

G2K PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE 2026

# NEWTON HARRIS

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***NEWTON IS YOUR SOLUTION***

Tested. Proven. Ready to Lead on Day One.



# YOUR NEXT G2K PRESIDENT

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Newton Harris is the candidate of Operational Substance and Verifiable Impact. He represents a return to G2K's founding mission: serving as the intellectual and strategic engine for the Jamaica Labour Party.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

For over five years, Newton has served as Ministerial Advisor to Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith, consistently rated as one of Jamaica's top-performing Ministers. Newton's professional experience includes service in the public sector on projects and Boards, and business management. His charitable and community involvement includes local and international service and outreach to the most vulnerable, as well as training and mentorship of young people. Equipped with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), his active involvement in governance mechanics, international engagement, and parliamentary procedure has sharpened his skillset. This has positioned Newton to lead G2K with strategic vision and innovative perspectives as we work together to build Jamaica.

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## THE SEASONED G2K PROFESSIONAL

Newton has served our Organisation for over almost ten years at the Chapter and Management Committee levels. As current Vice-President (International Relations), and in his previous roles as Chair of the International Relations Committee, Deputy Treasurer, and Member of KSA's Policy Committee he has, among other notable achievements:

- Secured and delivered hundreds of hygiene kits and tarps for G2K relief activities after Hurricane Beryl, that assisted families and fishers in St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Manchester and Clarendon.
- Rebuilt and sustained critical international relationships after the pandemic, including the return of scholarships and opportunities for Members, and support for the Organization.
- Delivered two National Forums with the Prime Minister as Keynote Speaker: the "Legacy Forum" held at UTech, Ja in 2025; and "Beyond Bureaucracy" held at UWI, Mona in 2026.
- Facilitated greater understanding of international relations and foreign policy including Member seminars.
- Facilitated training in personal and professional development including conduct and etiquette.
- Supported several critical political campaigns during local and general elections across the country.
- Served on the JLP's Manifesto Committee as G2K's Lead, with three big proposals accepted.

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## A PROVEN SUPPORTER OF WOMEN IN POLITICS

Newton offers a verifiable history of being the "right-hand" support for some the Party's most effective female leaders:

### **KAMINA JOHNSON SMITH**

Supporting her in her successful Parliamentary and Foreign Policy mandates.

### **FAYVAL WILLIAMS**

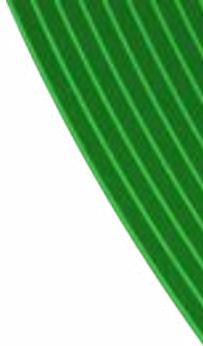
Conducted exhaustive ground campaigning in the high-pressure marginal seat of St. Andrew Eastern.

### **KRYSTAL LEE**

Provided intense on-the-ground support in his battleground home constituency of St. Ann North-Western during the election.

## COMMITMENTS

- ✓ Ensure a strong female representation on all Committees.
- ✓ Facilitate women's focused training and development, including an annual women's conference, featuring female leaders in both the public and private sectors.



OUR MISSION

# MY MISSION

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Every member of G2K reading this deeply cares about our country and their own professional growth. Through the wisdom and courage of our minds, and the strength and vigour of our bodies, we, the Members of G2K place ourselves in service of our fellow citizens. My mission is to build a G2K that propels our collective ambitions while we play our part in building Jamaica.

**"TO MAKE YOUR MEM-  
BERSHIP WORK FOR  
YOU."**

# CHAPTER AND MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Your membership to our Organisation should uplift you as much as you uplift it. G2K must return tangible value to its members. If you dedicate your time, it must return value to your career. My plan is built on a single promise:

*To Make Your Membership Work For You.*

## ELEVATE YOUR NETWORK

*We will transform Chapter meetings into high-level networking hubs with regular, moderated engagements with Ministers and industry experts.*

### TACTICAL STRATEGY

#### **Define Engagement Calendar**

Establish a quarterly schedule for high-level meetings, securing commitments from Cabinet Ministers and industry experts on a quarterly basis.

#### **Implement a Moderated Q&A Format**

Structure all networking sessions with a formal, moderated Q&A segment to ensure professional discourse and maximum member participation.

### **Mandate Pre-Event Briefing**

Provide Chapter leaders and participating members with a pre-event briefing package on the guest's expertise and portfolio to facilitate high-quality interaction.

### **Member Satisfaction and Feedback**

Members are consulted and provide constructive suggestions and feedback.

### **Professional Outcomes**

Cultivating networks to provide direct professional opportunities including mentorships and job interviews.

### **Accelerate Your Development**

G2K will consult and develop a curriculum within the first six months to offer specialised training including ECON 101 and Sector Fundamentals.

### **Certified Instructors**

Partner with professional education institutions and government agencies to secure experts for all training modules.

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## **BE A FORMIDABLE POLITICAL FORCE**

*Through effective Chapters, Members will have an effective political education and learn strategies that deliver value to your communities and constituencies.*

### **TACTICAL STRATEGY**

#### **Chapter Effectiveness Audit**

Conduct a bi-annual review of all Chapters based on activity, membership retention, and community project impact.

