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Standing orders to the rescue!

Islington North CLP delegate, Cllr Gary "reference back" Heather gave Conference his parting shot in a point of order on Tuesday. CAC had said that the new power to refer back parts of reports would need a rule change to set out a procedure for doing so. Gary drew attention to CAC1, where CAC set out the procedure.

However, as Conference went on, different Chairs interpreted the procedure differently. Some Chairs would only allow delegates who were speaking on a motion move reference back. Other Chairs would prioritise delegates who were moving reference back. In the education debate, canny delegates were queuing up to move reference back, knowing this would get them in to speak – at the expense of other delegates who wanted to take part in the debate but did not want to move reference back.

Gary pointed out this was unfair. Fortunately, help is at hand. Islington North CLP and South Derbyshire CLP have sent rule changes to Conference this year, which will appear on next year's Conference agenda – calling for Conference to have standing orders to help all delegates join in the debate in a fair manner.

Conference does a reference back

Following Monday's successful reference back on social security, yesterday Conference again asked the NPF to reconsider sections of its report, this time on health and education. Conference's new power to "refer back" is proving to be a significant improvement to party democracy.

Women CAC members say keep in touch

Teresa Clark and Jean Crocker want to say a massive thanks to all who voted for them in the Women's Conference Arrangements Committee election, to the CLPs which nominated them, and to the women who supported them.

Work towards a democratic and member-led Women's Conference 2018 starts now. If you would like

to be involved and/or have ideas to share about how you would like the Conference to be, please let Jean and Teresa know. They would also love to come and listen to and talk with your CLP/women's forum.

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The Times are a-changing?

"Labour's solution (to the debt crisis) ... sounds [like] a well-intentioned response to a great social evil. Something similar was done to payday lenders without the ceiling caving in."

Patrick Hosking, Business Commentator, *The Times*, 26th September

Polly Toynbee is a-changing (at last)?

"Labour has become the nation's adults, the sensible, the party least likely to wreck the country's future....Labour looks more credible by the day, its senior team more impressive"

The Guardian, 26th September

Centre left wins NCC seats

Yesterday the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance candidates for two seats in the CLP Section of the NCC won with 70% of the vote.

Congratulations to Anna Dyer and Emina Ibrahim.

Last night's NEC meeting: Jeremy positive as ever

Jeremy opened the NEC by paying tribute to our staff who have worked flat out at a historic conference which has had more CLP delegates than in the past from a membership that has tripled.

Every day the mood at Conference has been upbeat and all parts of the Party are pulling together to replace this decrepit government with Labour's very popular alternative.

It was suggested that we should investigate holding future conferences in Scotland and Wales. It was also agreed that, if possible, the next NEC will be held many miles from London.

Jeremy paid tribute to the very significant contribution made to the NEC by all those retiring, in particular our retiring Chair Glenis Willmott. As a mark of our appreciation Glenis was presented with a bunch of flowers which was so huge that it took two members of staff to carry it.

Each of the new NEC members was welcomed in turn to the conclave.

●Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
Andy Kerr (Chair) and Jennie Formby (Vice-Chair) were elected unanimously

Bad old days must never return

By Hassan Ahmed
Co-chair, Grassroot Black Left

In 1987, as a result of the Black Sections campaign to which they belonged, history was made by the election to parliament of four Black MPs. Jeremy Corbyn referred to this when he spoke at a "diversity" event on Sunday night.

I was the organisation's national Vice Chair and Chair of Nottingham East CLP. As part of Neil Kinnock's purge of the left, four years later I was suspended from Labour on the bogus allegation of running a party within the party, which was Nottingham East's thriving Black

Section that had brought hundreds of new African Caribbean and Asian new members into the Labour Party, Corbyn-style.

At the time I was a Nottingham City Council Cabinet member. In February 1994, when my suspension was over, a new suspension was orchestrated that ended in my expulsion from the Party. Reluctantly, I took the Party to the high court, won the case after a year and was reinstated. The Party was ordered to pay £100,000 in legal costs. Those were the bad old days. Under Jeremy's enlightened leadership the mistakes of the past will not be repeated.

London CND meeting

A Minister for Peace and Disarmament: is Labour shaping a new political culture?

Weds 11th October, 6.30 to 8.00pm
Portcullis House, SW1A 2JR

With Fabian Hamilton MP;
Christine Shawcroft, NEC; and others

The nuclear ban treaty opened for signature on 20th Sept. The May Government has refused ever to sign.

Join our discussion about the difference a Labour government could make.

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A new Black Left Labour Party movement is born

Deborah Hobson
Co-Chair Grassroots Black Left

Grassroots Black Left (GBL) had its inaugural meeting in Nottingham in September and received support from around the country. African, Caribbean, and Asian Labour members who are socialists came together for the well-attended event that endorsed Jeremy Corbyn's progressive leadership of the Party.

They adopted a "Black Agenda" set of policies for discussion and aims and objectives that place the new movement in the vanguard of the fight for socialism, racial and social justice.

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CLPD AGM 2018

11.30am, Sat. 3rd March
Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

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