

## **Policies From The Many, For The Many!**

We're excited to announce our **policies from the many, for the many** decided by our members/campaigners ahead of Labour Conference 2023.

From public ownership to wealth taxes, higher wages to a National Care Service, below is a list of policies that enjoy huge support across our movement and amongst the public. What's more, they are crucial to dealing with the crises facing Britain.

It's now time to organise and get them passed in our CLPs! Take a look below:

You can find out more [here](#).

Motion	Key Demands
<a href="#">Free School Meals</a>	Universal Free School Meals for primary school children
<a href="#">Social care motion</a>	<p>Publicly owned and controlled NCS</p> <p>£15 min wage for care workers</p> <p>Free social care to all who need it.</p>
<a href="#">Public Power</a>	<p>Democratic public ownership of the whole energy system</p> <p>National Energy Agency to set standards and targets; own industries of national importance (e.g., oil and gas, offshore wind, nuclear)</p> <p>Capitalising GBE to completely supplant the private energy sector</p>
<a href="#">4 Day Week</a>	<p>Reduce working week from 48 to 32 hrs</p> <p>Workers right to request 4 day week with no loss of pay</p> <p>£100m fund to support transition for companies</p>
<a href="#">Addressing the Crisis in Education</a>	<p>Increase state education spending from 3.9% of GDP to 6% over a lifetime of a Labour government, returning pay to 2010 levels</p> <p>Replace OFSTED with a peer review process and local authority safeguarding checks</p> <p>Close down Institute of Teaching, handing back teacher education to universities</p> <p>Appoint a panel of educationists, including education unions, to devise a national curriculum and examination</p>

	<p>framework which restores the arts, leaves room for local plus school-based initiatives and replaces GCSE, vocational qualifications and A level with a baccalaureate style qualification. Restore the EMA.</p>
<a href="#">Pensions</a>	<p>Triple lock on pensions for the whole of the next Parliament Explore options for earlier retirement Protect defined benefit pensions in the public sector Oppose increase in retirement age</p>
<a href="#">Right to Food</a>	<p>Right to Food Law FSM for primary and secondary</p>
<a href="#">A Sure Start for All Children</a>	<p>Conditional direct funding – for early years settings Expansion of Sure Start Take over any chains that collapse End 2 child cap to UC Increase child benefit</p>
<a href="#">Social Security</a>	<p>Commit to the replacement of Universal Credit with a more humane system; Increase the basic level of Universal Credit payments to at least 80% of the national living wage; Examine options for further reducing the taper rate to ensure work pays; End degrading benefits sanctions and in-work conditionalities; Ending other punitive features of Universal Credit including the 5 week wait to receive payments and the 2 child limit.</p>
<a href="#">West Papua</a>	<p>Support UN Resolution protecting the rights of West Papuans.</p>

<a href="#">Climate Change</a>	- Ensure climate investment goes to public companies
<a href="#">Labour Campaign for Council Housing Model resolution for Labour Conference 2023</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;</li> <li>• End “affordable rent” and fixed term tenancies;</li> <li>• Fund the retrofitting of all council housing;</li> <li>• Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this;</li> <li>• Abolish right to buy;</li> <li>• Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;</li> <li>• Reintroduce rent controls;</li> <li>• Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;</li> <li>• License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;</li> <li>• Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;</li> <li>• Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">The Tory National Health Service Crisis</a>	<p>Re-nationalise the NHS</p> <p>Increase public investment in NHS</p> <p>Protect minority groups disproportionately harmed by funding cuts (e.g. trans people, ethnic minorities)</p>
<a href="#">Equitable Decriminalisation of Cannabis</a>	<p>Decriminalisation of cannabis</p> <p>Expunging criminal records for cannabis production, retail or possession</p>

	Tax revenues to go to reparative work in communities affected by prohibition
<a href="#">Support Migrants' and Refugees' rights</a>	<p>close all detention centres; end all immigration raids, detention, and deportations, including racist “double sentencing</p> <p>repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, Illegal Migration Bill and all anti-migrant legislation;</p> <p>guarantee safe, legal routes for asylum seekers, day-one rights to work, education and social security, and expand family reunion rights;</p>
<a href="#">New Deal for Working People</a>	<p>New Deal for Working People in 100 days</p> <p>£15 min wage</p> <p>Public sector pay increases in line with inflation</p> <p>Repeal all anti union and anti-strike laws</p>
<a href="#">Reduce Inequality: Tax Wealth</a>	Progressive and redistributive wealth tax policy
<a href="#">International Development</a>	<p>Restore 0.7% aid commitment and DFID</p> <p>Aid support for public services, not private profit</p> <p>Cancel Global South debt</p>
<a href="#">Higher Education</a>	<p>Abolish tuition fees</p> <p>Restore EMAs</p>
<a href="#">Violence Against Women and</a>	<p>Protect LGBT RSHE</p> <p>Increase funding for refuges for survivors</p> <p>Trans-inclusive refuges</p>

