

2021 Conference Guide

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1. Introduction

This year's Labour Party conference will be defined by the conflict between the party establishment and the socialist majority amongst the membership. Whilst the Party establishment is proposing to change the Party's rules to reduce accountability, democracy, and the influence of members, socialist delegates should defend Party democracy and propose the big ideas that can allow us to break open politics as usual and become the party that represents the vast majority of British people.

To stay fully informed, please sign up to receive updates from Momentum here <https://airtable.com/shr1rpdwhjJIUgNiR> in the run-up to and during Conference, and pick up The Organiser when entering the Conference hall. Also please sign up to receive CLPD's daily Yellow Pages here <https://clpd.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f555ddf92eef4788b4cedcffc&id=106a7b7883>

We can win through persuasion

The left does not have the numbers that we used to have in 2017-2019. However, thanks to the organising of delegates such as yourselves, we can win votes if we can persuade other CLP delegates outside of the organised left to vote with us, particularly on constitutional issues.

The NEC's proposed rule changes are deeply divisive, and will damage members across the Party, including ones outside of the organised left.

If you know of any persuadable delegates either in your delegation or in any other delegations who are outside of the organised left, please engage them in conversation about the key rule changes in the run-up to and during Conference.

2. Covid Precautions

The 2021 conference takes place in unique times due to Covid.

As this is a large in-person event, the Party are taking the following steps to mitigate risk. Conference attendees are encouraged to wear a facemask when in any Conference venue to provide reassurance to others, unless exempt.

All over the age of 18 attending Conference will be required to provide EITHER evidence of double vaccination or a recent negative lateral flow test (currently 48 hours from the test result). It is also essential to arrive early each day as the security and Covid passport checking arrangements will involve long delays.

If you are registered with a GP in England you can use the NHS app to obtain a COVID pass, or request a paper version. People in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can use the links below to receive confirmation of vaccination status:

In England: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/>

In Wales: <https://gov.wales/get-nhs-covid-pass-show-your-vaccination-status-travel>

In Scotland: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine/after-your-vaccine/get-a-record-of-your-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-status>

In Northern Ireland: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/coronavirus-covid-19-covid-certificate-ni-residents>

For those who have not been double vaccinated, proof of a negative lateral flow test can be used to gain access to Conference. Lateral flow test results must be reported to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and the resulting email or text message can be used to access Conference. Delegates with the NHS app can access a COVID pass valid for 48 hours from a negative test. The party will not accept photographs of negative tests. Information on accessing lateral flow tests / devices can be found using the following links:

In England: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

In Wales: <https://gov.wales/get-rapid-lateral-flow-covid-19-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

In Scotland: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-get-a-test-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

In Northern Ireland: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/rapid-tests>

Delegates who need to self-isolate can be replaced.

3. Schedule¹

WEEK PROCEEDING CONFERENCE

Friday 17th September and Friday 24th September NEC meetings - Delegates should be aware that the NEC meetings on the 17th and 24th could lead to the NEC making recommendations on a large number of rule changes, many of which will reduce democracy and accountability in the Labour Party.

Monday 20th - CLP delegates who have had their motions ruled out of order have the opportunity to appeal in London to the Conference Arrangements Committee in the afternoon (CAC@labour.org.uk).

¹ For a complete schedule, please see the Delegates' Report from the CAC for 2021, which should be available here https://labour.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/15258b_21-Delegates-Report-2021-FINAL-v2-Electronic.pdf

Thursday 23rd September - Deadline for Emergency Motions. However if there is a major emergency after this deadline there is precedent for motions being accepted afterwards as well.

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

Saturday 25th September

- [Regional Briefings!](#) You must attend these to pick up your card vote booklets![Regional Briefings!](#)

These are all in rooms at the Metropole Hotel and are scheduled at the following times:

10am – East Midlands; Scotland

11am – North

12 noon – Eastern, London, North West, South East, South West, Wales, West Midlands, Yorkshire & the Humber

- 2.30pm Conference opens [Remember to arrive early!](#)
- Delegates who haven't collected their card votes from regional briefings will need to pick them up in the morning from Conference Services;
- Delegates will be emailed the CAC Report with the Conference timetable, this will contain key information on the priorities ballot, and schedule for ballots and card votes, full wording of constitutional amendments on the agenda, and seating plan.
- Possibility of reference back on aspects of the CAC Report. Objections can be made to motions ruled out of order although these decisions cannot be reversed because the Priorities Ballot will already be underway.
- Momentum and CLPD will send out their recommendations on key votes late morning/midday and hand out *The Organiser* and *Yellow Pages* outside the entrance.

