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To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2025: CWU DELEGATION REPORT

The 2025 Labour Party Conference was held in Liverpool from Sunday 28th to Wednesday 31st September 2025.

For your information, the below attachments are reports on the decisions taken by the CWU delegation at their meetings.

Any enquiries on the above LTB should be addressed to the General Secretary's office aobrien@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely



Dave Ward
General Secretary



LP Sat 27th Sept
2025 Delegation Meeting



LP Sunday 28 Sept
2025 Delegation Meeting



LP Monday 29 Sept
2025 Delegation Meeting



LP Tuesday 30th Sept
2025 Delegation Meeting

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

2025 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Saturday 27th September 2025, 2.30pm

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Andy Mercer (President), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal), Paul Braithwaite, Brian Kenny, Alan Tate, Graham Colk, Lee Starr-Elliot, Alex Charilaou, Craig Anderson, Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms), Tom Walker, Charlotte Hoole, Hugh Gaffney, Joyce Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Chris Webb (Head of Communications), Maria Exall, Tracey Fussey, Michelle Bailey, John Carson, Bill Taylor, Lionel Sampson, Dawn Lynch and Ann-Marie O'Brien.

APOLOGIES: Mick Kavanagh.

1. Introductions and Welcome (President/GS)

The Chair welcomed all CWU Delegates

2. Apologies (President)

Apologies had been received from:

- Mick Kavanagh – OUB

3. Absences during Conference (President)

The Chair requested that the delegates need to notify him of any absences.

4. Political Overview of Conference (GS)

The GS went through the political overview of conference.

5. Delegation Meetings and Seating Arrangements (President)

The President and Political Co-ordinator discussed the delegation arrangements.

6. Conference Documentation and Speaking Information (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator outlined the Conference documentation and speaking information for delegates.

7. Overview of Conference and Rules (SDGS)

The SDGS discussed the overview of conference and rules.

8. Overview from Head of Communications (Chris)

Head of Comms advised the delegation that the CWU event is taking place on Monday 29th September. He also gave an overview of the various events planned for the week and asked delegates to consult with him prior to interacting with media. Gave overview of events happening

9. Priorities Ballot (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator discussed the categories in the priorities ballot and the trade union categories. The delegation agreed to support the trade union categories.

10. CWU Motions (GS)

The GS advised delegates that each day they would receive a Conference Arrangements Committee Report.

CAC Reports issued in the morning, contained the day's agenda and the full list of all contemporary motions submitted.

The GS outlined the two motions submitted by the CWU to the Conference and proposed speakers for both of the motions.

AI and Our Rights – Agreed (Karen Rose agreed as speaker)

Economy and Cuts – Agreed (Dave Ward agreed as speaker)

11. Constitutional Amendments (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator went through the constitutional amendments with the delegation and asked for agreement on the recommended positions.

12. Elections (GS)

Karen Rose was endorsed as CWU representative on the Labour NEC and the delegation agreed to nominate Tracey Fussey to continue the Conference Arrangements committee.

13. Card Votes (SDGS)

The SDGS advised that there would be several votes during conference and for the constitutional amendments CWU would be required to do this by submitting card votes. Each delegate was allocated a card vote booklet. These would be administered as a delegation. Therefore, two volunteers were required to look after the card votes on the floor of conference.

The following names were put forward and agreed.

1. Graham Colk
2. Alan Tate

14. Leaders Speech Information (President)

The President provided information regarding the Prime Minister's speech.

15. Fringes and CWU Event (Chloe/Chris)

The Political Co-ordinator advised the delegation that a full list of fringe meetings could be found in the Conference Guide.

16. AOB

SDGS reminded delegates that all the security checks are vigorous and to allow time to enter into the Conference hall.

GS thanked SDGS for all of his hard work for CWU, noting that it is his last Conference in the role.

