

WORKERS PARTY OF BRITAIN



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RESULTS OF VOTING

MOTIONS

Motions were grouped into three themes. Order of business for each section did broadly follow the order the Motions were published but the agenda was determined by the Congress Chair. The Motion numbering follows the order as originally published.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- 1

New Rule Book

Moved by Andy Hudd

Carried by Unanimous Vote

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2

Affiliation with Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Moved by Tushar Sarker Seconded by Steve Gower

Rejected by large majority
- 3

Four Principles for the Workers Party

Moved by George Galloway Seconded by Edward Renyard

Passed by large majority
- 4

The Workers Party is a socialist party

Moved by Lauren Wilson Seconded by Peter Ford

Passed by large majority
- Amendment to motion

Withdrawn by Gwyddion Williams
- 9

Our work on X

Moved by Rafan Beg Seconded by George Galloway

Passed by large majority
- 11

The Workers Party Celebrates our Predecessors & Champions our Successors

Moved by Terry McCormick Seconded by Alexandros Shchulman

Carried unanimously

12 Veteran Group calls to reaffirm our campaigning goals

*Moved by Mick Stott Seconded by Harry Boota
Remitted to NMC*

Amendment to motion

*Moved by John Hamilton Seconded by Dino Phillipos
Carried by clear majority*

13 Our Veteran Group and work with service personnel

Remitted to NMC due to time

21 The Workers Party Is A Secular Party

Remitted to NMC due to time

22 With Respect and Sensitivity: Limited Review of our Ten-Point Programme

Remitted to NMC due to time

32 Create a political education committee

Remitted to NMC due to time

34 Ensuring inclusivity for events and meetings

Remitted to NMC due to time

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

5 Our Commitment to British Industry and Economic Development

*Moved by Lucas Loria Seconded by Paul Cannon
Passed by unanimous vote*

8 The party of family

*Moved by Lauren Wilson Seconded by Jesse Williams
Passed by large majority*

Amendment to motion

*Moved by Gwyddion Williams Seconded by Mehmoona Ameen
Rejected by large majority*

16 The Mixed Economy

*Moved by Gwyddion Williams Seconded by Magnus Langston
Rejected by clear majority (10 votes in favour)*

17 Accountancy and tax returns

*Moved by Paul Brett Seconded by Frank Hayes
Remittance Moved by Peter Higgins and Seconded by Ed Renyard

Remittance Carried by large majority*

18 Motion for the Comprehensive Eradication of Corporate and Political Corruption, Money Laundering, and Bribery

*Moved by Jon Maxted Seconded by Dave Gregson
Remittance moved by Paul Cannon and Seconded by Mark Rowe

Remittance carried by large majority*

19 Defend civil liberties for the working class

Moved by Lauren Wilson Seconded by Chris Williamson

Motion for Remittance moved by Dr Syed and Seconded by Kristian Carter

Motion for Remittance defeated by clear majority

Amendment written by Magnus Langston and Moved by Paul Cannon Seconded by Audel Shirin. Amendment Adopted by clear majority

Amended motion put to the vote and passed by large majority

20 Campaign to Recapture British Culture, Communities, and Compassion

Remitted to NMC due to time

23 Enhancing Safety in Adult Venues: Implementing compulsory Drug Detection Measures

Remitted to NMC due to time

Amendment to motion

Remitted to NMC due to time

25 Motion in Support of WASPI Women seeking pension justice

Remitted to NMC due to time

27 Housing

Remitted to NMC due to time

Amendment to motion

Remitted to NMC due to time

28 Family law and drugs

Remitted to NMC due to time

29 “Workers Party Day”

Remitted to NMC due to time

30 Women’s Health and Sanitary Rights in the UK

Remitted to NMC due to time

Amendment to motion

Remitted to NMC due to time

24 ~~Transparency in Addressing Child Grooming and Sexual Abuse~~

MOTIONING 24 RULED OUT BY GS AS DUPLICATION AND MOTION 31 TAKEN AS THE DEFINITIVE

31 Grooming and Sexual Abuse

Remitted to NMC due to time

33 Right of Recall

Remitted to NMC due to time

35 Net Zero

Remitted to NMC due to time

36 Productivity

Remitted to NMC due to time

INTERNATIONAL

6 Multilateralism: the world we fight for

*Moved by Paul Cannon Seconded by George Galloway
Passed by unanimous vote*

7 Friends of China

*Moved by Alexandros Shchulman Seconded by Jon Maxted
Caried by clear majority*

10 A motion for Kashmiri people

*Moved by Umar Khan Seconded by Larissa Wallis
Remittance Moved by Harry Boota and Seconded by Ahmad Bendaraf

Motion Remitted by clear majority*

14 The Ukraine

Remitted to NMC due to time

15 Resolution on Foreign Autocrats

Remitted to NMC due to time

Amendment to motion

Remitted to NMC due to time

26 Cyprus and British bases

Remitted to NMC due to time

EM Politicisation of Police

Moved by Steve Gower (written by Tony Gosling) Seconded by Hoz Shafei

*Motion for Remittance Moved by Lauren Wilson and Seconded by Jon Maxted. Vote for
Reittance fell by small majority.*

A Vote for the Motion was then taken, the Motion was defeated by a majority of 2-1.

