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Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP

Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party

Welcome.

I am pleased to welcome you to our Party Conference in Birmingham.

This has been a difficult year for our Party. We have had disappointing election results both nationally and locally. Too many good Conservatives have lost their seats. But I know that with our values and your determination, we can win back the trust of the British people so we can once more deliver for them and our country.

The last Labour government left us a note saying there is no money left. We left behind the fastest growing economy in the G7, inflation under control, mortgage rates coming down and education reforms that have made our children the best readers in the Western world.

In the last 14 years, we steered the country through the storms created by the aftermath of the financial crash, Covid and the energy price spike. We created alliances with friends old and new, we led the world in support for Ukraine, and we got Brexit done.

We did not get everything right, no government ever does, but our country is more prosperous, fairer and more resilient than it was in 2010. It is a record we should all be proud of.

It is now our duty to fulfil our role as the official opposition professionally and effectively. We must hold the Labour government to account and expose when their actions fall short of what they promised the British people.

When Labour makes the wrong choice, we must not be afraid to say so.

We will continue to stand for the values that unite us all and to argue for the policies that will make our country stronger and more united.

You, the members, are the heart and soul of our Party—and it is right that in the coming days you will get to put the leadership candidates through their paces, have them answer your questions and hear directly their message to you.

This week in Birmingham will not only provide an opportunity to discuss the future of our Party but to catch up with old friends. We, the Conservative Party, are a family and once this contest is over, I urge everyone to come together to support our new Leader.

This will be my last conference as Leader, and I want to thank you for your support and hard work. I am sorry that I could not deliver the results that your efforts deserved, but I will always be grateful to you all for the leaflets delivered, the doors knocked on and the calls made.

I will always be proud to have been the Leader of this Party and the Prime Minister of our country.

Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP

Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party



Michael Winstanley

President of the National
Conservative Convention

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Welcome.

Dear Colleague

I would like to warmly welcome you to this year's Party Conference in Birmingham. As President of the National Conservative Convention, I am delighted to be your Chairman of Conference.

Since we last met in Manchester we have been through local elections in May and of course the General Election in July. I wanted to thank all those who have stood and weren't successful in all the elections that we have contested in the last year.

I also want to pay tribute to you, the party members, who worked so hard over the last few years to try and secure that elusive fifth straight General Election victory.

This is the first opportunity to come together as a whole since the General Election. We need to acknowledge what went wrong and why we lost the trust of the British people. I hope that this conference will be an opportunity for us all to reflect on the result of the General Election.

We also need to focus on rebuilding our great party and the membership must be at the front and centre of this. I am therefore delighted that this year we have seen an increase in the number of Members, including Young Conservatives attending party conference.

The conference agenda has been focused on ensuring that members have an opportunity to have their voices heard. I am delighted that this year for the first time in a number of years we will be hosting member debates. I would urge you to come along and contribute to these debates and listen to what colleagues have to say. Who knows we may see future MP's, Cabinet Ministers, Party Leader and Prime Minister taking part in these debates.

As we approach the final stages of the leadership election, we also welcome the final four candidates to party conference. This is a great opportunity for the four candidates to outline their vision and ideas to take the party forward and prepare for the General Election. I urge you to use this unique opportunity to engage with and listen to the candidates over this week.

We also have many meetings that will be taking place on the fringe of conference. Take the opportunity to network, catch up with old friends, make new friends, visit the many trade stalls and do some shopping. Please also take some time to look around Birmingham and support the local economy.

I would like to thank the conference team who have worked so hard to make this event a success and the security services for keeping us safe.

Finally let us leave Birmingham refreshed, renewed and motivated to take the fight to our opponents starting with the Local Elections in 2025.

Michael Winstanley

*President of the National Conservative Convention and
Chairman of the Party Conference*



Julian Ellacott

Chairman of the National Conservative Convention

Welcome.

We meet here in Birmingham with the sound of our General Election defeat ringing loudly in our ears. We cannot allow ourselves to forget the pain of defeat until we have laid bare the factors which led to it, and have then rebuilt our organisation to overcome those failings.

The Voluntary Party has a central role to play in this, and all of our voices will be heard – the Party Chairman has already cast the net wide, seeking feedback from all members via email and online sessions covering different topics, which have led to refreshingly open discussions.

If you haven't already contributed please make sure you send in your views, via chairman@conservatives.com. The Party Review team will go through all of these submissions, analyse them alongside other evidence, and pull the key lessons into a clear set of recommendations which the Party Board must then follow through to implementation.

Beyond that, the National Convention will have a vital and ongoing role to play – highlighting ideas and examples of best practice from our front line activists across the country, and using these to steer how CCHQ focuses its support, to help other activists and Associations reach the same standards.

Conference is always a special event for me – a whirlwind of reconnecting with longstanding friends and colleagues, meeting new ones, moments to remember from the main stage, fascinating policy ideas from fringe

events – and those random conversations late at night in the bar.

We have a significantly higher number of members attending this year (no doubt related to the Leadership Election), which sets the bar for us to maintain in future years. Again, thanks to the Party Chairman, members will have the chance to speak in debates on the main stage for the first time in many years (something I did at my first Conference in Bournemouth in 2000), and I hope as many of you as possible take the opportunity to do so.

Last but by no means least, thank you all for your hard work and tireless support for the Party. Being a volunteer, especially in difficult times, is testing – especially alongside family, work and other commitments. Having travelled around the country during the General Election campaign, it was incredibly motivating to meet so many passionate activists, always in good cheer. You are the lifeblood of the Party.

As Chairman of the National Convention, I have the privilege to represent you, our members, regardless of whether times are good or bad. We are in tough times now, but we are masters of our own destiny – and we must work hard to bring ourselves to the time when it will be the sweet peals of victory ringing in our ears, instead the shattering sound of defeat.

Julian Ellacott

Chairman of the National Conservative Convention

SECURITY AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

WE'LL BE OPERATING ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURE THIS YEAR.

WE WORK CLOSELY WITH WEST MIDLANDS POLICE, G4S SECURITY STAFF AND VENUE SECURITY TEAMS TO KEEP THE CONFERENCE SAFE FOR DELEGATES. YOUR FULL CO-OPERATION WITH POLICE, SECURITY STAFF AND STEWARDS WILL REDUCE ANY DELAYS ON SITE.



Your Conference pass must be worn at all times within the secure zone and must be clearly visible. Report lost passes immediately to the Accreditation Office within The Exchange, 3 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2DR.



Luggage is not allowed in the secure zone at any time. A left luggage facility will be available at the Accreditation Office between 8am and 2pm on Wednesday 2nd October only.



All delegates and essential small bags will be subject to search upon arrival.



Please remove any metal items from pockets and bags before passing through security channels.



If you bring electrical items into the secure zone, you will be asked by security personnel to demonstrate them in operation.



Additional random searches will be in operation upon entry to the Main Stage and official fringe sessions.



For all main stage sessions no coats, jackets or bags larger than A4 will be allowed into the auditorium. Cloak room facilities are available.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED:



All liquids. Refillable containers should be empty. Water fountains are available within the venue.



Any item that could be used as a potential weapon, compromise public safety, or to damage venue property. Examples of these would include knives, sprays or powders.



All flags or banners and any objects or clothing intended to cause disruption to Conference.



Additional random searches will be in operation throughout the secure zone and fringe events.

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Information

For all the latest information on the Party Conference, visit conservatives.com/conference

Accreditation Office

The Accreditation Office will be located at: The Exchange, 3 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2DR.

Email: registration@conservatives.com

Our opening times for collection at The Exchange will be:

Friday 27th September	13.00 – 18.00
Saturday 28th September	10.00 – 18.00
Sunday 29th September	09.00 – 21.00
Monday 30th September	07.00 – 20.00
Tuesday 1st October	09.00 – 20.00
Wednesday 2nd October	08.00 – 12.00

Please bring one form of photo ID with you and be prepared to show the QR code sent to you, either on your phone or as a print-out.

Admission to Secure Zone

Access to the Hyatt Regency Hotel will be allowed from 16:00 on Saturday 28th September. The restaurant and general bar areas will be fully functional from this time onwards. The Hotel has its own dedicated search channel located at the front of the Hotel on Bridge Street.

Birmingham ICC will open to delegates at 11:00 on Sunday 29th September. The Exhibition Hall will open at 12:00 noon. Entry to the ICC is via the main search channel on Centenary Square, off Broad Street.

At peak times it is advisable to allow additional time to go through the search channel. Please note that luggage is not allowed at any time except for the residents of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Balloons

Under no circumstances can balloons be brought into the secure zone.

Car parks

Car parks are clearly signposted in the city centre. Parking is not allowed in the immediate vicinity of the secure zone. There are limited Blue Badge parking spaces in Paradise Circus, Brindley Drive, Birmingham, B1 2NB.

The nearest parking facility for the secure zone is in the Brindley Drive multi-storey car park, off Cambridge Street and the NIA car park on Sheepcote Street. These car parks are pay and display.

Cash Facilities

An ATM can be found in The Mall of the ICC (Level 3, near the cloakroom). Free ATMs are located in Brindleyplace and on Broad Street.

Cloakroom Facilities

Opening times:

Sunday 29th September	11.00 – 18.00
Monday 30th September	07.30 – 18.00
Tuesday 1st October	07.30 – 18.00
Wednesday 2nd October	07.30 – 14.00

Please note that luggage is not permitted.

Information Desk

The Reception and Information desks will be situated throughout the ICC.

They will be staffed at the following times:

Sunday 29th September	10.00 – 22.00
Monday 30th September	08.00 – 22.00
Tuesday 1st October	08.00 – 22.00
Wednesday 2nd October	08.00 – 12.00

Conference and Security Passes

Admission to the secure zone is only available to those with a valid Conference pass. Passes must be worn at all times within the secure area. **Please do not wear your security pass outside of the secure zone. Please do not post pictures of your pass on social media.** If you lose your Conference pass, please report to the Accreditation Office at The Exchange immediately.

Cycle Parking

The cycle parking stands outside the ICC and Hyatt Regency Birmingham hotel will be suspended for the duration of Conference. Under no circumstances can bicycles be

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chained to any of the security fencing. Alternative cycle parking can be found throughout the city centre.

Exhibition

Open during the following times:

Sunday 29th September	12.00 – 18.00
Monday 30th September	09.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 1st October	09.00 – 18.00
Wednesday 2nd October	09.00 – 13.00

Facilities for Disabled Visitors

The ICC and Hyatt Regency Hotel are fully accessible for wheelchair users via ramps or lifts. Tactile signage is fitted in the majority of washrooms and lifts. Assistance dogs are welcome in both venues.

