



Oxford University Labour Club General Meeting

Hilary Term 2018

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Ex Officio Co-Chairs Hannah Taylor & Tom Zagoria presiding

Minutes by: Sec. Charlotte Austin

Motion 1: Oxford University Labour Club urges our Labour council to take further steps to defend the homeless from Tory governance

OULC notes:

1. Each of the last seven years of Tory (or Tory-led coalition) governance has seen homelessness and rough sleeping grow as a problem nationally and in Oxford.
2. We now have a national and a local crisis of homelessness and rough sleeping.
3. Tory governance is utterly discredited on homelessness at a national level and at the level of Oxfordshire County Council.
4. Between 1998-2002, a Labour government was able to reduce rough sleeping by as much as two-thirds.
5. Homelessness in Oxford is a priority issue to students and to many whom we as campaigners encounter on the doorstep, not to mention those who are affected by it directly.
6. Oxford City Council has, in the past few years, suffered reputational damage on multiple occasions in the national press (The Guardian, Independent, BBC) as well as locally over its engagement with rough sleeping, often over the Council's use or consideration of use of anti-social measures on rough sleepers.
7. The Greens and Lib Dems have already begun to score political points over this.
8. Elsewhere in the country, Labour is leading the way on homelessness, such as with Sadiq Khan in London or Joe Anderson in Liverpool.
9. A number of Oxford Labour candidates and sitting councillors have already expressed support for emulating Sadiq Khan's action with regards to opening the emergency shelters to rough sleepers on every freezing night.
10. Oxford City Council currently generally only activates SWEP and opens the emergency shelters when the Met Office forecasts three consecutive nights below zero degrees.
11. National Labour policy on housing and homelessness has for some time rested on the supposition that all human beings need and deserve shelter.

OULC believes:

1. Whilst we wait for – and campaign for – a Labour government, cities such as Oxford that have strong Labour councils should be a shining beacon of hope, providing Labour

- governance as far as is possible under the local jurisdiction, and otherwise providing as far as possible an inspiring counter-example to national Tory governance.
2. Anti-social measures as specified under Tory legislation (Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) which include, but are not limited to, PSPOs, CPNs, and CBOs, should not be used by Labour councils to deal with homeless people and rough sleepers.
 3. In many respects on homelessness, the Oxford City Council has fallen short of what expectations the labour movement should have on its elected representatives.
 4. A modest, achievable, and uncontroversial way in which Oxford City Council could ease human suffering among the most vulnerable in our city (many of whom are direct victims of the failure or the malice of Tory governance) is by following the example of Sadiq Khan in London in opening the emergency shelters to all rough sleepers on every freezing night.

OULC resolves:

1. To demand that Labour candidates seeking election or re-election in the local elections in Oxford to make a written, published, and recorded pledge to support the expansion of SWEP (the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) provision in accordance with Sadiq Khan in London, that is to say, to open the emergency shelters to all rough sleepers on any and every night that sees temperatures fall below zero (factoring in wind chill) or other adverse weather conditions such as heavy precipitation.
2. To restrict OULC's campaigning and publicising of campaigning sessions to candidates who make this pledge, and mandate the HT18 and TT18 OULC Campaigns Officers to stick to this.

Proposed by: Alex Kumar

Seconded by: Tom Zagoria

Speech in PROPOSITION

Alex Kumar (he/him): sure everyone aware there is a crisis. New official statistics (underestimates) 7th consecutive year to see increase in numbers of rough sleepers. Oxford suffering are that most tory run county council no good. City council has made mistakes or bad decisions. Bad press. Google "bad council homelessness" comes up. Criminalised rough sleeping, threatening rough sleepers with 2.5k fines, removing bedding. A lot of it gets treated as a 'green issue.' City council doesn't want to lose face or admit that they make mistakes. Nobody accusing it of causing homelessness, has done things to make things worse. A number of local candidates and sitting councillors have expressed support for SWEP Sadiq Khan policy. Oxford city council has yet to do this. Usually only open emergency shelters 3 nights of consecutive below freezing. Labour policy nationally rested on basic presupposition that all human beings need shelter. Laura Pidcock: we cant just wait for Labour government to solve problems. Strong labour councils should be beacons of hope. Anti social measures introduced by coalition goats should not be used. Modest achievable way of keeping people off streets. Restrict campaigning and publicising to support councillors.