<a href="#">Girls</a>	Requiring the Crown Prosecution Service and courts to enforce restraining orders
<a href="#">Trans Rights</a>	Ensure labour movement is a trans-inclusive space Amend the Gender Recognition Act in Government to introduce self declaration Improve access for trans people to NHS transition-related care
<a href="#">Water</a>	Public ownership of water
<a href="#">Democratic rights</a>	
<a href="#">Cost of Living</a>	Freeze rail and bus fares  Rent controls
<a href="#">Combat the Tory Cost of Living Crisis</a>	Rent controls Freeze on travel costs
<a href="#">Abolish the monarchy</a>	Conference resolves to abolish monarchy Make Royal Family subject to taxation, Royal Prerogative responsive to Parliament.

## Free School Meals

Conference notes that free school meals are a way of ensuring that all children receive a nutritious, hot meal every day. Reliable, nutritious food at school helps children to focus on their learning and attainment.

Conference notes that means testing leaves many low-income pupils ineligible for Free School Meals, and that the low eligibility threshold means that too many children miss out on free school meals. Children are means-tested by household, regardless of the number of children in the family, and a child is only eligible if their household received £7,400 per year or less.

Conference notes the regional and national disparities in access to universal free primary school meals. Currently, the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme (UIFSM) means all children receive Free School Meals until the end of year 2. After that, in England, only children who meet certain criteria qualify.

Conference notes that the Welsh and Scottish governments are implementing free school meals for all primary school students. Some Labour local authorities have introduced free school meals schemes. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has announced a £130m emergency scheme to introduce universal free school meals in London primary schools for the academic year 2023/24.

This conference notes that the Conservative government has consistently refused to adopt a universal free school meals scheme for all primary school children.

Conference therefore resolves that the next Labour Government must deliver, within its first term in office, universal free school meals for all primary school children.

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## Social care for All

That this conference condemns the neglect of social care in England under 13 years of Conservative rule; and is appalled by the fact that Age UK research shows that 2.5 million people over 50 have unmet care needs.

The Conservatives social care reforms have done nothing to tackle underfunding, poor quality care or sector capacity.

Conference notes that poor pay and conditions mean there are 165,000 care worker vacancies in England; and that this recruitment and retention crisis can only be addressed by a significant boost to care workers' pay and conditions.

Conference further notes that increased funding for social care will also play a key role in tackling record NHS waiting lists; as many patients cannot be safely discharged because of a lack of adequate social care provision in the community.

Conference welcomes UNISON's campaign for a National Care Service in England, which launched in April 2023 and backs the call for a National Care Service that:

- gives access to quality care for all those who need it;
- is focussed on providing world-class social care, not delivering profits for shareholders;
- has national pay, terms and conditions for all care workers and a proper workforce plan;
- has the long-term and adequate funding for a high-quality care service; and
- includes an emergency pay boost for all care workers, helping to end the staffing crisis.

Conference therefore resolves that the next Labour Government must deliver a National Care Service based on the principles set out above.

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## Public Power (LGND)

Notes:

Labour's plan for Great British Energy (GBE): a public company investing in clean energy generation to de-risk and crowd in private finance

The rate of return on oil and gas (10-15%) exceeds renewables (4-8%)

In 2022, only 5% of oil and gas company capital expenditure went to renewables

Fossil fuel companies make record profits while they exacerbate the climate crisis

The public strongly back public ownership of energy (66%)

Believes:

Privatisation is a massive barrier to a rapid energy transition and decarbonisation, with investment directed towards highly profitable fossil fuels

Public ownership of the whole energy system would maximise energy security, eliminate regional inequalities, and reduce energy prices

Workers and communities must be directly involved in designing and implementing energy transition plans to avoid mass layoffs and regional economic decline



A participatory approach to public ownership would maximise worker and citizen control throughout the system

Resolves to support:

Democratic public ownership of the whole energy system, including:

Nationalisation of energy transmission and distribution; energy supply; the UK operations and infrastructure of fossil fuel companies

Creating a National Energy Agency to set standards and targets; own industries of national importance (e.g., oil and gas, offshore wind, nuclear); coordinate energy transition, including workforce planning

Creating public Regional and Municipal Energy Agencies to own, invest in, and operate distribution networks; decarbonise heat and electricity; supply energy to households

Capitalising GBE to completely supplant the private energy sector

The decommodification of energy, facilitating a right to energy.

