

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

REPORT to National Annual Women's Conference 2026

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE (WCAC)

Members: Elaine Daley, Tracey Fussey, Emily Moore (Vice Chair), Rebecca Pawley, Ruba Sivagnaman, Joyce Still (Vice Chair), Tracey Wainwright (Chair)

Secretary: Fay Graham

Location: WCAC Office – Meeting Room 15, Convention Centre at LEX.

Contact: womensconference@labour.org.uk before and during National Annual Women's Conference

WCAC REPORT

The WCAC report will be made available to all delegates and on the Labour Party Website.

The WCAC Report will be put to a vote amongst all Women's Conference delegates.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Saturday 26 September		Chair
0930	Welcome / Introduction Chair welcomes delegates and outlines programme for the day	Arooj Shah (NWC)
0935	WCAC Report	Arooj Shah (NWC)
0940	Morning Keynote Speeches <i>Bridget Philipson MP, Chair of the Labour Party and Minister for Women and Equalities, MP for Houghton and Sunderland Central</i>	
0955	Panel Discussion: Representation and Democracy <i>Shama Tatler, Baroness Shah & Head of Labour Group Office, Local Government Association</i> <i>Nan Sloan, Labour Women's Network training lead & Labour Historian</i> <i>Naushabah Khan MP, MP for Gillingham and Rainham</i> <i>Penny East, Chief Executive of Fawcett Society</i>	
1000	<i>National Women's Committee – CLP Section Ballot Opens</i>	
1040	BREAK	
1100	Policy Seminars Women & Equalities (1B) Housing and Local Government (1C)	
1145	Policy Debate Domestic Abuse and the Justice System Maternity Services	Arooj Shah (NWC)

	Violence Against Women and Girls Women in Politics Women Sleeping Rough Women's and Girls Safety in Education	
1315	LUNCH BREAK – Conference Adjourns <i>Motions to Annual Conference Ballot Opens</i> <i>All ballots close at 15:30</i>	
1430	Girls who talk Politics	
1515	Panel Discussion: Violence Against Women and Girls <i>Ellie Reeves MP, Attorney General for England and Wales, MP for Lewisham West and East Dulwich</i> <i>Kim McGuinness, Mayor of North East England</i> <i>Nahar Choudhury, CEO, Solace Women's Aid</i> <i>Megan Wikeley, Public Policy Manager, Airbnb</i>	Marianna Masters (NWC)
1600	Afternoon Keynote Speeches <i>Lucy Powell MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and Secretary of State for Education, MP for Manchester Central</i>	
1610	National Annual Women's Conference 2026 closes	

STANDING ORDERS FOR NATIONAL ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Standing Orders for National Annual Women's Conference were agreed by the NEC and can be found in Appendix 1 of this report.

TIME LIMITS FOR SPEAKERS

Movers of reports and motions will be allowed 4 minutes, with other speakers allowed 2 minutes.

Those wishing to speak should indicate to the chair by raising their hand whilst remaining seated. The waving of items to attract attention is not permitted and stewards will enforce this rule.

Only fully accredited delegates appointed in accordance with the party rules are entitled to move motions or speak in debates on behalf of their organisations.

SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL

The WCAC does not permit the unauthorised sale or distribution of any material, including leaflets, within the Conference Centre. Stewards have been instructed to ensure that this ruling is strictly enforced.

SAFEGUARDING AND VISITOR SAFETY

Safeguarding Code of Conduct

Attendees are asked to read the Party's Safeguarding Code of Conduct, which outlines the requirements upon all of us to keep children and adults-at-risk safe. A copy can be accessed online at [The-Safeguarding-Code-of-Conduct-2025.pdf](#)

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns for Children and Adults-at-Risk

The Labour Party Safeguarding Unit works closely with other internal teams and external organisations to manage any safeguarding concerns and to help keep individuals safe from harm and abuse, throughout all Party activity.

We want everyone to feel safe at National Annual Women's Conference. If you see or hear something which concerns you, you can report it through one of the below channels:

During conference the Safeguarding Unit can be contacted between 9.30am and 6.30pm on:

- 07526 511 003; or
- 07548 958 279.

You can also report a concern by emailing safeguarding@labour.org.uk

*Outside of the above stated times, or in an emergency, contact 101 or 999.

If you are concerned about your own safety, you can use the above contact details to reach the Safeguarding Unit or ask a steward or staff member to put you in touch (you will not be asked by a steward or staff member to explain why). Staff from the Safeguarding Unit are onsite and will step in to ensure individuals are supported and kept safe, as well as identifying any other steps needed to protect others.

ACCESSIBILITY

Accessing the Conference Venues

The main Conference venue, the Liverpool Experience Campus (LEX), is located on Albert Dock and has step-free access. You will need your Conference pass to enter the Conference Zone.

The main entrance to the Conference Zone is located on Monarch's Quay.

There are two main entrances. Both have step-free access suitable for wheelchairs. They are open from 08:00 on Saturday 26 September and then 24 hours a day:

- Monarch's Quay (near the Pullman Hotel)
- LEX Piazza (near the Big Wheel)

Access between floors

All floors can be accessed by lift, stairs and escalators.

Accessible toilets

Toilets with adaptations are located on both the upper and lower levels of the Convention Centre. A Changing Places toilet is located in the Exhibition Centre Atrium.

Disabled parking

Accessible parking for Blue Badge holders is available by prior booking. Please email Ruby at events@labour.org.uk to book your space.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Accessibility buggy

An accessibility buggy will be available from 8am to 6pm on Saturday 26 – Tuesday 29 September, and from 8am to 4pm on Wednesday 30 October. This service can be requested by speaking to a Steward.

Accessibility Stewards

Accessibility Stewards will be available across the Conference site each day from 08:00 to 20:00.

They can provide information and assistance to disabled delegates and visitors at Conference venues, Fringe events and the Labour Party Stand.

Please note this is a shared service and one-to-one support cannot always be guaranteed.

Turquoise Stickers

Some attendees may choose to display a turquoise sticker on their Conference accreditation to indicate that they may require priority access or additional consideration while moving around the Conference site.

Turquoise stickers are available from the Labour Party Stand in the Exhibition Centre or from an Accessibility Steward.

Please be mindful that not all disabilities are visible and be respectful of those displaying a turquoise sticker.

If you would like further information about the scheme, please email Ruby at events@labour.org.uk.

Hearing Support and Assisted Listening

A hearing loop system is available in the Exhibition Centre and Convention Centre for hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting where appropriate.

An infrared assisted listening system is available in the Auditorium for Women's Conference Delegates. Receivers can be requested from Accessibility Stewards who will take a note of your seat number and bring the device to you.

BSL interpretation will be provided in the Auditorium.

Accessible Documents

Conference documents are available in alternative formats, including braille, large print and audio, on request.

If you require documents in an alternative format and have not already let us know as part of your Conference application, please contact Conference Services before Conference.

Mental Health First Aiders

Mental Health First Aiders will be available during Women's Conference from 10:00 to 22:00.

They will be based in the Convention Centre Galleria and are available to provide initial support and signpost attendees to further help where appropriate.

Wheelchairs and Mobility Aids

The Exhibition Centre and Convention Centre have step-free access throughout and are suitable for wheelchair users.

Wheelchairs, mobility scooters and other mobility aids can be arranged in advance through Local Solutions.

The Local Solutions team will be based on the ground floor of the Convention Centre Galleria.

To arrange a wheelchair, mobility scooter or other mobility aid, please contact Ellie McLaughlin at EMcLaughlin@localsolutions.org.uk.

Mobility Scooter parking

Mobility scooter parking is available within the Convention Centre.

If you attend Women's Conference using a mobility scooter but would prefer to transfer to a seat during Main Hall sessions, please speak to an Accessibility Steward who will be happy to assist.

Accessibility Co-ordinator

A dedicated Accessibility Co-ordinator will be available throughout Conference to help with accessibility queries and support arrangements.

Ashleigh Venables

Telephone: **07545 421411**

The number will be active from 12:00 on Friday 25 September.

For enquiries before Conference, please email Ruby at events@labour.org.uk.

Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome throughout Conference.

A designated exercise area, including a water point and toileting area, is located adjacent to the Exhibition Centre and will be clearly signposted.

Quiet Space

A Quiet Space is available in Meeting Room 6 on the Upper Galleria of the Convention Centre.

The room is available throughout Women's Conference opening hours for anyone who would benefit from a calm, low-stimulation environment.

