney Independent are the only ones you see between elections asking what you think rather than following the national agenda of the Labour or the Tories.

We'll keep campaigning in Hoxton whatever the result. You won't see the others again.

4. WE WILL OPEN AN OFFICE IN HOXTON

Councillors get paid £10,000 a year on top of their day jobs. If the others win they will keep the money themselves. Tony will not take a penny himself. He will hand it over so Hackney Independent can open an office in Hoxton where local people can discuss and sort out local problems.


5. SHOW WHAT YOU THINK OF HOW TONY BLAIR'S LABOUR PARTY RUN HACKNEY COUNCIL

Lets not put another Labour or Tory politician in the Town Hall claiming they speak for Hoxton. Lets have one of our own, a working class man from Wenlock Barn.

Vote for Tony Butler as part of a campaign to make Hackney Council work for us.

WARNING!

Labour and Tory councillors have been jailed for cheating in elections. Don't let them help you fill in your postal vote, take your postal vote from you or "help" you to the polling station.

William Anthony Butler (known as Tony)	Hackney Independent	HACKNEY INDEPENDENT	
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