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Labour Party Conference

Progressive
Fringe Guide

2015

The progressive fringe guide from Class

This guide has been compiled by the Centre for Labour and Social Studies to promote the best fringes at Labour Party Conference 2015. We have tried to include as many as possible and would like to thank all of those involved. We hope you find it useful!



What is Class?

The Centre for Labour and Social Studies (Class) is a thinktank established by the trade union movement to act as a centre for left debate and discussion. Class works with a broad coalition of experts to develop alternative policies and ensure the political agenda is on the side of working people.

Class has the support of a growing number of trade unions including: ASLEF, BFAWU, CWU, GFTU, GMB, FEU, Musicians' Union, NUM, NUT, PCS, PFA, TSSA, UCATT, UCU and Unite.

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18:00 Campaign for Labour Party Democracy Conference Lift Off! CLPD Rally & Delegates Briefing



Friends Meeting House, Ship Street

£3 or Concessions £1

Featuring: Chair Lizzy Ali, CLPD; Ann Black; Jeremy Corbyn MP; Diana Holland, Unite; Tosh McDonald, ASLEF; Kate Osamor MP; Nancy Platts; Rida Vaquas; Peter Willsman.

21:00 LGBT Labour's 40th Birthday Bash

The Only Party in the Village

*Charles Street Bar, 8 Marine Parade. **Donation on the door.***

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12:30 Action for Rail TUC, RMT, TSSA, ASLEF & Unite

Where Now for Labour and Rail Public Ownership?

Tudor Room, Old Ship Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Chair Paul Nowak, TUC; Lucy Anderson MEP; Jon Cruddas MP (invited); Mick Whelan, ASLEF; Mick Lynch, RMT; Manuel Cortes, TSSA; Diana Holland, Unite.

12:30 Unite & Daily Mirror

Real Britain fringe

Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Chair Kevin Maguire, Daily Mirror; Len McCluskey, Unite; Ros Wynne-Jones, Daily Mirror; Cherylee Houston, Actress, Coronation Street.

12:30 Webb Memorial Trust

Who Cares About Poverty in Britain?

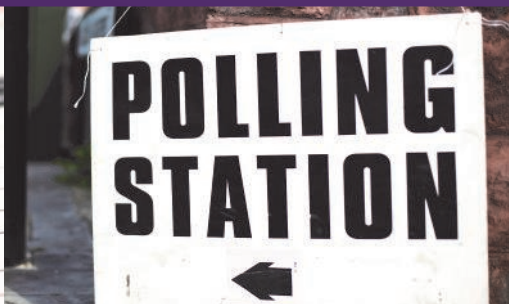
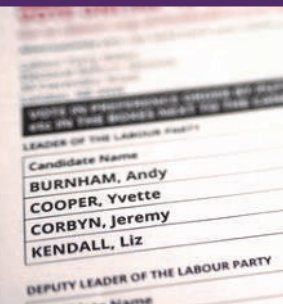
Russell Room, Royal Albion Hotel, Old Steine

Featuring: Chair Mike Parker, Webb Memorial Trust; Prof Robert Walker, Oxford University; Kate Green MP, Chair, APPG on Poverty; Julia Unwin, JRF (invited).

LABOUR2015: BRIGHTON



AFTER THE ELECTION: WHERE NEXT FOR THE LEFT?



5:45PM | SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
GB1 TERRACE, GRAND HOTEL, BRIGHTON

SPEAKERS:



Chair: Cllr
Laura
Pidcock



Owen Jones,
Guardian



Frances
O'Grady,
TUC General
Secretary



Prof Danny
Dorling,
Oxford
University



Jo Stevens
MP,
Cardiff
Central

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12:30 MS Society

Protecting Those in Greatest Need in the Context of Welfare Cuts – Fact or Fiction?

GB1 Terrace, The Grand Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Chair Polly Toynbee, the Guardian; Michelle Mitchell, MS Society; Rachel Reeves MP (invited); Elizabeth Mitchell, Person living with MS; Ian Simpson, NatCen; Paul Johnson, Institute for Fiscal Studies (invited).

13:00 Refugee Council

Refugees, Migration and the Mediterranean

Founders Room, Brighton Dome

Featuring: Claude Moraes MEP; Yvette Cooper MP (tbc); Gonzalo Vargas Llosa, UNHCR; Maurice Wren, Refugee Council.