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## 4 Day Week

"Conference welcomes:

the overwhelmingly positive results of the world's biggest ever four-day working week pilot in the UK involving 61 companies and 2,900 employees.

Conference believes:

1. that since the Covid pandemic, there has been growing popularity and momentum behind a four-day, 32 hour working week with no loss of pay
2. there is a growing consensus around the need for more flexible ways of working
3. automation and technological gains in the future will reduce necessary labour time, which should be shared with workers in increased leisure time

Conference notes:

1. that according to the TUC, British workers put in some of the longest hours in Europe, while having one of the least productive economies
2. According to the New Economics Foundation, since the 1980's, although productivity has increased, the reduction in working hours has stalled

Conference resolves:

1. to support a reduction to the maximum working week from 48 hours per week to 32 hours per week by 2030
2. to amend official flexible working guidance to include the right for workers to request a four-day, 32 hour working week with no loss of pay.
3. to establish a £100 million fund to support companies moving to a four-day, 32 hour working week
4. to launch a fully funded four-day week pilot in the public sector
5. to establish a Working Time Council with trade union leaders, industry leaders and business leaders to coordinate on policy and implementation of a shorter working week."

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## Addressing the Crisis in Education (James Whiting)

Conference recognises education is facing an unprecedented crisis.

- One third of teachers leave after five years and ideological control of ITT is a factor in teacher recruitment falling to 42% below target.
- The gap between state and private school funding has doubled since 2010
- The recent IFS/Nuffield report shows that the attainment gap between 'disadvantaged' and other pupils has not narrowed over 20 years.
- Academisation has failed to deliver better outcomes for pupils
- The narrow 'knowledge rich' curriculum and high stakes examinations ignore key skills like critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and problem solving, which would include SEND pupils more, and suit employers
- OFSTED are now imposing this Tory orthodoxy on schools and are putting teachers under intolerable pressure.

Conference calls on the next Labour government to implement a programme of education reform which treats teachers and support staff as professionals and returns schools to local democratic oversight similar to devolution proposals contained in the Brown Report.

This programme should:

- Increase state education spending from 3.9% of GDP to 6% over a lifetime of a Labour government, returning pay to 2010 levels
- Replace OFSTED with a peer review process and local authority safeguarding checks
- Close down Institute of Teaching, handing back teacher education to universities

- Appoint a panel of educationists, including education unions, to devise a national curriculum and examination framework which restores the arts, leaves room for local plus school-based initiatives and replaces GCSE, vocational qualifications and A level with a baccalaureate style qualification.
- Restore the EMA.

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## DIGNITY IN LATER LIFE

Conference notes that nearly 2 million UK pensioners are living in poverty; and that the British state pension is one of the lowest in Europe.

Conference commemorates the fact that it was a Labour social security secretary, Barbara Castle, who introduced the earnings link to pension; and notes that Margaret Thatcher broke the earnings link in 1980.

Conference reaffirms support for triple lock on pensions for the whole of the next Parliament under a Labour government – as a vital part of the fight against pensioner poverty – and for universal dignity in old age.

Conference notes that UK life expectancy has stalled under the Conservatives, and is even going backwards for some groups.

Conference notes the state pension age is currently 66 years old – and is due to rise to 67 and then 68 within the next two decades.

Conference calls for the next Labour Government to oppose moves to raise the state pension age, as such a move would discriminate against working class people, who cannot afford to retire early, and who have a shorter life expectancy due to health inequalities.

Conference calls on the Labour frontbench to work with trade unions – especially those representing manual workers – to explore options for earlier retirement on the state pension, reflecting that many workers in physical jobs cannot work longer.

Conference also calls on the next Labour Government to protect defined benefit pensions in the public sector for the duration of the next Parliament and ensure our public servants get dignity in retirement.

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## Introducing A Right to Food

**New** (194 words)

### **Conference Notes That:**

1. Food banks were used by more than 2 million people in the year to 2022, and prices have only risen since then;
2. Food inflation has soared to 19%, costing poorer families most;
3. There are more food banks than branches of McDonald's in the UK;
4. The number of UK children living in food poverty has doubled to four million;
5. London Labour Mayor Sadiq Khan and the Welsh Labour Government have both introduced universal free school meals for primary school children;
6. Labour MP Ian Byrne has led an inspirational campaign for a Right to Food in th UK.

### **Conference Believes That:**

1. No one in modern Britain should be living in food poverty;
2. The ability to eat is a basic human right;
3. Government should be responsible for ensuring the Right to Food is enforced.