Anon contribution: concerned about refusal to campaign for candidates who don't sign pledge. If motion was acted upon it would damage relations with the local party.

Anisha Faruk: OULC has never made promise to campaign for each and every candidate. Good way to get councillors to come round to our opinion on this. We are a big campaigning force in Oxford.

Rida Vaquas: we physically cannot campaign for every city council candidate. Gives us a framework to where we focus our campaigning efforts. We are a political voice, we represent particular politics. Not extreme- just promise to support extension of SWEP. Other Labour councils and Sadiq have done it.

Rosie Sourbut: Don't have an infinite campaigning capacity. Lives saved, it's a really important motion.

Tom Zagoria: city council- Labour have a huge majority. Effectively we have a one party city so we need democratisation. SWEP currently triggered because its supposed to be freezing for 3 separate nights. Only let rough sleepers into O' Hanlon House between 9pm and 9:30pm.

Lizzy Diggins: is it better to have a non-labour candidate win that seat or us to support the labour candidate even if they don't share our politics?

Alex: local labour branch passed motion in support of SWEP expansion. Marginal with a labour candidate, if a labour candidate is so committed to not letting rough sleepers into emergency shelters, given that we already have precedence from Sadiq Khan... I'm happy not to campaign for a Labour candidate who is so committed to not letting rough sleepers.

Hannah Taylor: we can campaign for all the labour people all they have to do is agree to this.

Motion passes

Motion 2: Motion to create an OULC access fund

OULC notes:

1. That our club is in a financially secure position, with available funds to invest in access projects.
2. That some members may be prohibited from participating in OULC events and activities due to costs.
3. That we are in a financial position to remedy this issue.

OULC believes:

1. That all OULC members should be able to attend events and activities held by the Labour Club.
2. That lack of funding should never be a barrier to anyone's involvement in the Labour Club.
3. That it is our duty, as socialists and fellow students, to ensure that everyone is able to participate in our Labour Club, regardless of socio-economic background.

OULC Resolves:

1. To create an access fund of £200 per term, to be managed by the Treasurer, to facilitate access to the Labour Club including membership fees, its activities, and events.
2. That this fund should be available to all members who require it, for all OULC events and activities.

3. That this fund shall be made available to individual members through them making a confidential representation to the Treasurer or Co-Chairs.

Proposed by: Lizzy Diggins

Seconded by: Keir Mather

Speech in PROPOSITION:

Keir Mather: Our club after welcome drinks is in a financially secure position. Greater involvement from all members. If we are in a situation where members can't attend events because of their socio economic position, we have a duty to make them accessible. All members who require it, for whatever, confidential disclosure to co-chair.

Francesca Best: hands out financial statements

Andrew Peak: would other funds like campaigning fund exist in addition to all of these things?

Lizzy: makes entire thing accessible

Simon Neumanier: does it include membership fees?

Keir: if you want to propose that as an amendment I'll take it as friendly.
Amendment taken as friendly,

Joseph: will £200 cover it?

Keir: yes because things are only being claimed on an individual basis.

Jack Wands: is there scope for the fund to be expanded if it runs out?

Lizzy: if there is a specific fund it is less daunting to ask whether or not you can pay for it

Emily Charley: how are you going to prevent it being abused?

Keir: in reality the chances are extremely unlikely. If you had the president of OUCA applying, the treasurer would use their discretion.

Fran: I've been treasurer for nearly half a term, nobody has claimed.

