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## Repeal the anti-union laws! *Clarion* conference fringe meeting, with the FBU's Matt Wrack

7pm, Sunday 23 September  
The Liverpool, 14 James Street, L2 7PQ



Speakers:

**Matt Wrack**, FBU General Secretary

**Lauren McCourt**, McStriker and Bakers' Union national executive

**Ana Oppenheim**, *Clarion* editorial board and Labour Campaign for Free Movement

**Kelly Rogers**, sacked Picturehouse rep

**Jenn Forbes**, Truro and Falmouth PPC

The meeting will also hear a video message from **Clive Lewis MP**. Chaired by **Cate Murphy**, Liverpool Riverside CLP Secretary and Unite the Union 522 branch Chair.

## Why has the CAC ruled out climate change motions?

Read the motions and add your name to the statement of protest here [bit.ly/2DgXSRe](https://bit.ly/2DgXSRe)



Initiated by delegates

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We the undersigned Labour members note with great concern that the party's Conference Arrangements Committee has ruled out of order motions on climate change to this year's conference.

To quote the ruled out motions: "in light of the obvious urgency of the global crisis... we cannot continue to live in denial, or tinker with small changes". We need "radical decarbonisation [which] will bring benefits to health, jobs and the economy", through clear policies on airport expansion, fracking and "democratic public ownership and planning, for a just transition".

Conference should vote to hear the motions by referring back a section of the CAC report, but in any case we want to register our protest. An opportunity for the party to adopt the kind of radical policies the climate crisis demands is being missed.

# Questions on Labour's immigration policy

By Simon Hannah, Tooting CLP

In Labour's 2017 general election manifesto it states that Labour will "replace income thresholds with a prohibition on recourse to public funds".

What does this mean? That immigrants that are in the UK will not have access to welfare? Health care? Is Labour policy that if you are temporarily unemployed you are forced to leave the country or starve to death?

It says "we will institute a new system which ...may include employer sponsorship". Are we saying that immigrants can come to the UK but be at the mercy of their bosses?

The people at the heart of the Labour left and many of the newly inspired activists in Labour have far better anti-racist policies than this. Immigration is a fundamental question—if we waiver on this then what else will we sacrifice for power?

Progressive immigration policies would start from seeing immigrants as people, not a political problem.

This means no more detention centres or deportations. It means fast routes to citizenship, free applications if you have been living in the UK and paying taxes. It means visas not being primarily linked to employment. It means allowing asylum seekers to work or claim benefits that they can live on.

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**Scrap the purge rule!  
Why the first part of rule 2.1.4(b) must go**

**By Mark Sandell, expelled Brighton Labour chair**

Labour rules currently prohibit members from joining or supporting "a political organisation other than an official Labour group". This nonsensical stipulation could theoretically cover everything from Momentum to Progress, or Greenpeace. It is used to purge whoever the same bureaucracy that has tried to undermine Jeremy Corbyn feels confident to target.

The left now ostensibly have control of the party yet the de facto ban on certain socialists continues.

This proposed rule change is a basic democratic demand to protect Labour's broad church and to remove a clause designed to target the left.

The right to organise, within Labour's rules, should be upheld across the entire Party, from its right-wing through the centre and on to the Party's left-wing.

## **Left Against Brexit**

***The Clarion* will be working with other left-wing activists at the conference to win the clearest possible position of opposition to Brexit, support for migrants' rights and free movement, and workers' unity across Europe.**

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