

Policy Primary: Final motions for a ballot of all members

The following motions have been submitted by Momentum local groups, affiliates and campaign organisations. Where necessary, motions covering the same issue have been composited by our Policy Primary Working Group, with the consent of those groups or organisations that submitted the motions. The Working Group is composed of National Coordinating Group (NCG) members elected by the full NCG.

No motion submitted was rejected. Should you have questions about these motions, please contact andrew.dolan@peoplesmomentum.com Voting will open on March 24, and all Momentum members will be able to cast their vote by logging on to MyMomentum and ranking their preferred motions.

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Title: £15 minimum wage and dignity in work

Conference notes:

- That increasing the minimum wage to £15 an hour will lift huge numbers of working people out of poverty, will remove the burden of welfare from the taxpayer and create an environment for small businesses to thrive.

Conference believes:

- That "All Labour has Dignity".
- That a number of measures are required to ensure every worker their Right to human Dignity.

Conference therefore resolves for Labour to campaign for:

- A £15 an hour statutory minimum wage.
- Minimum contracts of at least 16 hours per week for all workers who want them; a right to a 'normal hours' contract that reflects the hours that are regularly worked; and a ban on zero-hours contracts.
- Increasing statutory sick pay to a living wage, to be paid from day one of absence; and for the lower earnings limit that means low paid workers are not entitled to SSP to be abolished.
- Protection at work legislation that would make it a specific offence to assault public-facing workers.
- Stronger protections for workers, from day one of employment, against redundancy and dismissal.
- Fair treatment and equal pay, with access to free childcare and improved family-friendly rights, as many key workers are women whose jobs have been undervalued and underpaid for too long.
- More support for BAME workers who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including legislation that reveals pay grades and differentials in terms of ethnicity in businesses.
- A commitment to sectoral collective bargaining and union access to places of work enshrined in law.

Submitted by the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union

Title: Abolish the Monarchy

Conference affirms:

- The Labour Party's values of socialism and democracy.

Conference expresses concern:

- At the incompatibility of the monarchy, an institution based on hereditary status, wealth and privilege, with these values.

Conference therefore believes that the next Labour Government should:

- End all protocols and conventions which allow members of the royal family direct influence on government policy and legislation.
- Replace the present Oath of Allegiance for MPs with an oath of service to constituents and country.
- Extend the Freedom of Information Act to the royal family.
- Take control of the profits of the Crown Estates and the Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster and provide the Head of State with a budget determined in the same manner as other governmental institutions.
- Give consideration to the adoption of a constitution in which a sovereign monarch would be replaced by a system of popular sovereignty in which citizens collectively would be the paramount authority.

Submitted by Labour for a Republic

Title: Build back fairer: attack poverty and inequality

The Marmot report “Build Back Fairer” says: “mismanagement during the pandemic, and the unequal way the pandemic has struck, is of a piece with what happened... in the decade from 2010... enduring social and economic inequalities... mean that public health was threatened before and during the pandemic and will be after.”

The Resolution Foundation and Wealth Tax Commission estimate that concentration of wealth in the hands of the super-rich is even worse than previously thought – by £800bn! We need to take back wealth, with a wealth tax, increased corporation tax, capital gains tax and taxing very high incomes; and taking banking and finance into democratic public ownership.

We commit to “building back fairer”, campaigning for all with targeted action to increase racial, ethnic, gender, class and economic equality, campaigning for and implementing:

- Benefits increased to a liveable level. £260pw Universal Credit (demanded by the TUC).
- Extension and strengthening of furlough and self-employment schemes.
- Increase the minimum wage to £12ph, scrapping exemptions and differentials. Action to increase wages; substantial increases for public-sector workers.
- The right to isolate on full pay; improved sick pay for all, 100% of wages for all sickness periods.
- Repeal of all anti-union laws.
- Banning of zero-hours contracts.
- Reversal of all cuts since 2010, increased funding.
- Comprehensive reversal of privatisation and outsourcing; full public ownership of health and social care.
- Abolition of ‘No Recourse to Public Funds’.
- Building at least 100,000 council homes a year.
- Creation of millions of secure, well-paid, public jobs in services and green industry.

Submitted by: North East Momentum, Stevenage Momentum and Southampton Momentum

Title: Build council housing and end homelessness

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the deepening housing crisis and the connection between poor, over-crowded housing, and poor health. In particular, the proliferation of HMOs has served as a means of spreading the disease.

The waiting list for council housing exceeds 1 million people, there are more than 98,000 households in temporary accommodation and an estimated 700,000 private tenants in rent arrears. The economic impact of the pandemic will likely lead to a wave of evictions, exacerbating the housing crisis and increasing homelessness.

Many people experiencing homelessness are denied support because of 'priority need' rules or having 'No Recourse to Public Funds'.

Conference calls on Labour to:

- Restate its 2019 manifesto pledges to:
 - Build 150,000 social rent homes each year including 100,000 council homes.
 - End 'right to buy'.
 - Review council housing 'debt'.
- Campaign for the current government to enact these policies.

In government, Labour will:

- Give councils the power to requisition the 250,000 long-term empty homes with minimal compensation and put them to use as council housing.
- Fund the retro-fitting of council housing to cut greenhouse gases, provide socially useful jobs and promote a shift from outsourcing to Direct Labour Organisations.
- Repeal the 2012 anti-squatting legislation, the Vagrancy Act and all legislation that criminalises people for being homeless. End the use of anti-social behaviour legislation against begging and rough sleeping.
- Reverse austerity cuts and outsourcing in homelessness services. Implement a national 'Housing First' system with floating support, to house all those experiencing homelessness regardless of immigration status.