Each hall within the ICC has its own toilets dedicated for use by disabled delegates.

Access to the Hyatt Regency Hotel is via Symphony Hall foyer level 5.

Hyatt Regency Hotel

The hotel is linked to the ICC via a bridge on the mezzanine level of the hotel. Aria restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. The Gentleman and Scholar pub provides a more casual dining option with pub classics and a wide variety of wines, beers, and cocktails.

Left Luggage

Luggage is not allowed in the secure zone at any time. A left luggage facility will be available on **Wednesday 2nd October ONLY from 8am until 2pm**. This will be situated in The Exchange 3 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2DR.

Literature distribution and posters

No distribution of leaflets is permitted between the search channel and entrance areas or near the entrance areas or near the entrance and exit doors to either the hotel or conference venues.

Literature distribution is not allowed on any level of both complexes. Any unauthorised materials will be removed. A dilapidation charge will be levied against any organisation or individual responsible for fly posting.

Lost Property

Enquiries regarding lost property should be directed to the Conference Information Desk in The Mall (Level 3) near the main entrance to the ICC.

Medical

Please report any medical emergency to the nearest member of staff.

The nearest chemist is a two-minute walk away, across the canal at Brindleyplace.

Mobile Phones

Please switch off your mobile phones whilst in the main conference auditorium and at fringe meetings.

Prayer/Quiet Room

There is a dedicated prayer/quiet area (Multifaith Room situated within the ICC, next to Starbucks (Level 3).

Protest March

There will be protest activity on the periphery of the secure zone and the surrounding squares during Conference. Large numbers of protesters are anticipated to attend on Sunday. Several planned protests will take place throughout Conference. Please allow extra time for journeys to and from the secure zone between 11:00-16:00 on Sunday 29 September. **You are reminded not to wear your conference pass outside of the secure zone.**

Recycling

Please use the recycling bins situated throughout the venue and recycle paper, plastic and cans in the relevant bins.

Smoking

Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not permitted anywhere within The ICC or Hyatt Regency. Those wishing to smoke should go to the designated smoking areas at either Centenary Square or Canal Side at the ICC. At the Hyatt Regency Hotel smokers should go to the left of the main doors at the front of the hotel.

Taxis

TOA taxi's (black cabs) may be booked by calling 0121 427 8888.

Food & Beverage options within the Secure Zone

ICC & Symphony Hall

Londis

Offering a wide range of grab-and-go snacks, drinks, and everyday necessities. Open until 9pm each day.

Pizza Express

New to the ICC, serving freshly baked pizzas, handcrafted with passion, in a space where style and taste blend seamlessly. Open throughout the day for lunch and dinner.

Reservations can be made by emailing birmingham.TheICC@pizzaexpress.com or by calling 0121 203 3470.

Oak Kitchen

The Oak Kitchen will be serving up hearty and heartfelt homemade meals for lunch and dinner, using fresh and seasonal ingredients.

Starbucks

Offering all the Starbucks favourites along with comfy sofas and plenty of seating. There are charger points and larger sharing tables available too, ideal for any informal meetings throughout Conference.

Subway

Serving the complete range of hot and cold subs, freshly made to your liking on the main ICC Mall. A selection of hot and cold beverages is also available to take away.

B:Eats

Located on the ground floor of Symphony Hall, offering a seasonal menu full of classic dishes with contemporary twists; or just stop by for coffee and cake.

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Aria: The Secret Garden

The Hyatt's lobby restaurant, nestled under a glass atrium roof, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Gentlemen and Scholar Pub

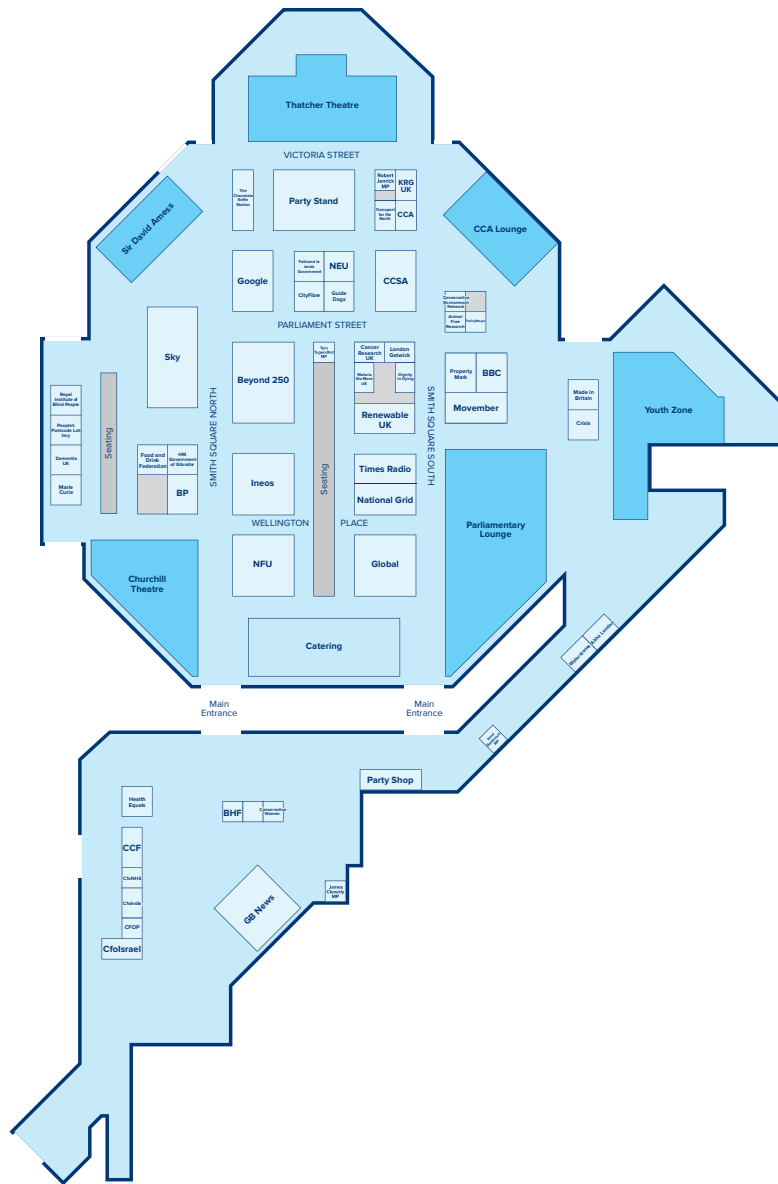
The quintessential British pub where tradition and elegance meet. Open every day from 11am until late.

Reception Bar

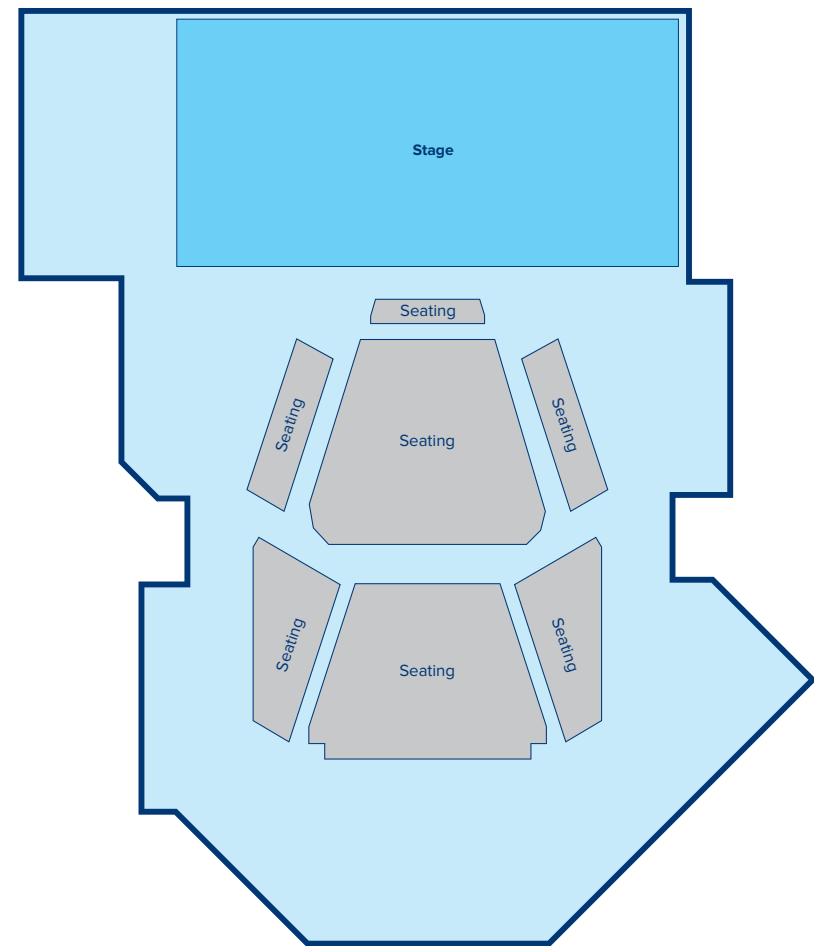
The reception bar features a convenient quick service and take-away menu tailored for early risers and busy professionals. It provides fast, varied, and budget-friendly dining choices for those on the go.

Exhibition Floor.