Rida: you are entitled to claim back your cost of the bus fare. Evidence has shown me that vast sums of money that people are entitled to are not claimed.

Election of executive committee delegate.

Tom: 4 general committee delegates and one executive committee delegare. Exec committee is the highest representative of oxford labour. Stay in oxford for next year and go to meetings once a year. Most stuff is like whether or not a banner should go to a protest or when a by-election should be.

Exec. Committee: current OULC rep

Lizzy: do you have to be registered?

Tom: yes but you can change your membership.

Anisha stands

Anisha: I would like to stand because i have a lot of dedication to the LC, am co-chair elect. Good experience and after every meeting I would do a report to the club.

Andrew: just passed policy on our position on homelessness. If you're elected, how would you- would you elect that policy?

Anisha: I'd let club determine our policy, I spoke in proposition of the motion.

Anisha elected unanimously.

Motion 3: Motion to create OULC Caucus Budgets

OULC Notes:

1. That our club is in a financially secure position, with available funds to invest in Caucus budgets projects.
2. That Caucuses, at present, do not have their own reserves of funds to facilitate events for their members.
3. That we are in a financial position to remedy this issue.

OULC Believes:

1. That the Labour Club's Caucuses fulfil an indispensable role in representing students in Liberation Groups.
2. That the Labour Club's Caucuses provide a safe space for their members, in which they can hold elections, discuss ideas and concerns, and feel like valued members of Liberation groups within the Labour Club as a whole.
3. That it is our duty, as members of a Party committed to equality and liberation, to provide greater autonomy and power to these groups, allowing them to facilitate their own events and activities in a separate capacity from the Labour Club as a whole.

OULC Resolves:

1. To grant the Women's, BAME, Disabled Members, and LGBTQIA+ Caucuses a discretionary termly budget of £100 to facilitate campaigning and the running of events and activities.
2. That the granting of these budgets is the duty of the Treasurer.
3. That these budgets shall wholly or partially be granted at the request of the elected representative of each Caucus, on the production of proof of purchase.

Proposed by: Lizzy Diggins

Seconded by: Keir Mather

Speech in PROPOSITION

Lizzy: idea more to encourage caucus budgets to do things independently, not an upper limit.

Encourage leaders of caucuses to do socials etc. £100 each for campaigning events and activities.

Pass on to treasurer. Proof of purchase etc. Do we have any questions?

Motion passes unanimously

Election of reps to GC of local party

Jake, Hannah, Simon and Rosie stand

Tom: 4 GC delegates if you're elected from here you go to Oxford District Labour Party AGM. Vote on conference delegates, who are the officers of the local party. For all important votes in the future, send an email out to GC delegates. Quite a lot of power in the local party. AGM is in 8th week.

Jake Davies: already an Oxford LP member, got very involved in OULC as late, publicity officer, next person will be next to Stephen Bush's article. Committed to Labour values.

Hannah: Former co-chair during GE, ruined my degree for all of you. Do me this sweet favour and let me go to this meeting. Did it last time. Already Oxford Labour member

Simon: we all recognise how important our voice is in the local party, we need to get our politics across there. Do a lot of homelessness campaigning. make sure council goes through with its plan. I'm really looking forward to voicing the club's opinions. Would love to join other candidates around me.

Rosie: Disabled members officer. Really want to get more involved in local campaigns. Would like to go along, don't RON me thank you.

QUESTIONS

Tom: AGM is Friday of 8th

Andrew: Homelessness. We have supported this motion- clear understanding that council are not doing their role. How will you vote and speak on that issue?

Rosie: I will always vote to help the homeless in Oxford.

Simon: City wide conversation on homelessness- I drew some looks about failure to tackle homelessness. Default change on homelessness situation.

Hannah: Will speak to them in my usual plain terms.

Jake: imperative that we get 100% of candidates supporting full extension of SWEP.