OPENING BUSINESS

Standing Orders were moved by Party Leader George Galloway and adopted unanimously by Congress.

Andy Hudd was elected Chair of Congress.

Gayatri Galloway was elected Vice Chair of Congress.

The Party Leader gave the opening address.

Congress received the annual report from the General Secretary and then proceeded to voting.

MOTIONS

The following are those motions carried successfully at Congress 2025.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1 New Rule Book

The outgoing National Members Council, having worked on the draft, recommends that the Rule Book as amended is adopted in full with no further amendments or changes and that Congress endorse this as the first item of business so that elections to the new National Members Council and officer positions may be carried out on this new basis.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3 Four Principles for the Workers Party

The prospect of four years of an unpopular Government operating with a majority that it does not democratically deserve, alongside a challenging new right wing Government in Washington to which our Government is subservient, means that we, the Workers Party of Britain, have to be secure and united in our principles and work tirelessly to make a decisive attempt at the next General Election to attain effective power as well as sustain our current momentum for progress in local Government and acquiring seats at forthcoming by-elections. In addition, we may have to face attempts to blacken our name or destabilise us by ruthless interests determined on war and international confrontation. In that context, we

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affirm four fundamental principles to take us through to political power and the peaceful and democratic removal of the current Government.

1. **Working Class:** That we will not deviate from our primary purpose which is to represent and fight for the interests of the working class of Britain which we interpret as all those whose livelihoods (regardless of all other factors) depend on the decisions of the owners or managers of capital or the Crown and have no significant capital of their own beyond what is required reasonably to secure their pensions, care and personal security and those of their families.
2. **Anti-Imperialist:** That we will oppose all forms of imperialism and imperial alliances and that this is in the interests of the working class as well as of the dispossessed and oppressed peoples of the world and we oppose any use of military action, support or imperial subversion or intervention outside these islands except in direct and immediate defence of the people.
3. **Socialist:** That we will make every attempt to recover public support for socialism as the common-sense solution to systemic failure in the neo-liberal economic system and that we will interpret socialism to be the best available, effective, accountable, fair and sustainable means of redistributing power and resources as widely as possible within the nation where all citizens have equal worth in and of themselves.
4. **Unity:** That the WPB will be open for debate on how these principles will be implemented but that there will be no toleration of attempts to breach these principles, which underpin the ten point programme on which the party was founded. While pragmatic political alliances may be regarded as necessary in attaining the implementation of our principles, these alliances will not be permitted to change the character of the Party or its programme.

Congress accordingly approves these three fundamental principles and one organisational principle as the standard instruction to Officers for the next five years with a review only in the light of the results of the next General Election and a reasonable period of reflection thereafter.

4 The Workers Party is a socialist party

The common parlance in British politics is to refer to parties, policies and people as either 'right wing' or 'left wing'. It serves the interests of the ruling class and its media apparatus to frame political issues (and their proposed solutions) as right wing i.e., Brexit, free speech, immigration or left wing ie. identity politics.

The ruling class and the media use the concept of left and right to divide workers and further entrench them in opposition to each other, to a point where people treat their political affiliation like a football team. It means that people will support ideas even if they privately disagree with them if they see it as being part of their team for example support for medical gender transition for children has been adopted as a left wing position that is hard to defend, but if you see yourself as 'left wing' you are likely to defend these policies through ignorance or fear of being ostracised from your in-group.

The Workers Party, in fighting for the economic, social and political interests of the working class of Britain will at times support policies that can be viewed as right wing or left wing, depending on the conditions we find ourselves in. For example the Party supported Brexit, viewed by most as a right wing idea, and our support for the abolition of the monarchy is traditionally viewed as left wing.

It does not serve our Party to be pigeon holed as being on the left or right. The left is often given the moniker loony lefties, while the right often painted as fascists or nazis. We reject this binary view, we fight for the working class and its interests no matter which 'side' the media may paint any issue. It is our role to appeal to workers who view themselves as left or right wing and show them that only socialism can emancipate the working class.

