

**London Young Labour Annual General Meeting 2019  
Motions booklet**

**Motion- Reinstate the original Clause 4**

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London Young Labour notes the statement by John McDonnell at the 2018 Labour Party conference that "Clause 4 is as relevant today as it was in 1918".

The tragedy of Grenfell and the collapse of Carillion are further examples that capitalism is a system based on greed and the maximisation of profit.

The scandal of privatisation has been widely exposed as a massive swindle. It has meant the plundering of public assets for basement prices. Parasitic companies have only pushed up prices and fleeced the public.

Public anger has been reflected in increasing support for nationalisation and public ownership. Massive majorities are in favour of taking back the railways, gas, water, electricity, and Royal Mail into public hands. Polls indicate that 50% are in favour of nationalising the banks.

This AGM therefore believes that Clause 4, abolished by Tony Blair in 1995, should be restored to its proper place in the Constitution of the Labour Party.

Furthermore, this meeting resolves to give its full support to the Constitutional Amendment submitted by CLPs for debate at the 2019 Labour Party Conference to bring back Clause 4.

**Oppose the attempted coup in Venezuela**

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This meeting notes that:

- On 23 January, the President of the Venezuelan National Assembly, Juan Guaidó, appointed himself “president in charge” of the country;
- Nicolás Maduro remains the democratically elected president of Venezuela, having won the 2018 presidential election by a large margin;
- The National Assembly remains in contempt of court after a 2016 ruling declared that the election of 3 MPs from Amazonas was null due to election fraud;
- Article 233 of the Constitution, which is being invoked by the opposition in the National Assembly who support Guaidó’s claim to the presidency, relies on a “permanent absence of the president”, which is clearly not the present situation. Even if this were the case, the vice president ought to take on the office of the presidency;
- Guaidó’s anti-democratic and unconstitutional manoeuvre is being backed by major powers across the Western hemisphere, including Trump in the US, Jair Bolsonaro’s far-right government in Brazil, and Theresa May in the UK.

This meeting further notes that:

- Following the election of Hugo Chavez in 1998, the workers and poor of Venezuela achieved significant advances in healthcare, housing, education and workers’ rights;
- The Bolivarian Revolution has been opposed every step of the way by the forces of international imperialism and a right-wing opposition in Venezuela who seek to defend the power and wealth of the oligarchs. These opposition forces have at times aligned themselves with fascist gangs, and have employed a range of violent means – including political assassinations, intimidation, and a US-backed military coup in 2002 – to undermine Venezuelan democracy;
- Should the right-wing opposition come to power it will immediately embark on a savage campaign of cuts and attacks on the working class, using violent repression wherever necessary, as evidenced by the conduct of opposition figures in the bloody ‘Caracazo’ massacre in 1989;
- The current crisis of the Venezuelan economy, which began with the steep fall in oil prices in 2014, has been greatly exacerbated by deliberate sabotage on the part of the oligarchy, and economic sanctions by the US, combined with the Maduro government’s inability to put the ownership and control of the Venezuelan economy in the hands of the working class;
- Notwithstanding this fact, for much of the past twenty years, the working class and poor of Venezuela have mobilised repeatedly – at the ballot box and in the street – to defend the gains of the revolution.

This meeting resolves that:

- We are in total opposition to the imperialist coup being carried out in Venezuela;
- We condemn the attempt by the UK government to legitimate the coup in Venezuela by recognising Guaidó as president;
- We demand that the Bank of England immediately hands over the Venezuelan gold it is withholding worth \$1.2 billion;
- We call on the leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn to reject the ongoing coup attempt in Venezuela;
- We extend our solidarity and friendship to those Venezuelans involved in opposing Guaidó's coup attempt, and who are seeking to bring the revolutionary process to a successful and satisfactory conclusion, and we call on the British Labour and trade union movement to do the same;
- We believe that such a resolution can only be achieved by the expropriation of the oligarchy, who continue to control most of the Venezuelan economy, by the Venezuelan working people;
- We further believe that the future of the struggle of the Venezuelan people for liberation can only be secured by the victory of socialist forces elsewhere, most especially in the US itself, which is the strongest bastion of capitalist reaction in the world.

### **For open and honest debate**

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Conference believes:

1. Red London is a Facebook page run by anonymous Stalinists which specialises in evidence-free, disgusting slander and abuse of political opponents.
2. We are in favour of comradely debate and discussion on the left.
3. Red London has had influence in Momentum and Young Labour.

Conference agrees that:

1. Open and honest debate is essential to a free, healthy socialist movement;
2. We must warn the left and labour movement against Red London.

**Urgent and radical action on climate change**

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We note the 2018 UN report warning that we have 12 years to make major cuts to carbon emissions or face uncontrollable global warming.

Capitalism's fossil fuel reliance is at the root of the disaster. 71% of recent carbon emissions are caused by just 100 big companies. Burning fossil fuels promises profits that dwarf any "incentives" that we can offer. These companies are too big to compete or divest out of existence.

Market solutions and "incentives" do not have the answers: the labour movement must coerce these big companies and put them under democratic control.

Some local authorities are drawing up decarbonisation plans. We applaud this and call for a national decarbonisation plan. Workers in affected industries should have the central role in these plans. Trade unions must monitor them to make sure they are effective, just, and correctly implemented.

We commit to:

Promote workers' oversight of decarbonisation plans

- A national climate service/strategy, manufacturing, installing and training in renewable technologies, facilitating a rapid shift away from fossil fuels.
- Nationalising energy supply/generation and the Big Six energy firms, to create an integrated and democratic national energy system.
- Nationalising public transport, with bus, rail and tram part of an expanded and democratic system.
- A public program of insulation and building zero-carbon council housing.
- Ending fracking, fossil fuel extraction and airport expansion.

No job losses, no loss of pay, no worse terms: retrain and redeploy affected workers.

We will encourage Young Labour groups and CLPs to collaborate with climate change and environmental campaigners; work with unions to build links and campaigns with workers in relevant industries.

We will energetically support the Climate Strikes, help school students organise, and promote our socialist vision of a green future.

We will organise regular education and direct action events in London.

**FOR DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF BANKING AND FINANCE**

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As Owen Jones put it: “privately run banks have proved a disaster for everyone except their shareholders... a catastrophic failure – for our economy, our social cohesion and our politics... proposals for [a public investment bank] are not in themselves sufficient... There is surely no alternative to public ownership [of banking and finance]... run by workers, consumers and local authorities, with an obligation to defend the best interests of our communities...”

We note that TUC Congress voted overwhelming for public ownership and democratic control of banking and high finance, and that last year a similar policy was adopted by the national Young Labour conference.

In the words of the TUC’s policy, proposed by the FBU, a “publicly owned banking service, democratically and accountably managed... [can] play a central role in building a sustainable economy, investing in transport, green industries, housing, creating jobs and assisting recovery in the interests of working people”.

Labour should pledge and campaign to convert the whole of the UK’s banking and financial system into a single democratic public banking, pensions, mortgage and investment system. We will campaign around this and call for Young Labour nationally to do likewise.

**Campaign against cuts!**

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This meeting notes that local authority services are facing catastrophic funding cuts all across the country, as part of the Tory government's policy of economic austerity. For example, in London's 33 councils, expenditure fell from £7bn in 2010/11 to £6.3bn for 2017/18: a fall of 10.3 per cent.

In London councils run by Labour, local administrations have complied with the latest rounds of Tory cuts, even though these councils have already cut hundreds of millions of pounds since 2010. Overall, councils controlled by Labour both before and after the 2014 elections saw expenditure falls of 6.4 per cent, while councils Labour gained in 2014 saw more modest falls of 4.3 per cent (between 2010/11 to 2017/18).

For the 2019/20 financial year, there are plans to implement a further round of cuts. Vital services are under threat and the impact will fall most heavily on the poorest and most vulnerable members of society.

In addition to being opposed to Tory austerity in principle, this meeting believes that if Labour Party-controlled councils in London implemented another programme of Tory cuts, it would risk the Labour Party losing the confidence of working class communities, and thus damage Labour's electoral prospects.