### **"Adopt-a-Constituency" Program**

Formalize a program requiring each Chapter to partner with a marginal constituency to execute a targeted, measurable community value project (e.g., sports league, literacy drive, clean-up campaign). The Government's Releaf project having been identified as a potential pilot for this program.

### **Grassroots Strategy Training**

Host dedicated workshops on modern political strategy, voter mobilization, and effective constituency-level communication for all Chapter members.

### **Leveraging Sports and Culture**

Facilitating community engagement and outreach through sports and culture, which are in our DNA, to serve communities and encourage recruitment and spread our message.

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## **RECRUITMENT AND MEMBER SUPPORT**

*G2K will benefit from a broader Membership base drawing on more professions and skills in both traditional and emerging areas and sectors.*

### **TACTICAL STRATEGY**

#### **Skills Training and Vocational Institutions**

Engage skills training and vocational institutions in addition to re-energising recruits in traditional ones.

#### **New International Chapters**

Build out new Chapters in Miami, Canada and the UK.

#### **G2K Member Support Fund**

Practical support with groceries, education, health and other needs.

# NATIONAL POLICY AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

G2K is a resource to the Party, but it is an even greater resource to every Jamaican. We have a vital role to play as the bridge connecting the inner workings of government to the people on the ground and the nation-building power of the private sector. G2K must win the battle for the minds of all Jamaicans. Our members must be even more empowered to participate in the marketplace of ideas.

*Empowering members to speak on current events with deep, factual knowledge rather than just a partyline.*

***"WE DO MORE THAN DEFEND THE PARTY; WE ELEVATE THE CONVERSATION AND EDIFY OUR FELLOW CITIZENS."***

## THE BRIDGE TO GOVERNANCE

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### TACTICAL STRATEGY

### **Current Affairs Update Series**

Establish an internal communication series, via memo or webinar, focusing on current events and governance.

### **Media Training**

Host mandatory "Media Training & Communications" for all Chapter Executive members.

### **Rapid-Response Fact-Check**

Develop a rapid-response fact-check unit within the G2K Communications portfolio to provide members with verified data points on national issues.

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## **ECONOMIC LITERACY**

*Absorbing, breaking down and translating national economic discussions particularly around the Budget.*

### **TACTICAL STRATEGY**

#### **"Budget Break-Down" Campaign**

Launch an annual public campaign, consisting of a series of infographics and town halls immediately following the National Budget presentation.

#### **"Fiscal Policy & You" Module**

Integrate a mandatory module into the G2K training curriculum, focusing on complex fiscal topics like the Net International Reserve (NIR) and debt-to-GDP ratio.

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## **FUTURE-PROOFING JAMAICA**

*Leading the conversations on Jamaica's most pressing challenges including resilience, renewables, the blue economy, and the creative industries.*

### **TACTICAL STRATEGY**

### **Annual Public Symposia**

Host at least two national forums per year, featuring local and international experts to elevate the conversation.

### **International Collaboration**

Securing partnerships with international organizations focused on climate resilience and other critical areas.

**G2K – ELEVATING THE CONVERSATION. EDIFYING OUR CITIZENS.**

# SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

To achieve our mission, G2K needs a financial plan, not just ad hoc fundraising. My plan, FUNDING OUR FUTURE, focuses on building our organisation so that it is financially sustainable and professionally managed.

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### TACTICAL STRATEGY

#### **Professional Oversight**

The Committee will be chaired by a professional with corporate finance or fundraising experience, ensuring that every effort is strategic and results-oriented.

#### **Corporate Partnerships**

We will move from one-off "asks" to structured donor circles. By establishing a 'Corporate Circle', we will facilitate continuous, predictable donations from the private sector through long-term relationship management.

### **Calendar of Sustainability**

We will establish a fixed annual calendar of flagship fundraising events. This provides the organisation with a predictable cash flow and reduces the reliance on emergency appeals.

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## **ESTABLISHING PRIVATE SECTOR VALUE**

*G2K must be seen as more than a political arm: it must be a valuable partner to the private sector.*

*By proving our utility to Jamaica's keyplayers, we ensure that G2K remains a crucial asset to the JLP.*

### **TACTICAL STRATEGY**

#### **The Policy Intelligence Bridge**

We will establish a Private Sector Liaison office. Through this office, we will host 'Business Policy Roundtables' where industry leaders and young professionals collaborate to identify the real-world impact of current and proposed legislation. G2K will then serve as the vital intelligence link, providing the Party with direct, high-level feedback from the ground to help shape more effective national policy.

#### **Value Proposition**

We will market G2K as the premier pipeline for high-calibre young talent. By building relationships with CEOs and industry leaders, we position our members for leadership roles while proving to the private sector that G2K is the home of the professionals who will drive Jamaica's future economy.

#### **Mutual Growth**

Funding is not a gift; it is an investment. We will show donors how their support of G2K initiatives contributes to a more stable, business-friendly environment by ensuring the next generation of leadership is technically competent and politically engaged.