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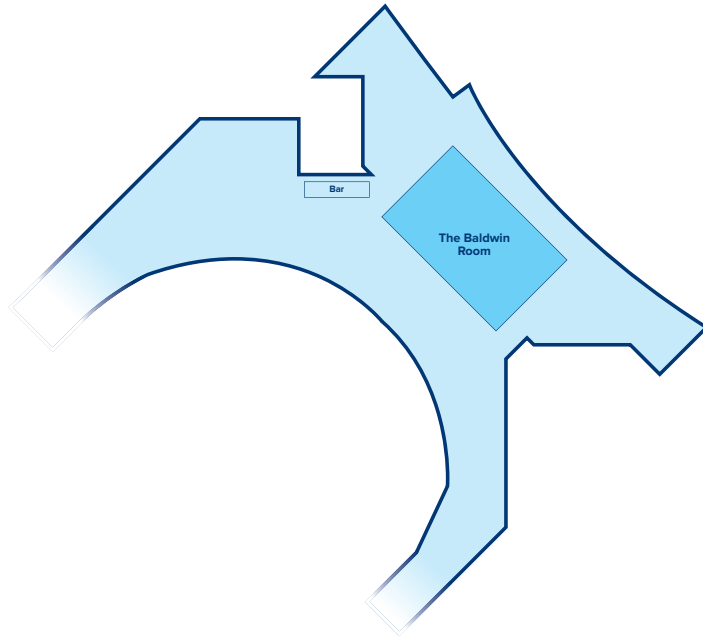


Level 4 Hall 1 Main Stage

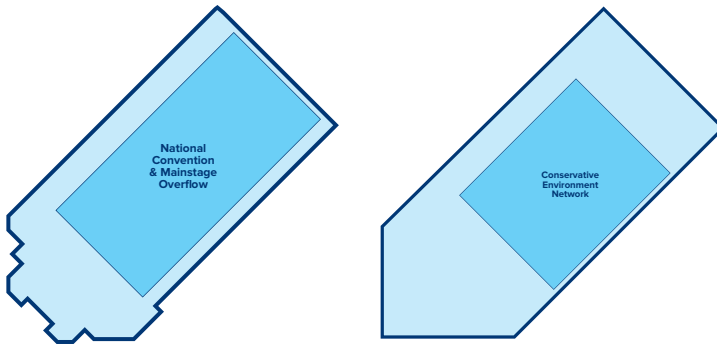


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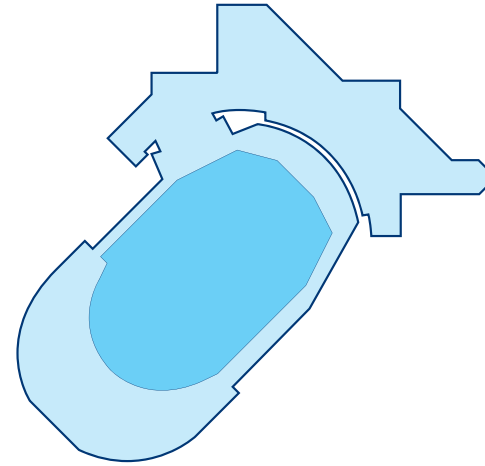
Level 4 Symphony Hall Foyer



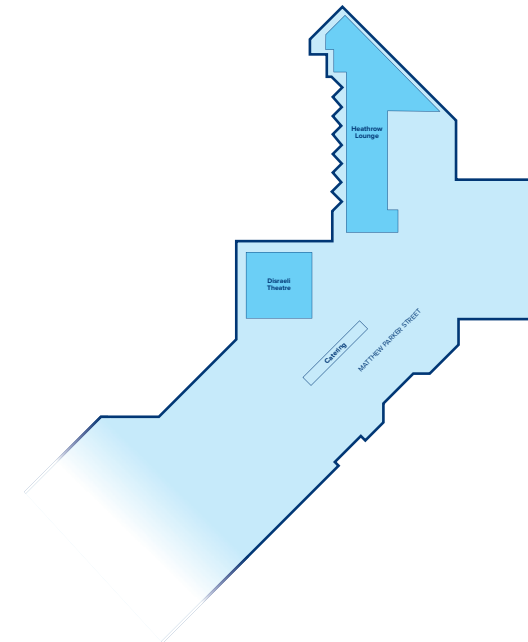
Level 4 Hall 5 and Hall 7



Level 3 Symphony Hall Foyer

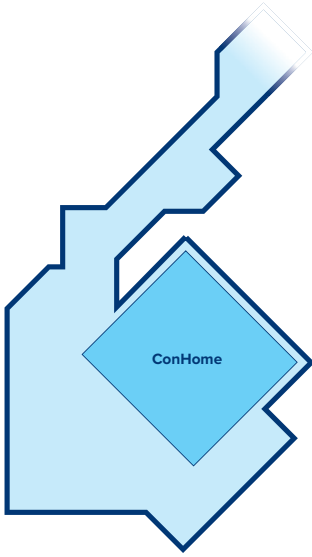


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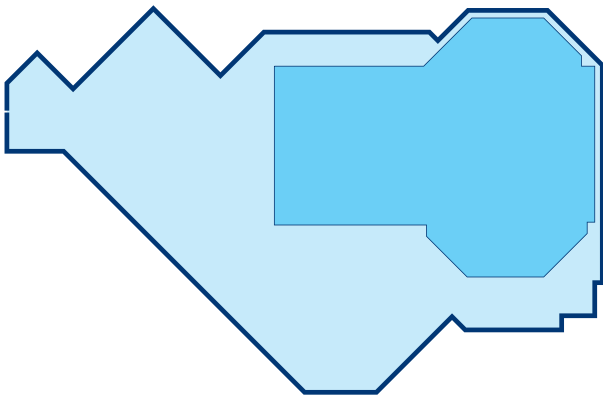


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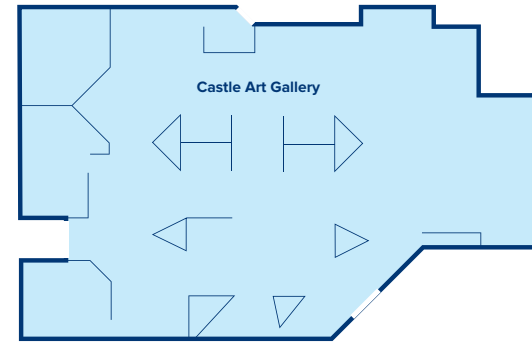
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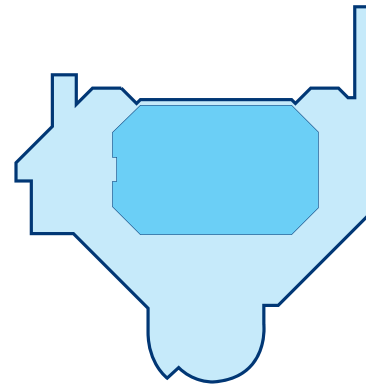
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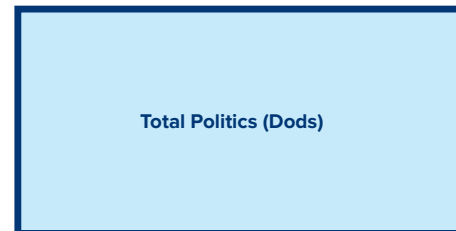
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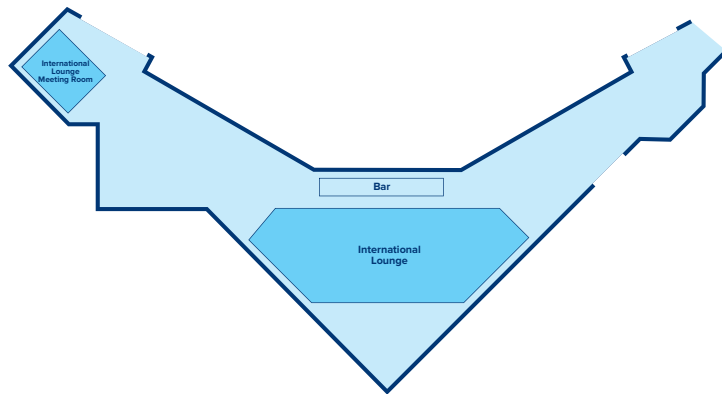
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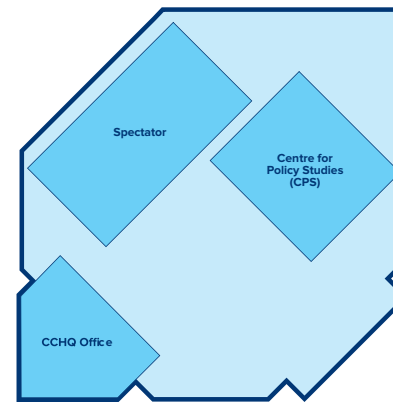
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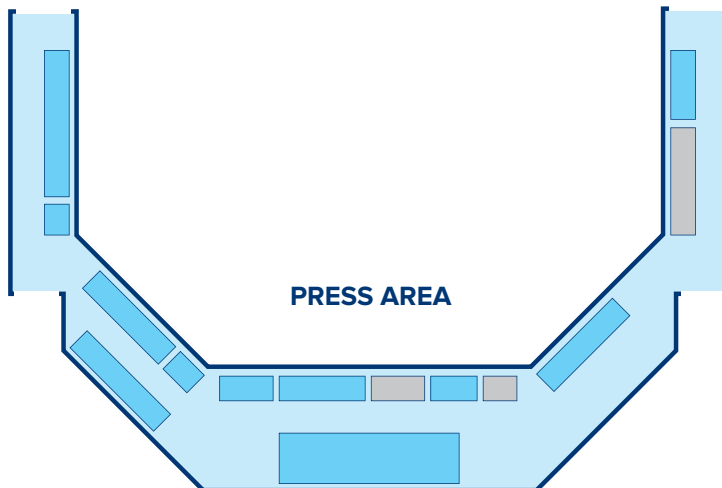
Level 5 Hall 1 Foyer



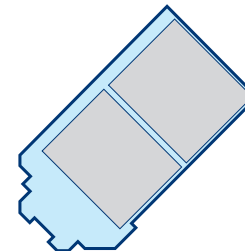
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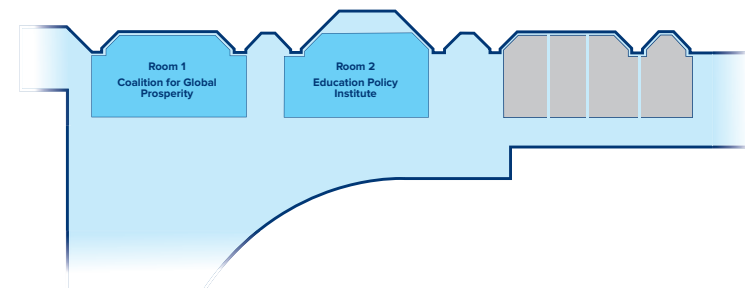
Level 5 Hall 3 Gallery