LEX Liverpool Accessibility Guide

For detailed accessibility information about the venue, please visit:

<https://lexliverpool.com/accessibility/>

Local Transport

For information about local bus and rail services, please visit:

- **Merseytravel:** <https://www.merseytravel.gov.uk>
- **Accessible bus travel:** <https://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/bus/accessibility/>
- **Accessible rail travel:** <https://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/train/accessibility/>

BALLOTS

Ballot papers can be collected and cast in the Ballot Area located in Room 4A and 4B of the Convention Centre at LEX

National Women's Committee	OPEN 10:00 CLOSE 15:00	CLP Delegations
Motions Ballot	OPEN 13:15 CLOSE 15:00	All Delegations

National Women's Committee – CLP Section

There are 6 members to be elected to this section.

- Must have at least twelve months continuous membership.
- Nominated by at least five CLPs/Women's Branches.
- Elected by all CLP delegates to National Annual Women's Conference.
- Two-year term.

After the close of nominations, the following candidates have been nominated for the position of National Women's Committee – CLP Section

ABDI-WALI, Sagal

BELFIELD, Nikki

CROCKER, Jean

ERHERIENE-ESSI, Odiri

GRAY, Alison

GUHADASAN, Rathi

HENDERSON, Ann

IBRAHIM, Emine

MACLEAN, Catherine

MOREY, Angela

NI DHONAILL, Caoimhe

RADHIKA SETTIPALLI, Sree

REHMAN, Nazia

RICE, Miriam

SMITH, Lucy

THAMBIRAJAH, Saranya

TROUGHTON, Lynne

WYMAN, Sandra

The statements submitted by candidate standing within each section can be found in Appendix 4 of this report.

National Women's Committee – Affiliate Section

Affiliates to the party as of the 31 December 2025 were asked to nominate candidates for the National Women's Committee – Trade Union Representatives.

- Must have at least twelve months continuous membership.
- Nominated by at least one affiliated trade union.
- Elected by trade union delegates to National Annual Women's Conference
- Two-year term.

The following candidates were elected unopposed:

ABACHOR, Suzanne

EXALL, Maria

GUTTERIDGE, Abbey

KEDDIE, Jacqueline

ROWLES, Emily

WILLIAMSON, Holly

National Women's Committee – Socialist Societies Section

Socialist societies affiliated to the party as of 31 December 2025 were asked to nominate candidates for the National Women's Committee – Socialist Societies Representative.

- Must have at least twelve months continuous membership
- Nominated by at least one affiliated socialist society

- Must receive at least ONE nomination from an affiliated socialist society
- Elected by socialist society delegates to National Annual Women's Conference
- Two year term

The following candidate was elected unopposed

MASTERS, Marianna

MOTIONS AND PRIORITIES BALLOT

There were 24 motions submitted from CLPs, Women's Branches and affiliated organisations. The Women's Conference Arrangements Committee agreed subject groupings that were put to delegates in an online Priorities Ballot, split into the two sections. The following subjects were successful in the Priorities Ballot

Domestic Abuse and the Justice System

Maternity Services

Violence Against Women and Girls

Women in Politics

Women Sleeping Rough

Women's and Girls' Safety in Education

All motions that were successful in the Priorities Ballot can be found in Appendix 2 of this report. The results of the ballot can be found in Appendix 3.

MOTIONS

Delegates from CLPs and affiliated organisations who submitted motions on the subjects mentioned above were invited to attend composite meetings, where required, on 15 and 17 September.

The agreed motions that delegates will move for debate by Conference can be found below.

MOTION 1: DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Conference notes:

1. 72% of victims in domestic abuse criminal cases are women.
2. The typical sentence is a prison sentence for a limited period or community order to try and change behaviour.
3. On top of this – there are other possible add-ons.
4. For instance, in abuse cases, the court is obliged by law to either make a compensation order or it must give reasons why it isn't ordering compensation. To inform that decision, the victim has a right to be consulted. They might not want compensation.
5. Another 'on top' order is a protective order. This can include terms such as excluding the perpetrator from a particular area or areas to keep well away from the victim – enforced possibly by electronic monitoring.
6. Amazingly, unlike compensation, there's no obligation on the court to consider a protection order and no victim's right to have this explained to them before court so they can give their views.

This conference calls on the Labour government to:

1. Demonstrate its commitment to VAWG by doing something we can actually see. Not just words, but real action.
2. Amend the victim's charter – not just a right to be told about compensation before court, but a right to be told about the possibility of a protection order.
3. Amend the law – so, just like compensation, the court must consider a protective order in every domestic abuse case. If not made – reasons must be given. Relying on keen police or court initiative isn't enough!

Mover: Leeds North East

MOTION 2: MATERNITY SERVICES

Conference notes the 'Independent Review of Maternity Services at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust' (the Ockenden Review) and earlier reviews of maternity services in Shrewsbury and Telford and Morecombe Bay.

Conference notes significant failings in care, accountability and transparency described in the report, together with broader inequalities relating to maternity care. Black women die at more than twice the rate of white women; women in deprived areas also experience worse outcomes. Stillbirths are still above pre-pandemic levels and maternal deaths are at a 20-year high.

Conference notes that clinical negligence costs the NHS almost the same in compensation as it spends on the delivery of maternity care and half the cost arises from failings in maternity care.

Conference resolves the Government should:

- Ensure a standard of safe, equitable NHS maternity care, characterised by systemic equity, empathetic leadership and individualised care.
- Invest urgently in maternity services, ensuring safe staffing levels and regular mandatory training.
- Embed cultural competence and inclusive communication in CQC-assessed mandatory training in all NHS services.
- Ensure the Immediate and Essential Actions identified by Ockenden are implemented in full.
- Ensure the extension of Martha's Rule to maternity settings is implemented in full.
- Undertake a full national review to develop NHS maternity services fit for the future.
- Strengthen NHS processes, from ensuring staff survey concerns are investigated and acted upon, to reporting notifiable safety incidents fully and accurately.
- Implement the Hillsborough Law, enforcing a public duty of candour and ensuring accountability from public services.

Mover: Nottingham South CLP

MOTION 3: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Conference notes:

- Women's conference notes that violence against women and girls (VAWG) is a national emergency. One in eight women experienced domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking in the year ending March 2025. Too many victims still face barriers to reporting abuse, accessing support, and securing justice.
- Young women in particular face higher rates of harassment in the night time economy, including spiking and stalking.
- Women's conference believes that every woman and girl deserves to live free from violence and abuse.

Conference believes:

- Action must be taken to combat all forms of violence and unacceptable behaviour young women face in public spaces, including spiking and stalking.
- Tackling VAWG requires society to come together: preventing violence before it starts, bearing down on perpetrators and ensuring victims are supported.

Conference welcomes:

Women's conference welcomes the Labour Government's commitment to halving violence against women and girls within a decade. Women's conference welcomes the Government's £1 billion investment over three years to support victims, including: £8.7 million funding announced in August 2026 for Rape Crisis England and Wales' 24/7 helpline; £550 million for specialist victim and witness services; £499 million for safe accommodation for domestic abuse victims.

This motion calls for the Labour Government to:

- Rollout Raneem's Law and domestic Abuse Protection Orders
- Specialist rape and sexual offence teams in every police force.
- Expand Victims' Right to Review scheme for rape and serious sexual offences.
- Improve consent and sexual harassment awareness training across Higher and Further education, while providing practical guidance on responding to harassment.
- Invest in modern street lighting, reliable night-time transport, and accessible monitored emergency help points.
- Safety training for staff working at night life venues and in public transport, equipping them to identify signs of spiking and harassment, and execute safe intervention procedures.

Mover: Ely and East Cambridgeshire CLP

Seconded: Young Labour

MOTION 4: WOMEN IN POLITICS

Women in public life have experienced growing hatred, abuse and intimidation in recent years, with women in local government particularly vulnerable due to relatively lower levels of security provision and high levels of visibility and accessibility.

Conference notes:

- Over 70% of Councillors have experienced abuse or intimidation in a 12- month period, with a quarter experiencing death threats, 1 in 10 facing inappropriate visits to their home, 1 in 20 being stalked and 3% experiencing physical violence in relation to their duties
- 84% of female Councillors feel at risk when fulfilling their role
- 32% of women standing down cite possible abuse as a factor in their decision
- Much of the abuse received by Councillors begins in council chambers and is amplified in online spaces
- Women of colour and those with disabilities are most likely to be targeted
- Labour has outperformed other major political parties in the representation of women in elected office because it has recognised that systemic barriers require sustained action and political commitment.
- The Labour Party has a proud history of advancing women's representation through positive action measures, including All Women Shortlists. Increased representation of women in elected office has helped secure real improvements in women's lives. This progress is neither inevitable nor permanent.
- Women continue to face disproportionate levels of abuse, intimidation, and harassment as candidates and elected representatives, and online misogyny and abuse are creating additional barriers to women's participation in public life.
- Such abuse poses a threat not only to individual women but to representative democracy itself by discouraging participation, inhibiting diversity among candidates and creating barriers to public service.
- The legislative provisions that enable positive action measures such as AWS are currently due to expire in 2030.