Submitted by: Labour Campaign for Council Housing, Labour Homelessness Campaign, Momentum Wandsworth, Redcar, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland Momentum, Momentum Bristol and the West of England, Momentum Hounslow

Title: Changing politics for the many, not the few

Conference welcomes the publication of “Remaking the British State: For the Many, Not the Few”.

Conference notes that the report recommends far-reaching changes in the governance of the United Kingdom, changes which would greatly increase public involvement in and strengthen our democratic processes.

Conference believes that this report contains ideas which are long overdue and desperately needed if Britain is to remain a stable and tolerant democracy in which everyone has a part to play, is treated equally and has a stake in the future of society.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to encourage dissemination and discussion of this report in order that the party can go into the next general election with proposals that are coherent, radical and democratic.

Conference instructs the Party to include the following proposals in the next manifesto:

- Create a constitutional convention underpinned by citizens’ assemblies, leading to the establishment of a written UK constitution which regulates the power of the monarchy and elected representatives.
- Provide a framework for genuine constitutional independence for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland based on the principles of progressive federalism.
- Establish combined English regional authorities with delegated powers, and a Minister for England with equivalent role to the secretaries of state for the devolved nations.
- Make the electoral process more truly representative than the present by moving to a system of proportional representation.
- Abolish the unelected House of Lords, replacing it with a proportionately elected Senate of the nations and regions.

Submitted by Norfolk Momentum

Title: China, Hong Kong and the Uyghurs: solidarity, peace, democracy and liberation

Conference notes:

- Uyghurs and other majority-Muslim peoples in Xinjiang/East Turkestan suffer genocidal persecution including racist surveillance; political, cultural and religious repression; forced contraception and sterilisation; forced labour in global corporate supply chains; children removed from families; and concentration camps.
- A violent, corporate-backed crackdown has attacked Hong Kong's movement for democracy and civil liberties. Independent unions like the HKCTU are surging but under assault. British colonial-era anti-union and anti-democratic laws facilitate this.
- Throughout China, worker exploitation is rampant. Wealth inequality approaches US levels. Independent unions and protests are suppressed while corporations and state bureaucrats profit. But workers, women, minorities and dissidents continue to resist.

Conference believes:

- Socialism means political and economic democracy. Despite pretences, China's authoritarian state represents neither.

Conference resolves that Labour will:

- Build solidarity with independent labour, democratic and liberatory movements, protests and strikes in China.
- Resist hijacking of this cause by nationalists and hawks promoting anti-Chinese racism, superpower rivalry, trade wars and militarisation.
- Support freedom and human rights for the indigenous peoples of Xinjiang/East Turkestan and Tibet, and their right to democratically determine their futures.
- Support universal suffrage for Hong Kong, release of political prisoners and repeal of the National Security Law.
- Propose Magnitsky sanctions against officials involved in these abuses;
- Support protests and worker action against businesses complicit in these abuses;
- Propose laws requiring big businesses to transparently audit supply chains to source worldwide, and cut ties to rights abuses.
- Welcome unconditionally all refugees who seek sanctuary here from tyranny and persecution.

Submitted by Uyghur Solidarity Campaign

Title: Covid-19 pandemic

Conference notes:

- The appalling loss of lives and livelihoods due to the Tory government's incompetence, corruption and refusal to adopt and implement effective measures to drive down community transmission and eliminate the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- That this has been exacerbated by a decade of austerity, privatisation and cuts to public services, especially the NHS and local authorities.
- That the expensive failure of the outsourced SERCO Test and Trace system has contributed to this disaster.
- That individuals have been consistently blamed for systemic and policy failures and not provided with sufficient support through decent sick pay, grants, loans, benefits and other wide-ranging assistance in order to be able to self-isolate, shield, work from home and/or home-school.
- That climate change and ecological destruction make future pandemics more likely and that the pandemic is a global issue that demands international solidarity.

Conference applauds:

- The commitment of the millions of workers and volunteers, in the UK and globally, who have supported their communities, provided dedicated healthcare, and demonstrated scientific and medical brilliance.
- The UK's vaccine programme, rolled out and administered by the NHS and local volunteers.

Conference calls for:

- Labour to adopt now and in the event of any future similar pandemics policies aimed at the elimination, rather than the containment, of the spread of the disease, working with trade unions and public health experts.
- A forward-looking recovery plan based on the Green New Deal.

Submitted by Zero Covid

Title: Create power for renters

Conference notes:

- Housing is a universal right. Everybody has the right to a secure, affordable and decent home.
- The need for housing has risen sharply; the number of households renting a home from a private landlord represents up 20% of all households.
- Millions of people live in unaffordable and insecure privately rented homes.
- The constant threat of rent increases and evictions has a detrimental effect on the health and well-being of many renters.
- Many renters are unable to complain about disrepair or unaffordable rent increases in case they are evicted.

Conference resolves that the next Labour government will:

- Introduce rent controls which bring down rents to 30% of local income.
- Ensure all tenancies are open-ended.
- Abolish Section 21.
- Ban all discrimination against benefit claimants.
- Scrap Right to Rent policy which discriminates against immigrants.
- Guarantee safe and decent private rented homes. Landlords will be required to demonstrate that their homes meet good standards.
- Ensure secure, safe and decent temporary accommodation.
- Bring privately rented homes into public ownership when landlords decide to sell. Convert them into council homes with tenants remaining in situ if they wish.
- Create a national database of landlords and rents.
- Improve justice for renters. Legal aid for housing cases will be restored and extended.
- Scrap all legislation that incentivises landlordism. Ensure our housing system meets the needs of people over private profit, investors and financial capital.
- Support Renters' rights to organise.
- Commit to building 150,000 social rent homes per year, and end 'right to buy'.

