

No. 215/26

3rd August 2026

TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleagues,

CWU Young Workers Conference – Wednesday 21st October 2026

The CWU Young Workers Conference will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at the Mechanics Institute, 103 Princess Street, Manchester M1 6DD.

Each Regional Young Workers Sub Committee will be entitled to submit **ONE** motion to the Conference Agenda.

Each Branch will be entitled to submit **ONE** motion to the Conference Agenda.

The National Young Workers Committee will be entitled to submit **THREE** motions to the Conference Agenda.

Motions should be submitted electronically to conferences@cwu.org using the template attached.

Motion forms must be returned by noon on **Monday 21st September 2026**. Any Motions received after this date will not be accepted. All sections of the form must be completed.

Branches, Regional Young Workers Sub Committees and the National Young Workers Committee are reminded that the Standing Orders Committee will not alter or amend any of the motions submitted therefore it is important that motion authors read the attached guidance notes carefully and motions are checked before they are submitted. The SOC will offer advice on motions and should be contacted prior to the closing date and submission of motions should submitting bodies wish to do so.

Motions will only be accepted if sent to the above email address.

As with previous Conferences, the agenda will be structured in such a way as to maximise debate and participation by delegates. There will be 2 sections to the agenda, one for motions which would require the National Young Workers Committee to work with the NEC to progress, and one for motions that in the view of the Standing Orders Committee are of an industrial nature which would require the National Young Workers Committee to work with the Industrial executives to progress.

As there are no General or Industrial conferences scheduled in 2027 there will be no requirement to select any motions to go forward to the next General or Industrial Conferences.

Delegates

Branches can register delegates and visitors by no later than Friday 9th October by completing the link below.

Branch delegate entitlement to this Conference as agreed by the NEC is as follows:

Number of Young Members	Delegate entitlement
1-249	1
250-499	2
500 and above	3

Branches can register delegates and visitors by no later than Friday 9th October by completing the link below.

In order that we can cater for any delegate with accessibility needs such as seating, etc., it is important that you advise us on the registration form of the name of the delegate(s) and the particular requirement by return but no later than Friday 9th October **2026**.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cjHFcnSaYb>

Any queries regarding the registration process should be directed to Kerry Fleck kfleck@cwu.org

Regional Young Workers sub committee Leads shall attend Young Workers Annual Conference in an ex-officio capacity with the right to speak and move motions on behalf of their Regional Young Workers Sub Committee but not to vote. Funding for Regional Young Workers Sub Committee Leads to attend Young Workers Conference shall be from the General Fund.

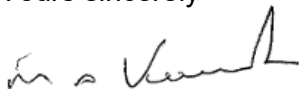
Branches, Regional Young Workers Sub Committees and the National Young Workers Committee are also reminded that only Branch delegates may move motions standing in the name of their Branch or Regional Sub Committee. Members of the National Young Workers Committee may only speak on behalf of the National Young Workers Committee and not their Branch or Regional Young Workers Sub Committee.

Branches are urged to make every effort to ensure that their delegation comprises members who are either 30 and under as of November or who are serving Branch Young Workers. The expectation is that voting delegates aged over 30 will be present on an exceptional basis.

Election of Delegates to General Conference

As there is no General Conference scheduled in 2027 there is no requirement at this conference to elect delegates to the next General Conference

Yours sincerely



Mick Kavanagh
President



Andy Mercer
Vice President

YOUNG WORKERS CONFERENCE 2026

PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE CLEARLY

Name of Branch/Region:

Branch Ref No:

For Head Office use only

NOTICE OF MOTION

Date of Meeting:

Signed:
(Branch Secretary)

TELEPHONE NUMBER :

NOTES

- 1 Each Branch is restricted to one Motion.
- 2 Each Regional Young Workers committee is restricted to one Motion.
- 3 Each Motion must deal with one single subject only.
- 4 Motions which conflict with the Rules are not in order.

**MOTIONS MUST BE RETURNED
by email to conferences@cwu.org
by Noon on Monday 21st
September 2026**

ADDRESS (BLOCK LETTERS)

**GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THE SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO
THE YOUNG WORKERS CONFERENCE 2026**

- a) Motions may be submitted by email only using the appropriate template and sent to conferences@cwu.org
- b) Motions will only be accepted via the email address registered for the Branch or Region at head office.
- c) All Motions must be submitted to conferences@cwu.org and titled "Young Workers Conference 2026".
- d) Motions will not be admitted if sent to any other head office email address.
- e) Acknowledgements of all correspondence will usually be sent within 72 hours.
- f) Should an acknowledgement not be received within this period, branches or Regions should contact SOC on jstevenson@cwu.org
- g) The SOC may seek validity of a motion submitted electronically by the examination of minute books of branch or Regional Young Workers Sub Committee meetings.
- h) Motions must not conflict with the Rules of the Union.
- i) Motions must deal with one subject only. They may, however, itemise a number of issues provided that each one contributes to the overall single objective of the motion.
- j) The SOC will categorise motions as: Section I Motions, those motions which deal with Industrial issues. Section II Motions, those motions which seek to deal with Policy issues.
- k) Each Branch shall be entitled to submit one motion to the Young Workers Conference.
- l) **Branches MUST have a registered delegate present to move a motion standing in the name of the branch.**
- m) Each Regional Young Workers Sub Committee shall be entitled to submit one motion to the Young Workers Conference.
- n) The National Young Workers Committee shall be entitled to submit up to three motions to the Young Workers Conference.
- o) All motions must contain a clear instruction. The National Young Workers Committee shall be responsible for pursuing the policies adopted by the Young Workers Conference, therefore the instruction/s contained within the motions MUST be to the **National Young Workers Committee**.
- p) All sections of the motion form must be completed and must clearly state which specific Branch/Regional Young Workers Sub Committee is submitting the motion.
- q) Branches, Regional Young Workers Sub Committee and the National Young Workers Committee are reminded that the Standing Orders Committee will not alter or amend any of the motions submitted therefore it is important that *motion authors read the attached guidance notes carefully and* motions are checked before they are submitted.
- r) The SOC will offer advice on motions and should be contacted prior to the closing date and submission of motions should submitting bodies wish to do so.
- s) Motions must be submitted electronically and must be received by Head Office no later than noon on **Monday 21st September 2026. Motions Received after this date will not be Accepted.**