

Women's Officer report

Women's officer: Update 02 July 2026

1. Survey asking women members how they would like to be involved etc

6 responses

83% just want to be kept updated for now rather than specifically get involved

50% were interested in talks on relevant topics

33% were interested in campaigning on issues they care about

50% were interested in networking with other women

One topic that was raised was "Misuse of feminist issues by the right-wing of the party to get rightwing women and rightwing men into party positions and into parliament, to the detriment of leftwing women"

This topic is interesting as there are many ways in which the right co-opt left-wing issues and language to further their cause. The note in the survey has inspired me to research potential speakers who may be qualified to give a presentation to LI members on "When the Right Speaks the Language of the Left: How Progressive Values Are Being Reframed - and How Labour Wins Them Back".

I will report back when I have something useful to share.

2. Labour Women's Conference

-I have booked my ticket and accommodation

-I am in touch with Sue Blackwell

3. Motion for Women's conference

I wasn't organised in time to get a motion approved via Brussels Labour. However, I have written one that is focused on putting a firewall around women's reproductive health services to protect them, should the UK's political situation become more authoritarian. We have agreed as a branch to discuss this in September with a view to adopting it as a branch then – and to prepare further in advance for next year's conference.

Secretary's report [July 2026]

July period, as always, was slowed down by the much needed holidays for many people. Activities in July were the following:

- Finalising the Southern Europe-Costa Blanca merger. Branch meeting is now planned for July 13th.
- Investigating the decommissioning of MailChimp in favour of a cheaper alternative. MailChimp costs GBP 65/month and we have been investigating moving to kit.com which has a free tier that delivers the core newsletter/bulletin functionality that LI uses. It looks promising and, indeed, we have already delivered two all member messages using this tool as a trial. If the transition of the newsletter itself is successful then we can cancel the GP65/month license with MailChimp.
- In parallel with the MailChimp move we took the opportunity to review the current membership and mail distribution lists. The current membership list is now updated and isolated. We discovered 460 non-member emails on the legacy distribution list and are now deciding whether to delete them (under GDPR rules we may have to) or sending them the non-member messages to retain the contact. 30 existing members have non-functional email addresses which we are taking up with branches.
- We simplified and extended the time for conference motion proposals as a trial and at the request of some branches. The mechanism now is the following:
 - Motions can be proposed by branches, LI campaigns, LI sub-groups represented by a sub-branch or elected Officer (e.g. young LI, women etc)
 - Motions can be delivered at any time and will be made available and publicised to the voting members via the dedicated web page.
 - Changes to proposed motions can be delivered by the proposers at any time until 23.55 CEST 20th July 2026
 - Motion proposers will have the opportunity to promote their motions to the voting members in an informal discussion session on 18th July. This is intended to allow motion proposers to both promote their motions and assess the mood of the voters. No vote is taken. No amendments will be taken. It is an open discussion between motion proposers and voters.
 - Final motion text received by 23.55 CEST on 20th July will be circulated to all members and an STV vote of all members will take place.
 - The winning motion will be forwarded to the central Labour party to be reviewed under their Conference Arrangement Committee rules.