Submitted by: Labour Tenants United, North Essex Momentum, Notts Momentum

Title: Directly fund early years education and care – guarantee provision for all disadvantaged children, and address the gender pay gap

Conference notes:

- Public nurseries account for <4% of government-funded places in our increasingly chain-dominated Early Years (EY) sector.
- Affordable, quality and public nurseries, that serve deprived communities, support children with SEND, and those learning ESL, were already struggling due to underfunding before COVID-19.
- Our 2019 manifesto committed to reform EY by “funding providers directly [... introducing] a national pay scale, driving up pay for the overwhelmingly female workforce.”

Conference believes:

- The Hostile Environment means the worst exploitations of various childcare crises are invisible and racist.
- 363,400 childcare workers, many already earning under minimum wage, risk redundancy and worsening T&Cs, with any EY crash.
- Loss of affordable childcare risks reversing decades of progress, increasing the gender pay gap, and damaging national economic productivity.

Conference calls on the Shadow Cabinet to campaign for:

- A conditional bailout of the sector (including childminders), with settings committing to: affordable, flexible childcare for parents, Real Living Wage for all, and no dividends or share buy-backs.
- Changes to funding, so settings get direct payment from DfE (as schools do) to cover the actual costs of staff and overheads, increasing democratic accountability.
- An end to No Recourse to Public Funds and improved rights for those on an Overseas Domestic Worker visa – ability to renew after six months and change employer.
- Changes to Universal Credit (UC) so parents don't have to pay for their childcare costs up front (alongside calling to replace UC completely).
- Immediate, meaningful increases to Child Benefit and removal of the two-child cap.

Submitted by: Tower Hamlets Momentum

Title: Drug policy reform

Conference notes:

- The Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) has failed.
- Many states in the USA, Europe and Latin American countries have pursued policies of decriminalisation and legalisation successfully.
- 4,393 drug deaths were registered in England and Wales in 2019 with a further 1,264 deaths in Scotland, which has the worst drugs death rate in Europe.
- A war on drugs approach – focusing on condemnation, deterrence and punishment – has failed. These strategies have led to increased violence and racial injustices.
- Polling shows the public are in favour of a health-based approach to drugs and favour cannabis legalisation.
- The global war on drugs has fuelled rights abuses across lower-income countries and passed on the damage to people in producer and transit-countries.

Conference resolves to:

- Support the decriminalisation of the possession and use of drugs.
- Support legislation with the aim of a regulated and publically run drugs market in the UK.
- Support a public health-based approach to drug use, ending the punishment-based model.
- Invest in harm reduction measures to reduce drug-related deaths. Such as: overdose prevention facilities, needle and syringe programmes, non-abstinence-based housing and overdose prevention and reversal.
- Invest in treatment services that help people recover from addiction. Such as: talking therapies to address underlying mental health issues, substitute prescribing and publicly owned residential rehabilitation.
- Invest in schemes and services to address the social circumstances that lead young people to become involved in illegal drug markets.
- Expunge non-violent drugs convictions, where there is no other criminal history.

Submitted by Edinburgh Momentum

Title: Ending institutional Islamophobia

Conference Notes:

1. Latest Home Office figures show the highest number of recorded hate crimes were against Muslims, over 50% of religious hate crimes in 2019/20 targeted Muslims. Muslim women are disproportionately targeted.
2. The TNI report, *'Leaving the War on Terror'*, evidences how modern foreign policy inflicts death and destruction on countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan, fuels regional destabilisation and leads to demonisation of Muslims.
3. A Labour Muslim Network report found: 1 in 3 Muslim Labour members and supporters experienced Islamophobia directly within Labour, 44% don't believe Labour takes Islamophobia seriously and 48% lack confidence in Labour's complaints procedures.

Conference Believes:

- Security isn't achieved through state violence. We need solutions built on accountability and transparency.
- All racism intersects at a structural level. To tackle Islamophobia we must end structural violence that relies on demonising Muslims, from Prevent to border violence, incarceration, Schedule 7, imperialist wars and denial of refugees' safety.

Conference Resolves for Labour to:

- Oppose Prevent and Surveillance State measures: the SpyCops bill, arbitrary incarceration, Schedule 7 and border violence, instead supporting safe pathway measures.
- Campaign for community-led initiatives such as those suggested in the TNI report, which follow 5 key principles: democracy, evidence, human rights, community consent and peace.
- Commit to ethical foreign policy that acts against imperialism, international violence - from destabilising coups to settler colonialism, from Latin America, Western Sahara, Tigray, Kashmir to Palestine - and opposes the racism that results from and justifies these wars.
- Ensure Labour's complaints procedure doesn't create different processes for different forms of racism.

Submitted by LARAF

Title: End the outsourcing scandal

Conference notes:

- The model of outsourcing and privatising public services has failed.
- Across the country there has been a litany of failures by private contractors, with the Track and Trace system just the most recent example.
- The National Audit Office report into government procurement during the pandemic has exposed cronyism on an industrial scale. Contracts have been awarded to companies with close links to the Conservative Party, without proper checks and balances.
- The law has been sculpted by successive governments to encourage outsourcing.
- The Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Rachel Reeves, has committed the next Labour government to a programme of insourcing to bring public services back under democratic control.

Conference believes:

- Public services should be publicly run under democratic control.

