



Labour International CLP

Conference Motion Options

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Option 1: A New British 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 once restoration is completed, 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 world's 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.

LI considers the opportunity to build a new parliament also creates an opportunity to imagine future uses for a restored Palace of Westminster.

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

Note: 234 words

Option 2: Palestine

Conference notes that:

- On 17th June, the Palestinian Health Ministry stated that more than 1,000 people in Gaza had been killed since a ceasefire was agreed in October, and the humanitarian situation remains catastrophic¹.
- Between 7 October 2023 and 13 July 2026, 1,111 Palestinians - including at least 243 children - were killed by soldiers and settlers in the occupied West Bank². No one has been charged over any of these deaths.
- 1.9 million Palestinians remain displaced and dependent on humanitarian aid.
- Some 3,244 Palestinians are held in "administrative detention" without charge or trial³, including medical personnel.⁴
- Former UK ambassadors wrote on 7 April that the Israeli Government has "grown used to rhetorical condemnation without consequences."⁵
- In July, Israel's defence and finance ministers announced plans for three illegal "Nahal" settlements in Gaza and more than £300m to expand construction in the West Bank⁶.

Conference calls on the Government to:

- Suspend the UK-Israel trade and partnership agreement until Israel ends its illegal occupation;
- End all arms sales to Israel until it demonstrates that it has abandoned collective punishment and violence in response to legitimate resistance to illegal occupation;
- Ban transit for any vessels or aircraft transporting military equipment and munitions to Israel;
- Ban the import of goods and services from Israeli settlements in accordance with the British Government's clear position on the illegality of the settlements;

¹ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/6/17/death-toll-in-gaza-since-ceasefire-with-israel-goes-past-1000>

² <https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-230-humanitarian-crisis-gaza-strip-and-occupied-west-bank>

³ <https://hamoked.org/prisoners-charts.php>

⁴ <https://www.un.org/unispal/document/ohchr-urgent-action-needed-to-protect-dr-hussam-abu-safiya-en-ar/>

⁵ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/apr/07/britain-must-lead-efforts-to-stop-israel-annexation-of-the-west-bank>

⁶ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jul/18/israel-plan-new-illegal-settlements-gaza-west-bank-occupied-palestine>

- Call on Israel to immediately allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit Palestinian prisoners held in its jails and to end administrative detention.

Proposed by: Belgium BLP and The Netherlands BLP

Note: 255 words

Option 3: Jury trials

Conference notes that:

1. Trial by jury has been established in criminal proceedings since the 13th century;
2. The Bushel case (1670) established "the right of juries to give their verdict according to their convictions"⁷;
3. British juries have a history of acquitting defendants charged with crimes related to political protests.

Conference notes with great concern that:

1. Lord Walney's 'independent' report (May 2024) problematises jury acquittals of those demanding climate and racial justice⁸;
2. The Courts and Tribunals Bill 2026-7 includes clauses removing the right to jury trial for certain cases⁹;
3. Recently, defendants have been prevented from explaining their motives to the jury¹⁰;
4. On 12th June, four defendants were sentenced for criminal damage on the basis of a "terrorist connection," despite never being charged with any terrorism offence, and the jury not being informed of this possibility¹¹;
5. A barrister was scheduled to face trial on 28th July for contempt of court for his address to the jury at their previous trial, ¹².

Conference 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.

Conference calls on the UK Government to:

1. Cease its attempts to restrict jury trials;

⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bushel's_Case

⁸ "Recommendation 27: The Lord Chancellor and Lady Chief Justice should convene a process to examine the potential issue of juries acquitting defendants and judges applying laws differently when they are transgressed in the name of progressive causes like climate change and anti-racism."

⁹ <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/4083>

¹⁰ <https://www.theguardian.com/law/article/2024/jul/11/climate-protest-trials-evidence-restrictions-m25-activists>

¹¹ Sentencing of the "Filton 4" took place on 12th June. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce950111xk7o>

¹² Rajiv Menon is to appear in the Royal Courts of Justice on 28th July:
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvgqjrj4wz9o>

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: 249 words

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: Board of peace

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: National Energy Security through Local Energy Development

WE NOTE

- Recent Energy Security crises, attendant household, industrial and economic hardships, demand urgent resolution: extensive local heat and power resource development and distribution.
- Resumed Iran War highlights import dependency dangers.
- The Grid approached unsafe overload on June 23rd, on the brink of precipitating a prolonged blackout, like Spain's, despite preventative renewable shutdowns.
- Limiting extreme heat and heat-related deaths – 2,700 in just two brief June-July heatwaves - thousands more annually from fossil fuel pollution; require urgent clean energy expansion.
- Debt repayments, welfare deficits and fiscal probity limit investment.

WE BELIEVE

- Local Power Grids and Heat Networks can circumnavigate unaffordably lengthy and costly National Grid reconfiguration.
- Affordable thermal storage can end paid renewable shutdowns, increasing productivity thereby contributions to national energy demand. Investment returns will improve.
- Extensive speedily developed, proven clean heat and power systems can affordably achieve energy security.
- This strategy will revitalise de-industrialised local economies as reduced household and industrial bills raise disposable incomes, increasing demand; promoting place-based 'good' growth.
- Costs may be offset against savings on grid reconfiguration, heatwave and pollution-related health care, welfare and less expensive heat harvesting to satisfy the 40% demand for heat.

WE PROPOSE

- Urgent public sector investment in local publically controlled energy resource developments :-
- 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
- Devolved Public Sector Energy Board control of public supply and retail.

Proposed by: uk2zero Campaign

Note: 243 words