

No: 127/26

29th April 2026

Dear Colleague,

CWU NATIONAL DELEGATIONS 2026

TUC CONGRESS 13th – 16th September 2025, Brighton

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 27th September – 30th September 2026, Liverpool

LABOUR PARTY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 26th September 2026, Liverpool

The NEC has agreed the 2026 election arrangements for the National Delegations listed above. Accordingly, please find attached the Election Regulations, Nomination Forms, Candidates Consent & Biographical Detail form and Labour Party Delegate Application form for these elections.

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2026

Please note that for the 2026 Conference the Labour Party have advised that to be eligible to be a delegate at this particular conference, nominees/applicants will need to have 6 month's continuous membership as at 26th December 2025

Accordingly, all nominees who joined the Labour Party after the 31st December 2025 will not be eligible to be a delegate at the 2026 conference.

Additionally, would branches please note that all nominees/candidates for the Labour Party delegation **Must** complete sections B,C,D,E,F and H of the attached Labour Party Annual Conference Delegate Application Form, and this must be attached to the candidate consent form which **must** be returned to **CWU HQ** by the closing date for CWU nominations which is 15th May 2026 (14.00)

The timetable for the election is:

Nominations open: 1st May 2026
Nominations close: 15th May 2026 (14.00)
Despatch ballot papers: 22nd May 2026
Ballot closes: 12th June 2026 (14.00)

Any enquiries regarding this Letter to Branches should be addressed by email to iparrett@cwu.org

Yours sincerely,

Dave Ward
General Secretary

Affiliate Delegate Application Form

Access to Conference Hall Floor

DEADLINE: 26th June 2026

Before you start

Make sure you have all documents and information you may need to hand (passport, driving license, Labour Party membership card, cheque book or credit card).

You must complete all sections of the form carefully and accurately in BLOCK CAPITALS, writing one character in each square. The information provided may be used by the Labour Party and the police to carry out security checks.

If any part does not apply to you, do not leave it blank but mark clearly in the first three boxes N /A (for 'not applicable').

If you have queries regarding your application please call The Conference Team on 0345 092 3311 or email conferenceservices@labour.org.uk

A

Type of pass:

Affiliated organisations are entitled to appoint one delegate for each 5,000 members or part thereof on which affiliation fees, by election insurance premiums and any levies due were paid for the year ending 31 December 2025. Delegations should include women at least in the proportions in which they are represented in that organisation's membership. Where the membership of an affiliated trade union or other organisation is less than 5,000 members, an additional woman delegate may be appointed if the women's membership is 400 or more.

Full week pass options (please ✓ pass required):		
		Up to 26 June
	Trade Union Delegate	£120
	Socialist Society Delegate	£120
Organisation you are representing:		

Includes £5 carbon offsetting charge

B**Previous attendance**

Please tick any of the following Labour Party Conferences that you have attended:

Annual Conference 2025 Annual Conference 2024
 Annual Conference 2023 Annual Conference 2022

C**Personal details:**

Title: Labour Party membership no:

Forename in full:
 Surname:
 Suffix:

Please indicate how you wish your name to appear on your pass:

Please indicate how you wish your organisation to appear on your pass:

Email address:

Home telephone:
 Work telephone:
 Mobile telephone:

This question asks about your biological sex (the sex recorded at birth). We need accurate data on biological sex to verify your eligibility for any applicable sex-based positive action measures and to assist the police with their verification process

What is your biological sex: Male Female

Date of birth ____/____/____

- Show head and shoulders in close-up, facing forwards, looking straight to camera
- Show full head, without any covering, unless worn for religious beliefs
- If you normally wear glasses, you can wear them for your photograph but there must be no reflection from them.

If you require further guidance on submitting a photograph please contact the Conference Team

E Disability requirements:

All Labour Party Conferences are fully accessible. Please indicate below if you have any disability. We will contact you prior to Conference with details of facilities available to assist you at Conference.



- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wheelchair user | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mobility impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hearing impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Visually impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Registered blind | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other, please give details: | |

F Payment

If your form is received without payment, or with the incorrect payment, it will not be processed. Please do not send cash in the post.

I am enclosing (please complete):

Pass Fee:	£
Total:	£

All deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

Should you wish to cancel your application please inform Conference Services in writing; Any cancellations received up to and including 01 May 2026 will incur a 25% fee; cancellations received between 02 May and 31 August 2026 will incur a 50% fee; cancellations received after 01 September 2026 will not qualify for a refund. The full application fee will apply.

Your rights and data protection:

The completion and submission of this application does not confer any right upon the applicant to attend the conference, and the Labour Party reserves the right to refuse admission without giving a reason.

The information provided by you may be supplied to the police for storage on a computer system in connection with policing arrangements for the event. The information may be retained and/or passed on to other police forces in the future to assist with the policing of subsequent conferences.

The Labour Party and the Police will comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 at all times in dealing with your data. Application forms, once processed, are retained by the Labour Party for reference for a period of five years, after which they will be securely destroyed.

