

# Build a welcoming Britain: towards an internationalist, socialist immigration policy

Conference notes:

- This government's treatment of Ukrainian and Afghan refugees, and Windrush scandal victims, show its policies are out of touch with public opinion.
- Public polling shows increasing support for asylum seekers' right to work.
- UNHCR said the Nationality and Borders Bill would "penalise most refugees seeking asylum".

Making migrant workers precarious diminishes our power to unionise and fight back.

We applaud trade unionists considering striking against dangerous maritime "pushback" plans.

Labour must build solidarity, campaign for migrants' rights, and an antiracist, internationalist alternative.

Labour in opposition and government will:

- Repeal the Nationality and Borders Bill and all anti-migrant legislation;
- Secure an immigration system based on dignity not numerical caps, minimum income/wealth requirements, or utility to employers;
- Allow asylum seekers to work immediately upon arrival;
- Guarantee safe, legal routes for asylum seekers, day-one rights to education and social security, and expand family reunion rights;
- Abolish "no recourse to public funds", NHS access restrictions and all Hostile Environment policies;
- Introduce a simple process for all UK residents to gain permanent residency;
- Introduce equal voting rights for all UK residents;
- Replace Settled Status with an automatic Right to Stay;
- Close all detention centres; end all immigration raids, detention, and deportations, including racist "double sentencing";
- Support workers refusing to implement deportations, Hostile Environment measures and pushbacks;
- Level up domestic workers' rights to equal other workers;
- Reenter Europe's free movement area, and pursue free movement agreements with other countries, including in all future trade deals, with the goal of equal free movement for all.

# Policing and the right to protest

Conference believes

- That the Tories' Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts legislation is an appalling attack on human rights. Labour must campaign and pledge to repeal it in its entirety.
- That restrictions on the right to protest from the 1986 Public Order Act and 1994 Criminal Justice Act also need abolishing.

Conference further believes

– That heavy policing and punitive criminal justice are not solutions to society's problems. We must attack poverty and inequality, restore and expand social provision, and narrow the spheres in which criminal justice operates. We must push back hard against the Tory agenda for society, towards a society based on provision for people's needs, not profit-making.

– Labour must advocate:

- Urgent moves to tackle police violence and abuse, including replacing the so-called Independent Office for Police Conduct with a more independent and democratic body;
- Full accountability of police to elected local authorities;
- Curbing police powers, including in terms of use of force, stop and search and presence in schools. General demilitarisation and disarming;
- Addressing drug-related problems through public-health policies instead of criminalisation;
- Provision of services so that mental-health crises are dealt with by trained civilian workers, not police;
- Reduce the use of prisons and short term sentences.

Conference resolves:

- That Labour will campaign for and pledge to implement such policies.