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Progressive Fringe Guide

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This guide has been compiled by the Centre for Labour and Social Studies to promote the best fringes at Labour Party Conference 2014. 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 is a growing thinktank established by the trade union movement to act as a centre for left debate and discussion. Class works with a broad coalition of academics to develop alternative policy ideas and ensure the political agenda is on the side of working people. We produce policy papers, pamphlets and run events across the country.

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

Find out more

Visit our stand **142** in the Third Sector Zone of the Conference Centre or find out more from our website and Twitter.

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Progressive fringe listings

18:00 Campaign for Labour Party Democracy

Conference Lift Off! CLPD Rally & Delegates Briefing

Jury's Inn, 56 Bridgwater St, Entry: £3 (Concessions £1)

Featuring: Diane Abbott MP; Ann Black NEC; Annelise Dodds MEP; Diana Holland, Unite; Kelvin Hopkins MP; Conrad Landin, Young Labour; Tosh McDonald, ASLEF; Pete Willsman; plus special guest; Chair: Gaye Johnston, CLPD Chair.

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12:30 Trades Union Congress

Can Labour Deliver radical rail reform?

The Hall, the Mechanics Institute, M1 6DD

Featuring: Chair: Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary TUC; Mary Creagh MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport; Mick Cash, Acting General Secretary RMT; Mick Whelan, General Secretary, ASLEF; Andi Fox, Exec. Committee Member TSSA; Neal Lawson, Chair Compass.

12:30 Unite the Union & the Robin Hood Tax Campaign

One Nation Britain: Fixing the financial sector

Exchange 11, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair Jason Beattie, Daily Mirror; Polly Toynbee; Catherine McKinnell MP, Shadow Secretary to the Treasury; Gail Cartmail, Assistant General Secretary Unite; David Hillman, Director Robin Hood Tax Campaign; Simon Henig, Leader of Durham Council.

12:30 Daily Mirror and Unite the Union
Real Britain: Putting People Back into Politics
UNITE Marquee (secure zone)



Featuring: Chair: Kevin Maguire, Daily Mirror; Ros Wynne-Jones, Daily Mirror; Len McCluskey, General Secretary UNITE; Francesca Martinez and other Real Britain campaigners tbc.

12:45 NUT

Tristram's To-Do List: Come along and shape Tristram's plan
Pankhurst, Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel

Featuring: Tristram Hunt, Shadow Secretary of State for Education.

12:45 Young Labour's Question Time

Exchange 9, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Lucy Powell MP; Diane Abbott MP; Mark Ferguson, LabourList.

12:45 GMB and Unions Together

A Bit of Common Sense: Winning for Working People
Exchange 1, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Byron Taylor, Unions Together; Paul Kenny, General Secretary GMB: Lisa Nandy MP; Joanne Hepworth, GMB energy sector rep; Louise Haigh, PPC Sheffield Heeley.

13:00 Fabian Society and TUC

Fair, green and built to last: Rebalancing our economy
Conference Hall, Manchester Town Hall

Featuring: Chair: Andrew Harrop, Fabians; Frances O'Grady, General Secretary TUC; Chuka Umunna MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills

16:00 LabourList with the TSSA

Rail Public Ownership—A Vote Winner for Labour

LabourList Marquee (secure zone)



Featuring: Chair: Kevin Maguire; Katy Clark MP; Nancy Platts, PPC Brighton Kempton; Manuel Cortes, General Secretary TSSA; Andi Fox, TSSA; Mick Whelan, General Secretary ASLEF; Sadiq Khan MP; Ken Livingstone; Mark Ferguson, LabourList.

16:00 Hannah Mitchell Foundation

Northern Democracy? Yes please!

Town Hall Tavern, Upstairs room

Featuring: Chair: Anne Baldwin; Linda Riordan MP; Lee Sherriff PPC; Cat Smith PPC; Karen Reay, Unite (invited).