Conference welcomes:

- Provisions in the Representation of the People Bill to make hostility towards campaigners an aggravating factor for the purposes of sentencing
- An end to the default publication of Councillors' home addresses in England
- The extension of Operation Bridger to Members of the House of Lords

Women's Conference resolves that:

- Women's Conference welcomes the Government's commitment to implement Section 106 of the Equality Act 2010 and calls for this to be delivered at the earliest opportunity, ensuring the regular publication of diversity data by political parties.

- The Labour Government should commit to ensuring that positive action measures to improve women's political representation remain lawful so that progress is not reversed.
- The Labour Government should implement, monitor and, where necessary, strengthen recent legal changes to protect candidates and elected representatives from abuse, intimidation and threats.

Conference calls for:

- Consistent implementation of Operation Ford across all police forces to give women in local government across the country confidence that complaints will be investigated and taken seriously
- The Government to bring forward pledged legislation to strengthen the standards regime in England.

Mover: Labour Women's Network

Seconder: Labour in Local and Regional Government

MOTION 5: WOMEN SLEEPING ROUGH

Conference notes:

- On 18/08/2026 Andy Burnham announced increased funding of £442 million, to bring rough sleepers indoors this winter, but also to give people facing long-term homelessness a settled home.
- Housing Secretary Angela Rayner added: 'The guidance will make clear the need to ensure adequate and accessible provision for women experiencing rough sleeping, recognising that women are often underrepresented in official statistics and may be at greater risk of violence, abuse, and exploitation. Guidance encourages local areas to consider single sex accommodation with specialist, intensive and trauma informed support, for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. This will support the government's commitment to halve violence against women and girls in the next ten years.'
- The reason for the under-representation of women experiencing rough sleeping is that it is often intermittent and shaped by the need for self-protection, e.g. by sofa surfing, sleeping in night buses, hospital waiting rooms, cars, abandoned buildings.
- The Women's Rough Sleeping Census, from Single Homeless Project and Solace Women's Aid with other partners, provides a gender-informed approach. Their 2025 Census identified 1,406 women across 101 LAS, with some areas recording many times more women than official counts.

We believe:

- Labour's commitment to tackling women's homelessness calls for accurate data.

We call on the Government to:

- Make participation in the annual Women's Rough Sleeping Census a requirement for all Local Authorities
- Ensure the findings inform provision
- Provide the necessary resources under Labour's homelessness programme.

Mover: Gateshead Central and Whickham

MOTION 6: WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' SAFETY IN EDUCATION

Conference notes:

Sexism and sexual harassment in schools, higher and further education are persistent and widespread problems.

A recent BBC report highlighted a film made by schoolgirls about the sexist language they experience at schools and online.

Almost a quarter of female teachers who took part in a 2026 union survey said they have been the target of misogyny from a pupil over the previous 12 months.

Sexual assault and harassment of female students remains endemic in higher and further education, with a 2025 survey by the Office for Students finding that 24.5% of all final year undergraduates have experienced sexual harassment since beginning their studies.

This same survey found that women were nearly three times more likely to experience sexual harassment than men and more than twice as likely to experience sexual violence.

Conference believes:

Sexism and sexual harassment in educational institutions are crises requiring a systemic response.

Sexism and sexual harassment are fueled and exacerbated by the proliferation and influence of online misogyny.

Schools and colleges should be supported to take a whole institutional approach to address sexism and sexual harassment.

Every student has the right to be protected from sexual misconduct in their place of education, and to feel able to report incidents of sexual misconduct.

Conference calls on the Government to:

- Require education settings to implement whole institutional approaches to address sexism and sexual harassment.
- Provide practical resources and support including from experienced specialist organisations.
- Deliver safeguarding training on whole institutional approaches.
- Undertake efforts to shift institutional cultures towards intolerance of sexism and sexual harassment.
- Establish systems to collect data and map the scale, nature and impact of sexism and sexual harassment in education settings.
- Strengthen laws on online harms and ensure robust regulation of technology platforms, including punitive financial penalties for non-compliance.
- Encourage the further rollout of specialist Sexual Violence/Misconduct Liaison Officers and specialist caseworkers across the higher and further education sectors.
- Explore routes to improve the provision of welfare support for victims and survivors of sexual misconduct across educational settings.

Mover: Labour Students

Seconded: Bristol Central CLP

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

Emergency Motions Referred to the National Policy Forum

The WCAC has agreed that the submissions from the following organisations do not fulfil the WCAC's criteria for emergency motions and will be referred to the NPF after National Women's Conference for further consideration.

Greenwich and Woolwich CLP

LGBT+ Labour

APPENDIX 1 – STANDING ORDERS FOR NATIONAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

1. Conference timetable

- A. The timetable for Annual Conference shall be drawn up by the Women’s Conference Arrangements Committee (WCAC).
- B. The NEC may submit any items of business to National Women’s Conference (NWC) in line with its responsibilities laid out in Chapter 1, Clause VIII of the Labour Party Rule Book.

2. Motions

A. Notice of motions

- i. Motions may be submitted by affiliated organisations and either Constituency Labour Parties or Women’s Branches where they are established.
- ii. Only motions submitted by the deadline agreed by the NEC will be accepted.

B. Emergency motions

- i. The WCAC shall set a deadline for the receipt of emergency motions.
- ii. The WCAC shall only timetable an emergency motion for debate if it meets the following conditions:
 - a. on a subject that has arisen after the closing date for motions; and
 - b. Be a matter relevant to women; and
 - c. be a matter of urgent and immediate importance to the discussion by delegates to National Women’s Conference.
- iii. The WCAC shall inform organisations whose emergency motions do not meet the criteria above as soon as practicable and will provide an opportunity for such organisations to appeal their decision.

C. Compositing

- i. Delegates from organisations whose motion’s topic has been successful in the priorities ballot shall be invited to an online compositing meeting. No more than one delegate from any one organisation may attend an online compositing meeting. Members of the WCAC or their staff, the Leader or their staff, Frontbenchers who are responsible for the policy area, and members of

the Labour Party Policy Team shall also be eligible to attend. Such online meetings shall be chaired by a member of the WCAC and should be no more than 120 minutes. Additional members may be invited to attend to assist members with disabilities. Members with access needs who require someone to attend to assist them should notify WCAC in advance.

- ii. Only words from the motions may be used to form a composite. No new words can be introduced although some text may be omitted.
- iii. The wording from motions from organisations who do not have delegates in attendance cannot be used.
- iv. Delegates in attendance who agree the final wording, shall agree a mover and a seconder who will speak to conference during the relevant debate. The Policy Team shall arrange for all composite motions to be submitted to the WCAC by email with the mover, seconder and Chair of the online meeting copied.
- v. The WCAC shall timetable the composited motions, where practicable this shall be within the most relevant policy debate.

3. Chair

A. Appointment of Chair

- i. The NEC Women's Subcommittee shall appoint a panel of chairs from among the membership of the NEC Women's Subcommittee for each session of National Women's Conference.

4. Procedure in debate

A. Time limits for speakers

- i. Movers of reports, motions and rule changes will be allowed four minutes, with other speakers allowed two minutes. Speakers should indicate a desire to speak during a debate. WCAC and the Chair give due consideration to fair representation of CLPs and affiliates.
- ii. Time limits shall be strictly enforced, and the Chair shall have the right to end any delegate's speech should the time limit have been exceeded.
- iii. Delegates may only speak once within each debate.

B. Discussion on motion

- i. Any relevant composite motion(s) will be moved and seconded by the delegates agreed at the online compositing meeting.
- ii. If there is a related emergency motion, then it will be moved and seconded.

- iii. Only fully accredited delegates appointed in accordance with the party rules are entitled to move motions on behalf of their organisations.
- iv. The mover of a motion may exercise their right to withdraw a motion or remit it to the appropriate Labour Party committee at any time prior to the commencement of a vote.