Conference resolves:

- For Labour to commit now to reversing the trend of outsourcing when in government and to prioritise publicly owned and democratically delivered services.
- For Labour to have a policy where - in instances when outsourcing or procurement is necessary - contracts should not be awarded to companies that avoid tax, provide political donations, fail to recognise unions, don't pay their workers a living wage and don't meet strict environmental standards.
- For Labour to launch a public campaign on this issue, working alongside trade unions and allied campaigning organisations.
- As part of that campaign, for Labour to popularise alternative models of democratic ownership and community wealth building in its communications and by funding the exchange of knowledge and skills across its thousands of councillors.

Submitted by Southwark Momentum

Title: A four-day week for a society in which we work to live, not live to work

Conference notes:

- That throughout history, shorter working hours have been used during times of crisis and economic recession as a way of sharing existing work more equally across the economy.
- That since the Covid pandemic there has been growing popularity and momentum for the introduction of a four-day (32 hour) working week, with polling showing support from two-thirds of Britons.
- That the UK works longer hours than any EU country except for Greece and Austria, has one of the least productive economies in comparison and has the fewest number of bank holidays.
- That since the 1980's, although productivity has increased, company profits have increased while working hours have remained the same.

Conference believes:

- There is a growing inevitability and consensus around the need for reductions in working time, including support from most Trade Unions, a number of prominent think tanks, Labour Party frontbenchers and MPs, and a growing number of businesses
- That automation and technological gains necessitate a move towards shorter-working hours
- That a reduced working week with no loss in pay is an egalitarian policy for improving work-life balance, boosting mental health and would bring many environmental benefits which should be considered as part of a just and green recovery from the pandemic.

Conference resolves:

- To adopt as party policy a four-day (32 hour) working week with no loss of pay
- To campaign for a four-day working week alongside the 4 Day Week Campaign and other advocates.
- To campaign for transitional policies such as shorter working time subsidies, public sector as pioneers and strengthened sectoral bargaining powers.

Submitted by 4DayWeek campaign and Labour for a Green New Deal

Title: For a Democratic Socialist economy

Conference notes:

- For the second time this century, global capitalism has failed; despite the heroic efforts of workers and communities during the pandemic, the economy would have collapsed without wide reaching state intervention.
- Most people do not want to return to “business as usual” after the pandemic, there is overwhelming support for structural changes to our economy.

Conference believes:

- We need an economic system which is not dominated by unaccountable corporations, acting on the profit motive and the rules of the market leading to greater concentration of wealth and stagnant or falling living standards for the mass of people.
- The only way to put people first is by democratising the economy, putting control in the hands of working people and communities and planning for social need and wellbeing.

Conference resolves that the next Labour government will:

- Nationalise all monopolies (including in transport, energy, communications, infrastructure, agriculture and retail) with compensation only on the basis of proven need.
- Institute industrial democracy for all workers, ensure a right to sectoral collective bargaining and trade union representation.
- Bring the financial sector under public ownership so that money creation and investment are used for the social good rather than increasing or maintaining private wealth.
- Create democratic consumer councils to set fair prices and high standards on consumer goods.
- Set targets for full employment, reduced working time and increased living standards.
- Investigate strategies for economic planning to prevent wasteful competition and market failure.

Submitted by Momentum Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere

Title: Global climate justice

Conference notes:

- We must keep global temperature rises below 1.5°C.
- The communities hit hardest by climate change contributed least to the problem.
- The UK spends billions of pounds per year on fossil fuel subsidies and is a key jurisdiction for the enforcement of globally accrued debt.

Conference believes:

- Labour should make the case for rapid decarbonisation by 2030.
- The cost of decarbonisation must be borne by the rich.
- Debt cancellation is essential to achieve climate justice.

Conference resolves to support:

- Cancellation of all low-income country debt held by UK institutions; legislation to prevent UK courts prosecuting countries stopping debt payments.
- Immediately halting all fossil fuel subsidies, placing the money in a Just Transition fund. Sanctions on big polluters; incentives to rapidly reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- Phase out of high-carbon industries with a just transition and support workers organising with unions and taking action to decarbonise industries and the global supply chain, while campaigning and educating for a Socialist Green New Deal
- All future stimulus and bailout eligibility linked to climate action and a just transition for workers.
- Bringing the banking and financial system into democratic public control to fund a just transition; regulating private banking and finance for its climate impact.
- Delisting of companies failing to protect the environment and uphold human rights in the global supply chain.
- Linking internationally with indigenous groups, trade unions and groups resisting ecological assault.
- Legal recognition of climate refugees' right to asylum.

Submitted by: Momentum Norfolk, Momentum South Staffordshire, Momentum International, Momentum Southwark, Momentum North East

Title: Green jobs revolution

Conference Notes:

- The UK faces a post-covid unemployment crisis with insecurity and low-pay rife for workers.
- Intensifying climate and environmental breakdown brings devastating threats to public health and livelihoods.
- Keir Starmer has pledged to “hardwire the Green New Deal into everything we do”.

Conference Believes:

- Privatisation has undermined decarbonisation and pandemic response measures.
- Ahead of COP26, Labour should promote a just, green recovery combining efforts to address unemployment, climate change, and public health.
- We can solve the unemployment crisis and rapidly decarbonise with a socialist Green New Deal that has public ownership of industries including energy, water, transport, mail, telecommunications.

