

# LABOUR FOR A SOCIALIST EUROPE

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# VOTE TO STOP BREXIT

Labour for a Socialist Europe and Another Europe is Possible have led the charge in getting dozens of CLPs to back a motion calling for Labour to take a clear Remain stance in a future referendum on Brexit.

Our slogan is Remain and Revolt. Labour needs to revolt - to transform the European Union by defying its retrograde rules; and against the Brexit project of the far right.

Labour cannot go into the general election without a clear Brexit position. If we persist with fudge, we will lose millions of voters to the Lib Dems - that is the biggest threat, in both Leave and Remain seats.

We need to send a signal to members and voters that Labour is on their side. We need morale to be high in the grassroots of the party. Pretending to be neutral, and insisting that we will only take a position at some arbitrary point in the future, measuring the situation against ambiguously worded tests set by the Brexit subcommittee of an

NEC policy working group (but only if signed off in triplicate by Unite) will not do this.

Last year, the Brexit compositing resulted in a fudged motion with little to satisfy either Leave or Remain in the Party, but this year offers the opportunity for conference to support a motion which offers a radical vision for the party in terms of our position on Europe. We urge all delegates to support the remain motion (most likely called Brexit Composite 1) debated on conference floor in the international debate.

There is chaos on the subject of an NEC statement on Brexit. Having being forcibly convened by email for less than an hour yesterday - against the ruling of its own Chair - the NEC passed a fudgedy nothingy Brexit statement promising to call another conference after the election. Will it be put to a vote? Will it be ruled out of order by its own Chair? What the hell are they playing at? We simply don't know. All we know is that this nonsense should be opposed.

## Solidarity With Hong Kong

Outside Labour conference, the Brighton centre east entrance, today at 2-3pm

Let the people of Hong Kong know that the British labour movement is behind them!

[tinyurl.com/y465uwcc](https://tinyurl.com/y465uwcc)

## No to transphobia!

5pm today at Old Steine Gardens  
The transphobic group "Woman's Place UK" is spreading transphobic propaganda in Brighton, near conference. Show our solidarity with trans people!

## FOR A SOCIALIST GREEN NEW DEAL!

### BACK RED LEICESTER SOUTH

After 10 hours of compositing, three motions on climate change are going to conference floor. Labour Green New Deal's campaign saw dozens of motions brought to conference calling for decarbonisation by 2030 with jobs guarantees and other measures to ensure a just transition.

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Building on that motion, the Clarion's "Socialist Green New Deal" text introduced key additional demands: scrapping airport expansion; repealing the anti-union laws to permit workers' climate action; nationalising the energy and banking sectors; and free public transport. Other CLPs demanded a ban on fracking.

Initially, many of these measures, especially stopping airport expansion and a fracking ban, faced strong opposition from the GMB trade union, who also took a stand against a firm 2030 target. We think that these objections are sectionalist and wrong: rather than hoping for jobs at

yet-to-be-expanded airports which threaten civilisation, we need to fight for jobs building the green transition.

Eventually, there was a three-way split. The GMB produced their own draft, reflecting their conservative, sectionalist agenda. The mainstream LGND draft is much stronger especially for the addition of a ban on fracking and elements from the Clarion and FBU motions on repealing anti-union laws and nationalising energy. It contains a complicated and ambiguous commitment to investigating plans to net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and putting them into law if these plans meet certain conditions...

We support the LGND motion. But the third motion from Leicester South CLP is much stronger. It contains a straightforward commitment to net zero carbon by 2030. It contains the radical content from the LGND motion and also a call to support a Green New Deal by nationalising the banks (to take important energy investment decisions out of the hands of profit-gougers) and a ban on airport expansion.

We need an uncompromising stance on climate change that meets the challenges of the hour. That's the path to a Labour Government and a Labour Government worth winning.

# VOTE FOR 'IMMIGRATION'

ARIELLE BENNETT & ABBIE CLARK, DELEGATES FOR STEVENAGE CLP

We are proud to announce that the compositing meeting on immigration resulted in one of the most radical immigration motions to ever be put before conference. We are calling for the Labour Party to not only defend the current freedom of movement rights but to extend them to all migrants, ending the Hostile Environment, and closure of all detention centres. We're the only motion to commit to closure of all detention centres, although other motions were submitted in a different topic, sadly not prioritised, also supporting their closure.

Despite the party line for closure of "some" detention centres being announced in Diane Abbott's speech, the delegates for the immigration motions fought for closure for \*all\* of detention centres in the motion. This appeared to be a key point for the party machine but our delegates held firm, with the alternative being no discussion of detention centres in any

motion discussed at conference this year, which they refused to accept. Despite efforts to water the motion down the compositing resulted in a brilliant motion which offers a bold vision for Labour Party policy in the future.

Not only does the motion call for the closure of all detention centres - it builds on the policy set out by Diane Abbott in her speech today about the Labour view on immigration, with the party now actively campaigning against anti-immigrant narratives and rhetoric in the public debate. Labour must make the positive case for migrants in the UK, supporting everyone's right to live where they want to and make a positive contribution to society, as a moral matter. This includes extending equal voting rights to all UK residents.

The motion also commits Labour to ending the awful "no recourse to public funds" policies of the current

government which leaves vulnerable people without key support at a time where we as human beings should be supporting. The delegates supported the ability for migrants to do basic things UK citizens take for granted such as renting a house, seeing their GP, or accessing housing services by committing to ending the policies associated with the hostile environment.

Conference now needs to back this motion as the only pro-closure of detention centres, pro-free movement, pro-immigration policy to be debated on the floor this year. Diane Abbott's speech was just the starting point for a radical, inclusive policy which will see the Labour Party on the right side of history for years to come. Solidarity with all the comrades from four CLPs that sat through 3 hours of compositing to support this fantastic motion in its final form.