17:00 Child Poverty Action Group

Manifesto 2015: Social security for families and a labour market that works

Exchange 4-5, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Polly Toynbee; Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; John McTernan; Alison Garnham, Child Poverty Action Group; Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary TUC.

17:30 Comprehensive Future, CASE, SEA and ACCORD

Is the future Comprehensive? Schools for One Nation

Stanley Suite, Midland Hotel (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Melissa Benn; Owen Jones, author; Simon Barrow, ACCORD; Fiona Millar, Comprehensive Future; Patsy Kane, Manchester secondary schools academy coop trust.

17:30 Trade Union Group of MPs and Unions Together



Annual Trade Union Reception

Alexandra Suite, Midland Hotel (secure zone)

Ticket Only. To request email helen@unionstogether.org.uk

Featuring: Ian Lavery MP, Chair of TUG of MPs; Paul Kenny, Chair of TULO, Ed Miliband, Leader of the Labour Party; Harriet Harman, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party; Lousie Haigh, PPC for Sheffield Heeley and others tbc.

17:30 Palestine Solidarity Campaign

In the UN Year of solidarity with the Palestinian people: Stand Up for Palestine

Charters Suite, Aurora Hotel

Featuring: Chair: Hugh Lanning, PSC; Chi Onwurah MP; Richard Howitt MEP; Karmel Hawwash, PSC.

18:00 Musicians Union (MU) and UK Music

A Manifesto for Music

The Coal Store, People's History Museum

Featuring: Chair: Kerry McCarthy MP; John Smith General Secretary MU; Jo Dipple UK Music; Luciana Berger MP; Tom Hingley, Musician.

18:30 Don't Spy On Us campaign

Surveillance: Where do we draw the line?

Anthony Burgess Museum

Featuring: Yvette Cooper MP, Shadow Home Secretary; Claude Moraes MEP, Chair, Justice and Home Affairs Committee, European Parliament; Tom Watson MP; Jim Killock, Director, Open Rights Group; Ewen MacAskill, the Guardian; Carly Nyst, Legal Director, Privacy International; Mike Harris, Campaign Director, Don't Spy On Us.

18:00 The Smith Institute & the Living Wage Commission

Work That Pays: Labour and the Living Wage
Exchange 6-7, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Paul Hackett, SI; Frances O'Grady, General Secretary TUC; Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Neil Jameson, Citizens UK; Prof Kate Pickett, Living Wage Commissioner (invited).

18:30 LabourList Rally: Why we're Labour

Sponsored by UNITE

LabourList Marquee (secure zone)

Featuring: Eddie Izzard; Owen Jones and Sue Marsh.

18:30 Generation Rent and SHOUT (Social Housing Under Threat)

What will Labour offer England's 20 million tenants?
Manchester Central, Charter 1 (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: John Healey MP; Emma Reynolds MP, Shadow Minister for Housing; Alex Hilton, Generation Rent; Alison Inman, SHOUT; Owen Jones, Author and journalist; Jack Monroe, Campaigner and columnist (invited).

19:00 Sinn Fein

Labour, Ireland and defending the peace process
Jury's Inn, Bridgewater Suite

Featuring: Chair: Paul Maskey MP; Michelle Gildernew MP, Sinn Fein; Senator Kathryn Reilly, Sinn Fein; Ivan Lewis MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

19:30 Labour Assembly Against Austerity

Manifesto for a Labour Government: End Austerity and the Cost of Living Crisis

UNITE Marquee (secure zone)



Featuring: Chair: Cat Smith, PPC Lancaster; Katy Clark MP; Diane Abbott MP; Owen Jones; Steve Turner, Unite the Union; Billy Hayes, CWU.

19:45 Fabian Society and Oxfam

Fighting inequality: Poverty, the middle and 'the one per cent'
Manchester Town Hall, Lord Mayor's Parlour

Featuring: Kate Green MP, Shadow Minister for Disabled People; Rachael Orr, Head of UK Poverty Programme, Oxfam.

