

**“Party organisation in London” motions should be discussed today**

# Support reference back!

At its most recent meeting, the Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) decided to remit three motions on party organisation to the Regional Board, rather than have them debated at this Conference. The motions – from Unite the Union, Bermondsey & Old Southwark, and Leyton & Wanstead – all put forward constructive proposals to improve party organisation in

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London, including extending Conference to two days, reducing the huge size of the divisions that Regional Board members are supposed to represent, and raising the party’s campaigning profile.

London is the biggest region of the party by a distance. We can be justly proud of winning the Mayoral election, but party organisation across London punches below its weight. Other regions with smaller and much

more geographically spread memberships have two day conferences. London Labour lacks an agreed rule book, although a draft rule book has been in circulation for some time. Very few campaigns are co-ordinated across London, despite the huge challenges it faces on housing, health and transport.

These are campaigns and issues that we need to discuss now and the only forum for members across London to debate them is this Conference – so please support reference back on this section of the CAC Report, and allow them to be debated.

## Get back on the Rails

Composite 6 passed at National Conference in Liverpool committed Labour to:

- bring private franchises into public ownership as they expire;
- bring in a requirement for a guard on all passenger trains;
- halt the introduction of driver-only operation for passenger services;
- halt the current programme of ticket office closures.

The state of rail services – especially those provided by Southern Rail – affects enormous numbers of Londoners on a daily basis. We are winning the argument for renationalisation with the public. Even if this subject is not discussed at this Conference, it is still one which CLPs can use in local campaigning – with TSSA and other rail unions.

## A Corbyn Government will stand up to Trump

Donald Trump’s election poses a serious threat to people across the globe. He is encouraging more countries to acquire nuclear arsenals and has pledged to dismantle the US-Iran nuclear and the Paris climate change agreements. This rightward shift risks creating a more dangerous world.

Many countries will oppose this, but no one expects Britain’s help. The Tories back much of Trump’s framework, with their hard-Brexit and anti-migrant/anti-Muslim agenda. Labour is offering the necessary alternative to challenge Trump, with Jeremy’s policies of hope; better living standards; equality instead of racism; global warming being tackled; and US military adventures opposed.

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## TODAY'S POLICY DEBATES

### Good Health!

**Francis Prideaux** writes: The Tories' "Sustainability & Transformation Plans" (STPs) represent an austerity-driven assault on 'Londoners' Health and Social Care. We should therefore congratulate Labour Councils such as Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham for refusing to endorse these Tory Plans.

Our recent National Conference called on all sections of our Party to unite and campaign with all other NHS supporters for:

- adequate funding of our NHS, including our resource-starved Mental Health services;
- adequate numbers of properly remunerated staff;
- recognition of the vital NHS role played by 50,000 EU nationals;
- no service closures (or "reconfigurations") without proper local consultation and consent.

Sustained campaigning is essential for Londoners' physical and mental health. It will also demonstrate to Londoners that Labour is on their side.

### Amend the London Plan – Social Housing

**Seema Chandwani** writes: The London Plan is owned by Boris and the Tories and has no place in Labour housing policy. It needs to be reviewed and amended urgently to include ensuring 50% of any finished development is social housing and community-led housing options are considered for the

remaining 50%.

Labour has a responsibility to lead in solving the housing crisis in London which is seeing working class people being priced out and London councils only being able to offer vulnerable people accommodation outside the capital. This is socially engineered and we have the ability to do something about it.

### Education: Vote for the Composite

**Michael Calderbank** writes: The Tory Government has consistently sought to undermine the idea of a publicly-funded and democratically accountable comprehensive education system.

Forced Academisation and the creation of Free Schools have been part of a reckless experiment, opening up new markets for private financial interests to gain a foothold.

Now, by promising new Grammar Schools, they are openly seeking to create a two-tier system, in which children from poorer families face being branded as failures and shunted into second-rate Secondary Moderns. No evidence exists to suggest that any of these top-down reforms will raise educational attainment.

Labour Councils in London and across the country should work with parents and teachers to resist this unwanted ideological interference and fight for the funds needed to provide a quality education for all in local authority-run schools.

### Vote for these candidates

London Labour Left recommends that you vote for the following candidates.

### National Policy Forum representatives (2 places):

1. **Sam Gurney** (Walthamstow CLP and GMB)
2. **Kate Purcell** (Leyton & Wanstead CLP)

### GLLP Board - Officers

Ethnic Minorities Officer:  
**Kamaljeet Jandu** (GMB)  
Disability Officer:  
**Marsha de Cordova** (Unite)  
LGBT Officer:  
**Lucio Buffone** (ASLEF)  
Women's Officer:  
**Seema Chandwani** (Tottenham CLP)

### GLLP Board - Members

Central London CLPs:  
**Francis Prideaux** (Westminster North)  
**Claudia Webbe** (Islington South)

North & East London CLPs:  
**Bob Littlewood** (Leyton & Wanstead)  
[**Emine Ibrahim** (Hornsey & Wood Green) has been elected unopposed]

North & West London CLPs:  
**Pamela Fitzpatrick** (Harrow West)  
**Michael Calderbank** (Brent Central)

South & South East London CLPs:  
**Bonnie Craven** (Sutton and Cheam)  
**David White** (Croydon Central)

### Conference lunchtime fringe meeting - TODAY

Come and hear how the unions and the Party can campaign together to win for Londoners.

SPEAKERS:

- Niamh O'Brady**: Brentford and Isleworth CLP, Board Member and Unite member.
- Claudia Webbe**: Labour Party NEC and Islington Councillor
- Michelle Gordon**: GMB political and Equality officer
- Maria Exall**: CWU

Time: Lunchtime. Pick up your lunch and join us. Coffee & tea provided.

Place: Invision suite 1, Congress House (Second Floor Rear lifts to second floor)

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