Congress endorses the notion that the Workers Party of Britain is not a 'left wing' or 'right wing' party. The Workers Party of Britain is a socialist party fighting for the economic, social and political interests of the working class of Britain. That is, common-sense socialism.

9 Our work on X

It's a well-known fact that most of the political establishment still doesn't understand social media. While they blame algorithms, "fake news," and "foreign interference," the reality is simpler—social media is a powerful tool that drives political change. We've seen this clearly in recent history: Donald Trump's 2016 presidential election was propelled by his masterful use of Twitter, while elections across Europe were often dismissed as "Russian-influenced," when in truth, they reflected genuine local support voiced on social media. Whether the establishment likes it or not, platforms like X

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(formerly Twitter) shape public opinion, mobilize voters, and set the political agenda.

The Workers Party of Britain has already made impressive strides in the digital sphere, with a strong presence across platforms and a dedicated social media team that has done an outstanding job managing our content and growing our audience. Their tireless efforts have brought us to this point and must be commended. However, the evolving challenges of social media demand that we continually adapt and improve our strategies to stay ahead.

Despite our successes, our presence on X is hindered by the lack of verification, which limits our visibility and credibility. To fully leverage this platform, it is proposed that the Workers Party of Britain apply for the grey checkmark verification for our official X account, as well as for prominent figures within the party, such as George Galloway, Chris Williamson, and other leading voices. The grey checkmark, designated for governmental bodies, multilateral organizations, and institutions of public significance, will position us as a serious and credible political entity on the platform.

Achieving grey checkmark verification will bring several strategic benefits:

Enhanced visibility: Verified accounts are prioritized in feeds, enabling our messages to reach broader and more diverse audiences.

Increased credibility: The grey checkmark signals legitimacy to followers, media, and political opponents, reinforcing our status as an established political force.

Bypassing algorithmic suppression: Verified accounts face fewer restrictions, ensuring our content can be seen by those who need to hear it most.

Greater engagement: Verified accounts typically experience higher interaction rates, amplifying the impact of our messaging.

To ensure the potential of this verification is fully realized, it is also proposed that we establish a team specifically dedicated to X.

This team will focus on:

Timely approval and posting of content, ensuring we respond quickly and effectively to political events and discussions.

Optimizing engagement strategies to foster meaningful interactions and drive growth in our reach.

Leveraging verification to maximize the visibility and impact of our messages.

This proposal is not a criticism of our current social media efforts, but rather a call to build on their success. Our social media team has done an incredible job navigating the challenges of online platforms, and this motion aims to provide them with the tools and structure necessary to take our X strategy to the next level.

The grey checkmark verification is more than a badge—it's a long-term investment in the Workers Party of Britain's growth and influence. By establishing a stronger presence on X, we can reach more supporters, amplify our message, and solidify our position as a leading force in British politics.

11 The Workers Party Celebrates our Predecessors & Champions our Successors

This motion calls for Congress to formally recognise and pay due respect to those who have gone before us, those who are currently with us, and those who will be with us moving forward in the Workers Party, including:

- Those who laid the foundations of our Workers Party, since its conception in 2019; Not least our current General Secretary and our current Leader.
- Those who met briefly in dusty rooms before being confined to grappling with Zoom meetings during Covid, but still succeeded in keeping that new Party going.
- Those who managed to miraculously emerge from this period of chaos, on the back foot, to fight a by-election in Batley and Spen in July 2021.
- Those Party organisers and coordinators who have supported the membership, helped set up formal Branches, and spent endless hours on the phone for a multitude of reasons.
- All the volunteers (some of whom fall into the above categories), who have helped design and distribute leaflets, turn out for campaigns and canvassing, attended rallies, been there every step of the way to help George Galloway and the Workers Party achieve Parliamentary Election success in February 2024.
- All of the contributors and administrators of the Workers GB Discussion Telegram Group, which was active for a brief

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but incredibly democratic, dramatic, and sometimes perplexing period of winter 2023/2024 during the creation of our Party Manifesto – never before has a political party engaged with its supporters and membership so much.

- All those candidates and members who have joined us since that time, and helped us fight our first general election in July 2024.
- But most of all, to those who devoted their time to creating the fundamental basis on which we now stand: Our manifesto, our Ten Point Programme, and other matters such as our historic Corona Tax campaign and our ongoing Football campaign, our graphics templates, our brand identity. All of these things cannot be taken for granted.

Congress pays its due respect and gives its thanks to all of them.