20:00 Friends of the Earth

Rally: Fracking is not the future

Novotel, Rylands Suite

Featuring: Barbara Keeley MP; Alan Whitehead MP; Cllr Gail Hodson; Cllr Joanne Harding; Cllr Dave Shaw; Eve McNamara, Ribble Estuary Against Fracking.

08:00 Labour Finance and Industry Group (LFIG) and Society of Labour Lawyers (SLL)

Using Public Procurement to Promote Labour's Agenda
Exchange 2-3, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Hamish Sandison Chair of LFIG; Jon Trickett MP, Shadow Minister to the Cabinet Office; Jane Hutt AM, Finance Minister, Welsh Govt; Stephen Hockman QC, Chair SLL; Bronwyn McKenna, Assistant General Secretary UNISON; Yain Mahandru, Vice President, Sogeti UK.

12:30 Socialist Health Association

The Future of the NHS under Labour

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St M2 5NS

Featuring: Liz Kendall MP, Shadow Minister for Care and Older People and others tbc.

12:30 Unite, IER & Campaign for Trade Union Freedoms

**Employment Rights and Trade Union Freedoms:
A Post-election Agenda**

UNITE Marquee (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Carolyn Jones, IER; Len McCluskey, General Secretary Unite the Union; Prof Keith Ewing; John Hendy QC; Katy Clark MP.



12:30 Progressive Alliance, Foundation for European Progressive Studies and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

A programme for the left to promote inclusive and sustainable growth

Exchange 9, Manchester Central (secure zone)

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Wealth Inequality & Power

Speakers

Angela Eagle MP

*Shadow Leader of the House of
Commons*

Owen Jones

Guardian writer and Author

Louise Haigh

PPC for Sheffield Heely

Stewart Lansley

Economist and Author

Chair: **Steve Turner** *Unite the Union*

Monday 22
September

5.30pm

Unite the Union Marquee
Manchester Central

**Refreshments
Provided**

12:30 Unions21, BECTU, Musicians' Union, Equity and the Professional Footballers Association

The union role in making the creative industries successful and fair

Coal Store, People's History Museum

Featuring: Chair: Sue Ferns, Unions21; Helen Goodman MP, Shadow Minister for Culture, Media and Sport; Gerry Morrissey, General Secretary BECTU.

12:30 LabourList, Unite the Union and MASS1

What is a working class MP and how do we get more of them?

LabourList Marquee (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Maya Goodfellow, LabourList; Jenny Formby, Political Director Unite; Graham Jones MP; Lisa Forbes, PPC Peterborough; David Skelton, Director Renewal; Mark Epstein, MASS1.

12:30 Unite Against Fascism (UAF)

Stand up to UKIP, racism and fascism

Rylands Suite, Novotel

Featuring: Chair: Steve Hart, Unite; Diane Abbott MP; Sabby Dhalu, UAF; Weyman Bennett, UAF.

12:45 Disability Labour

Making rights a reality for disabled people: Priorities for a Labour Government

Charter 3, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Kate Green MP, Shadow Minister for Disabled People

12:45 UCATT

Qatar- the Hidden Legacy - Qatar's right to host the 2022 world cup must be removed

Rolls Suite, the Midland Hotel (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Kevin Maguire, Daily Mirror; Steve Murphy, General Secretary UCATT; Chris Williamson MP; Steve Rotheram MP; Ellie Reeves, lawyer at OH Parsons.

12:45 NUT and Association of Teachers and Lecturers

Education Question Time

Richter, Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel



Featuring: Chair: Christine Blower, General Secretary NUT; Mary Bousted, General Secretary Association of Teachers and Lecturers; other speakers tbc.

12:45 HOPE not hate and Unions Together

Dealing with Labour's UKIP problem

Manchester Central, Exchange 10 (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Ruth Smeeth PPC; Jon Cruddas MP, Coordinator of the Labour Party Policy Review; Polly Billington PPC; Nick Lowles, Chief Executive, HOPE not hate; Helen Pearce, Head of Campaigns, unionstogether; Mick Whelan, General Secretary, ASLEF.