Please return this form to conferenceservices@labour.org.uk or send to:

**Labour Central
King's Manor
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
NE1 6PA**

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CANDIDATE'S CONSENT & BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

ALL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SECTIONS B, C, D, E, F AND H OF THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE APPLICATION FORM. ON COMPLETION THE FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CWU HQ

I agree to accept the nomination for the position of;

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE – 2026

.....
and wish to submit the following biographical details:

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Date commenced employment relevant to CWU membership: _____

Date Joined CWU: _____

UNION RECORD/OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE TO THE UNION AND LABOUR MOVEMENT (up to a **MAXIMUM** of 100 words) This should include information on positions held in Branch, Region, Section etc **together with appropriate dates** and information on representation at conferences, TUC, UNI, any education and training relevant to this election, previous membership of other trade unions, membership of political parties, and any other **BIOGRAPHICAL** detail that you wish to be included.

*The biographical details should be emailed to branchballots@cwu.org however all candidates **must** return the signed candidates consent and biographical details form by post to Tony Kearns at the address below to arrive by the advertised closing date.*

I confirm that I am a fully paid member of the Labour Party

Candidate Contact Details:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

Woman YES NO

BAME YES NO

Candidate's Signature: _____

PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE RETURNING BY EMAIL TO branchballots@cwu.org BY 14:00 ON 15th May 2026

Name of Branch..... Branch No.....

NOMINATIONS FOR LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2026– POSTAL CONSTITUENCY

Branches with members in the Postal Constituency may nominate up to:

POSTAL

1 NEC member

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

7 Lay members

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

We certify that the nominations shown on this form are in accordance with the ballot regulations and were made at a Branch meeting held on:

Date.....Time.....

Venue.....

Signed.....
Chairperson of the meeting

Signed.....
Secretary of the meeting

This form must be returned
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on or before
14:00 on 15th May 2026

Please Note: IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BRANCHES ACCURATELY COMPLETE THE ABOVE SECTION – FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE NOMINATION BEING DECLARED INELIGIBLE



Name of Branch..... Branch No.....

NOMINATIONS FOR LABOUR PARTY 2026 – TELECOM & FINANCIAL SERVICES CONSTITUENCY

Branches with members in the Telecom & Financial Services Constituency may nominate up to:

TELECOM & FINANCIAL SERVICES CONSTITUENCY

1 NEC member

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

5 Lay members

Name	CWU Membership No	Candidate's Branch

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Election Regulations

Regulations governing the procedures for elections for the following CWU National Delegations:

- **LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2026**
- **TUC CONGRESS 2026**

- 1) These regulations have been approved by the CWU National Executive Council and shall govern the procedures for the National Representative positions listed in the attached appendix which form part these regulations.
- 2) In the elections to be conducted under these procedures, branch entitlements to nominate candidates for each election and branch entitlements to vote in each election are detailed in the attached appendices.
- 3) Nomination forms shall be circulated to Branches by email prior to the opening date for nominations. Branches wishing to nominate candidates shall be required to return the appropriate completed nomination forms by email to branchballots@cwu.org to be received at union Head Office by **14:00 on 15 May 2026**. It is the responsibility of branches to ensure that nomination forms have been received at CWU HQ. Any nominations received after this date will be deemed ineligible.
- 4) The election arrangements shall be as follows:
 - a) Although Branches can nominate as many candidates as they wish, candidates must have the nomination of their own branch.
 - b) Nominations must have been approved by a properly constituted Branch meeting.
 - c) All members of the union including Retired Members are entitled to be nominated for the CWU delegation to the Labour Party Conference however all candidates must be members of the Labour Party.
 - d) Candidates for 1) Postal Constituency or 2) T&FS Constituency positions must be nominated by a Branch which has members in that constituency. Branches shall be entitled to nominate as many candidates as there are positions to be filled.
 - e) Separate ballots shall be conducted for NEC and Lay member positions in each constituency.
 - f) Ballots for 1) Postal and 2) TFS Constituency positions will be conducted by and from members in that constituency.
 - g) Delegations for the TUC and Labour Party are required to ensure that Women and Bame quotas are met in accordance with the policies of the CWU.
 - h) Branches shall return the completed ballot papers by email to branchballots@cwu.org by the advertised closing date on the ballot paper. It is the responsibility of Branches to ensure that ballot papers have been received at CWU. Any ballot papers received after the advertised date will not be included in the count.
 - i) Branch voting figures for the TUC positions will be based on the branch membership figures available at the time of producing the ballot paper.
 - j) Branch voting figures for the Labour Party positions will be based on the branch political levy paying membership figures available at the time of producing the ballot paper.
- 5) The published ballot results will include the number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of ballot papers issued, the number of ballot papers returned and the spoilt ballot papers received.

APPENDIX 1 – LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Delegation

Postal

- 1 NEC Member
- 7 Lay Members (*at least 2 delegates must be women and at least 1 delegate must be Bame*)

T&FS

- 1 NEC Member
- 5 Lay Members (*at least 1 delegate must be a woman and at least 1 delegate must be Bame*)

APPENDIX 2 – TUC CONGRESS

Delegation

Postal

- 1 NEC Member
- 7 Lay Members (*at least 2 delegates must be women and at least 1 delegate must be Bame*)

T&FS

- 1 NEC Member
- 5 Lay Members (*at least 1 delegate must be a woman and at least 1 delegate must be Bame*)

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT & BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

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Email:

Woman YES NO

BAME YES NO

Candidate's Signature: _____

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BY 14:00 ON 15th May 2026



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NOMINATIONS FOR TUC CONFERENCE 2026 – POSTAL CONSTITUENCY

Branches with members in the Postal Constituency may nominate up to:

POSTAL

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7 Lay members

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