This meeting believes that London's Labour councillors must make a stand and fight against Conservative austerity. The current government is the weakest in living memory. It can be defeated on this issue.

This meeting urges Labour-controlled councils to publicly commit to fighting the cuts, using all the means at their disposal. As Dawn Butler MP said at the Labour Party Women's Conference in Liverpool last September, echoing the words of the former Labour leader George Lansbury: it's "better to break the law than break the poor."

This meeting therefore urges all Labour councillors in London to oppose the cuts. This meeting calls for the building of a mass campaign to fight the cuts, involving council workers and their trade unions, local Labour parties, and working-class communities across London.

This meeting believes such a mass campaign could mobilise a huge groundswell of public support by linking the fight against council cuts to the fight for a socialist Labour government.

We therefore urge Labour-controlled councils to initiate a mass campaign against the cuts by:

- Refusing to carry out Tory cuts and setting a 'no cuts budget'.
- Building and mobilising a grassroots campaign of support for anti-cuts Labour councillors.
- Calling upon trade unions to mobilise public sector workers in defence of services and to strike against any attempts by the Tories to impose cuts.

As part of this, London Labour should convene a London-wide conference, inviting representatives from all relevant organisations - local Labour parties, Labour councillors, trade unions, anti-cuts campaign groups, tenants associations, community organisations, etc. - to discuss and agree on the practical steps needed to support Labour councillors and build a mass campaign against austerity.

Above all, these struggles should be linked together as part of a national campaign. We are all facing the same enemy: the Tory government. London Labour councils should therefore reach out to Labour councils and trade unions throughout the rest of the country, in order to build a nation-wide movement capable of bringing down the Tory government and fighting for a Labour government on a socialist programme.

## **Fight Left Antisemitism**

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London Young Labour believes antisemitism is an ideological poison which, by seeking to explain the world in conspiratorial terms and pose as a politics of resistance to the powers-that-be, is particularly and specifically toxic for the left.

That antisemitism has sometimes been factionally 'weaponised' in our party does not mean it is not a real issue. It is. We welcome the leadership's statements that this is a real issue that must be dealt with – but call for this to happen much more vigorously.

Socialism is not socialism if it does not militantly challenge all forms of oppression and discrimination. In addition, distrust of Labour has become widespread in the Jewish community, and relations need to be repaired.

Unrepentant antisemites should, naturally, be expelled. Where disciplinary action is necessary there should be proper and expeditious due process. But political education and struggle are fundamental. We need vastly more political education and discussion about antisemitism.

Antisemitism has existed on the left historically in the form of conspiracy theories attacking "Jewish bankers", which conflate Jews with finance and capital. This was rightly denounced in the 1890s as "the socialism of fools". In more recent years, antisemitism has also manifested on the left through a conspiracist conception of Jewish nationalism, Zionism, which inflates its real power and ascribes a uniquely reactionary character to Israel and any expression of Israeli-Jewish national self-determination. In antisemitic 'left' discourse, the two are often linked.

To conspiracy theories and the 'socialism of fools', we counterpose rational, class-based struggle against capitalism, seeking to unite the workers of all nations and communities and challenge all oppression. To antisemitic demonisation of Israel, we counterpose rational solidarity with the Palestinians and with workers' movements, socialists, internationalist and anti-racist forces, etc, in both countries.

We demand an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, with the same rights as Israel, as the central part of a just settlement which can begin to drain the poison of the conflict.

LYL will campaign along these lines, and organise educational events and discussions.

## **DEFEND AND EXTEND FREE MOVEMENT AND MIGRANTS' RIGHTS**

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The controversy around the party's position on the Immigration Bill demonstrates the need for a much stronger stand on migrants' rights.

Fighting for migrants' rights and supporting migrants' struggles is essential to the health of the labour movement and socialist politics.

Freedom of movement is a good thing for workers and for society. Attacks on it mean attacks on migrants and, ironically given how they are often justified, make all workers less secure and less able to organise. Free movement should be extended, not curtailed.

We are opposed to 'Fortress Britain' and to 'Fortress Europe'. We want to lower borders, not raise them.

Where the party has positive policies, such as scrapping the net migration target and guaranteeing the right to family reunion, we need further development and the launching of serious campaigns. Beyond that, we call for clear, strong pro-migrant policies to break up the 'hostile environment', including commitments to

- Defend and extend freedom of movement
- Close all immigration detention centres
- End deportation 'charter flights'
- Scrap 'No recourse to public funds' policies
- Scrap Home Office visa and citizenship fees, and the migrant NHS surcharge
- Reverse attacks on migrants' access to the NHS and other services
- Scrap measures that turn landlords, health workers and teachers into border guards
- Strengthen refugee rights, including the right for all asylum-seekers to work and access services
- Repeal anti-immigration legislation.

We will organise a London-wide campaign day, seeking to hold actions and events in every borough.

## **THE KIND OF LABOUR PARTY WE NEED**

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There is great and growing pressure, outside and inside the party, for our leadership to be less radical. In fact it needs to be more radical. We need to build a stronger movement around, but also deepen and develop, the policies contained in the 2017 manifesto so that, at a minimum, we can win and sustain – in the words of conference 2018 – “a radical government: taxing the rich to fund public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing the anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment”.

Our longer range goal should be to replace capitalism with a socialist system based on collective ownership, workers' control and democratic planning. Our policies and struggles should point in that direction.

To win even more immediate radical policies, we need a democratic, independent-minded party and movement supporting the leadership but also exerting pressure on it. That is the necessary counterweight to the huge pressure it will continue to receive to weaken its policies and commitments, pressure which will only grow when the party gets into government.

## **SCRAP NUCLEAR WEAPONS - CREATE USEFUL JOBS, DEFEND COMMUNITIES**

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### Believes

1. That maintaining weapons whose purpose is to threaten or cause massive numbers of civilian deaths is not a policy an internationalist socialist can support.
2. That we should campaign for the dismantling of Britain's nuclear weapons programs and work for the whole party to do the same.

### Further believes

1. That the tens of billions the government wants to spend on replacing Trident should instead be spent on conversion programs to create larger numbers of high-skilled, socially useful jobs with improved terms and conditions, defending communities while allowing workers' skills to be used to benefit society and the planet.
2. That there are many precedents for such conversion plans: from rapid conversion to civilian production in the 1940s to workers' plans in the 1970s such as at Lucas Aerospace.

### Resolves

1. To campaign for unilateral nuclear disarmament and for the whole party to do likewise, on the basis set out here.
2. To support struggles for disarmament in all other nuclear weapons states.

## No more exclusions

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### London Young Labour Notes

1. 63% of people in the prison system have been temporarily excluded from school
2. Pupils excluded from school at aged 12 are four times more likely to be jailed as an adult
3. Only 1% of excluded children gain the amount of GCSEs required to get into college or onto an apprenticeship
4. In one year (2015/16) 6,685 pupils were permanently excluded, with the majority in the run up to their GCSEs - this was an increase of 40% on the previous three years
5. The proportion of students in schools for excluded pupils is almost double the national rate - with 1 in every 54 pupils in a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) in Kensington & Chelsea, one in 65 in Islington, 1 in 76 in Camden and 1 in 84 in Haringey.
6. Only 4.3% of pupils in PRUs managed a 9-4 pass in English and Maths GCSEs.
7. Children with special educational needs are seven times more likely to be excluded than those without
8. Pupils receiving free school meals were four times more likely to be excluded
9. Black Caribbean pupils were over three times more likely to be permanently excluded

### London Young Labour Believes:

1. That the increased use of exclusions by schools, particularly academies, destroys the lives of thousands of young people and are used disproportionately against BAME and/or working-class pupils and pupils with special educational needs
2. That there is a connection between school exclusion and youth exploitation
3. The quality of teaching provided in PRUs is below that in mainstream schools
4. That competition between schools and targets within them do not serve to drive up standards but instead to enact and justify marketisation

### London Young Labour Resolves:

1. Campaign for more funding for schools
2. Demand the end of academisation
3. Demand improvements in standards at PRUs including ensuring that their teachers are qualified and receive specialist training
4. Campaign for the abolition of league tables
5. Campaign for an end to the setting of inappropriate and harmful targets for pupils and teachers

## **No Outsiders**

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### **London Young Labour Notes:**

1. Andrea Leadsom has said that teaching kids about LGBT+ relationships should require parental consent before 'becoming exposed to that information'
2. Sex education in schools is often heteronormative and exclusionary
3. Labour played an important role in the fight against Section 28, we must not allow the return of its repression

### **London Young Labour Believes:**

1)

We believe in equality and in ensuring that all young people grow up accepting and respecting the diversity that shapes our country.