May we endeavour to ensure that we continue to welcome new members, leaving a lasting legacy of our hard work, integrity, and common sense socialist principles.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

5 Our Commitment to British Industry and Economic Development

Congress reaffirms the commitment of the Party to a radical economic development programme. We commit to a programme of national industrial renewal and modernisation in order to develop our country to meet the standards set by the world's most advanced economies.

The Workers Party believes in the economic and social urgency of such a programme of national rejuvenation: the reinvigoration of Britain's energy infrastructure, her agricultural, industrial, and technical development, as well as vocational education.

In line with this, Congress instructs the National Members Council to schedule discussions on questions concerning economic development, principally the organisation of production, distribution, and exchange with the aim of drawing up new lines of agitation in these areas. Published guides, notes and advice to be provided to branches and our candidates for election, in a transparent and non-sensitive format for the benefit of all our members, supporters, and the public at large.

8 The party of family

Britain is facing declining birth rates and a shrinking population which we are told will be propped up by mass immigration. Is this beneficial to the working class of Britain?

Declining fertility is symptomatic of many factors: atomisation, finances and career increasingly defer family life. Our food, environment and pharmaceuticals are full of chemicals resulting in fertility decline.

Britain is a society hostile to family life, leading a growing number to opt out as its simply too hard and expensive.

In the decimated NHS, birth has become a traumatic experience for many with increasing medical interventions on mum and baby. When women experience a traumatic birth they often choose not to do it again.

Britain has the worst parental leave provision in Europe. Fathers are only entitled to a miserly two weeks leave paid at around half the minimum wage. Mothers are entitled to 12 months leave however half is either unpaid or less than half the minimum wage. In modern Britain a dual income is required to cover basic necessities, women are therefore forced to return to work early and cannot afford the cost of future maternity leave.

After returning to work, the expense only increases with childcare costs higher than housing. Alternatively returning part-time reduces wages and pension contributions leading to a massive shortfall in women's retirement savings.

Liberals tell women who complain "don't have children if you can't afford them!". Well, now they aren't.

Add to this the cost of housing, quality of services, education (and woke curriculums), rising crime, and public hostility to children as either a nuisance or prey for exploitation. The picture is bleak: Britain today is not a great place to raise a family.

We demand a society that puts family first. If a nation is not built to raise happy and healthy children, what is it for? We want a Britain proud to produce the next generation, not an economic zone where private profit dominates all.

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Britain must undergo radical change to put family first. Congress therefore instructs:

- The Workers Party of Britain to be the Party of the Family and for our people to produce family focussed material and to highlight the plight of families when speaking publicly

Congress further endorses family friendly policies including but not limited to:

- Statutory maternity pay for 12 months paid at a minimum of the national minimum wage
- Financial support for women who wish to stay at home with children for their first three years of life
- Women to have the right to return to their job for up to three years after giving birth
- Statutory paternity pay for 2 months paid at a minimum of the national minimum wage
- Nurseries to be brought under public ownership or made free at the point of service

19 **Defend civil liberties for the working class**

Submitted by Lauren Wilson

Congress notes that the civil liberties of the working people of Britain are under attack with our ability to speak freely, assemble and protest under threat by an increasingly authoritarian Labour government.

Following the murder of three young girls in Southport in the summer of 2024, dozens were arrested in a wave of protests which were of an anti Islam and anti immigrant character. One man was sentenced to two years in prison for stating on social media that the perpetrator of the mass murder was a Muslim. It should be noted the killer, Axel Rudkinbana is not and was not a muslim. That the murderer was Muslim is neither here nor there, it is obvious that it should not be a criminal act to speculate on the religion of a killer. The man sentenced to two years in prison went on to commit suicide shortly after.

We can disagree with people who oppose refugees being admitted into the country, we can disagree with people who are racist, who are anti Muslim etc but we should accept that in a democratic and supposedly free society that it should not land you in jail for holding disagreeable positions and sharing them on social media. Especially at a time when the Labour government has released a not insignificant number of violent criminals from prison, citing 'overcrowding'.

Free speech is a basic human right for us all, and we should know it is only a matter of time before our own speech opposing the state and our ruling class is criminalised. In fact there were many attempts made while the Tories were in power to criminalise the pro Palestinian protests across the nation under the guise of anti Semitism. This trend has continued under the Labour government with the arrest, detaining and charges levelled at our member Richard Medhurst, as well as Sarah Wilkinson and a host of other anti-imperialist activists and journalists.

We should expect this behaviour to continue as the Labour government gear up for war with Russia, Iran and China. In addition to the deepening implementation of austerity by the Labour government.

As the economic crisis worsens and the drive to war ramps up, we must continue to defend the ideals of freedom, liberty and democracy.