Conference Resolves to Support:

- A government program creating millions of well-paid, unionised green jobs with publicly owned entities, including:
 - Mass investment in green technologies;
 - Expansion and electrification of public transport, including free local bus networks; Just climate adaptation, investing in fire and rescue services, flood defences, and resilient infrastructure;
 - Retrofitting all homes by 2030 with mandatory building standards;
 - Agricultural transition;
 - Universal basic services, including:
 - National Care Service;
 - Universal free broadband;
 - National Nature service including ten new national parks and strategic rewilding.
- A just transition away from polluting industries with a comprehensive re-training program and green job guarantee on union rates for affected workers.
- Repealing all anti-trade union laws.
- Creating well-financed publicly owned national and regional green investment banks.
- Using public procurement to promote decarbonisation, environmental protections, and international justice in global supply chains.
- A global socialist Green New Deal, cancelling debt and freely sharing technology and resources internationally.

Submitted by Labour for a Green New Deal

Title: Increasing carers' allowance

Conference notes:

- Approximately 5.4 million people in England are providing unpaid care for a long term sick or disabled friend or relative.
- Carers make a major contribution to society. Estimates show unpaid care is equivalent to £132 billion every year - 40 times bigger than the size of the football industry, and five times bigger than North Sea oil.
- Working age carers have a higher rate of poverty than those with no caring responsibilities, with women carers at greatest risk of all. Inability to work due to caring commitments is the key driver of poverty.
- Carers' Allowance is £67.25 per week, while Job Seekers' Allowance is £74.35. During the pandemic, Universal Credit (UC) increased by £20. Carers' Allowance did not increase, despite higher levels of care often being provided.
- For every pound of Carers' Allowance received £1 is deducted from UC, whilst only 63p is deducted from UC for every pound of take home pay earned over £512.

Conference believes

- Unpaid carers provide a huge contribution to society and should be properly compensated.
- They do physically and emotionally demanding work, with long hours, sometimes through the night. Their work should be respected as much as those in paid employment and they should receive proper financial compensation for it.

Conference resolves to reduce poverty amongst unpaid carers by

- Retaining 2019 manifesto pledge to increase Carers' Allowance, matching that of Job Seekers' Allowance.
- Ensure Carers' Allowance is treated the same as take home pay for UC deductions.

Submitted by Waltham Forest Momentum

Title: Justice for Belly Mujinga. Protect frontline BAME workers. We need a public inquiry into the UK pandemic response.

Conference notes:

- Belly Mujinga worked for Govia Thameslink Railway. She was known to have health problems that meant she should not have been placed on frontline duties but her supervisor ordered her to work on Victoria Station concourse without Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in March 2020.
- She and another black colleague were coughed, spat at and verbally abused by someone who claimed to have Covid-19.
- Belly was admitted to hospital on 2nd April, and died three days later of Covid-19.
- Belly Mujinga is one of thousands of BAME workers who have died in disproportionately high numbers due to Covid-19. Black men are 4.2 times more likely to die and black women 4.3 times more likely to die than white men and women.
- Throughout each of the three UK lockdowns, non-essential workers have been forced into the workplace, often in unsafe conditions.
- Statutory Sick Pay in the UK is almost the worst in Europe, in breach of international law, and doesn't extend to the self-employed.

Conference demands:

- Support and PPE for all frontline workers, including risk assessments that reflect the disproportionate risk to BAME workers.
- An extension of the bereavement support scheme to all frontline workers.
- Extended rights for Health and Safety reps to negotiate in the workplace and unions to access workplaces to recruit reps.
- An increase to Statutory Sick Pay for all workers to at least the real living wage.
- A public inquiry into the death of Belly Mujinga.
- A public inquiry into the government's pandemic response.

Submitted by the Justice for Belly Mujinga Campaign

Title: Land Value Tax

Conference notes:

- Land Value Taxation (LVT) is an annual tax on the freehold market value of every parcel of land.
- LVT is payable by the landowner, whose title depends on payment.
- LVT does not include the value of anything constructed on the site.
- LVT is not the same as a one-off “betterment levy” which has largely opposite and entirely negative economic effects.

Conference believes:

- LVT is the fairest possible tax. Land value does not depend on the owner’s efforts. Value is created by the rest of society’s desire for the vacant site. It is morally right that society takes the value that society alone has created.
- LVT is ideal for infrastructure funding. By taxing the uplift in land value that follows development, it falls on those landowners who have benefited most from the scheme
- LVT makes for efficient use of scarce resources. It encourages development and discourages land hoarding and speculation.
- LVT is good for tenants and first-time buyers. It is easily made progressive by granting a tax-free land allowance to every citizen.
- LVT does not tax community resources, which have a low land value
- LVT avoids the need for capital spending controls. It favours projects that produce the largest public benefit.
- LVT is cheap to collect and impossible to avoid
- LVT can set local communities free from central government meddling

Conference resolves:

- To work with trade unions and campaigning organisations to campaign for a Land Valuation Tax while in opposition.
- To when in government, introduce a Land Valuation Tax.

Submitted by Leeds Momentum

Title: Media reform

Conference notes that our media:

- Are in the hands of a small group of powerful individuals and companies;
- Lack accountability to audiences and independence from government and commercial pressures.
- Do not adequately represent a diverse range of people and views.

Conference believes that:

- A flourishing, diverse and accountable media is essential for a healthy, functioning democracy. Media plurality is an essential feature of a media system in which vested interests should not be allowed to dominate.
- We need action to challenge powerful media and tech companies and the influence that flows from their dominance of infrastructure, content and distribution.
- We need independent media that are able to hold power to account and serve publics as opposed to shareholders, proprietors or politicians.
- We need an effective system of regulation that encompasses top-down measures to check the dominance of individual or corporate interests as well as bottom-up measures to support genuinely independent and not-for-profit media on the ground;

Labour resolves to:

- Challenge the control of our media by big tech and unaccountable billionaires with new limits on media concentration and remedies, such as editors elected by journalists and consumers, to ensure public interest reporting;
- Enable British journalism to thrive by requiring the most profitable online search and social media companies to financially support non-profit independent news provision;
- Set the BBC free by placing it on a statutory footing, replacing government influence and market pressures with representative and democratic management, and resourced to harness data for the public good.