This afternoon of Conference is likely to include:

[Priorities Ballot](#) running in the afternoon (last time these were from 1.30-4.30pm). Voting by lead delegates in the Ballot area.

Vote on ratification of the General Secretary likely to be between 2.30 and 3pm.

Debate and votes on Constitutional amendments, including ones coming from the CLP section, likely to be at 4.30pm.

Compositing meetings in the evening, probably including ones for climate change/energy, housing and transport.

Sunday 26th September

- Results of rule changes from night before will be in CAC report
- 9.50am Conference Opens

This day of Conference is likely to include:

- Speeches debates and composite motions including on energy and climate change, housing and transport.
- Debate and voting on further constitutional amendments, likely to be at 4.20pm
- Compositing meetings from 6.30pm

Monday 27th September

- Results of rule changes from night before will be in CAC report
- 10.05am Conference Opens

This day of Conference is likely to include:

- National Constitutional Committee ballot may be today, voting in the ballot area by lead delegates from early in the morning onwards. If it is not on Monday, it will be on Tuesday.
- Speeches debates and composite motions including on economy/business/trade.

Tuesday 28th

- Conference opens at 10am

Speeches debates and composite motions including on early years, education and skills, justice and home affairs.

Wednesday 29th

- Conference opens at 9.45am
- Leaders' Speech at midday

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

4.1. Staying informed at Conference

1. **The Organiser:** Momentum's main newspaper with vote recommendations for each

day and updates on key political developments.

2. **Momentum's Daily Briefing (sent out to delegates by WhatsApp/Text/Email each morning before conference):** Information on what will be voted on each day, recommendations on how to vote. This will be sent out by text message and/or WhatsApp to everyone who fills in this form <https://airtable.com/shr1rpdwhjJIUqNiR>
3. **CLPD's Yellow Pages (collect each morning Sunday-Wednesday of Conference):** Information on what will be voted on each day, recommendations on how to vote, updates on political developments, and information on key fringe events. This will also be emailed out to all those who sign up here <https://clpd.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f555ddf92eef4788b4cedcffc&id=106a7b7883>;
4. **Labour Party Delegates' Report (distributed at regional briefings and released on membersnet approximately a week before Conference):** Information on what rule changes are up for debate at this year's Conference, Conference timetable (subject to change), updated Conference procedures, logistical information on voting procedures, and on how to collect card vote booklets;
5. **Labour Conference Services:** Support for individual delegates having issues with their passes or accessibility to Conference. Please write to conferenceservices@labour.org.uk or call 0345 092 3311;
6. **CAC Reports (Available on My Labour from 7am each day, emailed to delegates at 8am, and can be collected each morning as you enter the Conference hall):** Daily Conference agenda (including text of rule changes and composite motions).
7. [The Labour Party Website](#) for logistical advice and support;

4.2. Voting at Conference

There are three types of voting at Conference

Hand Votes

What are they? Show of hands votes by all CLP and trade union delegates present on the Conference floor. Because they are based on the voter weight of delegations, the Chair will look to where the large trade unions are sitting to get an early idea of whether the vote is close enough.

What are they used for?

- a) Voting on composited motions unless a conference delegate demands a card vote or the Conference Chair decides to call a card vote:
- b) Voting on the CAC report unless a delegate demands a card vote or the conference Chair decides to call a card vote:
- c) Historically, the ratification of the General Secretary has been 'agreed' by Conference so the Chair may go for a show of hands but there is obviously a strong case for a card vote on this one.

Where?

The Conference floor

Card Votes

What are they? Card votes are cast by all delegates from CLPs, trade unions, socialist societies, Young Labour, and the Association of Labour Councillors. Votes represent values proportional to the membership of their CLP/trade union/socialist society concerned. Card votes are made as individuals, and it is effectively a secret ballot.

When do they happen?

- a) When a delegate demands a card vote on a composited motion, a decision to refer back a CAC report, or any other vote taken by hand;
- b) When the Conference Chair decides a vote on a composited motion or decision to refer back a CAC report should be taken by a card vote.
- c) All constitutional amendments (rule changes).

Where?