### **Conference Resolves for the next Labour Government to:**

1. Enshrine into law a Right to Food, backed up by the following measures:
  - a. Controls on prices for key foodstuffs;
  - b. Universal free school meals for primary school children;
  - c. Extending the coverage of the NHS 'Healthy Start' scheme;
  - d. The establishment of community kitchens;
  - e. A new independent regulatory body to enforce the right to food.

## **Early Years – value childcare workers and let every child access quality early years education and care**

*Conference condemns:*

Increased child poverty and the growing disadvantage gap.

That the UK has the third most expensive childcare internationally, while the workforce is among the lowest paid.

The closure of 1,000 Sure Start centres since 2010.

The increasing dominance of nursery super-chains which pay low wages and are themselves at risk of collapse.

Conservative childcare plans which further deregulate and reduce access to quality early years support for all children, and Tory promises to expand 'free' childcare entitlements which will in reality provide billions of pounds in subsidies to private companies.

Ongoing and expected losses of public and quality community nurseries, due to the underfunding of entitlements.

*Conference calls on the next Labour Government to commit to:*

Universal public early years services with national pay scales.

Preventing further closures of quality nurseries and childminders, and increasing democratic accountability, through conditional direct funding— ensuring real living wage, affordable accessible places, and with no profits to shareholders.

Taking private chains into public ownership if they collapse.

Reinstating and expanding Sure Start across the country to create a truly universal service – enabling early identification and support for additional needs, domestic abuse.

Protecting Maintained Nursery Schools.

Extending and establishing Council-run EYFS education and care nationally.

Reversing increased ratios for 2 year olds.

Ending the two-child cap.

Stopping exploitation of migrant nannies and au pairs, scrapping the “family worker” exemption.

Addressing unpaid care: Increase and extend statutory parental pay. Reverse new conditionality for parents on universal credit. End means-testing and increase Child Benefit.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY FOR ALL

Conference notes that social security no longer provides financial security to families and highlights research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) that social security benefits have fallen in value by 10% in real terms since 2016.

Conference believes the exponential increase in food bank use, and the rise in poverty, under the Conservative government is directly linked to the shredding of the welfare safety net – and shames our country.

Conference further notes JRF research that shows the basic rate of Universal Credit for a single person is £35 per week short of what is needed to afford core essentials, like food, utilities & vital household items, and £66 per week short for a couple.

Conference notes the 2022 TUC Report ‘A replacement for Universal Credit’, which outlined the systematic limitations of Universal Credit, including inadequate payment levels, degrading sanctions, excessive waiting periods and other vindictive features, and identified necessary reforms.

And so conference calls on the next Labour Government to:

- Commit to the replacement of Universal Credit with a more humane system;
- Increase the basic level of Universal Credit payments to at least 80% of the national living wage;
- Examine options for further reducing the taper rate to ensure work pays;
- End degrading benefits sanctions and in-work conditionalities;
- Ending other punitive features of Universal Credit including the 5 week wait to receive payments and the 2 child limit.

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## West Papua (Labour Friends of West Papua)

This Labour Party Notes:

- In 1969 when West Papua was on the verge of decolonisation from the Netherlands, the Indonesian Government deprived the West Papuan people a free and fair vote on Independence.
- Over 500,000 civilians have been killed in a genocide against the indigenous population of West Papua by the Indonesian Military and Human Rights abuses continue to this day.

This Labour Party Believes:

- West Papua is subject to one of the most restrictive regimes in the world, with no independent reporting allowed and journalists often attacked and imprisoned by the Indonesian Military.
- The people of West Papua deserve to live free and without their human rights impinged.
- The UK, US, Australia and many other Countries have called on Indonesia to give free and unfettered access to the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights to investigate abuses but the Indonesian Government continue to deny access to the UN.
- The United Liberation Movement for West Papua's 'Green State Vision' offers an inspiring model for climate justice for West Papua.

This Labour Party Resolves:

- To support a commitment in Labour's next general election manifesto to support the human rights of West Papuans, including:
  - the right to self-determination of the West Papuan people;
  - to ensure West Papuans are not displaced from their homes for resource extraction & deforestation;
  - to support a United Nations Resolution protecting the rights of West Papuans and missions to West Papua from the United Nations Human Rights Council and other UN Bodies.