Submitted by Labour for Media Democracy

Title: Migrants welcome: end deportations and the racist Hostile Environment

Covid-19 has underlined how Hostile Environment policies hurt us all. Excluded from social and medical support, migrants have been left hyper-vulnerable to employers. Many EU citizens are falling through gaps in the Settled Status scheme.

The Stansted 15's exoneration, appalling conditions at Napier Barracks, deaths in the Channel and closing of safe routes for child refugees highlight the cruelty of Tory migration policy. The Windrush Lessons Learned review has been ignored by the government.

Attacks on migrants are attacks on the labour movement. Making migrant workers precarious diminishes our power to unionise and fight back.

Labour must reject divisive "good migrant/bad migrant" narratives and oppose all legislation that undermines migrants' rights.

Conference resolves that Labour will work at all government levels, and campaign at the grassroots, to:

- Re-enter Europe's free movement area, and pursue free movement with other countries, including in all future trade deals.
- Reject immigration systems based on migrants' incomes, savings or utility to employers;
- Abolish "no recourse to public funds", minimum income requirements, and all Hostile Environment policies including restrictions on NHS access.
- Introduce an easy process for all UK residents to gain permanent residency with equal rights.
- Introduce equal voting rights for all UK residents.
- Guarantee safe routes for asylum seekers and rights to family reunion, work and social security.
- End all immigration raids, detention and deportation, especially childhood-arrival deportations and racist "double sentencing".
- Replace Settled Status with an automatic Right to Stay.
- Support workers who refuse to implement deportations or Hostile Environment measures.

Submitted by: Labour Campaign for Free Movement, Lesbians and Gays Support the Migrants, Momentum Stevenage, Momentum Oxfordshire, Momentum Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere

Title: National Food Service

Conference notes:

- 8-10% of households were food insecure in 2016-2018, rising dramatically during COVID.
- There has been a loss of publicly owned space, with community centres closing and parks being privatised.
- Loneliness increases mortality, risk of dementia and depression. Social isolation and food insecurity exacerbate each other.
- Communal eating increases well-being and connections.

Conference believes:

- Food insecurity in the UK is an issue of access and can be solved by universal provision of well funded public kitchens, a National Food Service (NFS).
- Charity cannot be the long-term solution to food insecurity, we must create a food system that works for everyone.
- The NFS can tackle the climate crisis as part of the Green New Deal by sourcing sustainable, low-emissions food.

Conference therefore calls on the Labour Party to include the National Food Service in its next manifesto:

- A system of democratically managed community dining halls in every neighbourhood where food is available to all as a public service, run by and for the community with workers paid a living wage with union recognition.

Before the next election:

- Encourage councils to pass the Right to Food
- Create a shadow Minister for Food
- Table an opposition day motion calling for the Right to Food
- Materially support groups tackling food insecurity

In power:

- Institute the Right to food
- Create a permanent Governmental Department for Food
- Support landworkers to transition to sustainable low-emissions practices
- Support the growth of the NFS
- Fund NFS branches
- Requisition public and private buildings to be used by NFS branches

Submitted by National Food Service, Bristol Momentum, Liverpool Momentum

Title: Palestine

This Conference notes:

- That despite the welcome defeat of Donald Trump, the threat of annexation of Palestinian lands by Israel remains, as evidenced by the Israeli Government's public commitment to continue to build more homes in illegal settlements.
- The inequality of treatment faced by Palestinians; and that settlement building and annexation would be not only illegal but also - as described by the TUC - would be 'another significant step' towards the UN Crime of Apartheid.
- A recent report by leading Israeli Human Rights Group, B'Tselem, which concludes that Israel is practising the crime of apartheid 'through laws, practices and organized violence'.

This Conference endorses the policy passed by Labour Conference 2019 for Labour:

- To oppose any proposed solution for Palestinians not based on international law and UN resolutions recognising their collective rights to self-determination and to return to their homes.
- To adhere to an ethical policy on all UK's trade with Israel, in particular by applying international law on settlements in the occupied territories and stopping any arms trade with Israel that is used in violation of the human rights of Palestinians.

This Conference resolves:

- That Labour pressures the Government to take "effective measures" as called for by Palestinian civil society, including sanctions, to ensure that Israel stops or reverses the illegal annexation, and to stop Israel's other breaches of international law, including ending the occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza, and respects the right of refugees to return to their homes under international law.

Submitted by Wolves Momentum

Title: Refounding the welfare State and establishing Universal Basic Services

Conference notes:

Eleven years of Conservative Government have eroded the social fabric of the UK. 4.2 million children live in poverty and reliance on food banks has soared. There have been dramatic changes to society and the economy since the Beveridge Report. The pandemic has further exposed the inadequacies of the current safety net.

Conference believes:

- The next Labour Government must refound the welfare state.
- This refounding must look beyond merely restoring existing services to their previous state, such as through a renationalised NHS. Education, transportation, food, access to internet services, and housing are essential for people to survive and flourish in 21st century Britain and participate in full citizenship.
- Expanding the provision of universal basic services will support families with the cost of living, while reducing inequality and providing a new floor on living standards.
- Universal provision should seek to deliver equitable access for all. This model of collective provision on the basis of need reflects the labour movement's proudest traditions.