17:30 CLASS

Where Next for the Left? Supported by Morrish Solicitors

GB1 Terrace, The Grand Hotel, King's Rd

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Featuring: Chair Cllr Laura Pidcock; Prof Danny Dorling, Oxford University; Owen Jones, The Guardian; Frances O'Grady, TUC; Jo Stevens MP.

17:30 Keir Hardie Society

Keir Hardie Centenary Essays: Meet the Authors

Surrey Suite 2, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel; Kings Road

Featuring: Pauline Bryan; Melissa Benn, The enduring principle of agitation; Jeremy Corbyn MP, A legacy for the Peace Movement; John Callow, West Ham: A sploch of Red; Cathy Jamieson, Cumnock: A lasting legacy; Owen Smith MP, Merthyr Tydfil: Hardie's Welsh Odyssey.

17:30 NASUWT

Poverty Proofing the School Day

Preston Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Graham Dawson; Sharon Hodgson MP (invited); Alan Milburn (invited); Chris Keates, NASUWT; Alison Garnham, CPAG.

17.30 Trade Union Group of MPs and unionstogether Annual Trade Union Reception

*Viscount Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel. **Ticket Only.***

Featuring: Ian Lavery MP, Chair of TUG of MPs; Paul Kenny, Chair of TULO, Rebecca Long-Bailey MP and others tbc.

17:30 Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Palestine: Developing Labour Party Policy Together

Renaissance North, The Waterfront Hotel

Featuring: Chair Hugh Lanning, PSC; Mick Whelan, ASLEF; Manuel Cortes, TSSA; Cat Smith MP; Grahame Morris MP; Richard Howitt MEP; Karma Nabulsi, Palestinian academic and professor at Oxford University.

17:45 Unite and the Robin Hood Tax Campaign

Labour and the City

Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Chair Gail Cartmail, Unite; Polly Toynbee, the Guardian; Alison McGovern MP (invited); David Hillman, Robin Hood Tax campaign; special guest (invited).

18:00 Sinn Fein

Good Friday Agreement Under Threat - Equality not Austerity

Conference Room, Best Western, King'd Road

Featuring: Chair Kevin Maguire, The Mirror; Jennifer McCann MLA; Jeremy Corbyn MP; Paul Maskey MP; others tbc.

18:00 Unions 21 & the Smith Institute

Bargaining For Growth: Putting The Economic Case For Trade Unions

Hall 7 - Dee, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Sue Fern, Unions 21; Owen Smith MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Mike Clancy, Prospect; John Hannett, USDAW; Richard Murphy, Tax Research UK; Prof Özlem Onaran, University of Greenwich.

18:00 SERA Labour's Environment Campaign

Rally: The future's red, the future's green

Ballroom, Mercure Brighton Seafront Hotel

Featuring: Five-minute future visions for a brighter, greener Britain, from a new generation of MPs, councillors, trade union and business leaders. Chair: Jake Sumner, SERA.

18:30 Labour Housing Group and SHOUT Campaign Responding to the Tory Housing Agenda

Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, BN1 1AF

Featuring: Chair Kerry Pollard; Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP; Local housing group members (invited); SHOUT campaign representative.

19:00 LabourList and Unite

LabourList Rally: Winning Again

Charlotte Room, The Grand Hotel

Featuring: Tristram Hunt MP; Rupa Huq MP; Eddie Izzard; Owen Jones; Dame Tessa Jowell; Cllr Claire Kober; Len McCluskey, Unite; Kate Osamor MP; Tom Watson MP.



**Building progressive alliances
for a new economy**

Monday 28 September 6-7 PM

**Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel
Hall 7 - Dee**

Neal Lawson, Compass

Lisa Nandy MP

Caroline Lucas MP (Green Party)

George Keravan MP (SNP)

Naomi Smith

(Social Liberal Forum)

Clive Lewis MP

Monday 28 September

08:00 LabourList and CWU

A Charter for Renters' Rights: Improving Housing NOW

Victoria Terrace, The Grand Hotel

Featuring: Chair Owen Jones, Guardian; Simon Sapper, CWU; Karen Buck MP; Betsy Dillner, Generation Rent.

12:30 Chinese for Labour

Winning in 2020: is Labour losing black and ethnic minority voters?