The Conference floor

Ballots (Priorities Ballot and NCC elections)

What are they? Votes where one delegate votes on behalf of the entire delegation (a 'lead delegate'). Mandating is in order and can be readily enforced for the NCC ballot, for which the voting is recorded and made available on membersnet.

When do they happen? Voting in the priorities ballot (Saturday afternoon) and the NCC elections (Monday or Tuesday).

Where? In the Ballot Area.

4.3. Rule Changes and Motions - What's the difference?

	Rule Changes (constitutional amendments)	Motions
Covers	Changes to the party rulebook,	Policy - The Party limits motions to policy areas only although the rulebook is actually ambiguous on the issue of organisational motions. This limitation prevents party members from raising key organisational issues.

Priorities	Not subject to priorities ballot	Key issues have to get voted through priorities ballot on Saturday.
Compositing	Do not get composited or amended.	Get composited on Saturday or Sunday night into composited motions
Voting	Voted on by card vote only	Voted on by hand vote unless delegate demands card vote or chair calls a card vote
Submitted by	CLPs, trade unions and other affiliates, and the NEC. The NEC tends to make recommendations for or against every rule change on the agenda.	CLPs, trade unions, and other affiliates (The NEC can submit its own statements to be taken alongside the composited motions. The NEC can submit statements on any policy or organisational issue).
Eligibility	<p>Subject to 3 year rule (rule changes are ruled out if they have the same 'primary objective' as any rule change voted on in the previous 3 conferences).</p> <p>Rule changes from the constituency section can also be effectively removed from the agenda if an NEC-backed rule change covering the same subject area, and which is in competition with it, is placed before it in the Conference agenda, although this is a practice that delegates should challenge.</p>	<p>The Delegate's report states that motions are in order provided they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 250 words • Addresses one issue • Does not propose a rule change • Does not seek to discuss organisational matters. <p>Obviously the second requirement ('one issue') is subjective and thus vulnerable to restriction by the bureaucracy so delegates must be aware of this.</p>

4.4. Appealing to the CAC

What - The CAC has the powers to rule motions and rule changes out of order (for example, by determining that a rule change is in breach of the '3 year rule'). The meeting to rule out rule changes happened earlier this year and CLPs have already been notified, but motions are still being discussed. The CAC will hear appeals from CLPs and affiliates who have had their motions ruled out on the afternoon of Monday 20th September, and objections to unfair rulings can be made.

Why does this matter? - If motions are ruled out of order they effectively disappear. Rule changes suffering the same fate disappear without trace, so any decisions which keep

motions or rule changes off the agenda unfairly need to be resisted.

When - The CAC has already had a meeting to discuss which rule changes for this year's Conference are ruled in or out, and the CLP Secretaries have been notified. It will meet prior to Conference in London to discuss motions.

Who - Delegates from CLPs and affiliated organisations which have submitted motions should be prepared for the possibility that their proposed changes will be ruled out of order, and should be prepared to appeal this in London in the week before Conference (Wednesday 20 September).

How - The Secretaries from each CLP are notified if the relevant rule change motion has been ruled out of order. To appeal the decision, a delegate from the CLP, CLP Secretary, or another Executive officer representative of the CLP should go personally on the Wednesday to the CAC. The email of the CAC is CAC@labour.org.uk

4.5. Submitting an emergency motion

What - Emergency motions can be submitted after the closing deadline for the submission of motions (13th September).

Why does this matter - Emergency motions allow CLPs and affiliated organisations to respond to events that happen in the period after the closing deadline for motions (Mon 13th September).

Who - Affiliated organisations, CLPs, the ALC and Young Labour can all submit emergency motions.

When - Between the deadline for the submission of motions has passed (September 13th) and Thursday 23rd September. In exceptional cases motions may be considered after the deadline.

How - Emergency motions have to be emailed to the CAC (CAC@labour.org.uk), In the past the CLP Secretary has been asked to follow this up by a hard copy signed by the secretary or authorised officer. The CAC has final decision over whether or not to allow an emergency motion onto the Conference agenda, and any delegates submitting an emergency motion are advised to lobby the CAC.

5. AT CONFERENCE

5.1. Regional Inductions and Receptions

What - Each region has its own induction on Saturday morning and a regional reception on either the Saturday or the Sunday evening.