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## **EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AND GRANTS**

*As the current VP of International Relations, I recognise that our financial potential extends beyond Jamaica's borders. We will tap into global networks to fund our national projects.*

#### **TACTICAL STRATEGY**

##### **Grant Writing Unit**

We will establish a specialised unit dedicated to identifying and applying for international grants from non-partisan NGOs, environmental funds, and democratic foundations. These funds will specifically support projects like our youth advocacy programmes.

##### **Global Political Partnerships**

We will strengthen ties with international sister-party organisations and youth wings across the Caribbean and the globe. Through these partnerships, we can access shared resources, exchange programmes, and institutional funding that is currently untapped.

**FUNDING OUR FUTURE – STRATEGIC. SUSTAINABLE. ACCOUNT-  
ABLE.**

# A MESSAGE TO G2K

Fellow delegates, I step forward to offer you a renewed G2K defined by opportunities, an elevated profile and valuable impact. The Office of President is not a token milestone, but an operational post, requiring decisiveness, clarity, performance and fixity of purpose.

Our membership deserves a return on investment. I am ready to lead on Day One to ensure this is where the future happens.

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THE CANDIDATE

**A LEGACY OF  
SERVICE.**

**A FUTURE OF  
ACTION.**

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Newton Harris did not find his leadership in a boardroom. It was formed on the floor of a rural hardware store, in the hospice wards of the Bronx, and through his years of service for the party. For Newton, leadership is not about the seat you hold. It is about the people you serve.

## CHASING THE NEED: A LESSON IN REPRESENTATION.

Growing up in his family's hardware shop, a six-year-old Newton watched a regular customer turn to leave because the shop was too crowded to be seen. Without waiting for permission or a second thought, he sprinted out the door and into the street to bring that customer back.

He understood even then that no one should walk away unheard. That same instinct drives him today. Whether he is navigating high-level national policy or addressing the individual concern of a G2K member, Newton's standard remains the same: No one is left unserved.



## A MIND FOCUSED ON SOLUTIONS.

Newton chose a path of discipline to sharpen his capacity for leadership. During a dedicated period of intensive formation and service with his church, he embraced a tradition of deep study and purposeful focus.

He did not do this for a title. He did it to ensure that when he speaks on behalf of the people, he does so with a mind that is sharp, prepared, and ready to act. Clear thinking is a tool for achieving real results.

## THE REALITY

# SERVICE WITHOUT AN AGENDA.

At Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, Newton swapped a suit for scrubs. In a high-pressure palliative care environment, he provided the most basic, essential care for the terminally ill. He bathed, fed, and sat with those who could give him nothing in return.

While many climb to avoid hard work, Newton went to the Bronx to find it. That experience taught him a vital truth: If you are not willing to perform the humblest tasks for another human being, you have no right to lead them.

**"TRUE LEADERSHIP HAPPENS WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING. IF YOU CANNOT WASH THE FEET OF THOSE YOU LEAD, YOU CANNOT CARRY THEIR BURDENS."**

## THE GLOBAL VOICE

# JAMAICA'S VOICE ON THE WORLD STAGE.

Newton has represented Jamaica before presidents and international bodies, always maintaining his local roots and values. He travels as an ambassador, not a spectator.

**2015**

### **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TOWNHALL IN KINGSTON**

Selected to participate as one of Jamaica's most promising young leaders. His questions resulted in comprehensive exchanges between interested governments.

**2013-14**

### **WORLD CLASS ADVOCATE**

Recognised as the Top Debater in Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Universities Debating Championships.

**NATIONAL**

## **NATIONAL REPRESENTATION**

From Rome to Chennai, he has ensured that Jamaica is heard in the rooms where global decisions are made.

## THE RECORD

# PREPARED FOR PERFORMANCE.

Newton combines legal training with high-level government experience and a history of grassroots action.

### MINISTERIAL ADVISOR

Five years advising Senator the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith on foreign policy and parliamentary business.

### LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

Worked within the Attorney-General's Chambers to help build the structures that protect our legal interests.

### PROVEN MANAGEMENT

Managed a commercial business to 25% revenue growth, proving his grasp of the practical economy.

## ROOTS

# INVESTED IN THE TOWN THAT SHAPED HIM.

Newton is the current Chair of the Board of Management for Brown's Town Infant School, the same community that watched him grow up. He could be anywhere, yet he chooses to be exactly there, shaping the first chapter of a child's education in the town that shaped him.

**THAT IS NOT A CREDENTIAL. THAT IS CHARACTER.**

# A RECORD OF RELIABILITY.

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Newton joined G2K to work. As a former Deputy Treasurer and the current VP of International Relations, he has focused on results. He has secured relief kits for members and led major national forums at our universities. His stance is clear:

**"THE G2K PRESIDENCY IS AN OPERATIONAL ROLE. OUR MEMBERS DESERVE PERFORMANCE OVER PROMISES. I AM NOT ASKING FOR THE JOB TO START SERVING. I AM ASKING BECAUSE SERVICE IS WHAT I DO."**

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