2)

We should support young people in fighting to ensure that everyone is included and empowered by information taught in schools and in the curriculum.

### **London Young Labour resolves to:**

1)

Call on and lobby London MPs to support inclusive sex education for all young people in London.

2)

To campaign to ensure that the No Outsiders program is implemented in schools across London.

3)

To support LGBT+ young people who may be facing discrimination.

## **REPEAL ALL THE ANTI TRADE UNION LAWS**

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London Young Labour notes that young workers, along with migrant workers, have continued to be at the forefront of the most important trade union struggles currently taking place.

There are many things the labour movement needs to do to support and generalise such struggles so it can begin to emerge from its defeats. One important one is fighting to win repeal of the numerous anti-trade union laws which make most forms of workers' organising and industrial action illegal and continually act to hem in and drag down workers' struggles.

For unions to be effective workers need an effective right to strike. Repealing the 2016 Trade Union Act, guaranteeing full rights from day one of a job and promoting collective bargaining are good. But they are no substitute for repealing the many restrictions on strikes and workers' action introduced by the Tories starting in 1980.

We call on the party to actively campaign for the policy passed at conference 2017 which commits to repeal not just the TU Act but also the "anti-union laws introduced in the 1980s and 90s" and replace them with a "strong legal charter of workers' rights"; and for the 2015 conference decision that the next Labour government should "legislate for strong rights to unionise, win recognition and collective bargaining, strike, picket and take solidarity action".

London Young Labour will add its name to the "Free Our Unions" statement ([bit.ly/2lgQELv](http://bit.ly/2lgQELv)) supported by a wide range of union branches and work with the campaign around it.

## **FIGHT TO STOP BREXIT – FIGHT TO TRANSFORM BRITAIN AND EUROPE**

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A million people marched against Brexit on 23 March, with thousands at the high-profile Left Bloc feeder rally whose sponsors included the new 'Love Socialism Hate Brexit' group of left MPs. Over five million have signed the petition to revoke Article 50.

Brexit will mean a victory for the nationalist right, a license for further austerity and attacks on migrants. But it can be stopped - if Labour throws itself into the fight.

The party should publicly campaign for a new referendum and to remain. It should fight to revoke Article 50, to guarantee time to sort out this mess.

We call for an urgent special conference so members' and affiliates' representatives can clearly decide our policy and plans and orient the party, collectively and democratically.

Opposition to Brexit should not mean supporting the status quo, in Britain or Europe. We must 'Remain and Transform'.

Free movement and migrants' rights should be extended, not curtailed: we oppose 'Fortress Britain' and 'Fortress Europe'. We restate conference 2018's call for "a radical government: taxing the rich to fund public services, expanding common ownership, abolishing the anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment". We want an international alliance of labour movements and left parties seeking, at a minimum, to push back the nationalist right, defend migrants, reverse austerity, level up rights and living standards, and democratise European institutions.

We call for the European elections to go ahead and a 'Remain and Transform' Labour campaign on this basis.

## **Resist the Hostile Environment, end detention and No Recourse to Public Funds**

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This conference notes:

- The Hostile Environment (officially referred to as “the compliant environment”) is a set of administrative and legislative measures designed to make staying in the United Kingdom as difficult as possible for migrants by turning landlords, employers, health professionals and civil servants into border guards.
- One aspect of the Hostile Environment is NRPF (No Recourse to Public Funds), which is a condition applied to most migrants, ensuring exclusion from welfare benefits.

Children of migrants under NRPF are not eligible for means-tested free school meals. Although councils have a responsibility under Section 17 of the Children Act to protect migrant children from destitution many of them, incentivised by austerity, fail their duty and leave children to starve or send their families bills that they cannot afford to pay.

- Eight Labour-led councils in London still have embedded Home Office immigration officers, paid for by the council. Having embedded immigration officers deters migrants from claiming support from the council, as for doing so, their immigration data might be harvested by the Home Office and used to victimise and even deport those migrants in desperate need of support. This practice is not mandatory and some Labour councils, such as Lewisham, have already gotten rid of theirs.
- The recent Labour London Regional Conference passed a policy to eject embedded Home Office officers in Labour-led councils and campaign against NRPF nationally
- As many as 30,000 migrants every year are imprisoned in detention centres, often indefinitely, without having committed a crime. Life in detention often means being faced with racist violence, sexual abuse and negligently poor health care. Labour currently has policy to close two detention centres and impose a time limit on detention, however it hasn't committed yet to eliminating the practice altogether.

This conference believes:

- The Labour party is a party of all working people, regardless of where they were born. It needs to stand against racist anti-migrant policies and fight for a society basic rights are not conditional on having the right passport.
- NRPF is a policy of destitution by design which denies children school meals, traps victims of domestic violence in abusive homes, and leaves migrants more vulnerable to exploitation at work.
- Labour councils should not be colluding with the Home Office by having their officers on-site deterring vulnerable migrants from seeking support.
- A system that imprisons people who have committed no crime is an affront to our socialist Labour values of democracy, justice and freedom.

*We endorse London Labour policy, calling on Labour-run London councils to:*

- *Immediately instigate the removal of any embedded Immigration Officers, and end collusion with Hostile Environment initiatives*
- *Where there is evidence of hostile policy, immediately instigate an independent review of the NRPF Department*
- *Ensure that any future policies are fair, prioritising the safeguarding of children*
- *Campaign to reverse cuts made by central government*
- *Lobby for central government to reimburse councils for Section 17 funding, and ultimately end all use of NRPF against migrants.*

*Further, we also call on the Labour party to:*

- *Lobby the government to put an end to detention, and pledge that a Labour government will close all detention centres - not only a couple as is current Labour policy*
- *Pledge that a Labour government would end the NRPF condition on visas*

*London Young Labour will be holding local Labour councils to account on the resolves listed above, and actively campaigning against the Hostile Environment, immigration detention and NRPF on a local and national level.*

## **BUILD LOCAL YOUNG LABOUR GROUPS**

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Believes:

1. That active and accessible local Young Labour groups are absolutely crucial to building a living, vibrant Young Labour movement which draws in a much wider range of young people.
2. That history suggests that an active campaign by the party to build such groups would have a great effect: in the early 1960s the party went from having virtually no local Young Labour groups to more than one youth group per constituency in about a year.
3. That there is a vast amount of youth support for Labour, but it is at the moment largely unorganised.

Resolves:

1. To campaign actively for the building of local Young Labour groups as active accessible centres of organising, campaigning and political discussion and education which are welcoming and accessible for large numbers of young people.
2. To set ourselves a goal of having an active Young Labour group in every London constituency.
3. To convene a special London-wide event to discuss and promote the building of local groups.
4. To lobby Young Labour and the party to begin a national push to build such groups, and Jeremy Corbyn and other party leaders to use their voice and platform to explicitly promote this.