Lecture Room, Friends Meeting House, Ship St

Featuring: Sunder Katwala, British Future; Damian Lyons Lowe, Survation; Labour Party Deputy Leader tbc, Diane Abbott MP tbc.

12:30 Age UK

Can the NHS Meet the Needs of our Ageing Population?

Arundel 2, Holiday Inn, 137 King's Rd

Featuring: Victoria MacDonald, Channel 4 News; Richard Taunt, The Health Foundation; Caroline Abrahams, Age UK; Deborah Mattinson, Britain thinks; Labour MP (invited).

12:30 Socialist Health Association

Social Care and Health

Stanmer, Brighthelm Centre, North Rd

Featuring: Dr Doug Naysmith; Emily Thornberry MP; Angela Rayner MP; Prof June Thoburn, Labour Social Work Group.

12:30 unionstogether

Bringing 3 Million Voices to Labour

Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Byron Taylor, unionstogether (Chair); Clive Lewis MP; Lisa Johnson, GMB; Kate Purcell, Unite; Felicity Appleby, unionstogether.

12.30 HOPE Not Hate

Labour's UKIP Problem

Hall 7 – Wye, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Ruth Smeeth MP; Ian Austin MP; Nick Lowles, HNH.

12.30 CTUF, Unite and IER

Union Responses to the Trade Union Bill

Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel



Featuring: Chair Carolyn Jones, IER; Len McCluskey, Unite; John Henty QC; Jennie Formby, Unite; Prof Keith Ewing, IER/CTUF.

12:30 LabourList, Million+ and NUS

Where Next for Labour's Higher Education Policy?

Victoria Terrace, the Grand Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Chair Stefan Stern, LabourList; Liam Byrne MP; Megan Dunn, NUS; Paul Blomfield MP; Dave Phoenix, London South Bank University and Chair of million+.

12:45 NUT

The Education Bill: What Does it Mean for Local Democracy?

Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Laura McInerney, Schools Week; Kevin Courtney, NUT; other speakers (invited).

12:45 Disability Labour

What Have Human Rights Done for Disabled People?

Lancaster Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Featuring: Richard Howett MEP; Kate Green MP.

13:30 New Statesman and TUC

What can Labour do to Win Back the Working-Class?

Keats & Shelley, Thistle Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Rachel Reeves MP; Frances O'Grady, TUC; Polly Billington ex-Labour PPC.

14:00 LabourList and Unite

Backing the Working Class and Beyond: How Can We Get a Parliament that Looks Like Us?

Victoria Terrace, The Grand Hotel, King's Rd

Featuring: Ian Lavery MP; Jennie Formby, Unite; Kate Osamor MP; Bernadette Horton, NE Wales Unite Community branch.



14:30 Labour Friends of Palestine and the Middle East supported by Unite and MAP

Labour Party Policy on Israel-Palestine: Right or Wrong Side of History?

Oxford Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Lisa Nandy MP; Richard Howitt MEP; Stephen Kinnock MP; Dr Husam Zomlot, Ambassador-at-Large, PLO.

17:00 Amnesty and Labour Campaign for Human Rights

Securing our human rights: Challenges for the Labour Party

Gloucester Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Kate Allen, Amnesty International UK; Lord Falconer, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice; Catherine West MP; Sir Keir Starmer QC MP; Richard Howitt MEP.

17:30 Labour Assembly Against Austerity

Opposing Austerity: Mobilising Members and Winning Voters, *Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel*

Featuring: Chair Katy Clark; Diane Abbott MP; Owen Jones, The Guardian; Richard Burgon MP; Steve Turner, Unite; Cat Smith MP; Jeremy Corbyn MP; Mark Serwotka, PCS.



17:30 Unite Against Fascism

Opposing Racism, Scapegoating Immigrants and Islamophobia During Tory Government Austerity

Coffee Republic, 60 Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Steve Hart; Diane Abbott MP; Weyman Bennett, UAF; Sabby Dhalu, Stand up to Racism.

18:00 CND, Labour CND and Labour Action for Peace

Maximising Labour's Opposition to Trident Coast

View 1, Mercure Hotel

Featuring: Chair: Kate Hudson, CND; Jeremy Corbyn MP; Kate Osamor MP; Jo Stevens MP; Clive Lewis MP.