Conference resolves:

- The Labour Party will develop proposals for an expanded set of universal basic services that build on those in health and education for the next manifesto that will include:
- Free, publicly-owned transport service.
- Data and information services based on free, publicly-owned broadband, and a free telephone package and TV licence
- National Food Service based on removing food insecurity.
- National Housing Service based on mass social house-building of at least 1.5 million homes for provision without rent.

Submitted by: North Essex Momentum and Waltham Forest Momentum

Title: Reject integrated care systems, renationalise England's NHS and social care

Conference notes:

The NHS in England is being reorganised into 42 regional Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), strengthening the role of private companies, including US health insurance corporations. This sidelines local authorities, threatening the integrity of social care and reducing local accountability. It will mean more private contracts, deregulation, downskilling, outsourcing, and reduced services.

Conference believes:

- The NHS should be a fully-accountable, publicly-provided service, free to all at the point of use.
- Genuinely integrated services would take into account wider determinants of health, such as housing, with more input from local authorities.
- ICSs threaten patient care, jobs, and working conditions, and the integrity of the NHS as a public service.
- At 2019 Conference, Jon Ashworth confirmed “Privatisation will end....The Health Secretary’s responsibilities for healthcare returned”.

Conference resolves:

- To demand an immediate halt to the rollout of ICSs, and alert local councillors and MPs to the threat they pose.
- To repeal the Health & Social Care Act (2012), and reinstate a universal, comprehensive, and publicly-provided NHS (as set out at www.nhsbillnow.org). This removes the costly procurement rules that have led to many contracts being put in the hands of private companies.
- To commit to a mass programme of investment in the NHS, reversing privatisation and outsourcing.
- To commit to a fully funded public care service, run by local authorities, free at the point of use.
- To reinstate Local, Public Health-led Emergency Planning, to contain any future disaster with a fully-funded public service response.

Submitted by: Liverpool Momentum, North Tyneside Momentum, Oxfordshire Momentum

Title: Save our NHS with socialist policies

Conference notes that:

- According to the Bank of England, Britain's economy is facing its worst crisis for 300 years. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected Britain more than any other advanced economy in terms of death rate and economic impact.
- This has meant millions losing their jobs and experiencing wage cuts, as well as endangering the health of workers and their families.
- The COVID crisis is not simply a public health crisis, but reveals the real class divide in Britain. Workers and the poor have been most affected, while the super-rich have enriched themselves further.
- The Tory government, as faithful servants of the capitalists, prioritise profit-making over the health of ordinary people.
- The pandemic has graphically revealed the rottenness of capitalism.

Conference applauds the heroic work done by our health workers. However, we believe our NHS is woefully underfunded, and lacks the capacity to face future challenges.

Conference pledges that the next Labour government must:

- Strengthen the NHS through a mass programme of investment, building new hospitals and training more health workers and staff.
- Nationalise the big pharmaceutical companies, without compensation.
- Bring about a free, universal, fully publicly-owned and integrated health service, by reversing privatisation and outsourcing of healthcare provision and related support services.
- Nationalise the banks and finance houses, to allow money to be directed to where it is most needed.
- Fight for a socialist rationally-planned economy, under workers' control and management, where society's resources are used for the benefit of all, and not the benefit of the billionaires.

Submitted by: Redcar, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland Momentum, Tower Hamlets Momentum, and Labour For Clause 4

Title: Stopping arms sales to the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen

Conference notes:

- Research by The Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) shows that since 2015 the UK has licensed £5.3 billion worth of arms to the Saudi regime.
- That in June 2019 the UK Court of Appeal ruled that the Government acted unlawfully when it licensed the sale of £2.7 billion worth of aircraft, helicopters and drones, as well as £2.5 billion worth of grenades, bombs and missiles.
- That Amnesty International delivered to the Department of International Trade a 56,000-signature strong petition demanding government censure over this trade.
- That in February 2021, the Biden administration momentarily suspended this trade due to popular indignation at the humanitarian situation in Yemen.
- That in the UK, Emily Thornberry has called for the suspension of all arms sales to the Saudi-led coalition for use in Yemen.

Conference calls on the Labour Party to support these CAAT's demands:

- That the UK government stops licensing the sale of UK-made arms for use in Yemen.
- That the UK government closes the secretive and opaque licensing regime that allows for this trade to continue with impunity.

Submitted by Camden Momentum

Title: Time for proportional representation

The First Past the Post (FPTP) voting system is a barrier to radical change, repeatedly returning extreme Tory governments against the wishes of most voters. In 19 of the last 20 general elections parties to the left of the Conservatives won the popular vote yet the Tories have governed for almost two-thirds of that time.

This has enabled soaring inequality, underfunded public services, attacks on trade unions, undermining of workers' rights - and callous and incompetent responses to Covid and climate breakdown.

FPTP privileges 'swing voters' over neglected voters - including younger, black and minority ethnic communities. It allows the UK to be governed by an out of touch elite, throwing our democracy into crisis.

Those societies with the lowest levels of inequality and social exclusion all have proportional voting systems. No other socialist party in Europe supports the use of FPTP for general elections and polling shows three quarters of Labour members want Labour to back PR.

We need a Labour government to radically transform society. But to protect the gains we make when in power, to avoid losing future decades to Tory minority rule, and to give everyone a real voice in a 21st century democracy, we must change the voting system.

Conference therefore resolves that:

- the next Labour government must change the voting system for general elections to a form of Proportional Representation.
- Labour should convene an open and inclusive process to decide the specific voting system which it will commit to introducing in the next manifesto.