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## Tackling Climate Change

*Labour for a Green New Deal - 246 words*

### **Notes:**

- Meeting Paris Agreement targets to limiting global average temperature rises to 1.5°C requires significant state-led investment for rapid decarbonisation
- Labour has committed to invest £28bn a year on climate measures, totalling £224bn over eight years
- This public investment will aim to crowd-in an equivalent level of private investment
- Some of this investment will create Great British Energy, a publicly-owned clean energy generation company

### **Believes:**

- The climate transition should be conducted through an expanded public sector, where workers and communities exercise democratic control to put people and planet before profits
- Labour's green investment should create new public companies responsible for green energy, manufacturing, transport, insulation, etc.
- Green investment should promote and safeguard workers' and human rights, resource sovereignty, and environmental protections throughout supply chains

### **Resolves that:**

- Labour's green investment pledge will last for at least its first eight years in government
- The £28bn a year figure will increase:
  - A. in line with inflation
  - B. if more capital is required to achieve decarbonisation targets
- Public money will expand the public sector and maximise existing capacity
- Public investment will not transfer wealth to profit-seeking private companies, e.g., through guaranteeing a rate of profit for private investors



- A Labour government will take a public stake in any private company that receives green investment, with no investment in any private company registered outside of the UK
- No public money will be invested in companies that are responsible for extracting fossil fuels, causing environmental harm, or abusing workers' and human rights

## HOUSING FOR ALL (Labour Campaign for Council Housing)

Britain's housing crisis denies millions of people their right to a decent home. Labour in government must resolve this with a new generation of council housing, liberating those living in the poor quality and expensive private rental sector. Abolishing Right to Buy, as in Wales and Scotland, will stop the loss of desperately needed homes, and rent revenue for councils. It has the added advantage of being a cost-free policy.

The shocking death of Awaab Ishak and the growing numbers living in unsafe homes highlights the urgency of improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures. Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

This conference determines that Labour commits to:

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;
- End "affordable rent" and fixed term tenancies;
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing;
- Invest in Direct Labour Organisations to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this;
- Abolish right to buy;
- Review council housing debt to address the under-funding of HRAs;
- Reintroduce rent controls;
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;

- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation.

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## The Tory National Health Service Crisis

### **Conference Notes That:**

1. 13 years of Tory austerity have left our NHS in crisis;
2. Nurses, paramedics and other health workers have been forced by the Conservative Government to strike for fair pay in a cost-of-living crisis;
3. More than 100,000 NHS roles are vacant;
4. NHS wait times are at record levels;
5. Deaths are higher than normal due to the NHS crisis;
6. NHS dentistry is in crisis, with 9 in 10 practices not accepting new patients;
7. Trade unions and the Socialist Health Association have long warned of the damaging effects of NHS privatisation;
8. Major disparities exist in maternal deaths for black women, while trans people must wait years to access gender-affirming care;
9.  $\frac{2}{3}$  of voters want the NHS reinstated as a fully public service.

### **Conference Believes That:**

1. The NHS is Labour's greatest achievement;
2. It is imperative the NHS remains comprehensive, universal, publicly-run and free at the point of delivery;
3. Fair pay is vital to ending the NHS recruitment crisis;

### **Conference Resolves for the next Labour government to:**

1. Renationalise the NHS, returning all privatised sections to public control and ending outsourcing;
2. Repeal the Health and Care Act 2022 and eliminate Integrated Care Systems;
3. Immediately enact an inflation-busting pay rise for NHS staff;
4. Reinstate free dental checks;
5. Enact a major, long-term real-terms rise in NHS funding to fix the current crisis and adjust to an ageing society;
6. Modernise the GRA to improve trans healthcare outcomes and invest in policies to tackle healthcare inequalities for people of colour.

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## Equitable Decriminalisation of Cannabis

### **"Conference notes that:**

1. A century of cannabis prohibition has been an abject failure with hugely negative impacts on Black communities;
2. Despite Black people using cannabis no more frequently than white people , the discriminatory enforcement of drug policies has led to decades of economic, relationship and health harms being focussed on Black communities.
3. Polling has found a majority of UK voters in favour of the legalisation of cannabis;
4. London Labour Mayor Sadiq Khan has established a commission which will explore the decriminalisation of cannabis.

### **Conference believes that:**

1. Labour should be making the clear, popular case for the equitable, reparative decriminalisation of cannabis;
2. Conference believes communities which have suffered the harshest impacts of prohibition should be at the heart of plotting the path to decriminalisation.

### **Conference calls on Labour to:**

1. Immediately declare support for an end to the war on cannabis.
2. Launch a nationwide commission, centering people with lived experience of the harms of prohibition, to plot an equitable, reparative path to cannabis decriminalisation.
3. Make a commitment to equitable, reparative cannabis decriminalisation in its next manifesto - including:
  - a. Expunging criminal records for cannabis production, retail or possession and the immediate release of all people serving sentences for such offences with rights to work, housing and access to services protected.
  - b. Guaranteed access to the new legal markets to the communities which have been impacted by prohibition.
  - c. A proportion of tax revenues earned from the new industry going towards reparative work in communities impacted by prohibition.
4. Explore a public health approach to drug reform.

