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## TODAY AT CONFERENCE: THE POLICY DEBATES

### Korea: back the talks

Today Conference will be debating International policy.

While delegates and visitors were making their way to Brighton, the war of words between US President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has been taking a more threatening and more personal turn, escalating nuclear tensions on the Korean Peninsula and bringing North East Asia closer to a military confrontation.

The world is closer to nuclear war than it's been for many decades. Some commentators are now beginning to make comparisons with the Cuban Missile Crisis. This highlights the need for Labour to support the global nuclear ban treaty.

Jeremy is right to condemn all provocations and to tell Theresa May there can be "no blind loyalty to the erratic and belligerent Trump." Conference should be saying so too. The underlying and long-standing issues need to be addressed. Labour CND is urging constituencies to tell the NEC to take a stand for peace and say no to nuclear confrontation.

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## Anti-austerity policies will deliver growth... *and a Labour victory!*

Today we will have the opportunity to debate "living standards and strong economy" and, within it, Labour's anti-austerity agenda.

The Tories' programme of austerity continues to have a devastating effect on communities and living standards and does not lead to economic growth. The Institute of Fiscal Studies has warned that workers face the worst period for pay in at least 70 years, with 2021 real wages predicted to be lower than they were in 2008. Nearly a third of people in the UK live in households where there is not enough money for adequate food, clothing, housing and the basics of a social life, according to research for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell MP put forward an alternative agenda in Labour's manifesto – one that will increase public investment and establish a National Investment Bank to stimulate growth, create good jobs, raise liv-

ing standards and improve the public finances. This should be funded by a fair system of taxation, in which rich corporations will pay their way under a Labour government.

As Diane Abbott MP pointed out at the packed Labour Assembly Against Austerity fringe meeting yesterday – "Austerity doesn't work." Industrial production, manufacturing output and construction activity all declined in the April to June quarter, with the trade deficit widening.

Labour achieved a 9.6% increase in our share of the national vote at June's General Election – Labour's largest increase since 1945 – standing on a clear anti-austerity manifesto. As Cat Smith MP said yesterday – 2017 was the year we won the anti-austerity argument.

Delegates will have the opportunity to raise these points today and back composites supported by the trade unions – including the important policy of renationalising Royal Mail.

## Get up early on Tuesday morning

Ballot papers for the NCC election will be handed out to CLP delegates in the ballot area from 9am on Tuesday.

If your CLP has not made it clear who its delegation should vote for, you may want to hold a delegation meeting on Monday to decide.

You will then need to agree a reliable delegate to collect the ballot paper and thus vote in line with your CLP's or delegation's wishes.

You are advised to go into conference as early as possible (ideally by 8.30am) to join the queue for papers.

When you arrive, check who is already in the queue: if there is a delegate other than the agreed person in the queue already, the agreed delegate should ask them to leave.

And don't forget to pick up your copy of Yellow Pages, so you have something to read while your're waiting!

**LEFT CANDIDATES  
FOR NCC:  
ANNA DYER  
EMINA IBRAHIM**

## Jewish Voice For Labour

Launch meeting of a new non-Zionist Jewish group

### **“Jewish Socialism Past & Present: Antisemitism, Israel & the Labour Party”**

Monday 25th September, 6-8pm

Mercure Hotel ballroom, 149, Kings Rd., BN1 2PP

(on sea front, near Conference Centre)

(NB change of venue from printed programme)

Speakers: Retired Appeal Court Judge Sir Stephen Sedley;

Oxford professor Avi Shlaim;

Jewish Socialists Group's David Rosenberg



## CLPD Conference Assessment meeting

18.30, Monday, 25th September  
Sandringham Suite, Queen's Hotel

Chair: Rachel Ward, Co-Chair, CLPD  
Speakers:

Kelvin Hopkins MP, Christine  
Shawcroft, Cat Smith MP,  
Claudia Webbe, Darren Williams,  
Mick Whelan ASLEF,  
Rhea Wolfson, John Trickett MP

Admission £3/£1

## Islington given the cold shoulder

Among the queries raised on the CAC report yesterday morning was the question about who can call for a card vote when there is a proposal to “refer back” a section of a Conference document.

The delegate from Islington North pointed out that on page 9 of CAC Report 1 it says that “a card vote can be taken having been either requested by delegates or by the decision of the Chair.” When it comes to deciding whether a section of any Conference document should be referred back, it says on page 11 of CAC Report 1 that the Chair has discretion over whether this is done by show of hands or a formal card vote is necessary.

The indefatigable Islington North delegate asked the CAC to allow delegates to call a card vote when they are proposing “reference back.” CAC Chair Harry Donaldson failed to answer Islington's important question. A second indefatigable delegate from Islington North then raised a point of order, demanding Harry give the CLP an answer – but the point of order was brushed aside.

The victory of Seema Chandwani and Billy Hayes in the recent CAC election will ensure that in future the CAC treats both delegates and their questions more seriously.

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The *Yellow Pages* will have a cover price of £3 for the week.

## Ballot Results

The votes in the priorities ballot showed strong support for the left recommendations:

NHS, 187,723

Housing, 187,000\*

Social care, 145,613

Rail, 120,496

The left's advice, that the CLPs should not vote for issues already prioritised by the trade unions, was heeded. The trade union topics received low votes from the CLPs:

Grenfell, 34,000\*

Workers' Rights, 13,486

Public Sector Pay, 12,332

Growth & Investment 6,807

By working together, we have secured eight debates.

Brexit, which had been pushed by the right wing in an attempt to divide Conference and embarrass Jeremy Corbyn, received 72,386 votes.

The other subjects were Education (15,879), Learning & Development (2,385) and North Korea (15,000\*).

\*Round figures; exact number not published at time of going to press.

●The results of the ballot for the CAC of the Women's Conference was also good for the left. To the lowest 1,000, these were:

Jean Crocker 83k+

Teresa Clark 82k+

C Reynolds 27k+

R Geach 13k+

A Rose 12k+

C Nevin 3k+

Already old timer delegates are saying that the mood at Conference is so much lighter this year, with the left feeling proud that we are representing our members.

## NPF Report revised

The next Labour government will recognise Palestine.

Sunday's CAC Report 1 advised delegates that the NPF Report to Conference has been revised. It now includes the policy on Palestine set out in this year's General Election manifesto. Our Party gave a commitment that a Labour government would recognise the state of Palestine and urged an end to the blockade, occupation and settlements.

Delegates will welcome this correction. The document now supports Jeremy's commitment to Palestinian human rights.

### FREE SPEECH ON ISRAEL

#### **“How Israel Silences Its Critics: Why We Oppose the Witch Hunt”**

Speakers: Miko Peled, The Israeli  
General's Son; Salma Karmi-Ayyub,  
Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights

**Monday, 25th Sept, 12.45-2pm**

Friends House, Ship St., BN1 1AF

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