18:00 Compass

Building progressive alliances for a new economy

Hall 7 – Dee, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Featuring: Neal Lawson, Compass; Lisa Nandy MP; Caroline Lucas MP, Green Party; George Keravan MP, SNP; Naomi Smith, Social Liberal Forum; Clive Lewis MP.

18.30 Labour Representation Committee (LRC)

Standing Together To Fight Austerity

Friends' Meeting House, Ship Street

Featuring: Chair John McDonnell MP; Jeremy Corbyn MP; Cat Smith MP; Richard Burgon MP; Katy Clark, CAC candidate & former MP; Mick Whelan, ASLEF; Maria Exall, CWU; Ian Hodson, BFAWU; Rachel Mullan, BFAWU Youth; Laura Watkins, English Collective of Prostitutes; others tbc.

18.30 Labour Animal Welfare Society

Future of animal welfare and defending what we have achieved

New Madeira Hotel, 19-23 Marine Parade. Karaoke from 20:30.

Featuring: Chair Angela Smith MP; Maria Eagle MP; Kerry McCarthy MP; Richard Howitt MEP; Michelle Thew, Cruelty Free International; Josh Kaile, WAP; Mike Cook, LACS.

19:00 Trade Union Group of MPs

The Future of Trade Unions in the Labour Party

Gloucester Room, Hilton Metropole

Featuring: Chair Ian Lavery MP, Chair of TUG; Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of TUG; Frances O'Grady, TUC; Len McCluskey, Unite the Union; Owen Jones, the Guardian.



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Standing Together To Fight Austerity



Speakers

Monday 28th September

John McDonnell MP,
Chair

Jeremy Corbyn MP

6.30pm

Cat Smith MP

Friends' Meeting House

Richard Burgon MP

Ship Street, Brighton

Katy Clark

BN1 1YD

Mick Whelan, ASLEF

Maria Exall, CWU

Refreshments from 6pm

Ian Hodson, BFAWU

Rachel Mullan, BFAWU

Full disabled access

Laura Watkins, ECP



Monday 28 September

19:30 Electoral Reform Society

Where Power Lies: Can Democratic Reform Help Labour Reconnect with People?

Hall 7 – Tyne, Hilton Metropole Hotel Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Katie Ghose, Electoral Reform Society; Lewis Baston, Psephologist; Lord Falconer, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice; Mark Serwotka, PCS; Maram Takriti, MYP, Brighton & Hove.

19:30 Holocaust Memorial Trust Fringe

Hall 7 – Dee, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

20:00 Global Justice Now

In Whose Interests? The EU-US Trade Deal (TTIP) and the Global Power of Big Business

Balmoral, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road BN1 2FU

Featuring: Chair Larry Elliot, The Guardian; Sally Hunt, UCU; Dave Prentis, UNISON; Jude Kirton-Darling MEP; Stephen Doughty MP; Polly Jones, Global Justice Now.

20:00 Women's Aid

How the Family Courts are Failing to Put Children First

Surrey Suite 2, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Featuring: Chair Jane Martinson, The Guardian; Seema Malhotra MP; Jess Phillips MP; Polly Neate, Women's Aid; Women's Aid Campaigner (invited).

20:30 Labour Party

Diversity Nite!

Walkabout, 79 West St, BN1 2RA. *Tickets only.*



21:00 Socialist Societies and LabourList

Karaoke Night

Sticky Mike's Frog Bar, The Hope & Ruin, 9-12 Middle Street

£10 waged, £5 unwaged

08:30 Policy Network & the Family & Childcare Trust

Labour: Working for Women? The Economic Case for Female Labour Market Participation

Beachview Restaurant, 135 Kings Road, BN1 2HX

Featuring: Chair Yvonne Roberts, The Observer; Ellen Broome, Family and Childcare Trust; Seema Malhotra MP; Nicola Smith, TUC.

12:30 CLASS

**After the Election: A vision for the future—
supported by Thompsons Solicitors**

Preston Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

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Featuring: Chair Kevin Maguire, Daily Mirror; Lisa Nandy MP; Tim Roache, GMB and CLASS; Ros Wynne Jones, Mirror; Frances Ryan, New Statesman.

12:30 Mind

Why do so few people get mental health support?

Edinburgh Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Featuring: Chair Sophie Corlett, Mind; Luciana Berger MP, Shadow Minister for Mental Health; Rachael Maskell MP; local Mind Representative (invited); Mental Health Campaigner.