Motion 4: Motion to Clean up the Constitution

OULC notes:

1. The proctors have slightly changed the standard constitution for clubs

OULC believes

5. We should follow the standard constitution for clubs

OULC resolves:

1. To change part 2, point d. of the constitution from '... must be acceptable to the University's Safety Office' to '...must be acceptable to and approved by the University's Safety Officer.'
2. To add to part 2, point e. of the constitution: e.g. relating to the deposit of contact addresses, fulfilment of health, safety and insurance requirements, and stipulation of coaches, trainers or Senior Members to accompany the trip.
3. To change part 3, point e. of the constitution, from *The Committee, having consulted with the Senior Member in relation to the relevant matter, may remove a person from membership if removal of such person from membership is deemed to be in the best interests of the Club. The person concerned may appeal against such removal to the Proctors.* to part 3, point 7, as follows: *'The Committee, having specific regard to the Senior Member's advice in relation to the relevant matter, may remove a person from membership if removal of such person from membership is deemed to be in the best interests of the Club. If the person concerned is an Oxford University student (i.e. within paragraphs 6(a), (b) or (c) above), that person may appeal against such removal to the Proctors.'*
4. To add 'and other relevant University policies' to part 18 of the constitution so it reads as: *'...Where eligibility stems from paragraphs 6(a) to (c) above, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer must each, on election to office, sign an undertaking to abide by relevant provisions of the University Student Handbook and other relevant University policies, and to accept the authority of the Proctors on Club matters.'*
5. To change part 30 of the constitution so that each instance of 'him or her' is replaced by 'relevant officer'

Proposed by: Lizzy Diggins

Seconded by: Keir Mather

Lizzy reads resolves

Motion passes

Motion 5: Motion to Endorse Candidates in Oxford SU Elections

OULC notes:

1. that there are upcoming SU elections
2. that OULC members are running for SU positions

OULC believes:

3. that we should separately endorse any candidates that are running that subscribe to Labour values

OULC resolves:

4. to endorse candidates who win a straw poll in this general meeting

Proposed by: Lizzy Diggins

Seconded by: Keir Mather

Lizzy reads out motion

Motion passes

Motion 6: Afrin

OULC notes:

1. That the Turkish army is engaged in illegal cross-border invasion of the Syrian-Kurdish region of Afrin and indiscriminately bombing all the villages and towns.
2. That the Turkish State, an EU candidate, ally of the West and second largest NATO army, launched an act of aggression against the same people who earned the world's respect for defeating the ISIS with their courageous sacrifices and historic resistance.
3. That the military campaign includes pro-Erdogan Syrian Jihadist mercenaries, and poses a dire threat to 800,000 civilians, half of who are internally displaced people who sought refuge in Afrin from regions like Aleppo and Idlib, as Afrin was the most safe and stable region throughout the 6 years bloody war in Syria.

OULC believes:

1. That the British government, as a member of NATO, should call on the Turkish government to stop the military aggressions and invasion, that undermine the current peace efforts in the region and threatens so many civilian lives and instead seek a peaceful political solution to the Kurdish Issue.

OULC resolves:

1. To call upon Anneliese Dodds to sign the Early day motions 872, 877 and 879.
2. To call upon Jeremy Corbyn and Emily Thornberry to condemn the Turkish government; and to show solidarity with the Oxford Kurdish community by affiliating with the Emergency Committee for Afrin.

Proposed by: Marc Windmill

Seconded by: Alex Kumar

Speech in PROPOSITION

Marc: Turkey invaded Northern Syria (western Kurdistan) where autonomous YPG forces are.

Committed quite a few tarokitios. About 900,000 civilians, about 200,000 refugees with nowhere to go. Motion that has already passed through East Branch. Convince motions that are going before parliament Anneliese Dodds to sign. Jeremy Corbyn and Emily Thornberry to condemn Turkish government. Club should show solidarity with Kurdish community demonstrations. Turkey is a NATO member, very important we condemn them.

