

Drafting a Motion for Momentum's Policy Primary and Labour Conference 2021

Structure of a motion

Motions usually refer to 'Conference' as the main actor, so motions are usually drafted using phrases like 'Conference notes', 'Conference believes', 'Conference resolves', etc. There are different ways to structure a motion, but all motions must clearly outline what the 'problem' is that they are attempting to address. For examples of different ways to structure a motion, see our 2019 motions [here](#).

Tips

- Keep the motion within the 250 word limit (not including the title, which can have 25 words)
- Keep the motion to one subject. A subject could include, for example, housing, climate change, social security, the NHS.
- Consider what your criteria are for the motion. For example, it could be beneficial to opt for a policy area that has the potential to create a broad coalition of support amongst CLP delegates and trade unions at Party Conference.
- Identify and prioritise the key 'ask' or 'asks' of your motion, which is the part of the motion with implications for changes in policy. It is important not to overload your motion with too many asks as this can make it harder to achieve consensus behind it.