## **Stop and Scrap Universal Credit**

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### Conference Notes:

1. Since 2013 Universal Credit has been rolled out across the country.
2. It has been met with criticisms including (but not limited to):
  - i. the principle of "ending welfare dependency" it is based on, an ideological drive to making being on Welfare Benefits as degrading and punishing as possible.
  - ii. Payments made in arrears, so that claimants are forced to go into debt and/or risk eviction before their benefits are paid to them.
  - iii. At least a five week wait for a first payment to be made.
  - iv. It is sexist, with payments being made to one person in the household, which prevents survivors of domestic abuse (and children) from leaving potentially abusive relationships.
  - v. BAME households are also more likely to end up in poverty as a result of already structural inequality and further issues caused by Universal Credit.
  - vi. The removal of two out of three severe disability premiums, and lower rates paid across the different components.
3. Young people under 25 are also subject to being paid a lower rate of Universal Credit, both in a single and a joint claim.
4. Many groups have called for and are campaigning for a stop and scrap of Universal Credit including DPAC, NUS, Unite and the People's Assembly Against Austerity.

### Conference Believes:

1. Young people do not have less costs than people over the age of 25, so age related caps are discriminatory and detrimental to young people.
2. Universal Credit cannot be fixed – it is based on a principle of "ending welfare dependency" which is designed to be punitive to claimants.
3. All forms of poverty should be abolished.

### Conference Resolves:

1. To campaign alongside trade unions, disabled people's groups and other organisations to stop and scrap Universal Credit.
2. To lobby the Labour Party to adopt stop and scrap as its official position.
3. To encourage LYL members to pass CLP level motions to call on Local Councils and Housing Associations not to evict tenants in rent arrears due to Universal Credit.

## **Specialist Youth Services for Domestic Violence**

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London Young Labour notes:

- An estimated 1.2 million women having experienced domestic abuse in the last year.
- Young women aged 16-24 years old continue to be the age group at most risk of domestic abuse, and yet specialist youth services are rare.
- Almost a fifth of specialist women's refuges have been forced to close under the Tories.
- Women with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) fleeing domestic violence are often turned away from refuges because they depend on housing benefit to fund their services.
- 60% of all referrals to refuges were declined in 2016-17, normally due to a lack of available space.
- Over two thirds of women flee to refuge outside of their local area to escape a perpetrator, which means these services simply cannot be commissioned or funded on the basis of local need alone.
- The Labour Party has announced that it would mandate employers to give 10 days paid leave for survivors of domestic abuse.

London Young Labour believes:

- Domestic violence is abhorrent, and all survivors of domestic violence should receive support to safety plan in, as well as leave, abusive relationships and help to rebuild their lives after.
- The Labour Party should actively campaign against domestic violence in all its forms.

London Young Labour resolves to:

- Campaign around cuts to women's refuges and lobby the Government to reverse funding cuts and closures since 2010.
- Campaign for councillors and councils to protect and expand their provision for domestic violence and women's refuges.
- Lobby councillors and councils to ensure everyone in an abusive relationship has a right to having a safety plan.
- Demand the Labour Party and Government to develop a long term funding plan with a provision for specialist youth services from central, local, and devolved government. Funding must go to specialist organisations. Services must be run for survivors not for profit.

## Unseat the Independent Group

**Proposer:** Felix O'Leary, Wimbledon CLP, L1687032

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Anastasia Palikeras, Greenwich & Woolwich CLP, L1705505

### **London Young Labour notes:**

- In February 2019, 8 Labour MPs resigned from the Labour party to form the 'Independent Group' - a body which been joined by former Conservative MPs.
- In London, these include the MP's representing the Ilford South, Streatham and Enfield North.

### **London Young Labour believes that:**

- These 8 MPs were voted for by their constituents on the back of the Labour's manifesto from the 2017 General Election.
- Constituents should have the choice of whether they want MPs from the 'Independent Group' to represent them in Parliament.
- Angela Smith's racist comments about BAME people having a 'funny tinge' should be condemned; there is no place for racism in our political discourse and society.

### **London Young Labour resolves to:**

- Campaign with residents and activists to demand that the IG MPs trigger by-elections which give their constituents the chance to choose their representatives in Parliament.
- Support prospective Labour parliamentary candidates once their selection processes conclude.

## **Support Sex Work Decriminalisation**

**Proposer:** Faiza Mahmood, Lewisham East CLP, L1333460

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LYL notes:

- Sex work takes place via phone, webcam, stripping, pole-dancing, modelling and porn and from escort agencies, flats, streets, parks, saunas, massage parlours, peep shows, BDSM venues, private parties and home.
- Selling sex itself is not illegal, but many laws criminalise associated activities that leave sex workers vulnerable and deprived of basic rights.
- When sex workers receive criminal records for offences relating to their work, it makes it even harder for them to find other employment, keeping them in the industry.
- Sex workers are increasingly organising alongside other workers within the trade union movement.
- A number of international human rights organisations support the full decriminalization of sex work including Amnesty International, Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women; Human Rights Watch; UNAIDS; the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health; Transgender Europe; ILGA-Europe and the World Health Organization.

LYL believes:

- Sex work is work. While it is gendered, stigmatised and often precarious work, it is work that pays the rent, bills, and puts food on the table for thousands of families across the UK.
- Criminalisation makes sex work dangerous. Current laws means that sex workers are unable to legally work together to increase safety, and are discouraged from reporting crimes committed against them for fear of being arrested themselves.
- People have the right to work in the sex industry without threat of criminal sanctions or police harassment.
- Instead of attempting to eradicate the sex industry through further empowering the police and immigration enforcement, we need other workers to support sex workers in their demands for safety, labour rights and dignity at work.
- Decriminalisation means sex workers can report suspected cases of trafficking to police without self-incrimination. Anti-trafficking and anti-slavery law must not obliterate the right of adult individuals to gain livelihoods selling sex.

London Young Labour resolves:

- To support and campaign for the full decriminalisation of sex work.
- To support the unionisation of sex workers and to respect their demands for labour rights and to improve their working conditions, including occupational safety and health.
- To campaign against any attempt to introduce the criminalisation of clients, often referred to as the Nordic Model, or any law criminalising the advertisement of sexual services (similar to FOSTA/SESTA) in the UK.

## Youth Mental Health Cuts

**Proposer:** Chloe Ingram, Tooting CLP, L1638446

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Fraser Pitt, Putney CLP, L1757754

Jamie Simkin, Lewisham Deptford CLP, L1665477

Bareia Ahmad, Putney CLP, L1544303

London Young Labour Notes:

- 1 in 4 people will develop a mental health condition at some point in their life with 50% of these conditions developing before the age of 14 and 75% before the age of 24.
- That 70% of children and adolescents who experience mental health problems have not had appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.
- A third of 18 to 24-year-olds have experienced stresses due to concerns about housing.
- The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.

London Young Labour Believes:

- The systemic underfunding of mental health services, beds and training provision has had a progressive and continuing detrimental impact on young people with mental health conditions.
- Shares the concerns of MPs that proposals to transform mental health care for young people through maximum waiting times and improved support in schools will take too long to effect real change and fails to help young people who are not in education.
- Mental health is not only an issue in education facilities but is also a workplace issue. There is a need to ensure improvements in how employers are tackling the causes of work-related stress which can cause or exacerbate mental ill health.
- Job insecurity, the housing crisis, rising debt and falling living standards are leading to escalating levels of anxiety and stress in Britain.

London Young Labour Resolves:

- Campaign for increased mental health funding for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service across the UK, working with service users and community groups.
- Build mental health into the programme of political education, and particularly highlight the negative impact the current economic system has had on the mental health of young people.
- Campaign for parity of esteem between mental and physical health.

## **Crisis in Children's Mental Health Services**

**Proposer:** Albinia Stanley, Camberwell & Peckham, L1320354

**Seconders:** Grace Annesley, Holborn & St Pancras CLP, L1328258

Madey Doku, Erith & Thamesmead CLP, L1638717

Marini Thorne, Westminster CLP, L15615183

Jospeh Buckley, Bethnal Green & Bow CLP, LL1180885

Lara McNeil, Tottenham CLP, L1326015

London Young Labour notes:

- From 2008 to 2018, there was a 78% increase in the number of people contacting children's services because they were worried about a child. This has occurred while real funding for children's services fell over the same period.
- The number of children going into care increased for nine successive years up to 2017, with 2017 representing a record high. The Association of Directors of Children's Services attributed this to austerity, including housing benefit cuts and fragmented public services.
- Labour may not be in power in Westminster, but it is in power in local government all around the country including in the London Assembly and two thirds of all local councils in London.