Why does this matter - At the induction you can get your final pack of papers before conference starts, and is also **where you pick up your voting card booklets**. They also use the briefing to show where your delegation will be sitting in the conference hall. It is therefore essential to attend them.

These will all be in rooms at the Metropole Hotel and are scheduled at the following times:

10am – East Midlands; Scotland

11am – North

12 noon – Eastern, London, North West, South East, South West, Wales, West Midlands, Yorkshire & the Humber

The receptions in the evening are a great way to meet other delegates - a good opportunity to persuade delegates on key votes happening the next day. There is also food and drink available.

When - Saturday morning for the regional inductions. Saturday / Sunday evening for the receptions,

Who - All delegates can go to their regional induction and party and are advised to do so.

5.2. Supporting Reference Back on the CAC Report

What - 'Reference back' is the technical term used for an attempt by Conference delegates to reject a report or decision by the CAC which is deemed to be unfair. If Conference does vote in favour of reference back, the CAC is obliged to change their decision and come back with an alternative proposal.

How - In order to call for reference back, delegates need to go to the rostrum immediately as the Chair of CAC completes his/her verbal introduction of the written CAC report, making it clear that they are in favour of reference back. When called, they should make it clear that they are only calling for reference back on a part of the CAC report, and that they do not intend to reject the entire report, meaning that if successful, the CAC would only be asked to redraft a part of the report (with limited disruption to the Conference agenda). The Party is generally hostile to the concept of 'reference back' and thus resists allowing references back on parts of the CAC report to discourage affiliates and CLPs from supporting any changes to it. Delegates need to refer directly to the precise part of the CAC Report they are calling for reference back on.

Why does it matter? Referencing back is the most direct way that party members can resist decisions they consider to be arbitrary or unfair.

When - Delegates can call for reference back every morning after the CAC Report has been published (Saturday-Wednesday).

Who - Any delegate can call for reference back, although it should only be done by delegates who are confident in the procedural strength of their arguments. However, all delegates should vocally support and vote in favour of efforts to call for reference back on CAC reports which contain decisions which are unfair or irregular. Momentum may support calls for reference back but only if there is a convincing procedural case for doing so.

Look out for - Advice on when to support 'reference back' can be found in:

- a) *The Organiser*
- b) CLPD's Yellow Pages
- c) Momentum's WhatsApp/Text message briefings each morning;

5.3. Voting in the Priorities Ballot

What - The Priorities Ballot is used to vote on which discrete subjects will be debated at Conference. All motions which are not ruled out are grouped under subject headings in the Conference documents, and delegates are asked to vote for particular subjects.

Why does this matter? - The priorities ballot is one of the few ways in which CLP delegates can directly influence the agenda for Conference. By ensuring that key subjects are on the Conference agenda, members can expand the influence of Conference, using it to embed progressive policies.

When? - The priorities ballot will occur on Saturday in the Ballot Area.

Who? - One set of card votes are distributed to each delegation on Saturday morning. Delegations need to decide collectively what they will prioritise, so all delegates should be aware of this ballot.

How? - CLP delegations vote as one in the priorities ballot, which means there should be collective agreement amongst delegations in line with the wishes of their CLP. Delegates should make sure their vote is not by a delegate without adequate discussion and consultation.

The top ten subjects voted for by trade union affiliates and ten voted for by CLPs get debated. Delegates should make sure they vote for ten subjects which are not amongst the

top ten of the trade unions, otherwise this vote is effectively wasted. Information on which priorities to vote for can be gained from the following sources:

- a) *The Organiser*, Momentum's briefing, distributed to delegates outside Conference on Saturday
- b) The Yellow Pages distributed on Saturday outside Conference and sent out by email;
- c) Text/WhatsApp briefings from Momentum each morning

5.4. Compositing Meetings for Motions

What - Because there are usually quite a few motions on each subject chosen by the Priorities Ballot usually need to be "composited" (grouped together) into one or more composited motions which will then be debated at Conference. At these meetings delegates will meet the relevant NEC Policy Commission co-convenor and shadow ministers to discuss how the subject can be taken forward. Speakers to move (speak first in favour of it) and second the motion on the floor are chosen at the same meeting. The choice of the mover is crucial - they 'own' the composite motion - if the mover of the motion withdraws it the motion is not debated.

Why does this matter? - The way in which motions are composited can significantly influence their meaning as well as the likelihood that they will be passed. Therefore delegates who attend compositing meetings need to ensure that any motions are only composited in ways that enhance their potential to deliver progressive change, as well as their probability of getting passed.