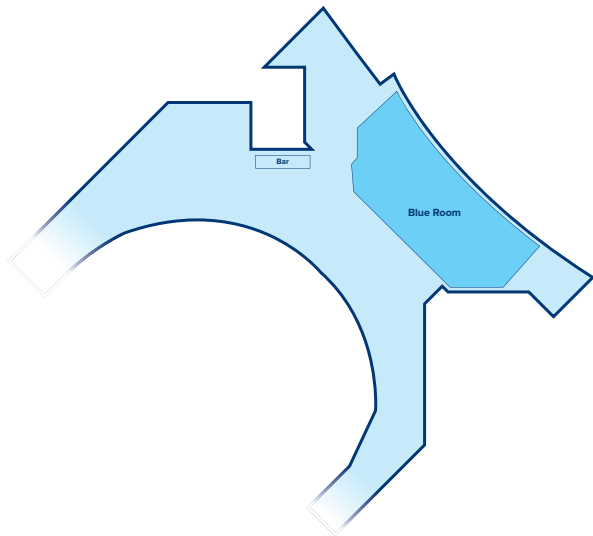
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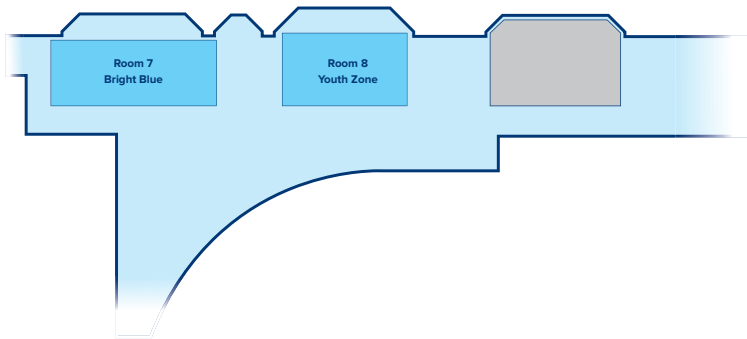
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Level 5a Symphony Hall Foyer



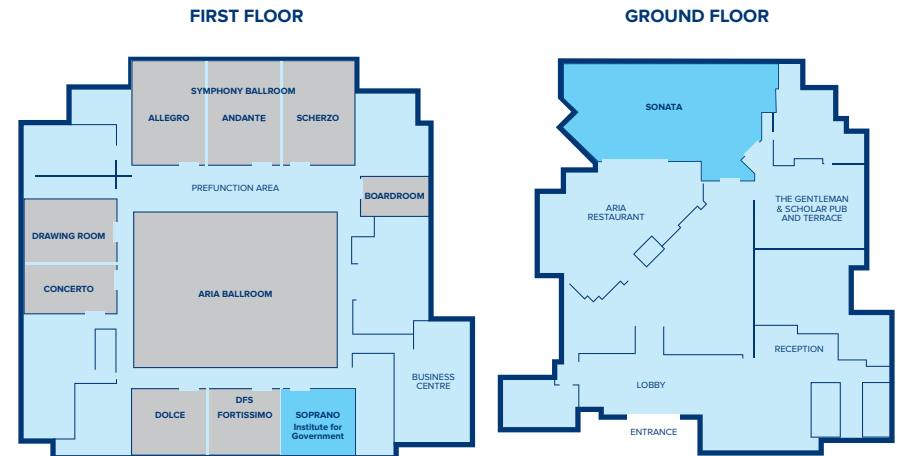
Level 5A Executive Rooms



Marquee Village



Level 1 – Hyatt



CONSERVATIVE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

The International Department of the Conservative Party is pleased to offer a series of exclusive events to International Delegates attending the 2024 Conservative Party Conference.

International Pass holders are welcome to visit the International Lounge, where refreshments will be provided.

All events are by invitation only, if you would like to attend this event, please email International@Conservatives.com

INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE OPENING TIMES

Sunday 29th:	13:00 – 18:00
Monday 30th:	09:00 – 17:00
Tuesday 1st:	09:00 – 18:00
Wednesday 2nd:	09:00 - 13:00

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

13:00: PANEL DISCUSSION: WOMEN'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

ICC, International Lounge

Will include parliamentary speakers from the commonwealth and the UK

By invitation only

17:00: INTERNATIONAL TRADE RECEPTION

ICC, International Lounge

With special guest speaker

By invitation only

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

13:00: PANEL DISCUSSION: THE RISE OF GLOBAL DISINFORMATION

ICC, International Lounge

Will include parliamentary speakers from the commonwealth and the UK

By invitation only

20:30: HEADS OF MISSION RECEPTION

Sponsored by Bloomberg

Bloomberg

Sonata Room, Hyatt

With Special guest speakers

By invitation only

The Conservative Party's International Department is pleased to welcome International guests from all corners of the globe to Party Conference.

We are pleased to organise a range of events and bilateral meetings between UK parliamentarians and International guests.

To find out more information about the work of the International Department and how to get involved, or for any queries about the International Programme, please email International@Conservatives.com

Cyber Secure.

Make your Conference cyber secure

Our Conference is a high-profile event. Cyber criminals and threat actors may use this time to target those attending. The guidance below will help you to remain cyber secure:

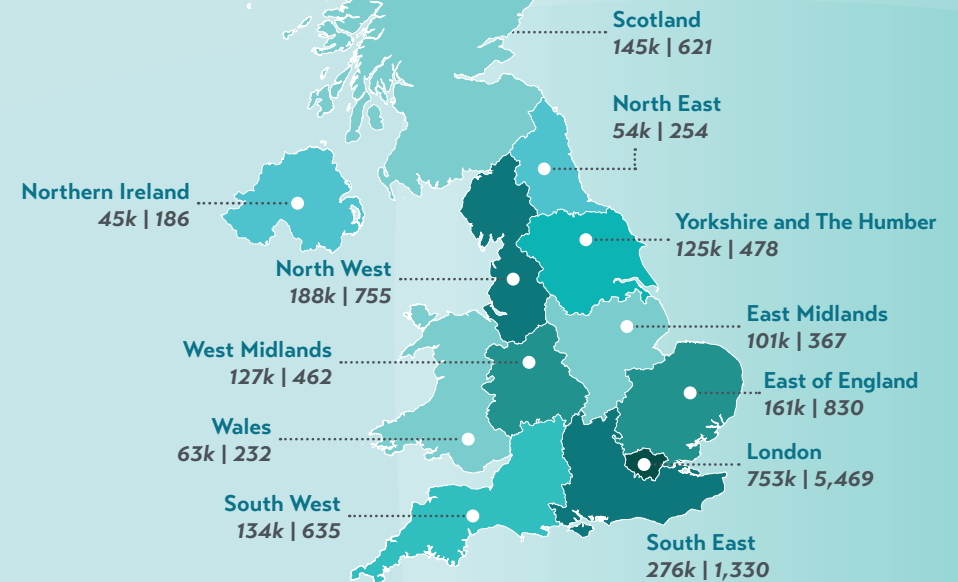
- 1 Never share your login details or device with anyone else.
- 2 Be aware of your surroundings when using your device – who is looking over your shoulder?
- 3 Beware of emails asking you to complete a task urgently or provide any personal information. Check the source email address. Pause, and if it doesn't sound right, don't respond or act.
- 4 Don't click on links or open attachments in emails you are not expecting or which you have concerns about.
- 5 Don't discuss sensitive information in public places. If you're on the phone, call them back.
- 6 Only use secure Wi-Fi to share sensitive information or data. If this isn't possible, encrypt the data before you send.
- 7 Ensure your device has the latest updates applied and any lost device capability enabled.
- 8 Never leave your device unattended and have it auto lock after the shortest period.
- 9 Protect your device with multifactor authentication and when you get home, change your password.
- 10 Be careful what you post on social media regarding Conference and your attendance, cyber criminals trawl social media for useful information.

If you receive a suspicious email, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Text/SMS messages can be forwarded to 7726.



Direct economic contribution of UK private equity and venture capital backed businesses in 2023, by nation and region

Thousands of jobs | Total number of businesses



The UK Private Capital Story

In an uncertain economic climate, it is more important than ever that we find ways to boost the UK's economic growth.

That is why private capital's investment in British business is so important. Overall **12,000 UK businesses** are currently backed by private capital, of which **9 in 10 were small and medium-sized enterprises**.

Private equity and venture capital **invested £20.1bn** into UK businesses in 2023.

In 2023, **6% of UK GDP** or **£137bn** was directly generated by businesses backed by private capital.

Through **active ownership** of businesses, private capital can deliver long term growth, which is not only good for the private capital funds and their investors, but local, regional and national economies as well. Private equity and venture capital funds have collectively **outperformed the public market** since 2001.

Learn more at bvca.co.uk

Birmingham.



Agenda.

Sunday 29 September

Afternoon Session: Hall 1, 14.30

WELCOME TO CONFERENCE

14.30 **Michael Winstanley**

President of the National Conservative Convention & Conference Chairman

14.45 **Richard Fuller MP**

Chairman of the Conservative Party

- Campaign despatches
 - Challenge 2025
 - Rebuilding our foundations
-

16.00 **The Future of The Union**

Panel Session

Monday 30 September

Morning Session: Hall 1, 09.30

09.30 **In Conversation with the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer**

The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP

09.50 **Member Debate**

Immigration and Border Security

10.30 **Member Debate**

Protecting Free Speech

11.10 **Member Debate**

Building Homes and Protecting Green Spaces

11.50 **Member Debate**

Growing The Economy

Afternoon Session: Hall 1, 14.00

MEET OUR LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES PART 1:

In Conversation & Member Questions

The Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP

The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP

Agenda.

Tuesday 1 October

Morning Session: Hall 1, 10.00

10.00 Local Elections 2025

Panel Session

10.40 The Future Generation

Panel Session

11.20 The Think Tank View

Panel Session

Afternoon Session: Hall 1, 14.00

MEET OUR LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES PART 2:

In Conversation and Member Questions

The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP

The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP

Wednesday 2 October

Morning Session: Hall 1, 10.30

Priority access for Party Members and invited guests

Richard Fuller MP

Chairman of the Conservative Party

The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP

Opposition Chief Whip

10.45 - LEADERSHIP CANDIDATE SPEECHES

The Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP

The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP

The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP

The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP

New
for 2024

Expand your network in the Commercial Lounge

Get away from the crowds and network in peace.

Exclusively for Business Day, commercial and charity delegates, the Commercial Lounge is the perfect spot to meet new contacts and relax.

With room for quiet meetings or larger groups, grab a coffee or a glass of wine and join us in Centenary Square.

**The Commercial Lounge
Marquee Village
Centenary Square**

**Sunday:
12noon to 5pm**

**Monday - Wednesday:
8am to 5pm**



In partnership with **PARAGON**

Fringe Events.

11.00 Conservative Christian Fellowship

Cathedral Church of Saint Philip, Birmingham Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2QB

The Conservative Party Conference Church Service

The Conservative Christian Fellowship invites you to the Conservative Party Conference Church Service at Birmingham Cathedral. All are welcome to attend the choral Eucharist service at the Cathedral Church of Saint Philip and the Bishop of Birmingham will be preaching.

12.00 The Conservative Party

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

SME Day

Ticketed guests only



12.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Meeting of the National Convention

Julian Ellacott, Chairman of the National Conservative Convention

Members of the Convention are invited to attend. Party members attending Conference who are not members of the Convention are welcome to attend the Convention meeting as observers.