London Young Labour believes:

- No child should be in care or adopted primarily because of the poverty of their parents or family.
- Factors such as reductions in benefits and tax credits, the crisis in affordable housing and insecure employment are all worsening the situation for many at risk children and families.

London Young Labour resolves:

- Campaign for new ways of working which put social justice and human relationships at the heart of children's and family services.
- Campaign to ensure protection of fundamental human rights extends to migrant families whatever their immigration status.
- Call upon local councils and the Mayor of London to protect funding and services for early intervention.
- Call upon local councils and the Mayor of London to ensure that children's services are managed in house instead of being left outsourced to charities, as is Labour Party policy.
- Call upon the Labour Party to protect against fragmentation of children's services induced by austerity.

## **Motion for the immediate suspension of right-to-buy until social housing deficit is redressed**

**Proposer:** Theo Freedman, Bethnal Green & Bow CLP, L1498933

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Toby Peacock, Lewisham Deptford CLP, L1230138,

Lara McNeil, Tottenham CLP, L1326015

James Smith, Lewisham Deptford CLP, L1227966

London Young Labour notes:

1. London suffered a net loss of 3,620 council homes between 2016 and 2017, according to the Government's annual update on housing stock for London. [1] [\[a\]](#)
2. New builds did not make up for homes lost due to demolition and 'right to buy' policies for the first time since 2014. Housing associations added just 1,910 new homes last year, leaving a net loss of 1,710 in London social housing stock overall. (London Mayoral Office)

London Young Labour believes:

1. The housing crisis is not a natural disaster, it is a carefully designed ploy to create wealth for a small sector of wealthy individuals at the expense of working people.
2. In London, families can be on the waiting list for a social home for over a decade, with children spending their formative years in hostels, bed and breakfasts or even worse, the streets of our capital.
3. In order to address the imbalance caused by successive neoliberal governments of the last two decades' unwillingness to stand up to the landlord class, we must take swift action.
4. The proposal of suspending right-to-buy in areas with similarly mismanaged housing stocks has been met with strong approval from Paul Dennett in Salford and in major European cities where this kind of inequality pervades.
5. We have a responsibility to demand better housing and as such the immediate suspension of right-to-buy must take place with instant effect so that we can start to build a city, and a society, for the many not the few.

London Young Labour resolves:

1. That right-to-buy should be suspended across the City of London until social homes are built at a higher rate than they are being bought up privately.
2. A concerted city-wide movement be initiated to build more social homes.
3. A London Young Labour consultation with the London Mayoral office to table these propositions and implement an action plan on lobbying central government to evaluate right-to-buy policies.

## **Standing with Palestine in the face of the Deal of the Century**

Proposed by: Amelia Horgan, Holborn & St Pancras CLP, L1172321

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Artin Giles, Harrow East, L1377027

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### **London Young Labour Notes:**

1. That this week, the IDF has begun a fresh aerial bombardment on Gaza, and a renewed assault on Palestinian prisoners.
2. That millions of Palestinians are mobilising for the anniversary of the Great March of Return, struggling to return home, under the protection of their inalienable and collective rights, as established in UN resolution and under international law.
3. That this year, President Trump is set to announce the 'Deal of the Century', the US-Israeli-Saudi sponsored scheme aimed at destroying the Palestinian cause, and dismantling the Palestinian people - whether facing discrimination inside Israel, military occupation and siege, or enforced exile in refugee camps - under the guise of a 'peace plan'; including an attempt to dismantle the UN agency UNRWA that serves the humanitarian needs of Palestinian refugees.
4. That in December last year, a broad coalition of Palestinian civil society organisations from inside Palestine and the refugee camps (made up of associations, campaigns, trade unions, human rights organisations, refugee and community organisations) published a united call to international solidarity, in order to alert everyone to the dangers of Trump's 'Deal of the Century'.<sup>1</sup>
5. That Labour and Palestine - a new initiative supported by Aslef, CWU, NUM, TSSA, Unison and Unite - launched online two weeks ago in order to build solid support for Palestine across the Party and the labour movement, with thousands of Labour members signing up over its first weekend.<sup>2</sup>

### **London Young Labour Believes:**

1. That, as LYL members, we must stand steadfast in our commitment to justice and internationalism, in our joint struggle for a world transformed, and that this commitment to the struggles of peoples worldwide is central to our socialism.
2. That we must raise our collective voices to ensure that Palestinians are visible to the world, and resist current attempts to erase the Palestinian people.
3. That understanding the Palestinian struggle for justice and what they face, and conveying it to others, must be at the heart of our solidarity campaigning and engaged internationalism.

### **London Young Labour Resolves:**

1. To support and mobilise for the national demonstration for Palestine on Saturday 11 May 2019.<sup>3</sup>
2. To encourage LYL members to sign up to the Labour and Palestine statement, and support the work of Labour and Palestine.<sup>4</sup>
3. To raise awareness of the internationally recognised rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, liberation, and return, as well as existing international obligations to ensure these inalienable rights are achieved; and to raise awareness of Britain's colonial history, the

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<sup>1</sup> <https://palestineonecause.com/the-call/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://labourandpalestine.org.uk/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/260404684903442/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://labourandpalestine.org.uk/statement/>

actions of British colonial troops in Palestine from 1917 to 1948, which led to the dispossession and forced displacement of Palestinians in 1948 (the Nakba).

4. To alert LYL members to the 'Deal of the Century', and to protest the plan's implementation by this far-right alliance intent on destroying the rights of an entire people.
5. To continue to stand with the Palestinian people in their long struggle for their inalienable rights for liberation, self-determination, and return.

### **Youth knife crime:**

**Proposer:** Warda Hassan, Tottenham CLP, L1180890

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Asher Mohammed, Walthamstow CLP, L1238086

Esther Endfield, Hendon CLP, L1295736

Ansh Bhatnagar, Hammersmith CLP, L1638881

### London Young Labour Notes:

- That since the beginning of this year, seven teenagers have been stabbed to death in London.
- Since 2011 and last year, 81 youth clubs and council projects for young people have been shut because of funding cuts.
- In the same seven years, a total of £39m of cuts have been made to youth services in the capital.

### London Young Labour Believes:

- That the violence young
- people face cannot be separated from the austerity imposed on them and their communities.
- That this crisis cannot be solved by increasing police presence and police powers
- That 'Stop & Search' and 'Joint Enterprise' legalise racial discrimination, contributing to the overrepresentation and violence that marginalised young people face in the justice system.
- That youth crime is connected to our increasingly stratified education system and growing economic inequality.

### London Young Labour Resolves:

- To campaign to keep youth centres and youth services open.
- To lobby the Labour Party to develop a strategy on knife crime that takes a holistic, multi-agency approach rather than criminalising young people, particularly young BAME and/or working-class people.
- To demand the restoration and extension of local and national funding for youth services and for education.

## **Precarious work**

**Proposer:** Charlie Macnamara, Vauxhall CLP, L1473017

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London Young Labour notes:

- One in nine people in the UK are in insecure work, such as agency work, zero-hour contracts and low-paid self-employment. The vast majority of these precarious workers experience 'in work poverty', for instance 77% of self-employed workers nationwide are living in poverty.
- Precarious employment practices are on the rise. The number of people on zero-hour contracts in the UK is now more than five times higher than in 2010. There is an increasing trend of bogus 'self-employment', particularly in the new 'platform economy' contributing to decreasing pay and job security. London is particularly badly impacted: according to Trust for London the growth of precarious work in London is greater than the national average.
- As well being home to some of the richest corporations and individuals in the country, London is also home to some of the worst poverty and deprivation, and much of this is 'in work poverty'. Many workers in London are in low pay, insecure work.
- BAME groups, women and young people are persistently disadvantaged in the labour market. People on "zero-hours contracts" are more likely to be young and/or women and/or BAME when compared with other people in employment.
- Regrettably only 4% of people aged 16-24 across the UK are members of a trade union.
- Last summer, London Young Labour passed a motion in support of strike action led by young, precarious workers in London at McDonalds and TGI fridays as part of campaigns for better pay and conditions. LYL also supported cleaning and security workers on strike at the Ministry of Justice and BEIS campaigning for a living wage.
- Over the last year we have also seen young workers in London organising and leading new campaigns in logistics, transport, hospitality, retail, cleaning and security sectors, demanding better conditions from companies such as Wetherspoons, Uber, Deliveroo, City Sprint, Stuart and The Doctors' Laboratory.