C. Point of order

- i. Any delegate may raise a legitimate point of order during a debate by communicating to the Chair in manner agreed by the WCAC.
- ii. The Chair shall retain the power to rule what is and is not a legitimate point of order, and to instruct a delegate to end an illegitimate point of order.
- iii. A point of order will be ruled illegitimate if it does not immediately and directly identify which of these standing orders is in question.
- iv. The Chair will inform Conference when a legitimate point of order has been raised and the appropriate action required.

D. Ending debate

- i. Debates shall be ended by the Chair in line with the timetable published by the Women's Conference Arrangements Committee.
- ii. The chair will indicate when the last speaker is to be called.

E. General

- i. All speakers shall be accredited delegates or ex officio members of Party conference except where the WCAC determines otherwise.
- ii. The Chair shall take all steps within their power to ensure that speakers are a fair representation of National Women's Conference, ensuring that all delegates from a broad range of backgrounds are chosen.
- iii. Each delegate or ex officio member to NWC may speak only once in any given session of NWC, subject to Chair's discretion.

5. Voting and ballots

A. General

- i. Voting at NWC shall take place in line with the procedures outlined below.

B. Voting on resolutions

- i. Voting on resolutions, reports and proposals shall be by a show of hands. Where a show of hands is unclear a card vote can be called at the discretion of the chair.

C. Voting on constitutional amendments

- i. Voting on constitutional amendments shall be by card vote.

6. The Women's Conference Arrangements Committee (WCAC)

A. The role of the WCAC

- i. The WCAC shall mirror the responsibilities for the Conference Arrangements Committee outlined in Chapter 3, Clause II.2 of the Labour Party Rule Book

B. The WCAC Report

- i. The WCAC Report shall set out the timetable for NWC. Delegates may speak from the floor for up to one minute on the WCAC Report, prior to a vote being taken.
- ii. Should conference vote not to accept the WCAC Report, the Chair of the WCAC shall report back to the WCAC, and a new Report will be prepared. In such circumstances, the Chair of NWC shall move that Conference continues on the timetable published, up until a revised Report is produced.
- iii. Should the motion on continuing with the timetable published fall, Conference will be suspended up until a revised report is published.

7. Suspension of standing orders

A. Procedural motion to suspend a standing order

- i. Any motion to suspend standing orders may only be moved on behalf of the NEC. Any such motion to suspend standing orders must specify which standing order is proposed to be suspended.
- ii. Code of conduct – the WCAC shall publish a code of conduct which sets out expected standards of behaviour and conduct for all delegates, ex officio members, visitors, and members of staff. The Chair of Conference shall have the right to remove any member from National Women's Conference for breaches of the code of conduct. Any member so removed shall only be eligible to re-join National Women's Conference with the written permission of the WCAC.
- iii. Amendments to standing orders – amendments to these standing orders to meet the challenges of conducting a conference online may be agreed by the

Chair of the Organisation Sub-Committee or an NEC member nominated to act on his/her behalf on the recommendation of the WCAC.

APPENDIX 2 – CODE OF CONDUCT

NATIONAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE – DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Introduction & Scope

1.1 This code of conduct forms part of an agreement between all delegates, ex officio members, visitors, members of staff and elected representatives to NWC and represents the minimum level of conduct expected.

1.2 The code of conduct should be read in conjunction with all parts of the Labour Party Rule Book and the Party’s various codes of conduct.

1.3 The scope of this code of conduct extends to the whole of Conference including but not exclusively to Conference debates on motions, compositing meetings and any other break-out sessions.

2. Delegates to National Women’s Conference

2.1 All delegates, sent to represent their respective organisations should behave in a professional and courteous manner at all times.

2.2 Delegates must follow the procedures agreed by the NEC and WCAC including the standing orders and WCAC Report.

2.3 When making speeches, all delegates must use language which is appropriate and is not bullying, offensive, intimidating or discriminatory on the grounds of: age; disability; gender reassignment, gender identity; race; religion or belief; sex, sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership; or due to a person’s pregnancy.

2.4 Any delegate or ex-officio making a speech should not wear any garment that could be considered offensive or display provocative banners or flags whilst addressing Conference.

2.5 Delegates should maintain appropriate conduct and avoid threatening or potentially violent behaviour that may lead to children or adults at risk feeling anxious or frightened by behaviour during National Women’s Conference.

2.6 Harassment, intimidation, hateful language and bullying are never acceptable.

2.7 The use of sexualised language or imagery, and unwelcome sexual attention or advances are not acceptable, nor is the publishing of others’ private information without their explicit permission.

2.8 Trolling, or otherwise disrupting the ability of others to take part in National Women's Conference is not acceptable, nor is consistently mentioning or making contact with others when the contact is unwelcome.

2.9 One-on-one video calls with children and adults at risk are strictly prohibited.

2.10 Aggressive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated towards members of staff. Delegates must approach all staff working at National Women's Conference in a calm, friendly and professional manner.

2.11 Delegates must adhere to the Labour Party's social media code of conduct when commenting about National Women's Conference on social media.

2.12 Delegates wishing to speak must do so by following the procedures laid down by the WCAC. If the Chair has chosen to take speakers from the floor all

delegates should indicate by a method agreed by the WCAC.

2.13 Not all delegates will be chosen to speak, therefore all delegates should be patient and courteous whilst waiting as well as respectful of the Chair's decision.

3. Points of order

3.1 Delegates must raise a point of order in line with the National Women's Conference Standing Orders and via a method laid down by the Women's Conference Arrangement Committee.

3.2 Only points of order deemed legitimate by the Chair will be taken and presented to Conference.

3.3 If a point of order has been deemed illegitimate by the Chair it will not be raised to conference floor. However, if several delegates raise the same illegitimate point of order the Chair may choose to inform Conference of the illegitimate point of order and their reasoning for not accepting it.

4. Visitors to National Women's Conference

4.1 All visitors in attendance to National Women's Conference shall behave in a professional and courteous manner at all times.

5. Breach of the code of conduct

5.1 Abusing someone online is just as serious as doing so face to face. We stand against all forms of abuse and will take action against those who commit it. Any member found in breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with according to the rules and procedures of the Labour Party.

5.2 In addition any member alleged to have breached this code of conduct may be removed and excluded from part or all of the National Women's Conference event.

5.3 Any decision to remove or exclude a delegate or visitor from Conference shall be made by the Chair of the WCAC in conjunction with the Executive Director of the Governance & Legal Unit

APPENDIX 3 – MOTIONS

Below are the motions successful in the Priorities Ballot.

GROUP SUBJECT: DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Protection orders to be considered in all domestic abuse cases

Conference notes:

1. 72% of victims in domestic abuse criminal cases are women.
1. The typical sentence is a prison sentence for a limited period or community order to try and change behaviour.
2. On top of this – there are other possible add-ons.
3. For instance, in abuse cases, the court is obliged by law to either make a compensation order or it must give reasons why it isn't ordering compensation. To inform that decision, the victim has a right to be consulted. They might not want compensation.
4. Another 'on top' order is a protective order. This can include terms such as excluding the perpetrator from a particular area or areas to keep well away from the victim – enforced possibly by electronic monitoring.
5. Amazingly, unlike compensation, there's no obligation on the court to consider a protection order and no victim's right to have this explained to them before court so they can give their views.

This conference calls on the Labour government to:

6. Demonstrate its commitment to VAWG by doing something we can actually see. Not just words, but real action.
7. Amend the victim's charter – not just a right to be told about compensation before court, but a right to be told about the possibility of a protection order.
8. Amend the law – so, just like compensation, the court must consider a protective order in every domestic abuse case. If not made – reasons must be given. Relying on keen police or court initiative isn't enough!

Submitted by: Leeds North East CLP

GROUP SUBJECT: MATERNITY SERVICES

Raising standards in maternity care

Conference notes the 'Independent Review of Maternity Services at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust' (the Ockenden Review) and earlier reviews of maternity services in Shrewsbury and Telford and Morecombe Bay.

Conference notes significant failings in care, accountability and transparency described in the report, together with broader inequalities relating to maternity care. Black women die at more than twice the rate of white women; women in deprived areas also experience worse outcomes. Stillbirths are still above pre-pandemic levels and maternal deaths are at a 20-year high.

Conference notes that clinical negligence costs the NHS almost the same in compensation as it spends on the delivery of maternity care and half the cost arises from failings in maternity care.