13.00 Institute of Economic Affairs

Concerto, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Intergenerational Injustice: Can the Conservative Party win back the young?

Matthew Lesh (Institute of Economic Affairs, Director of Public Policy & Communications); Emma Revell (Centre for Policy Studies, External Affairs Director); Jack Rankin MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Windsor); Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Chaired by Tom Clougherty (Institute of Economic Affairs, Executive Director)

To paraphrase the old adage, 'if you're not a socialist by 25, you have no heart, and if you're not a conservative by 35, you have no brain'. However, polling suggests that younger generations are staying left-wing even as they age. This raises significant challenges for the Conservative Party's electoral prospects, particularly as many struggle to buy property, earn higher incomes, or feel they have a stake in the economy. To win back younger voters, do the Conservatives need a new approach?



Fringe Events.

13.00 Local Authority Pension Fund Forum

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Investing in the UK – can British pension funds do more?

Lord Dominic Johnson, former Minister for Investment, Kevin Hollinrake MP, Shadow Business Secretary (invited), Lord Ben Houchen, Mayor of Tees Valley (invited), Cllr Doug McMurdo, chair of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum, David Simmons MP, Shadow Minister MHCLG (invited)



13.00 NASUWT - The Teachers' Union

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Opportunity for all

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education, Dr Patrick Roach, General Secretary, NASUWT – The Teachers' Union, Andy Cook, Chief Executive, Centre for Social Justice

How can we guarantee the right of every child to the world-class education they deserve.



13.00 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Hall 8a, Birmingham ICC

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Fringe

Come and join us for our annual Scottish Conservative fringe meeting.



13.00 The Conservative Party

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13.00 Young Conservatives

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Young Conservatives Welcome to Conference Reception

Join us for an exciting opportunity to connect with fellow Young Conservatives and gain insider tips from seasoned YC delegates on how to make the most of your conference experience! Don't miss out on this chance to level up your network and knowledge!



13.30 Conservative Environment Network and Solar Energy UK

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Here comes the sun: will solar farms help to deliver energy and food security?

Martin Lines (Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN), CEO and farmer); Chris Hewett (Solar Energy UK, Chief Executive); Graham Simpson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, MSP); Cllr Kelham Cooke (Stamford East, Cllr); Chaired by Sam Hall (Conservative Environment Network, Director)

Reaching environmental and energy security goals requires more clean energy. Increasing solar power will cut bills and power economic growth. But there is an ongoing debate about the impact of solar farms on Britain's food security. Does there have to be a trade-off between low-cost food and low-cost energy? Could solar help British farmers boost business resilience while continuing farming? And how can local communities be brought on board?



14:00 Centre for Policy Studies

In conversation with...

CPS Director Robert Colvile sits down with a high-profile speaker to discuss their life and work, followed by an audience Q&A. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

14.30 The Conservative Policy Forum

Sir David Amess Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Conservative values revealed: results of the CPF-led Members' survey

Be among the first to find out the results of the Conservative Policy Forum-led survey of Party Members on the values that explain who we are and that should be evident in all that we do as a Party, including how Members think the new Party Leader might better embed these values in all aspects of the Party and its activities.

14.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Michael Winstanley (Conservative Party, President of the National Conservative Convention & Conference Chairman)

Welcome to Conference.

14.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Hall 5 Main Stage - Overflow – relayed via video link

14.45 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Richard Fuller MP CBE (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party)

Campaign despatches, Challenge 2025 and Rebuilding our foundations.

15.00 Young Conservative with Blue Beyond

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Listen2Us: The Importance of Young People on the Right

The Left dominates youth circles in terms of policy, grassroots movements and student groups. How can we ensure that young people from all backgrounds across the UK can input into policy making, campaigning and employment on the right. Join as Blue Beyond launches its flagship Listen2Us campaign to lobby on the importance of young people in Conservative circles.

15.00 Conservative Environment Network, WWF, and the Soil Association

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Muddying the waters: where next for water quality?

Rebecca Smith MP (Member of Parliament); Gareth Morgan (Soil Association, Head of Farming and Land Use Policy); Guy Thompson (EnTrade, Managing Director); Willie Athill (Norfolk Seaweed, CEO); Chaired by Kitty Thompson (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Nature Programme Manager)

Sewage was the defining environmental issue of the last parliament, but it is not the only pressure water faces. Intensive agriculture, the nitrogen runoff it causes, the ever expanding built environment, and man made river modifications all add to the issue. Rather than wait for the headlines to hit, we need action now to clean up water once and for all. But what action is required? Is there a distinctly conservative approach to take?



15.15 ThinkTent

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

ThinkTent event

Please see the online fringe guide for full details



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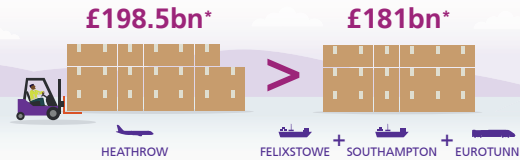
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At this year's Conference, we have an exciting schedule of events lined up for YCs, This is your chance to engage, network, and play an active role in shaping the future of the party. Don't miss out!

Sunday 29th September

13:00 **Welcome to Conference Reception**

Hall 8b | Young Conservative Members Only

15:00 **Listen2Us: The Importance of Young People on the Right**

Disraeli Theatre

17:00 **In Conversation with...**

Disraeli Theatre

Interested in becoming a Conservative councillor?

YC highly recommends the 'Becoming a Conservative Councillor' event, organised by the Conservative Councillors Association and the Be A Councillor Campaign. It's your chance to discover how you can get involved, stand for council and make a real difference in your community!

Monday 30th | 10:30 – 12:00pm | Councillors Lounge

Monday 30th September

10:30 **YC Breakfast**

Disraeli Theatre | Young Conservative Members Only

13:00 **The Housing Challenge**

Disraeli Theatre

15:00 **Conservatism and the Next Generation**

Disraeli Theatre

16:00 **In Conversation with...**

Disraeli Theatre

Tuesday 1st October

10:30 **YC Breakfast**

Disraeli Theatre | Young Conservative Members Only

13:00 **YC Event**

Disraeli Theatre

15:00 **The Kids Aren't Alright: How Do We Make The Economy Work For Young People?**

Disraeli Theatre

17:00 **YC Reception**

Hall 8b | Young Conservative Members Only

You're invited!

Join us for the Young Conservatives Reception, where you can network with like-minded peers over refreshments. It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and discuss the future of conservatism.

17:00 | Hall 8b | Young Conservative Members Only

15.30 Co-operatives UK, Building Societies Association, Association of Financial Mutuals, Association of British Credit Unions

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

A Vision for Economic Growth: Co-operatives & Mutuals Building the Growth Coalition

Rt Hon John Glen (Conservative Party, Shadow Paymaster General); Rt Hon Laura Trott MP MBE (Conservative Party, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Invited)); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); James Wright (Co-operatives UK, Policy and Development Lead); Chaired by Robin Fieth (Building Societies Association, CEO)

During the last 14 years Conservatives in government achieved much for the co-operative and mutual sector, from the community ownership fund to modernisation of the sector's corporate frameworks. This event will consider how following the election Conservatives and co-ops and mutuals can continue to work together to help to drive economic growth and rebuild and recover in the towns and communities across the UK.



15.30 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Build or block? The future of Conservative housing policy

Bradley Thomas MP (Bromsgrove, Conservative MP); Rachel Maclean (Former MP, Former Home Office minister); Bob Seely (Isle of Wight, Former Conservative MP); Jenevieve Treadwell (Onward UK, Senior Researcher on the Levelling Up Programme); Chaired by Samuel Hughes (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Housing)

The housing crisis is one of Britain's most pressing problems. Now, Labour have put housebuilding at the heart of their agenda – but they are also aiming to put as many of their new homes as possible in Conservatives constituencies, not least those with plentiful green belt. So how should the Tories respond? And how can they balance the interests of Nimbys and Yimbys? Public panel – visit cps.org.uk for speakers.



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15.30 **Diabetes UK and The Recipe for Change Campaign**

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Improving Children's Dietary Health: How can we make children in the UK the healthiest in the world?

Colette Marshall (Diabetes UK, Chief Executive); Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Dr Dolly van Tulleken (Cambridge MRC Epidemiology Unit, Visiting Researcher); Alfie Slade (Obesity Health Alliance, Government Affairs Lead); Chaired by Chris Smyth (The Times, Whitehall Editor (Invited))

In 2018, Prime Minister Theresa May set a national ambition to halve childhood obesity rates by 2030. With this deadline fast approaching, our panel of policymakers, health experts and industry leaders will delve into the pressing issue of improving children's dietary health. Join a discussion on the future of children's health, hosted by Diabetes UK and the Recipe for Change coalition, on how we can make the food we eat healthier.



15.30 **Local Government Association**

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Local Government Reception

Chaired by Cllr Kevin Bentley (Essex County Council, Leader)

A reception for Conservative councillors and friends of local government.



15.30 **Institute of Economic Affairs**

Concerto, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Torch of Liberty: Can the Conservative Party rediscover its love of freedom?

Dr Christopher Snowdon (Institute of Economic Affairs, Head of Lifestyle Economics); Lord David Frost (Conservative Party, Member of the House of Lords); Tom Clougherty (Institute of Economic Affairs, Executive Director); Rt Hon Esther McVey (Conservative, MP); Chaired by Reem Ibrahim (Institute of Economic Affairs, Communications Officer)

The last government occasionally paid homage to individual freedom, but pursued heavy-handed policies from seeking to ban tobacco for future generations to new online speech regulations and harsh Covid lockdowns. Their approach to issues like Net Zero and the NHS prioritised central planning over individual choice or market incentives, all while imposing a record-high tax burden. This raises the question: can the Conservatives rediscover their love of freedom in opposition?



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Fringe Events.

15.30 National Education Union and Conservative Education Society

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What should the Conservatives priorities be on education for the new parliament?

Daniel Kebede (National Education Union, General Secretary); Paul Church (Conservative Education Society, Chairman); Louise Brice (Teacher, Teacher); Frank Young (Parentkind, Director of Policy & Research); Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited));

As the Official Opposition, the Conservative Party's role in shaping the future of education has evolved. Join us to debate your policy priorities relating to education and children and young people and how the Conservatives can effectively engage with education policy in the current political landscape.

16.00 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Breaking Blue: Onward's General Election Report

Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent); James Kanagasooriam (Chief Research Officer, Focal Data); Fazan Tahir (Tahir Group, Founder); Tom Lubbock (Co-Founder, JL Partners); Chaired by Sebastian Payne (Onward, Director)

The 2024 general election delivered a once-in-a-century defeat for the Conservative Party, with the worst result in its history. To navigate a route back to power requires a proper understanding of how and why the party lost so badly. This event will launch Onward's landmark study into the election with the structural and immediate causes, exploring how the party should rebuild.