Submitted by: Labour for a New Democracy, South Staffordshire Momentum, Camden Momentum, Momentum North Tyneside, Momentum Wandsworth, Notts Momentum, Leeds Momentum, Walsall Momentum, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform South West

Title: A Universal Basic Income

Conference notes:

- Financial security is critical to a stable and thriving society.
- The pandemic has exposed our welfare system to be not fit for purpose with millions of families falling through the gaps of government's support.
- A Universal Basic Income (UBI) should be part of the solution. It could help alleviate poverty and liberate people from the anxiety of job insecurity through a monthly income regardless of employment status, wealth, or marital status.

Conference believes:

- There are many potential benefits to UBI including:
 - More flexible workforce and greater freedom to change employment;
 - Support a caring economy to value unpaid work.
 - Removing the negative impacts of means testing, benefit sanctions and conditionality.
 - Accelerating a shift towards green jobs and reducing pressure on consumption and the environment.
 - Enabling greater opportunities for people to work in community and cultural activities, or to train and re-skill in areas that will be needed to transition to a low-carbon economy.
 - Strengthen workers bargaining power, giving people the power say no to exploitative relationships, such as abusive employers, partners or landlords.

Conference resolves:

- To adopt a form of UBI as Party policy, with a commitment to carry out research with a view to drawing up a specific proposal.
- To keep pilots of the UBI in the Party's manifesto and where in power locally, work to carry out localised pilots.
- That UBI sits alongside other ideas such as Universal Basic Services and the Four Day Week as part of a progressive platform of reform.

Submitted by Autonomy and Walsall Momentum

Title: Unshackling workers from draconian anti-trade union laws

The pandemic has amplified the need for workers to guarantee their safety and working conditions. Draconian cuts and lack of investment in public services have undermined resilience and caused workers to be further exposed to the effects of the 'free' market.

Waves of job cuts, attacks on terms and conditions (e.g., "fire and rehire") and plans to scrap sectoral collective bargaining, including in the fire and rescue service, have continued throughout this crisis.

Conference notes TUC policy that workers should be: "represented by an independent union; strike/take industrial action by a process, at a time, and for demands of their own choosing, including in solidarity with any other workers, and for broader social and political goals; and picket freely".

Conference reaffirms the commitment to repealing all anti-union laws to ensure that workers have power in their workplaces.

This commitment includes repealing anti-strike laws, such as the ban on striking in solidarity with other workers or over political issues - an affront to democracy. These laws prevent workers from taking action directly over issues such as climate change, equality issues, and the NHS.

Conference denounces the Tories' plan to impose new restrictions on transport workers through a "minimum service requirement"- it seems likely they will extend this to other groups of key workers.

Conference resolves that the party will actively drive trade union membership amongst all party members, campaign for the repeal of all anti-trade union laws, and that the next Labour government will repeal all anti-trade union laws.

Submitted by The Fire Brigades Union, Southampton Momentum, Brent Momentum and Free Our Unions

Title: A wealth tax to fix a broken economy

Conference notes:

- That the UK has extremely high levels of wealth inequality. From April 2016 to March 2018, 50% of the total aggregate wealth in Great Britain (£7.3 trillion) was held by only 12% of households.
- That addressing the Covid pandemic is likely to require a strong fiscal response from the UK Government.
- That the Wealth Tax Commission found that a 1% tax levied on households with assets over £1 million would raise £260 billion over five years.

Conference believes:

- That vast inequalities of wealth is unfair and has a detrimental effect on the UK's democratic political process, skewing decision-making in favour of the very wealthy;
- That there is growing demand for greater taxation on wealth. In May 2020, YouGov found 61% support for a wealth tax on people with assets over £750,000. In September 2020, Demos noted 63% support for a one-off 10% tax on wealth over £2,000,000:
- That the poorest should not be made to pay for COVID-19. Future taxes should be levied on the wealthiest:
- That a one-off wealth tax would raise significant revenue - £260 billion – to support those most adversely affected by the Covid pandemic, getting people back on their feet and kickstarting the economy.

Conference resolves:

- To adopt as Labour policy a tax of 1% per year on all household assets over £1 million over five years.
- To campaign for this wealth tax alongside existing groups and organisations calling for greater tax equality in the UK such as Tax Justice UK.

Submitted by Autonomy and Brent Momentum

Title: Young people and mental health

Conference notes:

- Mental health services for young people, along with support for well-being including opportunities for play, recreational and cultural pursuits, were at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic already in crisis following eleven years of underfunding.
- The NEU and children's charities have highlighted the additional effects of the pandemic, emphasising that children and young people, experiencing levels of trauma unprecedented in peacetime, have lost out not only on access to professional mental health services but also the opportunity for socialisation with their friends, play, recreational and cultural pursuits.
- The consequences of this perfect storm for children and young people will continue to reverberate for years to come. They will require vastly enhanced mental health and learning support services, together with opportunities for play, recreation and cultural pursuits, delivered within compassionate learning environments that are sympathetic to the long-term consequences of stress, isolation and trauma on children's learning and behaviour, and emphasise help and support rather than exclusion.

Conference call on the Labour Party to campaign for

- A huge injection of government funding into schools, colleges, youth centres and professional mental health services, and enhanced play, recreational and cultural services.
- Local authorities to lead an integrated response to the young people's mental health and wellbeing crisis, by bringing together stakeholders to develop innovative, wide-ranging and enhanced support to redress the harm caused by the pandemic and eleven years of austerity.

Submitted by Hounslow Momentum