Conference resolves the Government should:

- Ensure a standard of safe, equitable NHS maternity care, characterised by systemic equity, empathetic leadership and individualised care.
- Invest urgently in maternity services, ensuring safe staffing levels and regular mandatory training.
- Embed cultural competence and inclusive communication in CQC-assessed mandatory training in all NHS services.
- Ensure the Immediate and Essential Actions identified by Ockenden are implemented in full.
- Ensure the extension of Martha's Rule to maternity settings is implemented in full.
- Undertake a full national review to develop NHS maternity services fit for the future.
- Strengthen NHS processes, from ensuring staff survey concerns are investigated and acted upon, to reporting notifiable safety incidents fully and accurately.
- Implement the Hillsborough Law, enforcing a public duty of candour and ensuring accountability from public services.

Submitted by: Nottingham South CLP

GROUP SUBJECT: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Violence Against Women and Girls

Women's conference notes that violence against women and girls (VAWG) is a national emergency. One in eight women experienced domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking in the year ending March 2025. Too many victims still face barriers to reporting abuse, accessing support, and securing justice.

Women's conference believes that every woman and girl deserves to live free from violence and abuse. Women's conference welcomes the Labour Government's commitment to halving violence against women and girls within a decade.

Women's conference welcomes the Government's £1 billion investment over three years to support victims, including: £8.7 million funding announced in August 2026 for Rape Crisis England and Wales' 24/7 helpline; £550 million for specialist victim and witness services; £499 million for safe accommodation for domestic abuse victims.

Women's conference supports: the national rollout of Raneem's Law; the rollout of domestic Abuse Protection Orders; specialist rape and sexual offence teams in every police force; the expanded Victims' Right to Review scheme for rape and serious sexual offences; swifter justice for victims.

Women's conference notes that while Labour has the most ambitious plan to tackle VAWG, Reform UK has deeply outdated attitudes towards women and no credible strategy to tackle violence against women and girls. Women's conference believes tackling VAWG requires society to come together: preventing violence before it starts, bearing down on perpetrators and ensuring victims are supported.

Submitted by: Ely and East Cambridgeshire CLP

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls in the Night-time Economy

This conference notes that young women in particular face higher rates of harassment in the night time economy. Action must be taken to combat all forms of violence and unacceptable behaviours young women face in public spaces, including spiking and stalking.

As part of the Labour Government's mission to tackle the national emergency of violence against women and girls, this motion calls for:

- Improved national standards across Higher and Further education for consent training and sexual harassment awareness, aiming to eradicate misogyny while providing practical guidance on responding to harassment.
- Coordinated public safety measures: investment in modern street lighting, reliable night-time transport, and accessible monitored emergency help points.
- Mandatory safety training for all staff at night life venues and working in public transport, equipping them to identify signs of spiking, spot harassment, and execute safe intervention procedures.

Submitted by: Young Labour

GROUP SUBJECT: WOMEN IN POLITICS

Protecting and Extending Women's Representation

Women's Conference notes that:

1. Labour has outperformed other major political parties in the representation of women in elected office because it has recognised that systemic barriers require sustained action and political commitment.
2. The Labour Party has a proud history of advancing women's representation through positive action measures, including All Women Shortlists.
3. Increased representation of women in elected office has helped secure real improvements in women's lives. This progress is neither inevitable nor permanent.
4. Women continue to face disproportionate levels of abuse, intimidation, and harassment as candidates and elected representatives, and online misogyny and abuse are creating additional barriers to women's participation in public life.
5. Such abuse poses a threat not only to individual women but to representative democracy itself by discouraging participation, inhibiting diversity among candidates and creating barriers to public service.
6. The legislative provisions that enable positive action measures such as AWS are currently due to expire in 2030.

Women's Conference resolves that:

1. Women's Conference welcomes the Government's commitment to implement Section 106 of the Equality Act 2010 and calls for this to be delivered at the earliest opportunity, ensuring the regular publication of diversity data by political parties.
2. The Labour Government should commit to ensuring that positive action measures to improve women's political representation remain lawful so that progress is not reversed.
3. The Labour Government should implement, monitor and, where necessary, strengthen recent legal changes to protect candidates and elected representatives from abuse, intimidation and threats.

Submitted by: Labour Women's Network

Safety of women in local government

Women in public life have experienced growing hatred, abuse and intimidation in recent years, with women in local government particularly vulnerable due to relatively lower levels of security provision and high levels of visibility and accessibility.

Conference notes:

- Over 70% of Councillors have experienced abuse or intimidation in a 12- month period, with a quarter experiencing death threats, 1 in 10 facing inappropriate visits to their home, 1 in 20 being stalked and 3% experiencing physical violence in relation to their duties
- 84% of female Councillors feel at risk when fulfilling their role
- 32% of women standing down cite possible abuse as a factor in their decision
- Much of the abuse received by Councillors begins in council chambers and is amplified in online spaces
- Women of colour and those with disabilities are most likely to be targeted

Conference welcomes:

- Provisions in the Representation of the People Bill to make hostility towards campaigners an aggravating factor for the purposes of sentencing
- An end to the default publication of Councillors' home addresses in England
- The extension of Operation Bridger to Members of the House of Lords

Conference calls for:

- Consistent implementation of Operation Ford across all police forces to give women in local government across the country confidence that complaints will be investigated and taken seriously
- The Government to bring forwards pledged legislation to strengthen the Standards regime in England – putting an end to an environment in which their Council colleagues feel able to act with impunity

Submitted by: LLRG

GROUP SUBJECT : WOMEN SLEEPING ROUGH

Extend Use of the Women's Rough Sleeping Census

Conference notes:

- On 18/08/2026 Andy Burnham announced increased funding of £442 million, to bring rough sleepers indoors this winter, but also to give people facing long-term homelessness a settled home.
- Housing Secretary Angela Rayner added: 'The guidance will make clear the need to ensure adequate and accessible provision for women experiencing rough sleeping, recognising that women are often underrepresented in official statistics and may be at greater risk of violence, abuse, and exploitation. Guidance encourages local areas to consider single sex accommodation with specialist, intensive and trauma informed support, for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. This will support the government's commitment to halve violence against women and girls in the next ten years.
- The reason for the under-representation of women experiencing rough sleeping is that it is often intermittent and shaped by the need for self-protection, e.g. by sofa surfing, sleeping in night buses, hospital waiting rooms, cars, abandoned buildings.
- The Women's Rough Sleeping Census, from Single Homeless Project and Solace Women's Aid with other partners, provides a gender-informed approach. Their 2025 Census identified 1,406 women across 101 LAS, with some areas recording many times more women than official counts.

We believe:

- Labour's commitment to tackling women's homelessness calls for accurate data.

We call on the Government to:

- Make participation in the annual Women's Rough Sleeping Census a requirement for all Local Authorities
- Ensure the findings inform provision
- Provide the necessary resources under Labour's homelessness programme.

Submitted by: Gateshead Central and Whickham

GROUP SUBJECT : WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' SAFETY IN EDUCATION

Motion for the Labour Party Women's Conference September 2026 Addressing Sexism and Sexual Harassment in Schools

Conference notes:

- Sexism and sexual harassment in schools and colleges are persistent and widespread problems.
- A recent BBC report highlighted a film made by schoolgirls about the sexist language they experience at school and online, including boys making a 'rape list'.
- A 2024 survey found that 1 in 10 female school support staff had experienced sexual harassment.
- Almost a quarter of female teachers who took part in a 2026 union survey said they have been the target of misogyny from a pupil over the previous 12 months.

Conference believes:

- Sexism and sexual harassment in educational institutions are crises requiring a systemic response.
- Sexism and sexual harassment are fuelled and exacerbated by the proliferation and influence of online pornography and misogyny.
- Schools and colleges should be supported to take a whole school approach to address sexism and sexual harassment.

Conference calls on Labour to develop policies which:

- Require all education settings to implement whole school approaches to address sexism and sexual harassment.
- Provide practical resources and support. • Ringfence funding for experienced specialist organisations to deliver tailored, impactful support and training.
- Require mandatory safeguarding training on whole school approaches
- Undertake informed efforts to shift institutional cultures towards intolerance of sexism and sexual harassment.
- Establish robust systems to collect data on the scale, nature and impact of sexism and sexual harassment in education settings.
- Strengthen laws on online harms and ensure robust regulation of technology platforms, including punitive financial penalties for non-compliance.