12:45 Justice for Colombia

Colombia: Labour in conflict

Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel

Featuring: Chair Mick Whelan, ASLEF; Senator Ivan Cepeda, Colombian Congress; Seumas Milne, The Guardian; Tony Lloyd, Mayor of Greater Manchester; Jo Stevens MP; Richard Howitt MEP; Tony Woodhouse, Unite.

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AFTER THE ELECTIONS: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



12:30PM | TUES 29 SEPT
PRESTON ROOM, HILTON BRIGHTON

SPEAKERS:



Chair: Kevin
Maguire,
Daily Mirror



Lisa Nandy
MP



Tim Roache,
GMB



Ros Wyne
Jones, Daily
Mirror



Frances Ryan,
Guardian &
New
Statesman

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Lunch and Refreshments

13:30 Papworth Trust

The Work Programme and Disabled People – What’s Worked, What Hasn’t and What’s Next

Durham Hall – Argyle, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Kate Green MP; Vicky McDermott, Papworth Trust; Jack Sawyer, Ingeus; LGA Representative (invited).

16:00 Living Wage Foundation

Promoting the Living Wage: Best practice and local action

Ashdown 2, Holiday Inn, 137 King's Rd

Featuring: Rachel Reeves MP (Invited); Cllr Roxanne Mashari, Cabinet Member for Employment & Skills, Brent Council; Sara Vero, Partnerships Manager Living Wage Foundation; Cllr Alan Waters, Leader Norwich City Council.

17:00 NUS and NEF

How Can People Power Kick-Start Our Democracy?

Hanover Room, Brighthelm Centre, North Rd

Featuring: Megan Dunn, President NUS; Speaker from NEF (invited)

17:30 Venezuela Solidarity Campaign & Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Havana Club Rum Reception: Cuba and Venezuela - Putting People First

Coffee Republic, 60 Kings Road

Featuring: Chair Diana Holland, Unite; H. E. Teresita Vicente, Cuban Ambassador; Marcos Garcia, Venezuelan Embassy; Baroness Smith, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords; Colin Burgon, Labour Friends of Venezuela.

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Tuesday 29 September

18:00 Socialist Health Association

Health & Austerity

Brighthelm Centre, North Rd

Featuring: Chair Karin Smyth MP; Professor Richard Wilkinson of the Equality Trust; Debbie Abrahams MP.

18:00 Defend Council Housing

The Fight For Our Homes: Building a United Housing Movement

Friends Meeting House

Featuring: Chair Eileen Short, Defend Council Housing; Jeremy Corbyn (invited); Gail Cartmail, Unite; Generation Rent speaker (invited); Welsh Tenants Association (invited).

18:00 Liberty

Save our Human Rights Act

Balmoral Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road

Featuring: Shami Chakrabarti, Liberty; Owen Jones, the Guardian; Keir Starmer QC MP; Diane Abbott MP; Emily Thornberry MP; Tom Watson MP.

19:15 Campaign for Labour Party Democracy That Was The Week That Was! CLPD's Review of Conference



*Lecture Theatre, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street,
£3 or £1 Concessions*

Featuring: Chair Peter Willsman, Secretary, CLPD; Kelvin Hopkins MP; Jim Kennedy Chair of the Labour Party; Clive Lewis MP; Becky Long-Bailey MP; Martin Mayer, Unite; Max Shanly; Christine Shawcroft

20:30 Daily Mirror & Sunday Mirror

The Daily Mirror's Legendary Conference Party

Revolution, 77 West Street

Invitation only.

12:30 Daily Mirror, Unite & Hope Not Hate
Missing Britons? What Will Boundary Changes
Mean for UK Voters?

Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel, 97-99 King's Rd



Featuring: Ros Wynne-Jones, Columnist, Daily Mirror; Nick Lowles, Hope not hate; Representative from Unite (invited)

17:30 JUSTICE and the Society of Labour Lawyers
Doing Justice?

Hall 7 – Clyde, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road, BN1 2FU

Featuring: Kate O'Rourke, Society of Labour Lawyers (Chair), Lord Falconer, Shadow Lord Chancellor and Shadow Secretary of State for Justice; Keir Starmer QC MP (invited); Andrea Coomber, JUSTICE.

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