Michael: what is the mechanism will you use to call on Corbyn and Thornberry, what is the emergency committee on Afrin?

Marc: Kurdish community in Oxford has set up a committee to organise events and solidarity in Oxford. Motion is this club to associate with Afrin committee. Jeremy should associate with national committee.

Jack: what are the three early day motions?

Marc: I don't know how all of them are different. Rest of committee has seen the rest of the motions.

Alex: at East branch ODLP there was a woman from Afrin, they had copies of the 3 early day motions. All precisely what you would expect.

Michael: have cross party support

Marc: 877 has DUP support

Motion passes

Motion 7: Oxford University Labour Club Calls for Proportional Representation in the House of Commons

OULC notes:

1. In the 2017 General Election, the Conservatives received only 2.4% more of the vote than Labour, across the UK, which translated to 56 more MPs (8.6%).
2. Polls show there is overwhelming public support for proportional representation (PR), with 67% of voters supporting the idea that the number of seats a party gets should broadly reflect its proportion of the total votes cast.
3. 76% of Labour voters polled said they would support a commitment by the Labour Party to change the voting system.
4. The Labour Party played a leading role in introducing proportional electoral systems to the UK's devolved parliaments and assemblies in Scotland, Wales and London, and proportional electoral systems are in use in 87% of OECD countries, and across the rest of the world.
5. The Labour Party Constitution (specifically Clause IV, Pt. 2C) commits Labour, as a democratic socialist party, to supporting: "An Open Democracy, in which government is held to account by the people, decisions are taken as far as practicable by the communities they affect and where fundamental human rights are guaranteed."

OULC believes that:

1. FPTP has contributed to growing political disenchantment by producing low turnout, low registration, and unrepresentative parliaments.
2. Concentrating resources on marginal seats and swing voters has damaged our appeal and encouraged us to take our core vote for granted.
3. The MP-constituency link is seen by many as a valuable part of our democracy and can be preserved in many proportional representation systems in use around the world and within the UK.

OULC resolves to:

1. Publicly call for the Labour Party to reject First Past the Post, the voting system currently used for General Elections, and to support the introduction of a more proportional system of voting.
2. Urge for a commitment to the democratic selection Labour candidates by Labour members under a new, more proportional system.
3. Stress the importance of promoting liberation groups through a more proportional voting system.
4. Write to Anneliese Dodds, MP for Oxford East, and Jeremy Corbyn, setting out our support for a more proportional voting system and asking for their views on the subject.

Proposed by: Owen Winter

Seconded by: Charlotte Austin

Speech in PROPOSITION

Owen Winter: Since 1918 the way we elect MPs hasn't changed at all. The FPTP system is totally not fit for purpose. Only constituencies that matter are the marginals. Politicians only care about what happens in the marginal constituencies. I didn't specify which version I want but I think its important to support the principle. Point of practicality.

Charlotte Austin: Are there any parties out there at the moment that you'd like to see Labour in a coalition with?

Owen: coalition govt. is a really good thing. Produce better outcomes on the issues we care about- PR countries more likely to be pro-welfare state. Concrete implications for the policies.

Rida: coalitions are really bad. Tory-Lib Dem coalition. Labour government should be transforming society. Germany: SPD have been in awful grand coalition where they are only 2% ahead of AfD.

James: Germany is a bad example, has a culture where coalition works.

Lizzy: not a question.

Andrew: will you oppose this under the pretext that PR will lead to more coalition govts?

Rida: because system of PR isn't specified it's hard to say.

Eric: can we amend the motion so that is *more proportional* representation, instant run-off, single member seats?