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## Support Migrants' and Refugees' rights

**From Labour Campaign for Free Movement, with one edit (see table)**

The government's inhumane immigration policy is illustrated by its betrayal of Afghan refugees, Windrush scandal victims, and everyone crossing the Channel; its legislative assault on the right to seek asylum; and the brutal Rwandan deportation scheme.

Restricting migrant workers' rights and making them precarious, undermines all workers' power to push back against exploitation together.

Conference applauds PCS trade unionists, whose strike threats and legal action defeated maritime "pushback" plans.

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

Labour will commit in power, and campaign in opposition and at the grassroots, to:

repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, Illegal Migration Bill and all anti-migrant legislation;

reject immigration systems based on numerical caps, minimum income/wealth requirements, or utility to employers;

guarantee safe, legal routes for asylum seekers, day-one rights to work, education and social security, and expand family reunion rights;

abolish "no recourse to public funds", NHS charges & restrictions, and all Hostile Environment policies;

replace Settled Status with an automatic Right to Stay;

introduce a simple process for all UK residents to gain permanent residency;

grant all UK residents equal voting rights;

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;

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## New Deal for Working People

Conference notes:

- Prices have been rising at the fastest rate in over three decades, severely eroding living standards. Rents and interest rates have increased, as have prices for essentials such as food, while workers are suffering real-terms pay cuts.

Conference believes:

- A cost of living crisis is not inevitable, but the result of Tory decisions to protect and enhance the wealth of a few at the expense of the many.
- The cost of living crisis is greatly exacerbated by low pay, low worker protections and job security, caused by decades of attacks on trade unions and working people.
- Restrictive anti-trade union laws, including the 2016 Trade Union Act and the Minimum Service Levels Bill, are calculated efforts to repress living standards of the public and exacerbate inequality and must be repealed.

Conference resolves that a future Labour Government must commit to:

- The complete implementation of the Employment Rights Paper 'A New Deal for Working People' within the first 100 days including repeal of anti-trade union legislation including the Trade Union Act 2016, Fair Pay Agreements to drive up pay and conditions for all workers using sectoral bargaining, and an end to zero hour contracts.
- An increase in the minimum wage to £15 per hour for all workers, as well as ensure key workers get the reward they deserve
- Pay rises for public sector workers at least in line with inflation.
- Repealing all anti-union and anti-strike laws.

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## Reduce Inequality: Tax Wealth

(246 words)

A combination of Bolton Momentum and individual submissions.

**Conference Notes That:**

1. Wealth taxes have massive public backing, ranging between 62-78%;
2. Wealth taxes enjoy widespread support from policy experts including the IPPR, Resolution Foundation, New Economics Foundation and even the IMF;
3. A recent Tax Justice UK report outlined wealth taxes which could raise as much as £50bn annually, including:
  - a. Applying a 1-2% wealth tax on assets over £10 million, raising up to £22 billion a year while affecting only 0.04% of the population;
  - b. Equalising capital gains with income tax rates, raising up to £15.2 billion annually.
  - c. Applying national insurance to investment income, raising up to £8.6 billion annually.
  - d. Ending the inheritance tax loopholes that benefit the already-wealthy, raising up to £1.4 billion annually.
  - e. Reforming the non-dom status, as already pledged by Labour;
  - f. Introducing a 4% tax on share buybacks, raising £2bn annually.
4. Higher wealth taxes are already in effect in many European countries;
5. The number of UK billionaires has risen by 20% since the start of the pandemic;
6. Meanwhile millions of people are struggling to make ends meet.

**Conference Believes That:**

1. Ending these extreme inequalities of wealth is essential;
2. Our unequal economic system is driving multiple crises in our society;
3. The burden of taxation should be shifted away from ordinary working-class people towards the very rich who live off unearned wealth.

**Conference Resolves:**

1. For the Labour Party to adopt the wealth taxes outlined by Tax Justice UK into its next manifesto, to fund investment in public services and the green transition.

**For a Just Approach to International Development (250 words)****Conference Notes:**

1. That the Tories have done deep damage to Britain's reputation abroad on international development;

2. Labour's comments that the Conservative Government's cut of international aid from 0.7% to 0.5% "risks lives" and call for the 0.7% commitment to be reinstated, also supported by the TUC;
3. The proud legacy of the last Labour government on aid, including establishing the Department for International Aid and leading efforts towards Global South debt cancellation;
4. Calls from UNISON and NGOs like Oxfam for UK aid to be directed towards supporting public services, not private profiteering;
5. Comments from the Labour Chair of the International Development Committee criticising the Conservatives' subordination of aid to politicised objectives ('aid for trade');
6. The 2018 Independent Commission on Aid (ICA) report's findings that human rights are being disregarded by the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund.