When - These will be on Saturday and Sunday evening from 6.30pm onwards. Delegates from the respective CLPs with motions successful in the Priorities Ballot (results to be announced between 5-6pm on Saturday) need to be ready for notifications from the Party asking them to attend a compositing meeting.

Who - Only delegates from CLPs which have submitted a motion which then passes through the Priorities Ballot on the Sunday will be involved in compositing. More than one delegate from a given CLP delegation can attend but if the delegation is large it is best for only the most confident and experienced delegate(s) to go. All other delegates will not be involved in compositing.

How - Delegates should take care to ensure that motions are not composited in ways to remove dilute the best elements contained in the individual motions that being composited, and should be wary of efforts by officials to do this. Delegates are entitled to take along their own draft composited motions to propose at the meeting - make a sure you have a seconder for your draft and take along at least 25 copies. The result and the final composited motions will get released in the CAC Report on Sunday, and debated and voted on Sunday-

Wednesday.

5.5. Voting on Compositing Motions

What - Once compositing motions have been agreed on, they are taken as part of the debate on the appropriate issue. If passed, they are sent to the National Policy Forum and are part of party policy.

Why does this matter? - Compositing motions passed by Conference are the basis of party policy, and are thus an important way in which ordinary members can have a say over national policy.

When - When the key thematic issues are debated (usually Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning).

Who - All Conference delegates and delegates from affiliated organisations

How - Compositing motions are voted on by hand votes unless specifically requested by a delegate or decided by the Chair. In practice, they are only put to a card vote if they are contentious (last year, all the compositing motions were voted on by hand votes). Delegates will need to have their card vote booklets on them in the event of any contentious votes.

5.6. Reference Back on parts of the National Policy Forum (NPF) Report

What - As of 2017, Conference delegates have the option of calling for 'reference back' on parts of the National Policy Forum Report. They can do this if they are unhappy with any aspect of the report.

Why does this matter? - NPF Reports can contain bland descriptions of discussions of issues, without properly taking into account the submissions of members. If a reference back is successful, that part goes back to the NPF for reassessment.

When - The key thematic issues will be debated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Who - All Conference delegates and delegates from affiliated organisations

How - This year, delegates will need to have registered their request for reference back with the CAC before Friday 13th September. This year Momentum will not be taking positions on reference backs to the NPF.

5.7. Voting for the National Constitutional Committee (NCC)

What? The National Constitutional Committee deals with disciplinary cases referred to it by the NEC Disputes Committee and other Party organisations. This year, there will be a ballot for one members' representative on the NCC. Momentum and CLPD are supporting the following candidates:

- **Rheian Davies (L1443442)**
- **Anna Dyer (L0081865)**
- **Annabelle Harle (A002070)**
- **Emine Ibrahim (L0150489)**

Why does this matter? - It is important the NCC upholds the party's rule book in a fair and just manner. It is crucial that members are represented by NCC reps who defend Labour being a broad inclusive pluralistic party.

When? Delegations will be able to vote in the NCC Ballot throughout the day on Tuesday, but delegates are advised to get to the ballot area as early as possible on Tuesday morning.

Who? Unlike with votes on motions or rule changes, one delegate votes on behalf of the delegation in the NCC which means that it is crucial for delegations to agree collectively with their CLP how they will vote. It is extremely important not to allow one delegate to vote on behalf of the entire delegation without consultation with the delegation. Delegates should make sure they get to the ballot area as early as possible to avoid missing out. Mandating is in order - all the trade unions mandate their delegates.

How? - The whole CLP delegation only has one ballot paper for the NCC ballot and only one of the delegates casts the vote. In the past the votes for the NCC at conference have been recorded and the record is made available to CLPs online.