16.00 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Coffee House Shots Live – welcome reception

Fraser Nelson (The Spectator, Editor); Katy Balls (The Spectator, Political Editor);

Join The Spectator team for a drink as conference begins. Open to all.

16.00 People's Postcode Lottery

Executive Room 10, Birmingham ICC

How charity lotteries can raise more funding for communities across Britain

Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Women & Equalities); Clara Govier (People's Postcode Lottery, Managing Director); Catherine Roche (Place2Be, Chief Executive); Mark Curtin (Lord's Taverners, CEO); Chaired by Nick Cook (People's Postcode Lottery, Deputy Head of Public Affairs)

Join People's Postcode Lottery, charity CEOs and Conservative politicians as they discuss how charity lotteries raise vital funding for good causes across Britain.



16.00 The Conservative Policy Forum

Hall 9, Birmingham ICC

Leadership Hustings with the Conservative Policy Forum (Part 1 of 2)

Take part in the leadership hustings with the Policy Forum at Party Conference and learn more about each of the four candidates and their plans for the Party.

16.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with Conservatives for Women

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

Sex, Gender & Safeguarding Children: what should be the Conservative approach?

Miriam Cates (Former MP, Former Member of Parliament); Maya Forstater (Sex Matters, Chief Executive & Co-Founder); Fuchsia Hyde (Bayswater Support Group, Rep); Eileen Gallagher (LGB Alliance, Chair of Trustees); Chaired by Camilla Tominey (The Telegraph, Associate Editor)

Gender identity ideology has had an extraordinary influence on public policy, practice and discourse in a very short space of time. This has threatened and undermined established science, children's safeguarding, free speech, and women's rights to single-sex space, sports and services. This event explores what Conservatives can learn from the mistakes of the past, and what we should do differently in the future.

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Monday 30th September

Rt Hon James Cleverly MP

15.00 - 16.00



Tuesday 1st October

Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP

14.00 - 15.00



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16.00 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

The Future of The Union: Panel Session

16.30 Conservative Environment Network and RWE

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Can we overcome rural resistance to the clean energy transition?

Dillon Smith (Centre for Policy Studies, Researcher for Energy and Environment Policy); David Hickling (RWE, Senior Manager, Public Affairs); Joy Morrisey (Conservative Party, MP for Beaconsfield); Cllr Richard Clewer (Wiltshire Council, Council Leader); Chaired by Fin McCarron (Conservative Environment Network, International Programme Manager)

To boost energy security, we must build more clean energy and grid capacity. National Grid says 1000 miles of new power lines are needed to meet our targets. The Conservatives proposed giving households money off bills for hosting clean energy infrastructure. Is money enough to stave off objections? How can we protect the countryside alongside developing new projects? How should Conservatives respond to Labour's clean energy planning reforms?



16.30 Popular Conservatism

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

What future for Conservative Party Members?

Wendy Morton (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Aldridge-Brownhills); Claire Bullivant (Conservative Democratic Organisation, Co-Founder); Becky Walsh (Quadrangle Consulting, Director); Chaired by Andrew Allison (Popular Conservatism, Head of Campaigns)

What are Conservative members for? Are they simply the workhorses of the party, or should they hold the whip hand over choosing candidates and who holds senior party roles? Join us to discuss the selection process, leadership election rules and what members should get for their subscriptions.

16.30 More in Common

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

Rights and Wrongs: Should Conservatives support or oppose the ECHR?

Immigration was at the top of Conservative voters' minds at the last election. For some voters, leaving the ECHR could be a way to increase control over our borders, for others, especially in the Blue Wall, leaving the ECHR would be a step too far. This panel will consider how the Conservatives can balance conflicting views within their electoral coalition.



17.00 Net Zero APPG

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

The Big Net Zero Debate: Question Time & In Conversation with Special Guests

Amidst the Leadership contest, The BIG Net Zero Debate will bring together Conservative stakeholders for a Question Time and 'in conversation' to look at how Net Zero can be scaled up and delivered.



17.00 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

What went wrong? An election post-mortem

Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner); Lord Ben Houchen (Conservative Party, Mayor of the Tees Valley); Chaired by Robert Covile (Centre for Policy Studies, Direct)

Labour's landslide victory laid bare the profound dissatisfaction of the British public with the Tories' track record in government. But what exactly were voters most upset about? This panel will dissect the recent electoral defeat, as well as the party's record in power, and ask what needs to be put at the top of the next leader's agenda. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

Fringe Events.

17.00 Young Conservatives

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

YC in conversation with...

Join the Young Conservatives for an engaging hour of discussion and debate with a prominent Conservative leader, exploring key issues and fresh perspectives.

17.00 The Conservative Party

Symphony Hall, Birmingham ICC

Members Welcome Reception with the Party Leader

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP welcomes all Party Members to a thank-you Reception in Symphony Hall at the ICC.

No pre-registration required; however capacity constraints will apply.
Party Members Only.



17.15 Railway Industry Association

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

The Rail Interview

Philip Georgiadis (Financial Times, Transport Correspondent); Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (Invited)); Dr Kieran Mullan MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary for Transport (Invited));

Join us for a one-to-one interview with a senior rail figure as we discuss the Conservative's priorities for the rail industry.



17.30 The Spectator in association with National Gas

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Private drinks reception: The Spectator x National Gas

Fraser Nelson (The Spectator, Editor); Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Invited));

Join The Spectator and National Gas for a drinks reception and discussion on how the UK can work towards achieving energy security.



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Fringe Events.

17.30 In Partnership with VISA

Sonata, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

SME Drinks

Ticketed guests only.



17.30 National Oceanography Centre

LOB 102, Birmingham Repertory Theatre

Ocean Question Time: 'Turning the Tide on Climate Change'

Rt Hon Lord Zac Goldsmith KC (House of Lords, House of Lords (Invited)); George Freeman MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Chris Shirling-Rooke (Maritime UK, CEO); Sarah Taylor (The National Oceanography Centre, Head of Stakeholder Relationships);

Panel discussion of ocean and maritime issues



18.00 BTC

Castle Art Gallery, Birmingham ICC

British Tamil Conservatives Annual Reception

Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government (Invited)); Bob Blackman (Conservatives, MP (Invited)); Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative party, Shadow Defra Secretary of State (Invited)); Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary (Invited)); Rt Hon Sir Oliver Dowden MP CBE (Conservative Party, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Invited)); Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Conservative, MP (Invited)); Louie French MP (Conservative, MP (Invited)); Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Conservative, MP (Invited)); Alicia Kearns MP (Shadow Minister , FCDO (Invited)); Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP (Conservative Party , MP for North West Hampshire (Invited)); Andrew Rosindell (Conservative, MP); Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat (Conservatives, MP (Invited)); Rt Hon Chris Philp MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons);

The annual reception of British Tamil Conservatives at Conference. This is held as a thank you to all the Past Ministers, Current Shadow Ministers and MPs, Cllrs and members of the Community who have worked with and supported BTC throughout the year. We look forwards to meeting up with all of you, renewing friendships, making new ones and working towards a strong Conservative voice at Westminster.



Fringe Events.

18.00 His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Hall 11, Birmingham ICC

His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, Reception

His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is happy to again support the Conservative Party Conference. The Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo KC MP will be attending and host the now traditional reception. Government officials will also be at the Gibraltar stand to meet as many friends as possible.



18.00 Conservative Environment Network and Britain Remade

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Is net zero a conservative mission?

Sam Richards (Britain Remade, Campaign director); Lord David Frost (Conservative Party, Member of the House of Lords); Clementine Cowton (Octopus Energy Group, Director Of External Affairs); Chaired by Mercy Muroki (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Climate Programme Manager)

Some see climate action as a left-wing issue. Yet Margaret Thatcher was the first world leader to warn about climate change at the UN in 1989 and, under the Conservatives, the UK became the first major economy to halve emissions. With greater investment in clean technologies needed, how can we decarbonise whilst growing the economy and keeping costs low? Is net zero really a conservative mission and what does a conservative approach look like?



18.00 National Education Union

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Is social media a friend or foe of young people?

Join us to debate whether we should be doing more as a society to protect children from online harm. Would banning children's access to social media and smart phones better protect their mental health? Speakers to be confirmed



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18.00 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Hall 8a, Birmingham ICC

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Reception

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18.00 Demos

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The Road to 2029... In Conversation with Sir John Curtice

Sir John Curtice (University of Strathclyde, Professor of Politics); Polly Curtis (Demos, Chief Executive);

After an election campaign during which one of the key themes was trust - with politicians' credibility and their ability to deliver on their promises being regularly called into question - Demos will host an 'in conversation' event with Professor Sir John Curtice. Join us to discuss the lessons we can learn about the state of our democracy and what the Conservatives can do to restore trust and build a new vision for our country.



18.00 Welsh Conservatives

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Welsh Conservative Party Conference Reception

Lord Davies of Gower (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Andrew RT Davies CBE MS (Welsh Conservatives, Leader of the Opposition in the Welsh Parliament (Invited));

Join the Welsh Conservatives for their annual reception at Party Conference. We'll be joined by Andrew RT Davies MS, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Senedd, Lord Davies of Gower, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales, along with members and friends from all over Wales. In partnership with UK Hospitality we'll be showcasing produce from across Wales.



18.00 Resolution Foundation

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

What is the Conservatives' plan for boosting economic growth?

Dame Harriett Baldwin DBE MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Development (Invited)); Lord Daniel Finkelstein OBE (The Times, Columnist and Associate Editor (Invited)); Chaired by Lord David Willetts (Resolution Foundation, President)

From the size of the state, to tax, trade and investment, what should the Conservatives' plan for growth be?



18.15 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

In Conversation with a Leadership Contender

Onward will host a series of one-to-one in conversation events with the four contenders for the Conservative Party leadership after the shortlisting to the final four has taken place.



18.30 The Enterprise Forum, Horticultural Trade Association, Heathrow Airport

Heathrow Lounge, Birmingham ICC

The Importance of Green Spaces

A range of Gin and Tonics to be Served



18.30 Green Alliance

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The nature of our economy

Political Speaker (TBC); Angela Francis (WWF, Director of Policy Solutions); Oliver Breen (Santander UK, Senior Manager - Climate Change Strategy); Chaired by Shaun Spiers (Green Alliance, Executive Director)

The Conservative government took important steps towards financing nature restoration and commissioned the ground breaking Dasgupta Review which identified how dependent our economy is on nature. How can we embed its thinking in UK policy? This panel will explore how to ensure green financing includes nature as the UK continues to build its reputation for sustainable finance.