Submitted by: Bristol Central

Tackling VAWG in Education

Conference notes that:

- Sexual assault and harassment of female students remains endemic in higher and further education, with a 2025 survey by the Office for Students finding that 24.5% of all final year undergraduates have experienced sexual harassment since beginning their studies.
- This same survey found that women were nearly three times more likely to experience sexual harassment than men and more than twice as likely to experience sexual violence
- Of those students who reported experiencing at least one incident of sexual harassment in the last twelve months, over half said that some or all of the incidents took place in a university or college setting

Conference believes that:

- Every student has the right to be protected from sexual misconduct in their place of education, and to feel able to report incidents of sexual misconduct
- Tackling the culture of sexual harassment that prevails in educational settings should form an integral part of the government's mission to halt violence against women and girls within a decade

Therefore, Conference calls on the Government to:

- Encourage the further rollout of specialist Sexual Violence/Misconduct Liaison Officers and specialist caseworkers across the higher and further education sectors, helping to ensure students have confidence that reported incidents will be dealt with sensitively and quickly
- Work with educational providers and the Office for Students to increase the reporting and mapping of incidents of sexual misconduct
- Explore routes to improve the provision of welfare support for victims and survivors of sexual misconduct across educational settings

Submitted by: Labour Students

APPENDIX 4 – RESULTS OF THE PRIORITIES BALLOT

Subject	CLPs	Affiliates
Violence Against Women and Girls	13,278	305,479
Domestic Abuse and the Justice System	11,933	1,392
Women Sleeping Rough	4,011	6,129
Dormant Assets Scheme	4,102	0
Women's and Girls' Safety in Education	9,364	304,375
International Law	6,165	650
Maternity Services	8,908	3,146
Women in Politics	7,731	301,392

APPENDIX 5 – NATIONAL WOMEN’S COMMITTEE – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

National Women’s Committee – CLP Section

Alison Gray

I have been a single mum for thirteen years, worked for 31 years as a teacher and cared for my elderly Mum for several years. I am currently one of only five Labour Councillors in County Durham, gaining a seat from the Conservatives in the May 2025 elections. I sit on the Regional Executive as a CLP representative. Through these experiences, I know only too well the challenges women face in politics.

I work hard to ensure my CLP and branch is focused on Women’s Issues and that we strengthen the voice of women at every opportunity. I am proud to have represented the North-East on the National Women’s Committee for two years, where we have some brilliant women MPs and organisers.

I am a passionate believer in making younger female members of the Labour Party aware of the possibilities for women in the Party, and using my knowledge gained as a community activist and as a local councillor, help them progress as politicians and activists in the future.

I will be supporting and promoting important legislation to give better protections for working women; fulfill our manifesto pledge to halve violence against women and girls in a decade; and help

Nominations

Bassetlaw, Battersea, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Castle Point, Chingford and Woodford Green, Croydon South, Dulwich and West Norwood, Ealing North, Ellesmere Port and Bromborough, Feltham and Heston, Halesowen, Hammersmith and Chiswick, Hendon, Huntingdon, Ilford North, Ilford South, Lewisham East, Lewisham West & East Dulwich, Mid Sussex, Mitcham and Morden, Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West, North Durham, Northampton South, Old Bexley & Sidcup, Orpington, Selby, Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough, South Basildon and East Thurrock, Streatham & Croydon North, Vauxhall and Camberwell Green, West Bromwich

Angela Morey

I would be honoured to join the National Women’s Committee.

I care deeply about making sure women’s voices are heard, valued and supported at every level of our party.

I am chair of my CLP, a District Councillor, Women’s officer for South West, LLRC rep, member of Unison, and have been involved in local politics & campaigning for several years.

Like many women, my political life has been built around work, caring responsibilities, school runs & late-night WhatsApp groups, often all at once!

Through this, I've seen how much stronger we are when women are encouraged to step forward, supported to stay involved, & trusted with leadership.

I know how hard it can be to find the time, confidence and space to get involved, and how easily women can be overlooked or quietly drop out. I am particularly passionate about supporting women who don't always see themselves reflected in politics, and helping to create welcoming, realistic pathways into participation & leadership.

If elected, I would bring a thoughtful, supportive and collaborative approach to the committee: because none of us have come this far just to come this far.

Nominations

Bassetlaw, Battersea, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Birmingham Perry Barr, Bristol Central, Bristol North East, Bristol North West, Bristol South, Castle Point, Chingford and Woodford Green, Chippenham, Croydon South, Dulwich and West Norwood, Ellesmere Port and Bromborough, Feltham and Heston, Halesowen, Hammersmith and Chiswick, Hendon, Huntingdon, Ilford North, Ilford South, Isle of Wight East, Lewisham East, Lewisham West & East Dulwich, Mid Sussex, Mitcham and Morden, Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West, North Durham, Northampton South, Old Bexley & Sidcup, Orpington, Selby, Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough, South Basildon and East Thurrock, South Basildon and East Thurrock, St Ives, Streatham & Croydon North, Taunton and Wellington, Vauxhall and Camberwell Green, West Bromwich

Ann Henderson

I am a member of East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs CLP. With experience over many years of Party activity, at local and national level, I am seeking support for election to the National Labour Women's Committee as a way in which I can contribute to building an effective Labour women's organisation.

Previously I have served on the NEC, chaired the NEC Equalities committee, and participated in the Women's Committee. I have also been a member of the Scottish Executive and the Scottish Labour Women's Committee in the past. I am currently a GMB member. From Glasgow Maryhill Labour Women's Section in the 1980s to organising with women in the trade union movement today, I believe that the Labour Party is stronger with a policy-making National Labour Women's Organisation. Party democracy matters.

We need well-evidenced policies which are founded on the reality of women's lives.

- A well-resourced Labour Women's Committee, working on the campaigns and priorities set by women members.
- Regular updates to all women members
- Policy-making Annual women's Conference, at national level and in Scotland and Wales

Nominations

Aberdeen Central, Aberdeen Deeside & North Kincardine, Ceredigion Preseli, City of Durham, Coatbridge and Chryston, Dundee City East, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard, East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs, Edinburgh Central, Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith, Edinburgh Southern, Gateshead Central and Whickham, Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok, Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill, Glasgow Southside, Gower, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Hayes and Harlington, Keighley and Ilkley, Luton North, Luton South and South Bedfordshire, Mid Bedfordshire, Renfrewshire North and Cardonald, Richmond Park, Tottenham

Caoimhe Ni Dhonaill

So many issues that face us today as a country have a profound effect on women in particular: insufficient mental health care and adult social care, a benefit system that leaves many in poverty, the lack of good

quality, affordable housing, and the casualisation of the workforce and the eroding of the rights of workers. The Women's Conference is an important opportunity for all Labour women to discuss these and other critical issues. I will work to ensure that women

from across Labour have their voices heard, especially those that have been historically marginalised: intersectional feminism is key to a successful party.

I am a trade unionist, and am the Equalities Officer in my workplace branch of Unite. I'm also Women's Officer and Policy Officer in Ely and East Cambridgeshire CLP. I sit on my local parish council where I chair

the personnel, finance and governance committee.

I am proud to be supported by the Centre Left Grassroots Alliance. Please also support Jean Crocker, Rathi Guhadasan, and Sandra Wyman.

Nominations

Brent East, Broxbourne, Calder Valley, City of Durham, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard, Ely and East Cambridgeshire, Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Hayes and Harlington, Keighley and Ilkley, Leeds East, Leeds North East, Leeds West and Pudsey, Luton North, Luton South and South Bedfordshire, Oxford West and Abingdon, Stockton North

Catherine MacLean

The Labour Party has been a huge part of my life and growth as a campaigner since I was 15 – but it hasn't always protected and supported women around me.

That includes trans women in the party. I believe that all women within the party deserve safeguarding, whether that be protection from sexual harassment or from bigotry.

As a former national Young Labour and Labour Students representative, I would also work with YLNC and NLSC to make sure our youth structures safe places for young women and girls to first enter politics

I'm a longtime campaigner and policy specialist focusing on misogyny and LGBTQ+ rights: I would bring these values to the National Labour Women's Committee. I'm standing to fight for a Labour Party that aligns with the values of emancipation, solidarity and acceptance that have been vital to our politics for decades.

Our priorities:

- Full inclusion of trans sisters in our party.
- Working with party leadership to tackle the "boys' club" culture.
- Improved approach to safeguarding, particularly for young members.
- A standalone, democratic, annual Women's Conference.

Please support the other Labour Women United candidates.