Lizzy: consensus being that we don't like FPTP

Hugo: reason why LP opposed to PR is because doesn't give us control over our candidates

Owen: I don't think that's relevant to the system we use, there is more of an internal party

Keir: does Owen take amendment as friendly

Hugo: in any PR election labour's candidates would have to be chosen democratically

Owen: taken as friendly

Lucas Bertholdi Saad: mess because parties are a mess (Brazil) open list rather than closed list. Members can jump up and down the list. Nuance of PR is really a thing you need to get into. not too useful just to endorse PR as a thing. Saying we don't like FPTP is bad, not sure that just endorsing PR in an open way is the best way forward.

James: flip the motion?

Owen: endorse reassessment

Takes motion as friendly

Eric: a system of representation more proportional than is already in place

Owen: friendly

Ray Williams: do resolves not still contradict each other?

Rosie: amendment to express support for liberation groups?

Owen: friendly

Andrew: can we make explicit the commitment to LP member democracy?

Owen: friendly

Anna: what is LCER?

Ray: my understanding is that they want LP to put in its manifesto that they will replace FPTP with PR.

Ray amendment: remove reference to LCER & make votes matter

Owen: not friendly

Keir: movement to vote on amendment

Vote on move to vote passed

Amendment passed

Vote on amended motion

Motion passes

Motion 8: Motion of solidarity with the UCU strike

OULC Notes:

1. There are multiple pension schemes for staff across FE and HE. All have faced rounds of attacks designed to reduce the payments that staff can expect in retirement, compared to what they put in. The attacks on different schemes are used to play members off against one another – one scheme is undermined, then members of another are told that they must accept attacks in theirs as it is unfairly better than the first – this continues in circles so that nobody wins except the employers. So to defend any part of the education system we have to defend all of them.
2. Currently under attack is the USS pension – the pension scheme that most academic staff mainly in pre-92 universities are enrolled in. The employers' consortium, Universities UK (UUK), has announced that they want to end defined benefits. This means removing all guarantees on how much payouts will be after retirement, leaving retired staff entirely at the mercy of the pension fund's stock market gambles.ⁱ
3. The pension scheme's own analysis shows that the employers could muster the funds to avoid this and keep guarantees on pension payouts.ⁱⁱ Employers have cut the proportion of their budgets spent on staff by 5% in the past 10 years – it is their choice to cut investment in education workers, not a necessity.ⁱⁱⁱ
4. Valuations that claim the USS fund is on shaky ground, and used to spread panic and justify cuts to pension payouts, have been widely criticised as based on poor methodology – using the wrong measures to predict future performance^{iv} and using what the Leeds UCU (University and College Union) President called a “zombie apocalypse” assumption – imagining that every single pre-92 university was going to shut simultaneously tomorrow, leaving the scheme to pay all former staff's future pensions with no new income.^v
5. UCU represents around 40,000 academic staff in the UK, including researchers, postgraduate researchers, teaching staff, and permanent lecturers.
6. UCU have voted strongly in favour of industrial action in response to these changes. In the Oxford branch of UCU, 85.6% of members who voted backed strike action and 93.9% backed action short of a strike.
7. Independent analysis from First Actuarial estimates that UUK's plans would reduce retirement benefits paid by between 20% and 40%, depending upon grade and length of service.
8. UCU has stated that the first strikes would likely start with a two-day walkout on 22 and 23 February (6th Week). There is a chance it could escalate in future weeks.
9. The UCU has always stood with students, e.g. against the trebling of tuition fees, the scrapping of maintenance grants, and the policing of our freedom of speech through PREVENT.
10. Picket lines are in the process of being planned for certain university buildings.
11. These pension cuts are a result of the austerity agenda, which the Labour Party resolutely opposes.

12. UCU General Secretary Sally Hunt has spoken publicly in support of Labour's plan for a free National Education Service.