London Young Labour believes:

- All workers deserve a liveable wage, job security and dignity and respect at work.
- Young people are disproportionately affected by current precarious labour conditions.
- Precarious and insecure employment practices are a result both of low trade union density and low intensity of industrial action and neoliberal policies implemented by successive governments which have failed to protect and ensure basic workers' rights in emerging industrial sectors.

- The Labour party should do more to support precarious workers organising to improve their conditions
- Our movement needs to do more to support and encourage young people organising in trade unions.
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London Young Labour resolves:

- To proactively support trade unions seeking to unionise precarious workers and bring an end to exploitative employment practices, supporting unionisation drives and disputes around precarious work in London.
- To develop campaign and educational resources to help facilitate greater cooperation between our wider LYL network & trade unions coordinating strike action.
- To work with trade unions to develop an outreach programme to schools and/or other youth services promoting trade union education for young people.
- To run training and political education events around workplace organising and trade unionism.
- To commend and support the Labour Party's policy commitment to end outsourcing in public services.
- To campaign for Labour Councils in London and the Greater London Authority to ensure all workers they employ directly or via subcontractors are paid the London Living Wage and have secure contracts, and for an end to outsourcing of services and the in-housing of outsourced workers.
- To campaign for Labour Councils in London and the Greater London Authority to use their powers to support and enforce workers rights' for workers in bogus 'self-employment'.

## **Anti-Islamophobia**

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London Young Labour notes:

1. The Labour Party has formally adopted the APPG definition of Islamophobia with 9 examples in March 2019, which states that "Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."
2. That between 15 – 21 March Tell Mama have concluded there was a 593% rise in reported Islamophobic hate crime in the UK, following the Christchurch Mosque attack
3. That analysis of counter-terrorism initiatives by MI5 have concluded that "experiences of inequality, marginalisation, or victimisation, particularly racial or religious attacks, both physical and verbal" and play a direct role in the radicalisation of individuals, as reported by Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND)

London Young Labour believes:

1. The intersections of race, gender, class, and religion interact to produce a matrix of oppression which negatively impacts the wellbeing, opportunities, and conditions of many young Muslims and non-Muslim BAME people in London today
2. The culture of Islamophobia and racism that thrives in the Conservative Party, and is tolerated and excused by MPs, councillors, members, and the media has no place in Britain today
3. Young Muslim people are particularly victimised by counter-terrorism programmes such as PREVENT, which uses schools, hospitals, social services, and employers, to target and disproportionately surveil Muslims, often causing further disenfranchisement.
4. Muslim women are particularly visible and vulnerable to physical, sexist and Islamophobic abuse.
5. Muslim communities are frequently experience hostile police presence under counter-terrorism legislation which positions all Muslims as potential threats to national security, and are unlikely to be made, or to feel safer by the increased budget of the Places of Worship Protective Security Fund.
6. Islamophobic hate crime statistics are underreported and represent only a small proportion of those that occur.
7. Sajid Javid is a wasteman for continuing the hostile environment started by previous Home Secretary Theresa May

London Young Labour resolves:

1. To support charities' calls for 'a working definition of Islamophobia that encompasses its institutional and structural forms and recognises these as central to how Islamophobia is operationalised and facilitated in Britain
2. To support and campaign for MEND's call to repeal the PREVENT duty it being an "important first step in tackling the detrimental impact of such ill-conceived counter-terror strategies that hinder Muslims' abilities to fully enjoy their social, civic, religious, political, and economic rights"
3. To actively work to combat Islamophobia, racism, and fascism wherever it appears, through vocal condemnation and concrete action where possible

4. To reach out and build links with local Muslim groups, individuals, and places of worship, in order to engage and empower more young Muslims to represent their community's needs at a local and national level
5. To work with other groups in developing our relationship with mosques in London and respond to engage with any calls they make to support their communities and work

### **Fighting and Reversing Academisation**

**Proposer:** Benjamin McGowan, Bromley and Chislehurst CLP, L1765541

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#### **London Young Labour Notes:**

- The school system has been systematically fragmented and marketised (especially since 2010) with a huge increase in the number of academies and the introduction of new school types including free schools, studio schools and university technical colleges.
- This system is organised around competition for pupils, funding and resources.
- The growth of the academy system has meant that a significant number of schools now operate as their own admissions authorities. Without proper oversight, there is clear potential for breaches of the School Admissions Code through opaque and unlawful practices that discriminate against some groups of children.
- The academy model compromises the integrity of the education system by imbedding private interests into the management of schools.
- At a time when school budgets are being squeezed dry, servicing the academy programme and keeping it afloat despite its increasingly apparent failings has taken up a disproportionate amount of the education budget. According to the National Audit Office (February 2018), some £745 million has been spent since 2010 on converting maintained schools to academies.
- Several notable academy groups have been involved in illegal or immoral activities such as fraud and asset stripping, activities which could have been avoided if the schools were under Local authority control.
- The academy model has undermined democratic accountability of schools to their communities, reduced professional autonomy and discouraged effective collaboration between education professionals.
- Cuts to local authority funding and a fragmented school system have led to a loss of services to support schools, pupils and families, both in terms of education support and challenge and in place planning, HR, brokering large scale projects especially IT, and support for pupils and families with complex needs. Local authorities retain many responsibilities but often have little power to ensure schools comply.

London Young Labour Believes:

- The academisation project has failed and is not in the best interests of our education system or the students within it.
- All pupils should have the same entitlement to a high-quality education.
- Schools should operate under the same governance and accountability structure, working collaboratively and across phases to meet the needs of all pupils.

London Young Labour Resolves:

- To campaign and work with the National Education Union, who have asserted the following demands to be driving principles in Labour's new National Education Service:
  - Local Authorities should be able to open schools without need for a competition with other providers.
  - No more academy orders should be issued
  - Academy schools should be able to re-join the LA
  - Enable schools in MATS to have an independent legal status and be able to leave the MAT.
  - MATS should be elected bodies – elected by school communities.
  - National pay and Conditions for teachers and support staff should apply in all state funded schools.
- Campaign with local parent led anti-academisation groups in London such as "Save our Schools" and "School Cuts".
- To support educational staff in London who engage in industrial dispute over academisation.

## **LYL Supports Anti-Fascism in London**

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Aliya Yule, Holborn & St. Pancras, L1153517

Young Labour notes:

1. That the election of Donald Trump to the U.S Presidency in November 2016 has galvanised the far-right, with fascist and far-right movements across the world emboldened by his victory;
2. That the electoral success of the far-right Alternative fur Deutschland in German elections, the number of votes gained by Marine Le Pen of the Front National in the 2017 election which represents a post-war high for French fascism and the government of Victor Orban in Hungary represent a worrying growth of power for the far right;
4. That in Britain, far-right activists such as Tommy Robinson and Britain First are attempting to enter the political mainstream through working with UKIP, as exemplified by the march on December 9<sup>th</sup>;
5. The Christchurch terrorist attack in which 50 innocent lives were taken highlights the danger posed by the far right for many communities, especially the Muslim community;
6. That reported hate incidents have risen by 593% since the Christchurch attack including serious hate crimes occurring in Surrey, Birmingham and East London

Young Labour believes:

1. Fascism is a scavenger ideology. It is a movement of violence against ethnic minorities and the organised labour movement and aims to suppress all organisations sincerely interested in improving the conditions of the working class
2. From opposing Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts to the British National Party, the Labour movement has a proud history of antifascism. However, the Labour Party must cease to outsource its anti-racist fight and explicitly mobilise its large membership in this important fight
3. London Young Labour should work with recently formed antifascist organisations including Labour Against Racism and Fascism (LARAF) and London United in order to confront and combat the rise of the far right
4. To work with the London Anti-Fascist Assembly (LAFA) in confronting the far-right in London
5. To educate young people in London and across the country on the growth of the far right and how members and supporters can engage in helping to eradicate the far-right
6. To support the efforts of the General Secretary, Jennie Formby and the National Executive Committee (NEC) to eradicate antisemitism from the Labour Party
7. To support the adoption of the definition of Islamophobia recently made by the NEC
8. 8. To remain vigilant against the growth of any potential fascist movement growing in Britain; to work with local communities and anti-fascist organisations in opposing these movements in ways they deem appropriate including: demonstrations of solidarity with victims of fascism and continue organisation against far right movements.