Nominations

Ashton-under-Lyne, Bristol Central, Bristol South, Broxbourne, Ealing Central and Acton, Ealing Central and Acton, East Wiltshire, Godalming and Ash, Hertford and Stortford, Islington South and Finsbury, Leeds Central and Headingley, Leeds South, Loughborough, Oxford East, Oxford West and Abingdon, Rushcliffe, Wycombe

Emine Ibrahim

I have been an active member of the Labour party for many years. I served as a Labour Cllr on Haringey Council for 12 years between 2014 -2026. I have served as Deputy leader of Haringey, Chair of the National Constitutional Committee and a member of London regional executive. I have a strong track record of representing ordinary party members and will bring a wealth of experience to the National Women's Committee. I would like to use my voice to ensure that women are at the centre of the policy making which affects us. Policy must be rooted in the reality of women's lives and a strong democratically functioning, campaigning and well resource NWC can make a difference

Nominations

Ceredigion Preseli, City of Durham, Dundee City East, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard, Gower, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Hayes and Harlington, Keighley and Ilkley, Luton North, Luton South and South Bedfordshire, Richmond Park, Tottenham

Jean Crocker

Labour women's voices are essential to policy changes and vibrant campaigns that will attract more voters and members

If elected I'll press for the National Women's Committee (NWC) to have resources to fulfil their whole role, to include:

- Engaging with Women's Branches/Forums, so they inform our recommendations to the Party
- Demanding a two-day Annual Women's Conference, with good time for women to exchange experiences and successes and propose policy changes; with all motions passed going on the NWC agenda
- Multiplying Women's Branches and Regional Women's Committees

I'll be available to women members and constantly, reliably seek the best.

- Women's Conference Arrangements Committee seven years, Vice-Chair for two
- Gateshead Central and Whickham CLP: Women's Branch Secretary, Branch Vice-Chair, Executive
- Co-Vice-Chair, Campaign for Labour Party Democracy (CLPD)
- Committee, Labour Women Leading (LWL)
- Member, Disability Labour, Momentum, Unite Community
- University and College Union – campaigned successfully for precariously employed, including many women; Chair Anti-Casualisation Committee; Disabled Members' Committee; NEC.

Proud of support from CLGA, CLPD, LWL

Please also support Rathí Guhadasan (L1362546), Caoimhe Ni Dhonaill (L1964420) Sandra Wyman (L1640558), Ann Henderson (A279236) and Emine Ibrahim (L0150489)

Nominations

Birmingham Perry Barr, Blaydon and Consett, Brent East, Bristol South, Broxbourne, Calder Valley, City of Durham, Colchester, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard, Gateshead Central and Whickham, Gateshead Central and Whickham, Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Halifax, Hayes and Harlington, Keighley and Ilkley, Leeds Central and Headingley, Leeds East, Leeds North East, Leeds South, Leeds West and Pudsey, Luton North, Luton South and South Bedfordshire, Oxford West and Abingdon, Stockton North

Lucy Smith

I joined the Labour Party over 30 years ago and have worked tirelessly for gender quality, as a CLP women's officer and a trade unionist. I want to use this experience to help the Labour party as we prepare for the next General Election.

It is a fact we must celebrate that there are now more women MPs than Conservatives showing that if we can get women's voices heard in Parliament but we must keep going. If elected, I will ensure we maintain women's representation at every level, in local government and party structures. It is vital we have a programme of training and mentoring in place for the next generation of women, and strong networks for women locally and across the country so we can support one another.

It is through Labour women that we will continue to build links with women in our communities, so we can be their voice on issues that matter, from climate change to the cost of living. The role of women's conference must take centre stage as a platform to progress these policies and make sure women are at the heart of our party and our Government.

Nominations

Bassetlaw, Battersea, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Birmingham Perry Barr, Bristol South, Castle Point, Chingford and Woodford Green, Croydon South, Dulwich and West Norwood, Ealing North, Ellesmere Port and Bromborough, Feltham and Heston, Halesowen, Halifax, Hammersmith and Chiswick, Hendon, Huntingdon, Ilford North, Ilford South, Lewisham East, Lewisham West & East Dulwich, Mid Sussex, Mitcham and Morden, Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West, North Durham, Northampton South Old Bexley & Sidcup, Orpington, Selby, South Basildon and East Thurrock, Streatham & Croydon North, Vauxhall and Camberwell Green, West Bromwich

Lynne Troughton

I am a Labour councillor, lifelong feminist, lesbian, mother and grandmother, with decades of experience organising within the Labour Party.

Women's concerns are still often dismissed, minimised or talked over. This weakens women's participation and undermines trust in our democratic structures.

Labour must uphold women as a sex class in law, in line with the Equality Act, and ensure women's rights to dignity, safety and freedom of expression are respected. Most voters agree women should not be forced to share intimate spaces or sporting competition with males, and should be able to speak openly without intimidation.

Priorities

I will work to:

- Rebuild strong women's structures within Labour, including a standalone Women's Conference with real policy-making power,
- Defend women's sex-based rights in law and ensure Labour policy is applied lawfully and consistently,
- Challenge misogyny and homophobia within the Party and promote respectful, evidence-based debate,
- Ensure women's voices and experience shape Labour policy, particularly on safety, work, healthcare and caring responsibilities.

Labour must be a party where women can organise, speak and lead as equals. I will work to make that a reality.

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Please also support Miriam Rice B013649

[Supported by Labour Women's Declaration]

Nominations

Aberdeen Central, Bristol Central, Bromley and Biggin Hill, Ceredigion Preseli, Dundee City East, Farnham and Bordon, Godalming and Ash, Gower, Mid Bedfordshire, Richmond Park, Sunderland Central, Tottenham, Wycombe

Miriam Rice

I am a Labour and Co-operative councillor in West London, where I have served my community for eight years. My casework keeps me closely connected to the realities many women face – particularly single mothers balancing caring responsibilities, insecure work and rising costs. I am continually struck by their resilience and determination.

I am standing because I want to bring practical campaigning experience into Labour's women's structures. I am not afraid to ask difficult questions or to push against the structural misogyny increasingly identified within our party and wider society.

Priorities

I will work to:

Ensure women and girls can rely on their rights as set out in law, including access to single-sex services and safe, decent healthcare

Advocate for women made vulnerable by poverty, caring responsibilities, exploitation or abuse

Strengthen women's representation and influence within Labour's policy-making and decision-making structures

Support clear, lawful implementation of Labour policy so women are not left to enforce their rights alone

Labour should be a party that listens to women's experience and translates equality into practical change. I am standing to help make that happen.

Please also support Lynne Troughton A649176

Nominations

Bromley and Biggin Hill, Bristol Central, Ceredigion Preseli, Chipping Barnet, Dundee City East, Ealing Central and Acton, Ealing North, Farnham and Bordon, Godalming and Ash, Gower, Isle of Wight East, Mid Bedfordshire, Richmond Park, Sunderland Central, Wycombe

Nazia Rehman

It is my privilege to ask for your endorsement to represent you on the National Women's Committee. I am Leader of Wigan Council. For 10 years, I've served as a councillor and, for 8, as Wigan Council's Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, and Transformation. I've seen the power of women to transform communities and inspire future generations to step into public life.

As a Chartered Accountant, I understand the deep-rooted financial inequalities women face. I've used every platform I've been given to champion inclusion and equality.

As part of the UK delegation to the Council of Europe, I serve as the spokesperson for gender equality, tackling critical issues like violence against women in politics, the suffering of women and children in war zones such as Ukraine, and defending the democratic right to vote and stand for election. As Chair of the Social Inclusion Committee, I push for more women in leadership and resilient protections against gender-based violence.

I feel privileged to belong to Labour Women's Network.

A proud Labour member for 16 years, a member of GMB and Co-operative Party, I've campaigned nationally and locally. With your support, I'll continue striving for a more equal society, where women and girls

Nominations

Bassetlaw, Battersea, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Birmingham Perry Barr, Castle Point, Chingford and Woodford Green, Croydon South, Dulwich and West Norwood, Ealing North, Ellesmere Port and Bromborough, Feltham and Heston, Halesowen, Hammersmith and Chiswick, Hendon, Huntingdon, Ilford North, Ilford South, Lewisham East, Lewisham West & East Dulwich, Mid Sussex, Mitcham and Morden, Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West, North Durham, Northampton South, Old Bexley & Sidcup, Orpington, Selby, Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough, Streatham & Croydon North, Vauxhall and Camberwell Green, West Bromwich

Nikki Belfield

Like many of us, I owe much of my politics to amazing women I've known: in my family, through my unions, at work in the public sector and politics, on picket lines, at protests and in the pub.

Having been raised by feminist lesbians in the 80s (think Greenham Common visits and women's group meetings in our living room), I thought I knew what feminism was.