OULC Believes:

1. These attacks are avoidable and unjust. No worker should be subjected to financial precarity; all deserve the security of a decent retirement
2. Solidarity between educators and students is particularly important in combating threats to the HE sector, especially the increasing marketisation of our education
3. Removing guarantees on payouts is about shifting financial risk away from the collective onto the individual, and away from the employers to the workers. This makes it easier to package up groups of workers, lift them out, and outsource them, and makes it more attractive for private companies to snap up such offers since associated pension liabilities have been reduced. In short, this will make further aggressive privatisation easier.
4. It is essential that we stand in solidarity with UCU and the industrial action they have voted to undertake. When staff are mistreated, demoralised, and overstretched trying to make ends meet, education suffers and students suffer. Moreover, talented staff could be forced to consider leaving for jobs where they are treated better.
5. Crossing a picket line is the ultimate sign of disrespect to a strike and, by minimising the disruption caused, would limit the effectiveness of the strike.
6. Solidarity with striking workers is a key founding principle of the Labour movement.

OULC Resolves:

1. To release a statement of unconditional solidarity with those on strike at Oxford and across the country.
2. To, by all means possible, encourage students not to cross picket lines during the strike.
3. To encourage graduate members of OULC to join the UCU.
4. To encourage students to join picket lines if their presence is sought by the UCU.
5. For future potential UCU strikes to take the above acts of solidarity as the default action and policy of OULC.
6. To mandate the co-chairs to meet with the proctors to discuss allowing students to miss exams etc. to show their solidarity.

Proposed by: Hugo Raine
Seconded by: Tom Zagoria

Speech in PROPOSITION

Hugo Raine: UCU going on strike in 6th week. Pension changes cost academics 220k each, massive mandate. Really important that Labour movement supports union members. Convince students never to cross a picket line. Law not clear about students on picket lines- support them if UCU requests us.

Jack: is there an emergency SU meeting?

Hugo: yes, everyone should take their college 3rd votes

Lizzy: future solidarity, is that for future UCU strikes?

Hugo: amendment taken as friendly.

Anisha: How do you get 3rd vote?

Hugo: widely available, just ask whoever deals with your OUSU stuff in college.

Jack: We are being told that students shouldn't miss exams etc., could we mandate co-chairs to ask proctors to allow students to express solidarity?

Friendly amendment

Motion passes.

Student Union elections endorsements

candidates leave the room

President:

Hannah Taylor

Ellie Dibben

Joe Inwood

Hannah nominated

AccAff

Lucas

Elise

Lucas endorsed

Charity community

Rosanna

Tom

Tom endorsed

VP grad

not endorsing anyone

VP welfare

Katrin

Miranda

Ellie

not endorsing

VP women

Cat Walton

Andrew: should let anyone of any gender vote. not like voting in election, not voting for anyone to represent us, voting for what our labour club should endorse.

Keir: only women + transfeminine people should be able to vote.

Vote to allow only women and those who identify as transfeminine passes.

Not endorsing anyone

Student trustee:

Ivy Manning

Atticus Stoestrom

Jack Wands

endorse all 3

NUS delegates:

Alexander Curtis

not endorsed

Samuel Dunnett

not endorsed

Hugo Raine

endorsed

Rida Vaquas

Endorsed

Neve White

not endorsed

Mercy Haggerty

Endorsed

Labour Students elections

Charlotte: I am a veteran NOLSie. I went to conference last year. I think you would struggle to find someone who was more annoyed with Labour students than me. Has been NOLS policy since 2016 to implement One Member One Vote, however despite FTO's getting up on stage and promising that they would be the FTO's to implement NOLS, they abstained on a vote to have it at this years' conference and here we are again, electing delegates. Disgusting way of treating accountability and democracy. Really bad organisation- at conference last year lunch was served while disabled caucus was still meeting. However, unlike Young Labour Labour Students does have full time officers. That's what our membership subs go towards. Might have a chance of using it to work with other clubs i.e. strengthening our link with Reading. We need to stay in NOLS to change NOLS. Another NOLS is possible.

Motion of reaffiliation passes

Election of delegates.

Keir Mather, Andrew Peak, Rida Vaquas and Charlotte Austin stand

All elected.
