Support the Leadership’s approach to fighting Johnson’s No Deal Brexit

This afternoon Conference will be discussing the Brexit crisis and the fight to stop Johnson’s “Trump-deal Brexit”.

Jeremy Corbyn is leading that fight, determined to make sure the country is not driven over a No Deal cliff edge in five weeks’ time. Before Parliament was closed down by Johnson, Jeremy assembled an alliance to legislate against a No Deal Brexit before 31st October. He intends to continue fighting Johnson’s plan until it is defeated. This crisis may well lead to a General Election in weeks.

The NEC is fully backing Jeremy and has agreed a statement: a Labour government will negotiate with the EU and put the decision on any deal back to the people in a new referendum with a real choice between that leave deal or remain.

The approach being pursued by our party Leader and the NEC is the best way to defend people’s living standards and jobs.

Any negotiations with the EU would be torpedoed if a Labour government announced in advance that it would reject the outcome of those talks. Obviously we need to know what deal has been achieved before deciding what to recommend in a referendum.

It is important in all the decisions the Party makes on Brexit that we bring along with us as many Labour supporters and communities as possible, while remaining true to our Labour values.

The Party has a responsibility to bring the country together and not unnecessarily alienate any group of supporters - in order to secure a Labour government that will end austerity and build a better future. To do otherwise threatens the chances of achieving a Labour Government that would have the potential to equal the achievements of the 1945 Labour Government.

Vote for the National Executive Committee Statement
Vote for the composite proposed by Liverpool Walton CLP
Vote against the composite proposed by Tooting CLP

CAC – Disabled Members’ Rep
Vote Andy THOMPSON
(The candidate with the most nominations – 50)

Andy’s record
Considerable experience in conference procedure.
Longstanding LP and TU Activist
Chair, Birmingham (Ladywood) CLP
Member, Unite West Midlands Disabled Members Committee
Chair Midlands TUC Inclusion Committee
TUC Disabled Workers Conference
Andy is enthusiastically supported by the Campaign for Labour Democracy
and by Labour CND, Labour Representation Committee,
Labour Briefing Co-op, Jewish Voice for Labour

“Engaging Labour’s 100,000 Young Members”
CLPD Youth Fringe Meeting
Queen’s Hotel, Tuesday 6.30pm (all ages welcome)
Speakers:
lara McNeil (NEC), Lauren Townsend (CWU), Lily Madigan (Labour Students Women’s Officer), Danny Filer (Labour Students Left), Hasan Patel (@CorbynistaTeen),
Asif Mohammed (Unite), Jake Rubin (CLPD Youth).
Chair: Gemma Bolton (Co-Chair, CLPD)
Pub Social afterwards at the Druid’s Head
Support justice for Palestine!

This year the Labour and Palestine network drafted a motion in support of the Palestinian people. It highlights the escalating attacks taking place against them, and to their collective rights to self-determination and return to their homes.

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The motion highlights the following; the need for a determined show of solidarity to confront the Trump sponsored 'Deal of the Century'; a concerted attempt to destroy the Palestinian cause by stopping all vital funding to the humanitarian agency UNRWA for Palestinian refugees; increasing the siege of Gaza; rapidly expanding illegal settlements; and Israel's ongoing plans to illegally annex large areas of Palestinian land that was occupied by force in 1967.

The motion calls for Labour to address this by adopting an ethical and internationalist foreign policy, in line with Britain's own historical responsibility and legal state obligations: ending arms sales to Israel and trade with illegal Israeli settlements.

The motion builds on last year's unprecedented demonstration of strong and heartfelt solidarity at Labour Party Conference with the Palestinian cause and the people of Palestine now struggling for their rights. Thousands of Labour members waved flags in the main conference hall whilst hearing powerful speeches from delegates about their continued commitment to freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinian people.

Don't undermine the Good Friday Agreement

The NEC recently reaffirmed the Party's policy of not standing candidates in Northern Ireland, after a lengthy and thorough review including extensive engagement with stakeholders. This is welcome. Labour negotiated the Good Friday Agreement (GFA) which recognised that a substantial part of the electorate support a united Ireland. This mirrored Labour's long-held policy of achieving this through peaceful consent.

With established parties in Northern Ireland attracting an overwhelming proportion of support reflected in high turnouts, there is little political space for Labour to gain electoral support. Even if this were not the case, Labour standing candidates would be a really bad idea, for the following reasons: the issues of essentially presenting as a unionist party; the uncertainty of Brexit; the status of the SDLP; the need for the British government to be an honest broker combine to make Labour standing candidates a really bad idea.

The GFA has the provision for an all-Ireland referendum on a united Ireland. Labour standing candidates in NI would undermine the GFA.

The Saga of Reference Backs

At this year's Conference there has been a significant uptake of the relatively new procedure that enables delegates to refer back parts of the National Policy Forum reports.

This happened on a handful of occasions last Conference, but this year members are enthusiastically taking advantage of this advance of party democracy into our policy making. Under Jeremy's leadership we are introducing democracy. This has not been without some teething problems!

Given the popularity of this mechanism, the Party needs procedures to help it work smoothly, to the benefit of delegates who are understandably frustrated when this new system is not clear. Due to the weighting of different parts of the labour movement at Conference (50/50 CLPs/affiliates) and the fact that there are many more CLP delegates than trade union delegates, a show of hands does not represent the not immediately appear to demonstrate the true balance of support.

Trump: Hands off Cuba and Venezuela!

No to blockade and sanctions!
5.30pm, Monday, 23rd Sept.
Labour Party Conference
Havana Club Reception
Auditorium
Brightelm Centre, BN1 1YD

With...
H. E. Teresita Vicente
Cuban Ambassador
Danielle Rowley MP
Steve Turner, Unite
Christine Blower, NUT
Huda Elmi, NEC
Marcus Barnett, Young Labour
Dr Francisco Dominguez, VSC
Chair: Karen Lee MP

Labour For A United Ireland

Fringe Meeting
6pm, Monday, 23rd Sept
Hanover Room
Brightelm Centre
North Road
Brighton BN1 1YD

Speakers:
Mickey Brady - Sinn Fein MP
Geoff Bell - Historian
Angie Birtill – LFUI
Christie McQuillan - SIPTU
Chair: Laura Sullivan - LFUI

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