18.30 Popular Conservatism & TaxPayers' Alliance

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

ThinkTent drinks reception

Private drinks reception



18.30 Centre for Cities

Round Room, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Welcome to Birmingham Reception

Cllr John Cotton (Centre for Cities, Leader, Birmingham City Council); Mayor Richard Parker (West Midlands Combined Authority, Mayor of the West Midlands); Chaired by Andrew Carter (Centre for Cities, Chief Executive)

Join Centre for Cities at our annual reception to welcome the Conservative Party Conference to Birmingham. This event will take place in the Round Room, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (outside the secure zone – no pass required), and will feature light refreshments and speeches from politicians including Cllr John Cotton and Mayor Richard Parker.



19.00 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

CPS Conference Drinks Reception

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer); Robert Coville (Centre for Policy Studies, Direct);

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19.00 The London Reception - BusinessLDN, sponsored by DeHavilland and DLA Piper

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The London Reception

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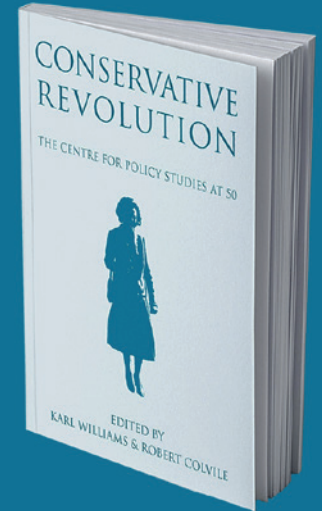
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What should the Conservatives priorities be on education for the new Parliament?

**Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm to 5pm
Soprano Room, Hyatt**

As the Official Opposition, the Conservative Party's role in shaping the future of education has evolved. Join us to debate your policy priorities relating to education and children and young people and how the Conservatives can effectively engage with education policy in the current political landscape.

Speakers: Speakers to be confirmed

Is social media a friend or foe of young people?

**Sunday 29 September, 6pm to 7.30pm
Executive Room 2, ICC**

Join us to debate whether we should be doing more as a society to protect children from online harm. Would banning children's access to social media and smart phones better protect their mental health?

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Fringe Events.

19.15 Maritime UK

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

The Maritime Reception

Greg Smith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Business and Trade and Transport);

The Maritime Reception will be showcasing the importance of its people in developing the UK's sovereign capability and ensuring that we have the right skills to meet our own demands. Join us for an engaged discussion.



19.30 Conservative Environment Network and EnBW

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

The CEN reception - net zero: a conservative success story

Chaired by Sam Hall (Conservative Environment Network, Director)

The environment has consistently remained a priority for voters. Conservatives in government took positive steps to address voters' climate concerns. Join us for a drink to hear what the party's messaging on climate should be as it rebuilds.



20.30 Bond / CFID (Conservative Friends of International Development)

Andante, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Bond/ CFID drinks reception

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Alicia Kearns MP (Shadow Minister, FCDO (Invited))

Join us for the Bond/ Conservative Friends of International Development (CFID) drinks reception to hear from the Shadow Foreign Secretary, Andrew Mitchell MP (invited), and Shadow Development Minister, Alicia Kearns MP (invited) about how the conservative value of internationalism can shape the party's vision for development going forward. We have also invited the leadership contenders to share their views on the future of UK aid and development.



20.30 Conservative Friends of Israel

Hall 11, Birmingham ICC

CFI Drinks Reception

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Rt Hon Lord (Eric) Pickles PC (Conservative Friends of Israel, Parliamentary Chair (Lords));

CFI's popular drinks reception returns for another year, hosted by Rt. Hon. The Lord Pickles. We will be joined by Shadow Foreign Secretary, Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell in addition to a Senior Israeli Diplomat. We have also invited all Leadership contenders to join us. Wine and soft drinks will be served.



20.30 Conservative Rural Forum and Countryside Alliance

Castle Art Gallery, Birmingham ICC

Conservative Rural Forum/Countryside Alliance Drinks Reception

Tim Bonner (Countryside Alliance, Chief Executive); Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs); Chaired by Lizzie Hacking (Conservative Rural Forum, Chairman)

This reception will provide an opportunity to celebrate our work over the last year, introduce ourselves to you, and to discuss key issues facing rural communities. Invite only. Open to all CRF and CA members.



20.30 The Law Society and The Bar Council

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Justice & the economy reception: Underpinning growth with legal services

Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); Sam Townend KC (The Bar Council of England and Wales, Chair); Nick Emmerson (Law Society of England and Wales, President);

A drinks reception hosted by the Bar Council and Law Society to celebrate the role legal services play in our economy, how they can underpin growth in our economy and drive prosperity.



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Fringe Events.

20.30 One Nation Caucus

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

One Nation Caucus Drinks Reception with keynote speaker

Our Party faces a simple choice. Unite or continue down a path of division, chaos and defeat. As one of the oldest ideological strands of conservatism, the One Nation caucus invites to our drinks reception to discuss how we can rediscover traditional conservative values, rebuild, and ensure a swift return to government.



20.30 Terrence Higgins Trust and LGBT+ Conservatives

Allegro, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

One Parliament left to end new HIV cases by 2030 - Drinks Reception

Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP (Conservative Party, Opposition Chief Whip (Commons)); Richard Angell (Terrence Higgins Trust, Chief Executive); Luke Black (LGBT+ Conservatives, Chair);

Join Terrence Higgins Trust and LGBT+ Conservatives for drinks and speeches on the goal of ending new HIV cases in the UK.



21.00 The Conservative Party

Symphony Hall, Birmingham ICC

The Northern Party (Reception)

Exclusively for members in the North East, North West, and Yorkshire and the Humber regions. Join your fellow regional members at our ever-popular reception. Ticketed guests only.



22.30 Conservative Friends of America

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Conservative Friends of America Late Night Drinks Reception

CFOA's Conference Reception returns as one of the highlights at Party Conference! Join us and our high-profile Guest Speakers as we look ahead to the upcoming U.S. Presidential Elections in November and what this means for the "special relationship."



23.00 Institute of Economic Affairs

Sonata, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

IEA Late-Night Drinks Reception

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Speaker:
 To be announced
 Spaces limited to 200

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Fringe Events.

07.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship

Garden Room, Novotel Birmingham Central

Prayer Breakfast with Spurgeons

All our welcome for breakfast and prayer hosted by a Christian charity bringing issues of concern to inform our prayers. A panel will also take place including MPs and Councillors. Do come and start the Conference day well, full of breakfast and prayer and fellowship - just 5 mins walk away from the ICC.



07.45 In partnership with BVCA

Hall 8, Birmingham ICC

Business Day Breakfast and Opening Panel

Ticketed guests only.



08.00 Demos

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

An in conversation with...

Join Demos for an 'in conversation' session with a senior Conservative politician.



08.00 Smart Energy GB supported by The Terrapin Group

Executive Room 10, Birmingham ICC

Help for households – making home energy use cheaper and greener

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Invited)); Chaired by Sara Higham (Smart Energy GB, Corporate Affairs Director)

How can local leaders help their communities unlock and benefit from cheaper and greener energy, while supporting energy security? This roundtable, chaired by Smart Energy GB's Director, Sara Higham, will gather local government figures to explore the benefits of smart meter-enabled household energy flexibility. This event is invite only, however if you are a councillor and interested in joining please contact ian.george@terrapingroup.co.uk.



08.15 In partnership with Bloomberg

Hall 8, Birmingham ICC

Business Day Event - Morning Sessions

Ticketed guests only.



08.30 Youth Futures Foundation and CIPD

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Are Apprenticeships the key to getting young people ready for work?

1 in 8 young people in the UK are unemployed and this number has been largely unchanged in the past two decades. How can policy makers and industry work together to galvanise more support for apprenticeships.

Roundtable by invitation. Contact: eve.hatcher@youthfuturesfoundation.org



08.30 Bright Blue with Offshore Energies UK

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Going for growth: How can the energy transition facilitate economic growth across the UK?

Andrew Bowie MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero); Douglas Lumsden MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and Offshore Energies UK to discuss the economic transition towards net zero and the UK's domestic energy production.

We ask: how important is it for the UK to produce its energy domestically? What technologies will be key to the future of UK energy? Should the UK continue to offer oil and gas production licences?



08.30 Institute for Government & Imperial College London

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can the Conservatives build on the last government's unsung industrial strategy?

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Professor Nigel Brandon OBE (Imperial College London, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Professor of Sustainable Development in Energy); Giles Wilkes (Institute for Government, Senior Fellow); Chaired by Dr Gemma Tetlow (Institute for Government, Chief Economist)

Rishi Sunak's Conservative government did not use the term 'industrial strategy', unlike previous Conservative leaders. However, former chancellor Jeremy Hunt set out five "growth sectors" he wanted to support, and funded an Advanced Manufacturing Plan, published a Battery Strategy, and set out plans for aerospace, automotives, offshore wind and more. So, what should the Conservatives should learn from recent experience of industrial policy?



08.30 City & Guilds

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Unlocking today's skills to drive tomorrow's productivity

With a flurry of activity including the Skills England Bill, the Skills England Agency, and the English Devolution Bill, the Government aims to make significant changes. How can we ensure that these build on previous successes without causing excessive disruption to sector or negatively impacting skills and productivity?



08.30 Centre for Policy Studies and Valero

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

What is the future of green conservatism? (Private breakfast roundtable)

Invitation only. Enquiries to bets@cps.org.uk.



09.00 Conservative Environment Network and Refresh Britain

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Cleaner communities: how the environment can help revive our towns and cities

Imo Martineau (Clean Air Fund, Head of UK Portfolio); Phil Broadhead (CCA Chairman, Councillor - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council); Andy Street (West Midlands Combined Authority, Former Mayor); Samuel Hughes (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Housing); Chaired by Caitie Gillett (Conservative Environment Network, Clean Air Programme Manager)

British people put great value on having a beautiful, clean, and prosperous local environment and a strong sense of community. We owe it to them to create communities and neighbourhoods that are pleasant to live and work in. Join CEN and Refresh Britain to discuss a conservative vision for moving around urban areas and what environmental measures will help the Conservative Party win back support in towns and cities over this parliament.



09.00 TaxPayers' Alliance

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Back to basics: Can well run councils lead the Conservatives to victory?