12:45 Trades Union Congress

TUC: Justice Not For Sale

Disraeli, Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel

Featuring: Chair Sharon Holder, GMB; Sadiq Khan MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice; Mat Foot, Justice Alliance; Ian Lawrence, General Secretary NAPO, Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary TUC.

17:30 Class: Centre for Labour and Social Studies

Wealth, Inequality and Power
UNITE Marquee (secure zone)

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Featuring: Chair: Steve Turner, Unite; Angela Eagle MP, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons; Owen Jones, author of *The Establishment*; Louise Haigh, PPC for Sheffield Heeley; Stewart Lansley, economist.

17:45 UNISON Labour Link

Public services - Time to pay fair!

Exchange 6-7, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Cathy Newman, C4 News; Dave Prentis, General Secretary UNISON; Dr Giles Fraser; John Trickett MP, Labour Party Deputy Chair; Sarah Welfare, Smith Institute.

18:00 Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Labour CND and Labour Action for Peace

Rethink Trident: Manifesto 2015 Debate

Charters Suite, Arora Hotel

Featuring: Chair: Kate Hudson, General Secretary CND; Maria Fyfe, National Policy Forum; Jeremy Corbyn MP; Clive Lewis PPC Norwich South; George McManus, National Policy Forum.

18:00 Stonewall and LGBT Labour

What do LGBT voters want?

The Palace Hotel, Directors Suite

Featuring: Gloria de Piero MP, Shadow Minister for Women & Equalities (invited); Stonewall Representative (invited); LGBT Labour Representative (invited).

18:30 Labour Representation Committee

Policies for a Labour victory

Cross Street Chapel

Featuring: Chair: John McDonnell MP; Ian Hodson, National President, Bakers' Food and Allied Workers Union; other speakers (invited).

18:30 The Daily Mirror

An Audience with Dennis Skinner

Exchange Auditorium, Manchester Central, (secure zone)

Ticket only event

Featuring: Kevin Maguire in conversation with Dennis Skinner

19:30 National Union of Teachers

NUT Fish and Chips Reception

Alexandra Suite B, Midland Hotel (secure zone)

Limited tickets (collect from NUT Stand 49)

20:30 Labour Party's Ethnic Minority Taskforce

Diversity Nite!

Yang Sing Chinese Restaurant

Tickets only. Tickets can be purchased from the Labour Party Stand.

22:00 LabourList Karaoke

Supported by Labour's Socialist Societies

Manchester Press Club, St John's House, 2-10 Queen St (5 minutes from the Conference Centre)

The annual LabourList karaoke night fundraiser.

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12:30 PCS

Building a Recovery for All

Charter 3, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Katy Clark MP; Mark Serwotka, PCS General Secretary; Richard Murphy Director, Tax Research LLP; Francesca Martinez, Disability Campaigner and Comedian.

12:30 Class: Centre for Labour and Social Studies

What Britain Needs

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Featuring: Chair: Tim Roache, President of Class & GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Regional Secretary; Mark Ferguson, LabourList; Lisa Nandy MP, Shadow Minister for Civil Society; Cllr James Murray, Islington Council; Ellen Broome, Head of Policy Family and Childcare Trust; Stephanie Peacock, PPC for Halesowen and Rowley Regis.

12:45 BAME Labour with Simpson Millar Solicitors, Unite, Unison and CWU

Winning the BAME community for Labour in 2015

Exchange 1, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Sadiq Khan MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice; Uma Kumaran, PPC Harrow East.

12:45 Justice for Colombia

Colombia - Protest and Peace

Unite the Union Marquee (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Tony Woodhouse, Unite; Senator Ivan Cepeda, Colombian Congress; Mariela Kohon, Justice for Colombia; Seumas Milne, the Guardian; Ian Lavery MP; Trade Union Group of MPs; Jo Stevens, PPC for Cardiff Central.