## **Stop Legal Aid Cuts**

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### **LYL notes**

- The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO) withdrew aid from areas of law including family, welfare, housing, immigration, employment, clinical negligence, social security and debt.
- The Tory Government argued that LASPO provided 'value for money', but actually the burden of cost has simply shifted onto the courts, NHS and social care.
- Since 2010, the MoJ has closed at least 230 crown, county and magistrates courts, which has impacted the ability for people to access the courts system
- We welcome the Labour Party's recent commitment to give automatic legal aid funding for bereaved families at inquests where relatives have died under the control of state agencies such as prisons and police stations, and for people seeking legal advice to review or appeal benefit decisions.

### **LYL believes**

- That access to justice is a fundamental human right; and legal aid is an equalising measure to empower people to enforce their human, civil and criminal rights against those with more influence and deeper pockets
- That the financial savings are insignificant compared to the human and social costs, particularly the mental health and welfare problems generated as a result.
- As noted by the TUC, justice services must be seen as interdependent and interconnected with our wider public services

### **LYL resolves**

- To lobby the Labour Party to go further and reverse the spending cuts to the Legal Aid sector, and to generate publicity around the impact of legal aid cuts when annual reports and statistics are released
- To support groups providing information about and campaigning against further cuts to legal aid, such as the Haldane Society of Socialist Solicitors
- To provide support and guidance for LYL members to pass motions that support repealing LASPO and reinstating legal aid in their CLPs and other Labour groups

## **Motion on Labour Students**

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### **London Young Labour Notes:**

- Labour's commitment to the abolition of university tuition fees in the 2017 General Election was a key driver of an upsurge in the Party's vote amongst young people and especially students, where its percentage of the vote rose to 55%.
- Labour Students held its elections this year, for the first time implementing an OMOV ballot that has long been promised to its members.
- The elections were riddled with irregularities and unnecessary obstacles to vote. In order to vote, a Labour Student member had to be a member of a Labour Society affiliated to Labour Students nationally, register to vote in the elections, prove they were a member of that club and have their university society register their names in the elections. A number of these requirements were set to different deadlines, further obscuring the process and disenfranchising members.
- It is reported that out of an organisation of 20,000 members, only 500 were able to cast their vote.
- Labour Students have not released an election return, therefore there is no information to members regarding voter turnout and the percentage of the vote for the winning candidates.

### **London Young Labour Believes:**

- A vibrant student wing is vital to winning the votes of students at a general election and achieving a Jeremy Corbyn Labour government and a fully enfranchised membership is a key way of doing this.
- The hurdles set to be able to participate in the Labour Students elections were far too difficult and regrettably give the perception of an attempt to suppress voter turnout and gerrymander a particular outcome.
- In order to demonstrate its commitment to democracy, that Labour Students must release the returns of its elections, including details of voter turnout and the number of votes cast for each candidate.
- If this does not occur, that Labour's National Executive Committee must instruct Labour Students to release its election returns in full.
- The NEC must also urgently conduct a review of its relationship with Labour Students and consider all options available. These should include the option of disaffiliating Labour Students

from the Labour Party and setting up a new student organisation or the amalgamation of the Labour's student wing with Young Labour.

**London Young Labour Resolves:**

- To campaign for more participation and democracy in Labour's Youth and Student organisations.
- To release a statement calling for Labour Students to release the full returns of its 2019 elections.
- To write to the NEC, asking them to conduct a review of its relationship with Labour Students as outlined above.

## Save Latin Village

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London Young Labour notes:

1. Labour's programme for government aims to definancialise the economy to make it function in the interests of working people. As Grace Blakely's IPPR report (2018)<sup>1</sup> finds, definancialisation requires a new approach to urban space.

2. 'Community Wealth Building', as Martin O'Neill and others have shown, is a crucial part of that process, as shown in the example of Preston (the 'Preston Model') and Islington.<sup>2</sup> John McDonnell has recently launched a 'Community Wealth Building Unit' which seeks to support economic models built 'from the ground up', rather than introducing 'extractive multinational firms' into more and more spaces.<sup>3</sup>

3. Working class communities - notably those composed of migrants - have been defending community spaces from the threat of gentrification masked as 'regeneration'.<sup>4</sup> Latin Village, or Wards Corner, is one such community. This 60 stall, Latin market - many of whose stall holders are refugees from conflicts in South America - is threatened with 'redevelopment'. The developers' plans contain no social housing and a 'retail unit' of generic high street shops.

4. UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Rita Izsak-Ndiaye, has said that plans to 'redevelop' the Latin Village on Wards' Corner in the London Borough of Haringey (LBH) are a threat to human rights. The changes proposed by the developer, Grainger Plc, would have a 'deleterious impact on the dynamic cultural life of the diverse people in the area', affirmed the UN. Their report was featured on Channel 4 News.<sup>5</sup>

5. That - as the New Statesman's has recently noted - Latin Village has become a 'battleground for Corbynism's soul.' The struggle of the Latin American community at this site has received backing from Aditya Chakraborty in The Guardian, The New Economics Foundation and Novara Media.<sup>6</sup>

London Young Labour affirms:

1. Labour should stand against the gentrification of working class, migrant communities by profit seeking developers.

1 [https://www.ippr.org/files/2018-07/1531217614\\_cej-on-borrowed-time-june18-.pdf](https://www.ippr.org/files/2018-07/1531217614_cej-on-borrowed-time-june18-.pdf)

2 <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/newe.12130>

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<https://www.thenews.coop/126193/sector/community/john-mcdonnell-announces-formation-community-wealth-unit/>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/oct/10/corbynism-work-government-borough-haringey>

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5 <https://www.channel4.com/news/united-nations-intervenes-in-proposed-regeneration-of-london-market-%E3%80%80>

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<https://novaramedia.com/2019/02/04/latin-american-community-betrayed-by-council-plans-to-let-private-developers-demolish-tottenham-market/>

2. The vital nature of community wealth building projects as a strategy to secure the 'collaborative, inclusive, sustainable and democratically controlled local economies' necessary for socialist transformation.

3. That Latin Village is a crucial community asset that must not be exploited by property developers seeking to maximise profit from 'regeneration'.

4. Solidarity with the Save Latin Village campaign.

London Young Labour calls upon

1. London Borough of Haringey to work with community groups like Save Latin Village to explore every conceivable option to stop the Compulsory Purchase Order and exit the development agreement with Grainger Plc.

2. LBH to support the communities alternative proposals for Wards Corner.

3. Young Labour to support efforts to build a cross-organisation alliance to challenge authoritarian urban development in the interests of profit over people.

4. Momentum and LBH to join this alliance and work with other groups, including London Renters Union, Save Latin Village, and Momentum grass roots, to ask Grainger to exit the site and for the community to take over - as specified in the Save Latin Village alternative proposals with the N15 Development Trust.