Congress therefore notes that the Workers Party of Britain:

- Supports the meagre freedoms still nominally held by the working class including freedom of assembly and association
- Defends the right to free speech for all workers, even those with disagreeable opinions
- Opposes imprisonment for innocuous social media posts

INTERNATIONAL

6 **Multilateralism: the world we fight for**

This party congress is honoured that our party leader, George Galloway and esteemed member of our National Member's Council, Gayatri Galloway were hosted by the Russian Federation for the auspicious event that was the 16th BRICS summit in Kazan last year. This invitation was no doubt a recognition of Galloway's service to the cause of multilateralism as opposed to an imperialist unilateral world order.

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Congress recognises that the rising economic giants that are India, China and

post-Soviet Russia are shaping the world into something unrecognisable to that of the world of the last decade. That is one which is not dominated by Anglo-American hegemony backed up by the NATO war machine.

Congress identifies this shift as a wholly progressive one for several reasons:

- This shift occurred in a remarkably peaceful way despite the violent reactions by Anglo-American imperialism.
- This shift is based on countries building their own economy and productive capacity to deliver more prosperous lives for their people once impoverished and immiserated by imperial and colonial domination.
- This shift is based on the principles of mutual respect for the sovereignty of nation-states and a celebration of our unique and different national cultures.

This shift has helped other regions in the world totally left behind by imperialism develop and solve crushing social problems. China's Belt and Road Initiative has enabled some of the poorest regions in Sub-Saharan Africa to invest in vital infrastructure necessary to build communities and provide jobs for the people who inhabit these regions. Russia is carrying out vital development work in the Donbass region after suffering heavy bombardment by the Kiev regime for eight agonising years.

Congress understands that the fight for a multilateral world order is far from over and the closer we get to this scenario, the more our imperialist ruling class will provoke military conflagrations in several flashpoints across the world. Such flashpoints include Ukraine, Taiwan, Palestine and more. These flashpoints bring us to the catastrophic scenario of World War III with an unprecedented use of nuclear warheads.

Congress recognises that the Workers Party is the only party in Great Britain that supports multilateralism and all those who seek a multilateral and anti-imperialist world order should be in the ranks of the Workers Party. All other parties are wedded to NATO and despite paying lip service to workers rights, wokeism, 'diversity and inclusivity' are in actual fact sabre-rattling for escalation with Russia and China as perceived arch-nemeses of the west.

In light of these facts, congress instructs the Workers Party to uphold the principle of multilateralism in all its communications about international affairs and to maintain friendly relations with all forces upholding multilateralism. This must be done whilst fostering the strongest links with the British working class as the primary agents of social change in Britain and the prime beneficiaries of multilateralism.

Britain can be great again, not as an imperial jailer of nations but as a nation amongst nations.

7 Friends of China

This congress pledges to establish to recognise an internal party group working to be known as the "Workers Party Friends of China". This group takes inspiration from the Workers Party Friends of Pakistan and Bangladesh groups that were already established by the outgoing NMC earlier this year and aims to work on similar lines.

Alongside working to forge links with the British based Chinese diaspora and Chinese community, it will also work to challenging Western Sponsored propaganda narratives, such as the so-called Xinjiang genocide, the alleged suppression of democracy in Hong Kong and so forth that would set Britain and the collective West on an escalation ladder towards war.

All indications are that the new Trump administration, riddled with staunch China Hawks will shift focus away from the battlefields of Eastern Europe and repivot towards China, with numerous members of the Trump administration, most notably Marco Rubio wishing to replicate a Ukraine like situation in the Taiwan Straits and South China Sea. Therefore, the necessity to establish this group, which would complement both NO2NATO and our anti-imperialist efforts, becomes even more urgent.

Whilst acknowledging the achievements of the Peoples Republic of China, not least its unprecedented historical alleviation of over 800 million people from poverty, it is not this group's purpose to act as a mouthpiece of the Communist Party of China, the government of China is an internal matter for the Peoples of China to decide upon and not us. However, we firmly believe that it is not in the British peoples interests to encourage a push to war and we demand a cessation of all such hostilities. We Instead believe that it is in the British working classes interests to benefit from greater trade relations with the worlds most industrialised and richest nation by purchasing power parity

In addition to complementing the informal ties we have with Friends of Socialist China (FoSC), with which many of our members are affiliated, this group would naturally extend the party's existing outreach work regarding foreign relations and fact-finding missions throughout China and the BRICS organisation. These efforts have already been supported by party delegations from the outgoing NMC and have previously included visits by our Party Leader, George Galloway.

