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Sunday's Priorities Ballot: *start taking on the Tories!*

In today's priorities ballot, CLPs and the unions can **each** choose four subjects for debate. The unions have already agreed to prioritise Employment Rights, Industrial Strategy, Public Services, Energy, so these issues will be discussed by Conference. The CLPs' vote can select an additional four topics for debate (giving eight debates in total). CLP delegates should not vote for any of the four subjects chosen by the trade unions.

All sections of the Labour Party must campaign with **NHS** users and workers (including the junior doctors) for adequate NHS funding, an end to privatisation and integration of the NHS with a social care system.

On **housing**, we must campaign against the implementation of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and commit to a Labour alternative: a massive increase in the supply of housing, including council housing with proper tenure and genuinely affordable rents, and rights for private tenants.

Jeremy Corbyn announced in his victory speech yesterday that Labour will hold a national campaign this coming Saturday for inclusive **education** and against grammar schools. Sign up at: www.labour.org.uk/content/action-on-education

Conference should back calls led by Labour Peer Alf Dubs for a more humane approach to **child refugees**.

To vote in the priorities ballot you go to the ballot area in the Exhibition Hall between 10.30am and 3pm.

After the priorities ballot, compositing meetings on successful topics will be held from 6.30pm in the Exhibition Centre.

Delegates must attend and need to agree composites which establish clear policies setting us apart from the Tories.

The following subjects are the most important for Conference to discuss – because they are important to us and our voters.

Please vote to prioritise:

NHS

Housing

Grammar Schools

Child Refugees

Light at the end of the tunnel

Like most people in the Labour Party, and labour movement, I'm delighted that Jeremy Corbyn was yesterday re-elected as leader of the Labour Party. It is now time for everyone – especially those in the PLP who have spent so much of the last year undermining Jeremy – to get behind him, turn their fire on the Tories, and get ready for a General Election which could be just around the corner.

Not least because we have such a good message to take to the country. Take transport, for example, the subject of a plenary session in the conference hall this afternoon. You don't need to travel on Southern Railways – or Southern Failways as they've been dubbed by disgruntled passengers – to see that privatisation hasn't worked.

On every measure put forward by John Major 20 years ago, rail privatisation has failed. Fares, and public subsidies, have soared – we now have the highest fares in Europe – while trains have got more crowded and, in most parts of the country, much older.

I know why the privatised train companies like the failed franchise system – they talk about 'risk and reward' but realise there is no risk,

by Mick Whelan,
General
Secretary of
ASLEF, the train
drivers' union



it's all reward – and that's why we need a Labour government committed to putting our fragmented railway back together as a modern, integrated, publicly-owned system fit for the 21st century.

Jeremy – and this hasn't always been the case with Labour Party leaders in recent years – is proud to talk about public ownership. He understands that ordinary people are suffering in the Tories' Age of Austerity and wants to rebuild Britain as a fairer, more modern society, with a more productive economy that delivers for the many, not the few. *There is light at the end of the tunnel!*

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11AM Sunday – Support CLPs, support reference back

The Conference Arrangements Committee has ruled out an important rule change from East Devon CLP that would allow Branch Labour Parties and branches of affiliated organisations to interview prospective parliamentary candidates and make nominations to the long list.

The ruling out has been justified under a spurious interpretation of the “three-year rule”. However there has not been a rule change on this issue in the past three years and this rule change would be a minor but welcome addition to the selection rules. We should at very least be allowed to debate it.

Please support any delegate moving reference back to the Conference Arrangements Committee report to get this rule change back on the agenda.

Contemporary motions opposing austerity and expulsions/exclusions of members have also been ruled out because they “do not meet the criteria” despite recent reports of the worsening economic situation and falling living standards. Alternatives to austerity and investment for growth are not adequately addressed in the conference documents and are urgent topics for debate. **Support reference back!**

See Peter Willsman's Guide to Conference on: www.clpd.co.uk

Sinn Fein MPs Brexit: The Cost of Ireland's Partition

Quaker Meeting House
(venue 37)

Speakers:

Mary Lou McDonald - TD SF VP
Dave Anderson MP
(Shadow NI Secretary)
Simon Dubbins - Unite

Labour Assembly Against Austerity Rally

Sun 25th Sep 5 30pm
Meeting Room 3A at Kings Dock Liverpool L3 4FP
Steve Turner, Diane Abbott MP, John McDonnell MP, Richard Burgon MP, Cat Smith MP. Cllr Alice Perry Lucy Anderson MEP Manuel Cortes

Congratulations Jeremy!

Another resounding victory for Jeremy Corbyn was celebrated at a packed Campaign for Labour Party Democracy rally last night.

Diane Abbott MP praised Jeremy's courage and fortitude and called on everyone to unite in fight-

ing the Tories, sentiments echoed by Margaret Greenwood MP. Jeremy won with an increased share of the vote and a clear lead in every section.

Jeremy gained 61,792 more votes than last year, including an increase of 9.4% in the members' section.

Structures set to be debated

At the first NEC meeting of Conference, Jeremy Corbyn was congratulated on his win and welcomed back as Leader.

A marathon NEC earlier in the week had put on one side the Deputy Leader's proposal that the Shadow Cabinet be elected by the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) to allow for negotiations. At an NEC meeting on Saturday evening, this proposal was dropped – at least for now – pending a full discussion of possible rule changes on electing the Shadow Cabinet and the structure of the NEC, to be held at an NEC “away day” in November.

The NEC held earlier this week had also agreed to add two new places to the

NEC: one nominated by the Leader of the Scottish and one by the Leader of the Welsh Labour Parties. There was a suggestion at yesterday evening's NEC that the November “away day” should discuss how these two NEC places should be filled – by selection or election. Unfortunately this suggestion was misinterpreted as an attempt to overturn last Tuesday's decision – and the Chair closed down the discussion and moved on.

It is likely, therefore, that a rule change adding these places to the NEC will be included in the rule changes coming to Conference on Tuesday morning. *Christine Shawcroft*

One leader, one vote?

Early on Tuesday morning, the NEC will be proposing a rule change so that the Leaders of the Scottish Labour Party and the Welsh Labour Party can each pick their own representative to the NEC from their respective front benches.

Members, supported by CLPD, have campaigned for years for Scottish and Welsh involvement in the NEC - but this has always been on the basis of democratic representation. By contrast, the NEC's proposal is ridiculously restricted.

It would also alter the NEC's political balance. It has been suggested in the media that this is the hidden agenda behind the seemingly “innocent” proposed rule change. There is a serious danger of yet further internal battles – at a time when our members want the

Party to turn outwards and fight the Tory Government. This is the message Jeremy has stressed. Given the endorsement he received yesterday, Jeremy's call should be echoed throughout the Party.

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- CLPs are fully entitled to mandate their delegates – all the trade unions mandate delegates.

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CND: Stop Trident!

Performance Space, Bluecoat School Lane
6-8pm, Sunday

Speakers:

John McDonnell MP, Diane Abbott MP, Steve Pound MP, Matt Wrack FBU, Tosh McDonald ASLEF