#### **Conference Believes:**

1. That development should focus on alleviating poverty, not foreign policy objectives;
2. That British aid should be focused on tackling inequality, poverty, public health threats and the climate crisis, and building public services to these ends.

#### **Conference Resolves For the Next Labour Government to:**

1. Restore the 0.7% aid commitment, without caveats;
2. Direct UK aid to budgetary support and public services, not private companies;
3. Re-establish a dedicated Department for International Development;
4. Lead a global effort towards debt cancellation for Global South countries;
5. Legislate to prevent banks from suing developing countries for outstanding debt, as pioneered in New York;
6. Enact a real-terms increase in UK climate finance after the current period expires.

## Higher Education for All

### **Free Higher Education and Abolition of Tuition Fees**

Conference notes:

- That the UK higher education system places a significant financial burden on students and their families, discouraging many from pursuing higher education and saddling graduates with huge amounts of debt

- The introduction of tuition fees in 1998 was initially set at £1,000 per year, but has since increased dramatically, students in England now pay up to £9,250 per year for their degree
- The current system of tuition fees has contributed to the commodification of education, treating students as consumers and universities as businesses, rather than as places of learning and research

Conference believes:

- That the current system of tuition fees unfairly burdens students from low-income families and exacerbates social inequalities
- That the abolition of tuition fees would remove a significant financial barrier to higher education, making it more accessible, and help to create a fairer, more equal society
- That education ought to be a civic right, not a commodity
- That students and staff should have real power over their institutions

Conference therefore resolves that Labour must:

- Proudly and publicly support the abolition of tuition fees and reinstatement of maintenance grants for all students in the UK
- Work with trade unions and student groups to build a fairer, more accessible higher education system in government, where students, staff and local communities have real democratic power over their higher education institutions
- Commit to working towards a society that values education and invests in the future of young people, with transformed higher education as a starting point.

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## End Violence Against all Women and Girls

Conference notes

- A number of devastating and high-profile murders of women
- The centrality of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) in schools to tackling VAWG.
- The need to ensure that measures addressing VAWG are fully inclusive of all victims of VAWG, including women who are BAME, transgender, disabled, or migrants.

Conference condemns



- Evidence of widespread misogyny and racism in our police forces
- The rising impact of online misogynist influencers
- Tory Government attacks on relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) in schools
- Political actors who attempt to racialise VAWG by falsely stating or insinuating that it is disproportionately caused by specific demographic groups
- The underfunding of support services for victims of VAWG, including for under-served groups such as women who are BAME, transgender, disabled, or migrants.

Conference calls for Labour to commit to:

- Providing sufficient funding for teaching relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) in schools
- Retaining LGBT-inclusive RSHE
- Sustained real-terms increases to funding for women's refuges;
- Proactively delivering trans-inclusive services including women's refuges, creating specific policies and delivering staff training;
- Stand unequivocally against transmisogyny;
- Amending policies that may prevent BAME women from accessing these services such as immigration policies or where a man is situated as the interpreter.
- Requiring the Crown Prosecution Service and courts to enforce restraining orders, to campaign alongside all those speaking up against violence against women, and to resist measures which prevent women from taking to the streets to protest and express their legitimate anger.

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## Support for Trans Rights

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### **Conference notes that:**

- The trans community are under threat: by the media, by the Conservative Government, and by a resurgent far-right;
- Trans people currently wait more than 5 years to access gender affirming care while mental health in the trans community is at crisis point;
- The current system of legal gender recognition in the UK is outdated, overly bureaucratic and invasive;
- The Equality Act, one of Labour's proudest achievements in Government, is under attack by a hard-right Tory Government.

**Conference believes that:**

- Labour must stand unequivocally in support of the trans community and against anti-trans hate;
- Trans people should have the right to change their legal gender through a less bureaucratic, demedicalised process;
- Physical and mental health outcomes for trans people are far worse than for non-trans people, and this healthcare disparity must be closed;
- There is no conflict between trans rights and women's rights.

