

Labour's leadership candidates

David Miliband: MP for South Shields (11,109 majority) since 2001. Shadow Foreign Secretary, age 45. Branded strong **Blairite** following his seven years as policy chief for **Tony Blair**. Calls himself an **"idealist"**.



Frontrunner's campaign mantra is **"not New Labour, but next Labour"**.
Nominations: 81 MPs, 2 trade unions, 165 constituency Labour parties, 6 MEPs, 1 socialist society



Ed Miliband: MP for Doncaster North (10,909) since 2005. Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, age 40. Came to prominence as **Gordon Brown's** special adviser after Labour's election

victory in 1997. Deeply critical of Labour's failure to keep its **"radical edge"**. **Nominations:** 63 MPs, 6 trade unions, 151 constituency Labour parties, 6 MEPs, 3 socialist societies

Ed Balls: MP for Morley and Outwood (1,101) since 2005. Shadow Education Secretary, age 43. Former journalist started working for Brown in 1994, earning title **"most powerful unelected person in Britain"**. Is characterised by media as a bruising bully.



Nominations: 33 MPs, 1 trade union, 17 constituency Labour parties



Andy Burnham: MP for Leigh (12,011) since 2001. Shadow Health Secretary, age 40. Standing as centrist working class candidate who best understands ordinary people. Nicknamed **"Flog 'em Burnham"** over his tough stance

on law and order while at Home Office. **Nominations:** 33 MPs, 44 constituency Labour parties, 1 MEP, 1 socialist society



Diane Abbott: MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington (14,461) since 1987. Backbench MP, age 56. Firebrand socialist would swing Labour firmly to left and reconnect with working-class vote. Wants to save world from **"policy wonks and thinktanks"** – meaning her four rivals. Famously called **Peter Mandelson** the source of **"poison"** in the government. **Nominations:** 33 MPs, 2 trade unions, 20 constituency Labour parties, 1 socialist society