6. Momentum and CLPD's Top Tips for Conference

Top Conference Tips for Delegates

1. Arrive early! Arrive early each day as the security and Covid passport checking arrangements will involve long delays.
2. Persuasion persuasion

3. Keep yourself fully informed with *The Organiser*, CLPD's Yellow Pages, and Momentum's texted and WhatsApped briefings.
4. Always make sure your phone is charged so you can get access to good information;
5. Make sure you cast votes in all elections at Conference, on all the rule changes and that you are present in the Conference hall for the start of every session in case there are procedural issues raised at the start of the session, including proposals to reference back. Also encourage other delegates to treat these issues of using their vote as a serious matter.
6. Make sure to carry your card vote booklet with you on all days of Conference;
7. Make sure that you collectively agree how your CLP delegation will vote on the priorities ballot and the NCC elections, and don't let anyone vote on behalf of the CLP without this discussion beforehand;
8. Be vocal in support of aims to democratise the party but also respectful and comradely at all times.
9. When speaking - remember you are attempting to persuade undecided delegates rather than preaching to the converted.

Glossary

Ballot Area - Place where delegates go to vote in the Priorities Ballot and the NCC Ballot (details in the Delegates Report).

Card Vote - Vote where delegates vote with cards representing a proportion of their constituency/trade union membership or representing the whole membership if they are the only.

Conference Chair - Person who chairs the Conference, and who is an NEC member. The Conference Chair can decide who can speak, and whether or not some key votes are taken by hand or card (during the 'week' several NEC members take it in turns to chair Conference).

Conference Floor - Area of Conference hall where the action takes place and where the delegates and ex-officio delegates sit. Some people have floor passes which allow them access to this area, but have no seat and no role.

Composited Motions - Motions which have been joined up (composited) from motions on issues successful in the priorities ballot.

Compositing Meetings - Meetings where delegates from CLPs which submitted motions on issues chosen in the priorities ballot are invited to join different motions up (composite) in order to produce one final composited motion (or more than one if necessary - the meeting decides,

not the chair or the staff.) In the Composting meeting the largest union has the same status as one single CLP.

Constitutional Amendment - Change to the Labour Party Rule Book (rule change)

Emergency Motion - Motion submitted addressing any matter arising after the deadline for motions (13th September)

Hand Votes - Votes decided by a show of hands.

Membersnet - Online intranet for Labour Party members where some key Conference documents can be found, including the CAC reports which are made available there every morning of Conference at 7am.

Priorities Ballot - A vote taken on Sunday to decide which thematic issues (policy areas) are to be debated at Conference.

Rule Change - Change to the Labour Party Rule Book (constitutional amendment)

Reference Back - An effort by Conference delegates to reject part or all of a given report or decision by the CAC or NPF.

Regional Briefings - Events held by the Labour Party in the run-up to Conference to brief delegates

Regional Inductions - Inductions where delegates can receive their final packs of papers.

Regional Parties - Social events for delegates held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and in the evenings.

Rostrum - The area at the front of the Conference hall from where delegates speak to Conference.

Three Year Rule - Rule meaning that any constitutional amendment which has been voted on by Conference cannot be submitted again for a further three Conferences.

Acronyms

ALC - Association of Labour Councillors, which organises Labour councillors, and can send six delegates to Conference.

CAC - Conference Arrangements Committee, which decides the agenda for Conference and makes key decisions over what rule changes and motions are ruled in and out of order. The CAC is comprised of 5 general seats, 2 CLP seats and 1 disabled members' seat. It is in near-permanent session while Conference is taking place. The CAC can be visited by delegates who have any issues they wish to pursue. Delegates have the right to seek audience with the whole CAC to put their case - delegates should insist on this right (see the Delegates Report for the location of the CAC). The CAC produces a report each morning outlining the agenda for that day and quite often a verbal report only is given by the CAC Chair first thing in the afternoon. Delegates can challenge this report exactly as if it were a written report.

CLP - Constituency Labour Party

CLPD - Campaign for Labour Party Democracy - Organisation campaigning for Labour Party democracy, which provides key information and recommendations for delegates at Conference.

EC - Executive Committee



NCC - National Constitutional Committee - Committee

which makes key decisions on disciplinary proceedings. There will be elections for two positions on the NCC at Conference, which will be on Tuesday between 9am and 5.30pm.

NPF - National Policy Forum, which oversees policy development in the Labour Party. The NPF published a report on August 3rd outlining its areas of policy development in the last year, which will be voted on at Conference.

NEC - National Executive Committee, which interprets and implements the party rules. Note that the NEC invariably makes recommendations for and against rule changes, and can recommend its own rule changes, or package of rule changes to be debated and voted on.

TWT - The World Transformed, a four day festival of politics, art, music, and culture across Brighton, happening alongside the Labour Party Conference.

Young Labour - Organisation representing Labour Party members under the age of 27.