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9th July 2026

TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague,

National Equality Event – Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September 2026

We are pleased to confirm that this year's National Equality Event will take place as follows:

Date: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September 2026

Venue: The Grand Hotel Leicester
73 Granby Street
Leicester
LE1 6ES

Times: The event will start with registration on the 23rd September between 12:00 and 13:00 and will finish no later than 16:00 on the 24th September.

Given the nature of the event, Branches are asked to give priority in the first instance to representatives who have responsibility for roles linked to equality, however, our industrial representatives are also very welcome to join us.

Please note that Branches are responsible for delegates' travel and authorised expenditure for this event.

The agenda will be shared nearer the day but in the meantime, we would ask that Branches **confirm their delegation details and any accessibility requirements no later than 7th September** by emailing equality&education@cwu.org

Accommodation

It is important that Branches book places early at The Grand Hotel Leicester, as they will be holding a number of rooms on a 'first come, first served' basis until **Friday 21st August 2026**.

Booking arrangements:

Bookings can be made by calling the hotel's sales office on 0116 257 5528. The office is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm OR emailing events.thegrand@the-ascott.com

Please quote **Block ID 27452625** when calling or emailing

Accommodation rates: (Rates for nights of Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September 2026)

Standard Double Bedrooms @ £115 per night for single occupancy, inclusive of full English breakfast. Full payment is required at the time of booking. All discounted rates are non-transferable and non-cancellable.

Rooms will be held at this rate until **Friday 21st August 2026** after which time they will be released and the preferential rate will not be available.

Parking:

The car park is located behind the hotel and the entrance is on Chatham Street. The post code for the car park is LE1 6PB.

We look forward to seeing you in Leicester.

Yours sincerely,



Kate Hudson
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