7 <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?LangID=E&NewsID=21911>

## **Towards A Green New Deal**

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London Young Labour notes:

1. The process of climate change has led to rising sea levels, increases in wildfires, severe storms, droughts and other extreme weather events which threaten our ecosystems and the lives of people across the world.
2. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, we have only 11 years to ensure that global temperatures stay below 1.5 degrees Celsius to avoid the most severe impacts of the deteriorating climate.
3. Since 1988, it's estimated that just 100 corporation have been the source of more than 70% of global greenhouse emissions.
4. The changing climate disproportionately harms poor and working class people in the UK and globally.
5. A number of exciting movements and campaigns have emerged to challenge the current climate crisis, including the Youth Climate Strike and Sunrise movement in the USA.

London Young Labour believes that:

1. Our neoliberal economic system has accelerated the unsustainable extraction of the world's scarce resources.
2. Combatting climate change requires a fundamental economic transformation, including divestment from fossil fuels, fostering new models of industrial ownership and promoting decarbonisation.

3. The costs of neoliberal environmental policy, aimed at mitigating and adapting to climate change, are disproportionately borne within society, often being displaced on the poorest.
4. The UK's vast historical emission of greenhouse gases means it has a responsibility to take a leading role in the fight for combatting climate change.
5. The large-scale green programme proposed by Jeremy Corbyn is vital to promote green jobs; decarbonisation and investments in critical green infrastructure.
6. The UK needs a radical Green New Deal guided by the principle of climate justice, not piecemeal policies designed to greenwash capitalism.

London Young Labour resolves to:

1. To support the new 'Labour for a Green New Deal' (@LabGND), a movement comprised of members, trade unions and grassroots activists striving for radical climate action.
2. To mobilise Young Labour members in support of demonstrations for climate justice, including the Youth Climate Strike.
3. To organise political education events aimed at exploring what a Green New Deal program could consist of, and relay feedback to Labour MP's and regional forums that support policy development.
4. Form global partnerships with environmental groups and climate networks to share ideas, form strategies and co-design climate action.
5. Lobby members of the Greater London Authority to implement the London's Environmental Strategy to achieve its target of zero-carbon by 2050.

## Stop Transport for London's "Tax on the Poor"

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London Young Labour notes:

- Private hire drivers working for companies such as Uber, ViaVan and Addison Lee are some of the most exploited and precarious workers in London, often taking home below minimum wage pay for the hours they work.
- The Chair of the Parliamentary Work and Pensions Committee has described the daily experience of work in the private hire trade as "like working in a sweatshop".
- Private hire drivers and their unions the IWGB and the GMB have been fighting important legal battles for worker status against exploitative gig economy companies such as Uber and Addison Lee.
- Transport for London and The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan are removing the congestion charge exemption for private hire drivers as of 8 April 2019. This will cost private hire drivers up to £230 per month in extra costs.
- Private hire drivers have held weekly demonstrations for the last 3 months with thousands on the streets to protest the policy. Private hire driver unions have described the policy as a 'tax on the poor' and raised concerns at the impact this policy will have on drivers, throwing many into 'in-work poverty'.
- The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has stated that the policy is necessary to reduce air pollution and congestion.
- The Conservative Government was heavily criticised by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment David Boyd for an air pollution crisis that is "endangering people's health" and causing premature deaths.
- Studies show that London's BAME communities are disproportionately negatively impacted by air pollution.
- Transport for London's impact assessment of the new congestion charge policy for private hire drivers estimates the charge will reduce congestion only by 1%, and will likely increase air pollution levels.
- The charge will bring in over £300 million per year in revenue to Transport for London.
- The TfL impact assessment also shows that 71% of the city's 107,000 private hire drivers are from 'designated deprived communities' and 94% are BAME.
- The Independent Workers Union of Great Britain has applied for a Judicial Review of the policy on grounds of discrimination, due to the impact on London's BAME communities.
- A number of policy alternatives for congestion and air pollution reduction have been successfully trialled in other cities, such as New York City, where the state senate has imposed a cap on the total number of licensed private hire drivers in order to reduce congestion.

London Young Labour believes:

- The policy will have a huge negative impact on some of London's most vulnerable and marginalised communities.
- Policymakers have failed to properly engage key stakeholders such as private hire drivers and their representative organisations, unions and associations.
- Labour in government has a duty to find robust and timely solutions to environmental issues.
- As the Labour party we must also be firm that the costs of protecting our environment cannot be borne on the backs of the most vulnerable, and in delivering policy we must strive to walk hand in hand with the communities we represent so that none are left behind.
- There are a number of viable alternative policies which could be brought in to tackle congestion and air pollution, for example: TfL could apply congestion charges directly to operators such as Uber, rather than their workers, ensuring that the costs are passed on to consumers; TfL could use its licensing

powers to enforce worker rights in the private hire trade, indirectly reducing the oversupply of private hire vehicles; Sadiq Khan and the London Assembly could campaign much more strongly for legislation giving powers to put a cap on private hire driver licenses.

London Young Labour resolves:

- To campaign alongside trade unions and precarious workers, and to lobby London region, the London Assembly Labour group, and the Labour Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, for a halt plans to remove the congestion charge exemption for private hire drivers.
- To support campaigns by the Mayor of London and the London Assembly Labour group for legislation giving powers to put a cap on private hire driver licenses.
- To support private hire drivers and their unions campaigning for worker status.

## **Young people need a Labour Government, not a damaging Tory Brexit**

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### **London Young Labour Notes:**

- The 2018 Labour Party Conference policy on the EU and Brexit, agreed by an overwhelming majority, that included the following points:

“Should Parliament vote down a Tory Brexit deal or the talks end in no-deal, Conference believes this would constitute a loss of confidence in the Government. In these circumstances, the best outcome for the country is an immediate General Election that can sweep the Tories from power.

If we cannot get a general election Labour must support all options remaining on the table, including a public vote. If the government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public.”

- That the majority of young people voted to remain in the 2016 referendum and that they will have to live with the consequences of Brexit for the rest of their lives
- That many economists as well as the CBI and the TUC believe the situation with regards to Theresa May's withdrawal agreement is economically damaging to jobs and prosperity, especially for working class communities and that no-deal exit is even more so;
- That the overwhelming majority of young people voted for the Labour Party in the 2017 general election due to Labour's transformative socialist manifesto
- That Labour's support base is divided and increasingly polarised on the issue of Brexit, with Labour MPs representing the substantial majority of the most heavily remain-voting areas as well as the most heavily leave-voting areas
- That the same is true of the target seats that Labour must win in order to defeat the Tories at the next General Election.
- That EU migrants living in the UK have been subject to appalling treatment by the Conservative government and treated as bargaining chips in Brexit negotiations
- The Labour Party's strategy in Parliament which has been instrumental in securing the right of parliament to have a meaningful vote on the deal and in forcing the public release of the Brexit Impact Assessments
- That Theresa May's government has failed at every stage at reaching a negotiation with the European Union that could command a majority in parliament, as a result of which we are now seriously facing the prospect of a disastrous no-deal Brexit
- That Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour frontbench first proposed a customs union in February 2018 and that the Party's position is the only one that can gain the support of a majority of MPs, given the historic defeat of May's withdrawal agreement

### **London Young Labour Believes:**

- That the responsibility for the present situation lies solely at Theresa May and the Tory party's feet

- That the campaign to leave the European Union in 2016 was characterised by the predominance of racist, anti-immigrant sentiment, as have many of the pro-Brexit campaigns since the referendum
- That nonetheless there were complex socio-economic reasons for many people to vote to Leave, and that the Labour Party must respond to those reasons with bold socialist policies
- That the real social and political divide in Britain is, and will continue to be, between the many and the few, not between leavers and remainers
- That Theresa May put her Brexit deal to parliament two times and suffered the biggest ever government defeat on the floor of the House of Commons in the process, clearly constituting a loss of confidence in her government.

**London Young Labour Resolves:**

- To release a statement that condemns those London Labour MPs who have voted against the whip for May's disastrous deal
- To support the Leadership's call for a permanent customs union where the UK has a say, a strong relationship with the single market and a legislative guarantee on worker's rights and environmental protection
- To call for Jeremy Corbyn and the shadow cabinet to continue to follow conference policy and to use all options, including if appropriate a public vote, to achieve a general election, defeat a Tory Brexit and deliver a transformative Labour government for the many not the few.