



Labour International CLP

Conference Motion Options

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Option 1: Use of Buckingham Place as home for parliament

LI notes that the Palace of Westminster is in urgent need of renovation and a recent BBC report claimed the work could cost £40bn and take 61 years to complete.

LI proposes a solution to this complex problem without disrupting parliament, most probably requiring a smaller budget and certainly over a shorter time scale.

LI proposes the nation repossesses Buckingham Palace, belonging to the nation and which the reigning Monarch has declared recently will not be his place of residence when the tax funded restoration is completed

(<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdr4z5rxympo>) in consequence **LI proposes** to build a new British Parliament in the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

State receptions can still be held at Buckingham Palace and the Nash building can provide valuable office space and a certain amount of accommodation.

LI suggests the new parliament should be subject to an international competition drawing the worlds best architects to submit projects. The grounds and gardens should be largely opened to the public and perhaps made contiguous with Green Park.

LI believes such a project would be a beacon heralding the United Kingdom into the 22nd century, a modern functional parliamentary building making life simpler for all aspects of parliamentary life and a parliamentary building attracting the interest and admiration of the British public and visitors from the world over.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2026/feb-2026/delivering-restoration-and-renewal-of-the-palace-of-westminster-the-costed-proposals-published/>

<https://www.nao.org.uk/reports/restoration-and-renewal-of-the-palace-of-westminster-2026-update/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvqp2pzqr84o>

Proposed by: Southern France, Ireland and Isle of Man BLP

Note: 221 words

Option 2: Palestine

LI CLP notes that

- a) The leaders of the UK, France and Canada stated on 19/5/2025 that *"We have always supported Israel's right to defend Israelis against terrorism. But this escalation is wholly disproportionate."*
- b) The UK Foreign Secretary stated on 9/6/2026 *"Since October, over 900 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed. 1.9 million Palestinians remain displaced and dependent on humanitarian aid"*.
- c) Some 4,691 Palestinians are held in Israeli prisons without charge or trial.
- d) Since 2020 Israeli soldiers and settlers have killed at least 1,100 Palestinian civilians in the West Bank. No one has been charged over any of these deaths.
- e) Former UK ambassadors wrote on 7/4/2026 that *"Israel proceeds with its systematic West Bank annexation"* and the Israeli Government has *"grown used to rhetorical condemnation without consequences."*

LI calls on the Labour Government to

- 1) Suspend the UK-Israel trade and partnership agreement
- 2) End all arms sales to Israel until it demonstrates that it has abandoned collective punishment and disproportionate violence in response to resistance to illegal occupation.
- 3) Ban transit for any vessels or aircraft transporting military equipment and munitions to Israel.
- 4) Ban the import of goods and services from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories in accordance with the British Government's clear position on the illegality of those settlements.
- 5) Take action to initiate and boost multi-lateral processes to achieve a two-state solution, including the release or trial of all those held without charge or trial by Israel.

Proposed by: The Netherlands BLP

Note: 245 words

Option 3: Jury trials

LI notes that:

1. Trial by jury has been established in criminal proceedings in England since the 13th century;
2. The Bushel case (1670) established "the right of juries to give their verdicts according to their convictions"¹;
3. British juries have a tradition of acquitting defendants charged with crimes related to political protests.

LI notes with great concern that:

1. Lord Walney's 'independent' report (May 2024) frames jury acquittals of those demanding climate and racial justice as a problem to be solved²;
2. The Courts and Tribunals Bill 2026-7 includes clauses removing the right to jury trial for certain cases³;
3. Recently, defendants have been prevented from explaining their motives to the jury⁴;
4. Defendants have been sentenced for damage to property on the basis of a "terrorist connection," despite never being charged with any terrorism offence, and the jury not being informed that such a sentence was possible⁵;
5. Their barrister has been charged with contempt of court for his address to the jury⁶.

LI believes that the right to a fair trial by a jury of one's peers is a central part of our justice system, and that recent developments undermining it represent a threat to our democracy.

LI calls on the UK Government to:

1. Cease its attempts to restrict jury trials;

2. Prevent political interference in the right of defendants to give their evidence and the right of juries to hear it;
3. Ensure juries are informed of potential sentencing consequences of their verdicts.

Proposed by: The Netherlands BLP

Note: 248 words

* NB if selected to go forward to Conference, replace "LI" by "Conference" throughout.

For further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/in-defence-of-the-jury-trial>

<https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/resource/over-3-200-lawyers-including-retired-judges-past-and-present-bar-council-chairs-and-a-former-dpp-call-on-prime-minister-to-stop-jury-trial-proposal.html>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2026/06/uk-terrorist-sentence-for-palestine-action-marks-dangerous-move-against-right-to-protest/>

<https://defendourjuries.net>

Option 4: MPs' misuse of by-elections

This CLP resolves to submit the following motion to Annual Conference 2026:

Conference notes that the Board of Peace (established by President Trump in January 2026 to oversee the governance and reconstruction of Gaza) operates under the permanent chairmanship of a single foreign head of state, without democratic accountability, term limits, or transparent financial oversight, and that it has been established in a manner that undermines the authority of the United Nations.

Conference further notes that the UK Government declined to join this body, yet a former Leader of the Labour Party holds a seat on its Executive Board alongside appointees of the Trump administration.

Conference believes that Clause IV of the Party's constitution commits Labour to cooperating through the United Nations and other international bodies to secure peace, freedom and democracy, and that international peace and reconstruction efforts should be conducted through institutions with proper democratic oversight and transparency.

Conference resolves that no member of the Labour Party should hold a formal role in any international body which lacks democratic accountability or is established to circumvent the United Nations, and that the Party should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Labour Party's name and reputation are not associated with any such body.

Proposed by: Central, Eastern and Northern Europe BLP

Note: 193 words

Option 5: LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCED ENERGY SECURITY

WE NOTE :

- (i) Energy insecurity risks household, industry and economic hardship, and instability
- (ii) Recurrent Iran War highlights energy import reliance perils.
- (iii) Centrist grid distribution of increasingly decentralised, unpredictable renewable energy inputs, risks energy security. On June 23rd the Grid teetered on the brink of hazardous overload; prolonged national 'blackout'.
- (iv) Limiting extreme heat and ill-health deaths - 2,700 in June/July heatwaves; millions annually from fossil fuel pollution, demands clean energy expansion.
- (v) Debt repayments, welfare deficits, and fiscal probity limit remedial investment.

WE BELIEVE :

- (i) 'Forgotten' local clean heat and power resource developments boost domestic supply visibly, speedily and affordably.
- (ii) Heat network and power grid distribution avoids grid overload; urgent costly reconfigurations.
- (iii) Productivity and efficiency improvements raise output ; cut unit costs and bills.
- (iv) These revitalise 'forgotten' communities,' cutting Fuel Poverty, fossil-fuel-related ill-health and death'; increase incomes, economic demand, jobs ; local 'good' growth.
- (v) Costs may be offset against saving realised by directly satisfying our 40 % heat demand, limiting grid reconfiguration, health care and benefit costs.

WE PROPOSE

- (i) Urgent public sector investment in, and control of proven :
 - ground source shared-array installer-owned heat pumps
 - Waste, Latent Water, Sewer, Mine Water and Geothermal Heat
 - Tidal Stream, Hydro and Geothermal power

- Local heat networks and power grids
- Thermal Energy Storage
- Power generation efficiencies ?

(ii) Devolved Energy Boards

- to retail local energy products
- guide innovation
- facilitate investment