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2025 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Sunday 28th September 2025, 9.00am

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Andy Mercer (President), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal), Paul Braithwaite, Joyce Stevenson, Brian Kenny, Alan Tate, Graham Colk, Lee Starr-Elliott, Alex Charilaou, Craig Anderson, Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms), Tom Walker, Charlotte Hoole, Hugh Gaffney, Joyce Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Maria Exall, Tracey Fussey, Michelle Bailey, Bill Taylor, John Carson, Lionel Sampson, Dawn Lynch and Ann-Marie O'Brien.

APOLOGIES: None

1. Apologies (President)

The Chair welcomed all CWU Delegates

2. Seating Arrangements (President)

The Chair advised the delegates of seating arrangements at Conference

3. Update from TULO AGM/Labour NEC (GS/DGST)

GS and DGST gave delegates an update from the TULO meeting and Labour NEC

4. Overview of CAC 1/Other developments (GS/Chloe)

The GS went through the political overview of conference.

5. Constitutional Amendments (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator went through the constitutional amendments with the delegation and asked for agreement on the recommended positions.

6. AOB

None

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

2025 CWU Labour Party Delegation Meeting

Meeting room 2, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Monday 29th September 2025, 8.30am

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Andy Mercer (President), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal), Mick Kavanagh, Paul Braithwaite, Joyce Stevenson, Brian Kenny, Alan Tate, Graham Colk, Lee Starr-Elliot, Alex Charilaou, Craig Anderson, Tom Walker, Charlotte Hoole, Hugh Gaffney.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Bill Taylor, Maria Exall, Lionel Sampson, Dawn Lynch and Ann-Marie O'Brien.

APOLOGIES: Michelle Bailey, Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms))

1. Apologies (President)

The Chair welcomed all CWU Delegates

2. Summary of compositing meetings (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator and Bill Taylor gave a summary of meetings.

3. Overview of CAC 2/Other developments (GS/Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator went through the political overview of conference.

4. Motions (Chloe)

The Political Coordinator outlined the recommended positions on the motions, which were discussed and agreed. The positions on the Emergency motions were also discussed and agreed.

5. Fringes/CWU Event (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator advised the delegation that a full list of fringe meetings could be found in the Conference Guide.

Date	Speaker	Event	Venue
29 th Sept 12.30 pm	GS	A Labour Programme for a Labour Government	Revolution Albert Docks
29 th Sept 6.30 pm	Maria Exall	Fight poverty – tax the rich	Quaker Meeting House

6. AOB

None

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Tuesday 30th September 2025, 8.00am

PRESENT: Dave Ward (General Secretary), Tony Kearns (Senior Deputy General Secretary), Andy Mercer (President), Martin Walsh (Deputy General Secretary (Postal), Karen Rose (Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms) Mick Kavanagh, Paul Braithwaite, Joyce Stevenson, Brian Kenny, Alan Tate, Graham Colk, Lee Starr-Elliot, Alex Charilaou, Craig Anderson, Tom Walker, Charlotte Hoole, Hugh Gaffney.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chloe Koffman (Political Co-ordinator), Maria Exall, John Carson, Michelle Bailey, Bill Taylor, Lionel Sampson, Dawn Lynch and Ann-Marie O'Brien.

APOLOGIES: None

1. Apologies (President)

None

2. Overview of CAC 3 (GS/Chloe)

The Political Coordinator went through the agenda for the day, and the GS gave a political overview for the day.

3. Motions

The Political Co-ordinator confirmed that we are supporting all Motions being heard on the day.

4. Leaders Speech (GS)

The GS provided information regarding the Leaders Speech.

5. Fringes (Chloe)

The Political Co-ordinator advised the delegation that a full list of fringe meetings could be found in the Conference Guide.

Date	Speaker	Event	Venue
30 th Sept 12.30 pm	N/A	Trans Solidarity Rally	Room 3a Liverpool ACC
30 th Sept 7.00 pm	Various	Momentum: Campaign for	Friends Meeting House, School L1 3BT

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6. AOB

President thanked the Comms Team and staff for all their hard work