Tuesday 23 September

FRINGE MEETING:

Tuesday 23
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Exchange 8,
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12.30 - 2pm

Refreshments
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What Britain Needs



Achieving fairness & equality

Speakers

Mark Ferguson

Editor, LabourList

Lisa Nandy MP

Shadow Minister for Civil Society

Cllr James Murray

Islington Council

Ellen Broome

Family & Childcare Trust

Stephanie Peacock

PPC for Halesowen & Rowley Regis

Chair: **Tim Roache**

GMB and Class

Post Leader's Speech: LabourList and Survation

After the Leader's speech – What do the voters think about what Labour's saying?

LabourList Marquee (secure zone)

17:30 Class, Unions Together and the Trade Union Group of MPs

The Great British Rip Off: Big Conference Debate

The last in the #GBRipOff regional series of events
Exchange 10, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Ian Lavery MP, Trade Union Group of MPs; Christine Blower, General Secretary of the NUT; Lisa Nandy MP, Shadow Minister for Civil Society; Jack Monroe, campaigner on poverty issues; Manuel Cortes, General Secretary TSSA.



17:30 Cuba Solidarity Campaign and Venezuela Solidarity Campaign

Cuba and Venezuela - People before Profit (Havana Club Rum Reception)

Unite the Union Marquee (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Diana Holland, Assistant General Secretary, Unite the Union; HE Esther Armenteros, Cuban Ambassador; Alvaro Sanchez, Charge d'affairs, Venezuelan Embassy; Baroness Smith, Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba; Colin Burgon, Chair, Venezuela Solidarity Campaign; other speakers (invited).

19:30 Campaign for Labour Party Democracy (CLPD)

That was the week that was! CLPD's review of Conference
Bridgewater Room, Jury's Inn

Featuring: Katy Clark MP; Martin Mayer, Unite; Michael Meacher MP; Kate Osamor, CLPD; Max Shanly, Young Labour National Committee; Christine Shawcroft, Labour's NEC.

19:30 Liberty Fringe Event

On Liberty: A discussion on the future of human rights in the UK
Charter Room 3, Manchester Central (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: Shami Chakrabarty, Liberty; Emily Thornberry MP, Shadow Attorney General; Kevin Maguire, Daily Mirror; Diane Abbott MP

19:30 UK Music and Pop and Politics

UK Music: Rockin' all over the world - followed by Pop and Politics Quiz and after-party
Derby Suite, Midland Hotel (secure zone)

Featuring: Jo Dipple, UK Music; Kerry McCarthy MP; Tom Watson MP, DJ set; John Robb, Quizmaster, Louder than War.

20:30 MASS1 Reception

Free food and drinks from MASS1 – the independent campaigns agency
LabourList Marquee (secure zone)

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10:00 Left Foot Forward and TUC

How can we make economic growth work for everyone?
LabourList Marquee (secure zone)

Featuring: Chair: James Bloodworth, Editor Left Foot Forward; Catherine Jamieson MP, Shadow Treasury Minister; Frances O'Grady, General Secretary TUC; Anna Turley, PPC for Redcar; Deborah Hargreaves, Director High Pay Centre.

12:30 Thompsons Solicitors

The pledge that labour should make to every worker
Launching the call for Labour to make a pledge in every workplace with guaranteed rights from day one at work
LabourList Marquee (secure zone)



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Saturday 1 November, 10am
TUC Congress House

Join Class and leading figures including:

Jon Trickett MP

Len McCluskey

Sally Hunt

Ian Lavery MP

Paul Kenny

Owen Jones

Margaret Hodge MP

Sadiq Khan MP

Prem Sikka

Zoe Williams

Mark Ferguson

Diane Abbott MP

Ann Pettifor

Lisa Nandy MP

Christine Blower

Billy Hayes

... and many more, to debate the policy solutions to current crises and to discuss your thoughts on **What Britain Needs** in the run up to the General Election next year.

Register on our website to be the first to receive details on how to book your tickets and take advantage of our earlybird rates: www.classonline.org.uk/events/item/class-conference-2014-what-britain-needs #classconf14



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