**Conference resolves that the Labour Party must:**

- Work with transgender groups to adopt a definition of transphobia;
- Offer a trans-inclusive space with zero tolerance for transphobia;
- Amend the Gender Recognition Act in Government to introduce self declaration UK-wide, as our sister parties have done in Germany, Spain and elsewhere;
- Oppose the Tory effort to undermine protections for trans people by revising the Equality Act;
- Improve access for trans people to NHS transition-related care, so people are able to be their authentic selves.
- Invest the resources necessary to meet the legal target of a maximum 18 week wait for access to gender-affirming healthcare.

## Public Ownership of Water - 250 words

**Conference notes that:**

1. Thirteen years of Tory failure have left Britain's water system in crisis, as Labour has consistently highlighted;
2. Bills rose in April by the [largest amount in nearly 20 years](#);
3. A recent House of Lords Report [criticised](#) private water firms for prioritising profit maximisation over environmental protection;
4. [More than 70% of water firms](#) are owned by international investment funds, private equity firms and businesses lodged in tax havens.
5. Bonuses for water bosses have been [on the rise](#);
6. Public ownership of water is [supported](#) by over  $\frac{2}{3}$  of voters;
7. There were [300,000 spillages](#) into English rivers and coastal areas in 2022, lasting for more than 1.75m hours;

8. Since privatisation the nine main water and sewerage companies have [paid out £72bn](#) in dividends;
9. That shareholder payouts have been partially funded by water companies taking on [£54bn of debt](#), in part at the public's expense;
10. Private water companies have consistently [failed to invest](#) in infrastructure;
11. Water firms are leaking [2.4bn litres of water](#) a day through spills;
12. A Greenwich University [paper](#) suggested that nationalising water would pay for itself within seven years;
13. The Government is under [no legal obligation](#) to compensate nationalised water companies at full market value.

**Conference believes that:**

1. Water is a public good which belongs in public hands;
2. Public services should be run for people and planet, not shareholders;
3. The Tory privatisation experiment has failed.

**Conference resolves:**

1. For Labour to bring water provision into full democratic public ownership within its first term of taking office.

## For a Restoration of Democratic Freedoms

*245 words*

**Conference Notes That:**

1. The Conservative Government has clamped down on basic democratic freedoms;
2. The 2022 Police, Crime and Sentencing (PCS) Bill restricts the right to protest and criminalises Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities;
3. The PCS Bill has been criticised by [Amnesty International](#) as a “hugely worrying... attack on human rights”;
4. Labour rightly opposed the PCS bill and also the Public Order Bill as an “attack on our basic British freedoms”;
5. Other repressive bills such as the CHIS Bill and Overseas Operations (OO) Bill have been introduced in this Parliament;
6. The 2023 Public Order Bill soon to enter law further restricts the right to protest, as the [UN](#) noted;
7. Human Rights Watch has [warned](#) that the UK risks being listed as a human rights abuser;
8. The Tory Government introduced voter ID against evidence and the position of Labour, NGOs, trade unions and others;
9. Of an estimated 2 million voters without the necessary voter ID, [only 4% have applied](#) for the government certificate;

**Conference Believes That:**

1. The right to protest and to vote is a fundamental bedrock of democracy;
2. The Conservatives' assault on civil liberties is a threat to democracy;
3. Voter ID is a false solution to a false problem and undermines the right to vote.

**Conference Resolves:**

1. For Labour to repeal the PCS, Public Order, CHIS and OO bills within a year of taking office;
2. For Labour to repeal the obligation for Voter ID for all elections in Great Britain within a year of taking office.

## Abolish the Monarchy

*Conference regrets:*

- That following the death of the late queen, her eldest son became the Head of State without an election.
- That the Royal Prerogative leaves political discretion in the hands of an unelected, unaccountable Head of State, unconstrained by Parliamentary approval.
- That the Royal Family is not currently subject to taxation in the same way as other citizens of the UK.
- According to the Guardian, King Charles has amassed wealth totalling over £2 billion, the details of which are largely concealed from public scrutiny.

*Conference Notes:*

Recent YouGov polling shows:

- 68% of the public have little to no interest in the Monarchy.
- 52% believe the Monarchy have a problem with race and diversity.

*Conference resolves:*

- Adopt the ultimate goal the abolition of the Monarchy and institution of a written, democratic constitution based on clear principles of accountability and citizens' rights.

*Conference calls on the next Labour Government to:*

- Combine all financing of the Royal Family into a single, transparent and accountable public revenue stream, subject to a vote in Parliament;
- Implement annual reports to Parliament of the finances of the Head of State, a public register of all Crown property, and to work on a presumption that land, buildings and art should be publicly accessible;
- Ensure the royal family is subject to taxation including income, capital gains and inheritance tax on all income wealth and property;
- Place all Prerogative powers on a statutory basis with Parliament deciding, in passing the legislation, how those powers should be distributed and exercised.

