

Dear Friends,

With over 10 years of experience working locally and abroad, I will bring to Alba my ability to shape and deliver positive cultural change in a complex political organisation. I bring to the table a vigorous fight for independence, support increment of Alba Party membership and inclusion across Scotland.

I know the importance of equality has been denied equal rights since I can remember. By voting for me, you will make the Alba Party whole because all communities will be represented. Once you place me in the position, I will work towards enhancing our synergy, and create integration pathways that will not only allow hard to reach communities participate in democracy actively but increase party membership, and vote for independence.

As your equality convener, I will seek to build an inclusive haven, at the party level, where all citizens will feel at home far away from home and be part of the Alba Party family .

Yours For Scotland

Mercy Kamanja

**Saor**  
**ALBA**  
Indy Blog



## Mercy Kamanja

### For EQUALITIES CONVENER

**Why I am a suitable candidate**

Born and raised in rural Kenya, in a patriarchal culture where opportunities for women political inclusion and active empowerment of women in civil society is competitive, my journey has been one of self-discovery and realisation, ordeals endured, challenges met, and barriers overcome. From then until now and into the future, I have striven to repay this kindness by contributing to Scottish civil society, as an activist in the social and political sphere. I just wanted to be given a chance to give back to the society that looks after my children and I.



### First Hand Experience

I have experienced first-hand life-threatening illness, disability, racism, social exclusion, and life as a single parent. I've a better understanding of different strands of inequalities and the importance of having a political voice coming from intersectional groups. Politicians serve diverse communities with differing needs. Those in equality groups, have specific concerns to be addressed by individuals who speak the same language - both figuratively and literally and I am among those people.

### Transformative Structural Changes

By electing me, you are choosing someone who irrevocably stands for equality and social justice across the board. I believe I am the right candidate to spearhead equality matters at the National level for the Alba Party. As a candidate my goal remains to campaign vigorously for independence, while I aspire to treat everyone equally, while giving all citizens equal voices. I strongly believe in finding ways to co-exist as one people of one homeland, as a collective to match in and gain Independence. Time has come to say "YES", Scotland must operate as an independent sovereign country.

### Strengthening Community Cohesion

I have demonstrated I am capable of building relationships with people of my new homelands having successfully created very popular and busy social media accounts, where we all operate and share information and knowledge as one Scotland family. Within my work scope, I have strengthened our community cohesion, brought in people from all walks of life together, to learn and share knowledge through transferable skills.



### Positive Attributes

Since I joined Alba, creation of integration pathways to mobilise hard to reach communities are ongoing. . Mobilization of hard to reach communities to take positive actions towards Scottish Independence remains a key that underpins the drive to create a group that interacts with under-represented groups at grassroot level.

### Notable Integration Pathways

Saor Alba Indy Blog is created to inform citizens on what is going on at the party level, community and diversity groups. The New Scot for Alba group is due to be launched to bring all communities together. Saor Alba Live was launched on the 9th August, to host and streamline live discussions forums through Saor Alba Live Media. Diversity Network for Independence, Diverse Communities Together, Diaspora Portal, International Women Network, Africans in Professional WhatsApp Group and in operation since 2019.

Strategic integration pathways above are our political attributes to raise awareness, and amplify citizen voices.