But then a few years ago I took a breath, put my assumptions aside, and started listening to trans women about what they are going through.

It dawned on me: maybe there's more to learn?

(Not a bad thing to happen when you're middle aged).

Our unions are strong on this issue; our party must be too.

That's why I'm standing under the banner of 'Labour Women United'.

Our priorities:

- Full inclusion of trans sisters in our party.
- Working with party leadership to tackle the "boys' club" culture.
- Improved approach to safeguarding, particularly for young members.
- A standalone, democratic, annual Women's Conference.

My experience:

- 10+ years working for UNISON.
- Labour/Co-operative councillor
- CLP Chair.
- GMB and NUJ member.
- Regional Board.
- Managed politicians' offices/teams.

Please support the other Labour Women United candidates.

Nominations

Ashton-under-Lyne, Bristol Central, Broxbourne, Ealing Central and Acton, Ealing Central and Acton, East Wiltshire, Godalming and Ash, Hertford and Stortford, Islington South and Finsbury, Leeds Central and Headingley, Leeds South, Loughborough, Nottingham South, Oxford East, Rushcliffe, Wycombe

Odiri Erheriene-essi

I'm standing for the National Women's Committee because I'm keen to help grow the Labour movement amongst women nationally, support women members, and advise our Party on women's political involvement.

The Labour Party has an impressive track record on widening political participation as the party of equality. But there is still work to do to increase women's representation at all levels. Having attended the Women's Conference several times, it was always rewarding to have space to discuss key issues. If I were a Committee member, I'd be active in shaping future Women's Conferences.

As a councillor and Cabinet Member for Business, Jobs & Skills, I work hard to deliver Lewisham's mission of building an inclusive economy. This includes helping women to start their own businesses, and to stay in business.

As a former financial journalist, I joined newsroom campaigns to promote gender parity in our reporting. That meant ensuring we actively sought out more women experts when we needed a quote, in order to widen women's representation in the media.

I'm a member of UNISON, LCID, Labour Women's Network, and am proud of what Labour has done for women since entering government. I'd like to support that work further.

Nominations

Bassetlaw, Battersea, Bermondsey and Old Southwark, Castle Point, Chingford and Woodford Green, Croydon South, Dulwich and West Norwood, Ealing North, Ellesmere Port and Bromborough, Feltham and Heston, Halesowen, Hammersmith and Chiswick, Hendon, Huntingdon, Ilford North, Ilford South, Lewisham East, Lewisham North, Lewisham North, Lewisham West & East Dulwich, Mid Sussex, Mitcham and Morden, Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West, North Durham, Northampton South, Old Bexley & Sidcup, Orpington, Selby, South Basildon and East Thurrock, Streatham & Croydon North, Vauxhall and Camberwell Green, West Bromwich

Rathi Guhadasan

I chair the Socialist Health Association (SHA), a Labour affiliate, having previously served as Vice Chair and London Branch Secretary and led on areas of policy development such as maternity care. I have held CLP and ward officer positions and been CLP and SHA delegate to Labour Party Women's and Annual Conference.

I campaign for reinstatement of a publicly provided national health service. Women remain disadvantaged throughout society, from work and pensions to health and social care. Mothers, babies and families continue to be failed by a broken system which doesn't listen to women. In the 6th richest country in the world, maternal mortality is rising and children's health is declining, through political choice. If elected, I would promote policies that address root causes of these problems and advocate for a stand-alone 2-day Women's Conference so that these issues can be properly debated by the thousands of brilliant women in the Labour movement – but such a conference must be inclusive of all women, including transgender women. I am proud to be supported by Momentum and the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance. Please also support Caoimhe Ni Dhonaill, Jean Crocker, and Sandra Wyman.

Nominations

Brent East, Broxbourne, Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Leeds Central and Headingley, Leeds East, Leeds North East, Leeds South, Leeds West and Pudsey, Oxford West and Abingdon, Stockton North

Sagal Abdi-Wali

I am proud to be seeking re-election to the Labour Party's National Women's Committee after serving as Chair for the past two years. It has been an immense privilege to represent and advocate for Labour women, ensuring that our voices are heard at every level of the Party.

During my tenure, I have worked tirelessly to strengthen our collective voice, push for policies that improve women's lives, and ensure that Labour remains the party of equality and social justice. We have fought for better representation, addressed key issues affecting women, and built a strong network of activists committed to change. But there is still more to do, and the work must continue.

I will continue to champion policies that tackle gender inequality, secure greater inclusion for all women in our movement, work with our Labour government to deliver for women, and ensure that the National Women's Committee remains a force for positive change. Together we can build on the progress we have made and keep pushing for a Labour Party that truly represents and uplifts all women.

Please also vote for Ese Erheriene, Alison Gray, Angela Morey, Nazia Rehman, Lucy Smith alongside me thank you.

Nominations

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Sandra Wyman

Living in a multiracial area and in a city with strong LGBT+ communities I prioritise inclusiveness and intersectionality. Pre-retirement I was involved in researching the language and training needs of migrant women in Leeds and in work on domestic violence, representing Leeds LEA on Leeds Inter Agency Project and as initiator of NUT policy carried forward by others when I had to take ill-health retirement.

I strongly support the return to a two day Conference preferably in hybrid format allowing more women to participate.

Currently I'm Leeds North East CLP Disability Officer and Women's Forum member, Trade Union Liaison Officer of Disability Labour and a Committee member of Labour Women Leading.

Previously I was: a teacher and NUT activist; NUT National Equality (Women and Girls) Committee member; Leeds Local Education Authority Equality (Women and Girls) Officer. Currently I'm an active member of Unite Community and an observer delegate to Leeds TUC. I have also written a number of articles on Women's and Disability issues.

I am proud to be supported by Momentum, Centre Left Grassroots Alliance and Labour Women Leading.

Please also support Rathi Guhadasan (L1362546), Jean Crocker (L1306356) and Caoimhe Ní Dhónaill (L1964420).

Nominations

Brent East, Broxbourne, Calder Valley, City of Durham, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard, Gateshead Central and Whickham, Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill, Hackney South and Shoreditch, Hayes and Harlington, Keighley and Ilkley, Leeds Central and Headingley, Leeds East, Leeds North East, Leeds South, Leeds West and Pudsey, Luton North, Luton South and South Bedfordshire, Oxford East, Oxford West and Abingdon, Stockton North

Saranya Thambirajah

I'm a young queer woman of colour, active in politics and Labour since my teens, with intersectional feminism at the heart of what I do. As Vice President for Liberation and Equality for the National Union of Students, I've represented women and marginalised communities at all levels. I'm a proud Labour member, but I'm standing for Labour Women United because I believe our party must do better for all women, including our trans sisters.

I've campaigned nationally to end the culture war on trans rights. For most young women, trans identities are not up for debate. We're tired of seeing a vulnerable minority weaponised, while misogyny and violence against women and girls continue to rise. I represent the generation that knows trans women are our sisters, and that the real threat is sexism and male violence.

As misogynistic, far-right politics rise, our party must go above and beyond to empower women, tackle outdated cultures, and ensure robust safeguarding.

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Nominations

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Sree Radhika Settipalli

I, Sree Radhika Settipalli, am standing for the National Women's Committee because I believe women's voices should not only be heard but should help shape decisions, influence policy, and drive the future of our Party.

Throughout my professional and community life, I have worked to advance equality, opportunity, and inclusion. As a Human Resources leader, I specialise in people development, safeguarding, workplace equality, and creating environments where individuals can reach their full potential. Alongside this, I serve as an NSPCC Committee Member and School Governor, contributing to safeguarding, strategic leadership, and the wellbeing of children and young people.

I have seen first-hand the barriers that can prevent women from progressing and fulfilling their ambitions. I am passionate about ensuring that women, including those from BAME communities, have access to the support, representation, and opportunities needed to participate fully in public and political life. Through campaigning, fundraising, community engagement, and mentoring, I help women and young people build confidence, develop skills, and achieve their goals.

If elected, I will work to strengthen women's participation across our Party, support inclusive pathways into leadership, promote a strong culture of safeguarding, and ensure women's experiences help inform Labour's priorities and decision-making.

I bring practical

Nominations

Birmingham Northfield, Canterbury, Chippenham, Guildford, Hertford and Stortford, Hertsmere, Isle of Wight East, Keighley and Ilkley, Meriden and Solihull East, North East Somerset and Hanham, Solihull West and Shirley, Southend West and Leigh, Tooting, Welwyn Hatfield