Cllr Matthew Boughton (Tonbridge & Malling borough council, Leader); Joanna Marchong (TaxPayers' Alliance, Investigations campaign manager); Cllr Dan Swords (Harlow council, Leader); Lewis Cocking (Conservative Party, MP (Invited)); Cllr Robert Alden (Birmingham city council, Conservative group leader (Invited)); Chaired by Elliot Keck (TaxPayers' Alliance, Head of campaigns)

With the Conservatives out of government, are councils their only way of rebuilding a reputation for competence? Have councils really been 'cut to the bone' or is there more fat left to trim? Will sound money and cutting council tax provide a blueprint for the next Conservative administration?



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Hall 4

Sunday 29 September

Coffee House Shots Live
welcome reception
4-5PM

Monday 30 September

Is the Conservative party ready to talk about tax?
12.30-1.30PM

Are the Tories for or against illiberal conservatism?
2-3PM

How to turbo-boost UK trade
3.30-4.30PM



Tuesday 1 October

Coffee House Shots Live
11-11.45AM

Where are the Brexit dividends?
12.30-1.30PM

How conservatism recovers: lessons from New Zealand and Canada
2-3PM

Can the Conservatives be the party of home ownership once again?
3.30-4.30PM



The Spectator: in conversation with a shadow cabinet minister
5-6PM

09.00 Jonathan Marcus, Global Director & Deputy CEO BBC News

The Baldwin, Birmingham ICC

BBC World Service breakfast

Jamie Coomarasamy (BBC , BBC World Service and Radio 4 presenter); Sarah Rainsford (BBC, Eastern Europe Correspondent); Jon Zilkha (BBC World Service, Controller World Service English); Olga Ivshina (BBC World Service, Correspondent); Rozita Lotfi (BBC World Service, Senior Editor BBC Persian (Invited));

In an era of disinformation and global uncertainty when sources of trusted journalism are now completely or partially blocked in around 75% of countries, BBC senior editors, correspondents and World Service journalists from BBC Russian and BBC Persian will discuss some of the challenges they face in delivering independent and impartial news and information across the globe. Please contact julia.harris@bbc.co.uk if you are interested in attending.



09.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer);

In Conversation with the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer.

09.50 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

How to save the NHS

Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care); Anna Quigley (Ipsos, Head of Health and Social Care); Miranda Green (Deputy Opinion Editor, Financial Times); Thea Stein (Nuffield Trust, CEO); Chaired by Robert Covile (Centre for Policy Studies, Direct)

Under the Conservatives, the NHS got ever more money – to ever less effect. So what does a new Tory vision for the NHS look like? How do you fix the challenges facing the health service – the impact of an ageing population, workforce recruitment and retention, the legacy of COVID – without bankrupting the country? Public panel – visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

09.50 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Member Debate: Immigration and Border Security

10.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with TheCityUK

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

How can the financial and related professional services industry enable growth across the country?

Gareth Davies MP (HM Treasury, Shadow Exchequer Secretary); Miles Celic (TheCityUK, CEO); Sheree Howard (FCA, Executive Director of Risk and Compliance Oversight); Chaired by Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor)

The UK's world leading financial and related professional services industry is a key enabler of growth across the UK's regions and nations. This panel – delivered in partnership with TheCityUK – will discuss how the UK's financial and related professional services industry can deliver growth, regional development and economic resilience.

10.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with Manchester Airports Group (MAG)

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

Island trading nation: aviation's role in making the UK a services superpower

Mike Wood MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Minister for Business and Trade); Andy Brown (MAG, Group Corporate Affairs Director); Chaired by William Atkinson (ConservativeHome, Assistant Editor)

This panel - in partnership with MAG - will explore the role of aviation in underpinning growth in the UK services sector, and the importance of the UK's tradeable services in lifting the country out of the current economic slump. We will also look at what measures can be taken to ensure the UK maintains its competitive edge in international connectivity and what policies are needed to make aviation more sustainable, and scale up industries like sustainable aviation fuel.

10.00 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Israel and Hamas: UK Diplomacy and Development in Action

Charlotte Leslie (Conservative Middle East Council, Director); Rt Hon Alistair Burt (Conservative Party, Former Minister of the Middle East); Rt Hon Stephen Crabb (Conservative Friends of Israel, Former Cabinet Minister and Parliamentary Chairman); Chaired by Ryan Henson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, CEO)

In the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, Britain's role as a force for good is crucial for resolution. Despite the conflict, the UK has upheld its aid commitment to Palestine, tripling its funding in 2023 from £30 million to £90 million. Britain has also created a £25 million support package for the maritime corridor to Gaza, ensuring safe passage for aid. This event will discuss how the UK can lead in advocating for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire.



10.00 Bright Blue with EDF Energy

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Nuclear guarantee: can UK nuclear support economic growth and net zero?

Andrew Bowie MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero); Sam Richards (Britain Remade, Chief Executive Officer); Andrew Storer (Nuclear AMRC, Chief Executive Officer); Rachael Glaving (EDF, Commercial Director for Generation); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and EDF as we explore how the nuclear industry can create economic opportunities for the UK and help it to reach net zero. We will examine the key nuclear technologies of today and the future, the challenges the nuclear sector currently faces, as well as the policies needed to boost the role of nuclear power in the UK's energy mix.



10.00 Scouts

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Outdoor in 24: the physical and mental health benefits of young people getting outside

1 in 5 young people are unhappy with their mental health and 5% of children in England lack access to any outdoor space. Join young people from Scouts and The Outward Bound Trust to hear how getting outside and active can tackle the youth mental health crisis. RSVP to public.affairs@scouts.org.uk



10.00 AELP

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Skills and Growth Levy - what does flexibility look like?

The Apprenticeship Levy, introduced in 2017, transformed the apprenticeship system. Now the government is proposing to reform the levy, introducing more flexibility and rebranding it the Growth and Skills Levy. An expert panel will explore what the new levy could look like and how it can meet the needs of employers and learners, to become a driver for economic growth.



10.00 Education Policy Institute, The Fair Education Alliance and Teach First

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Spotlight on education: learning as a lever to tackle society's biggest challenges

Russell Hobby CBE (Teach First, CEO); Kully Uppal (Summit Learning Trust, Deputy CEO); Ryan Tovey (Fair Education Alliance, Youth Steering Group Member); Gagan Mohindra MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Education (Invited)); Chaired by Natalie Perera (Education Policy Institute, CEO)

Investing in education has significant impacts on children's wellbeing, outcomes and on society more broadly. Yet, polling consistently finds education far down the list of public priorities. Why is this the case? And what is needed to galvanise political will to focus on education? Join us to consider what prioritising education could mean for children and society in general, given wider benefits to health, criminal justice and the economy.



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Fringe Events.

10.00 Centre for Cities

LOB 101, Birmingham Repertory Theatre

What can our cities do for the national economy?

Gareth Davies MP (HM Treasury, Shadow Exchequer Secretary); Cllr Abi Brown OBE (Stoke-on-Trent City Council / LGA, Deputy Leader of the LGA Conservative Group); Tim Leunig (NA, Former policy adviser to the Chancellor); Henry Hill (ConservativeHome, Deputy Editor);

This panel will discuss the role of cities in national economic growth, including what interventions and policies are needed to create the conditions in cities where growth can flourish, the potential for reform at the national and local level to support this, and how the public and private sector can work together to ensure adequate funding and investment.



10.15 ThinkTent

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

ThinkTent event

Please see the online fringe guide for full details.



10.30 Conservative Environment Network and ScottishPower

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Balancing act: can renewables get us to net zero?

Daisy Powell-Chandler (Public First, Partner + Head of Sustainability); Keith Anderson (ScottishPower, Chief Executive); Chaired by Sam Hall (Conservative Environment Network, Director)

As people switch to heat pumps and electric vehicles, electricity demand is set to increase. The rollout of renewables is cutting emissions, but what happens when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine? To ensure we have electricity when and where we need it, ensuring adequate storage is paramount. How can the government unlock private investment in these technologies to help the country balance a net zero grid?



10.30 Conservative Councillors' Association

Councillors' Lounge, Birmingham ICC

Becoming a Conservative Councillor with the Be A Cllr Campaign

Jane MacBean (CCA Board Member, Buckinghamshire Councillor); Liam Bones (CCA Board Member, Councillor - North Tyneside Council); Chaired by Phil Broadhead (CCA Chairman, Councillor - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council)

Interested in becoming a Conservative councillor? Want to find out more? Join our experienced councillors to find out more about the role and ask questions. We look forward to seeing Party Members there. This session will provide information to those interested in becoming a councillor on the roles and responsibilities of elected councillors. This session is funded by the UK Government as part of the Be A Councillor campaign, which focuses on attracting candidates from across the political spectrum and in all regions to stand for election.



10.30 Marie Curie, Hospice UK and Sue Ryder

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Beyond assisted dying: fixing palliative and end of life care for all

Everyone deserves to be well cared-for at the end of their lives. In the context of the growing debate on assisted dying, join an urgent conversation on the reforms needed in our health and care systems so everyone has access to the palliative and end-of-life care they need, irrespective of a change in law.



10.30 Conservatives in the City

Sonata, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Conservatives in the City CPC 2024

Miles Celic (TheCityUK, CEO); Antony Manchester (BlackRock, Managing Director, Co-Head, EMEA Region, Global Public Policy Group); Catherine McBride OBE (The Centre for Brexit Policy, Free Market Economist (Invited)); Rt Hon John Glen (Conservative Party, Shadow Paymaster General); Chaired by Seena Shah (Conservatives in the City, Board member)

Come join us to discuss how we can do a better job of espousing the benefits of financial and professional service in the UK.



10.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Member Debate: Protecting Free Speech

10.30 National Housing Federation

Allegro, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What role will social housing play in the future of the Conservative Party?

Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government (Invited)); Kate Henderson (Chief Executive, National Housing Federation); Lucy Dixon (Head of External Affairs, Karbon Homes); Kevin Williams (The Guinness Partnership, Director of Development & Commercial Services);

Join the NHF, Karbon Homes and The Guinness Partnership at the Conservative Party Conference to discuss the vital role social housing can play in shaping our economic stability and growth. #PlanForHousing.



10.30 Young Conservatives

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Young Conservatives Breakfast

Kick off day two of conference with us over a delicious breakfast and political chat. This event is for Young Conservative pass holders only.



10.30 UCL Policy Lab and More in Common

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

Telling the Truth on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Where should the Tories go next?

From rainbow lanyards to affinity networks, debates on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) initiatives have dominated much of the political and media discourse in recent years. This panel will debate what role the Conservatives can play on EDI from opposition and how they can better command public support on EDI.



10.45 Institute for Government & Policy@Manchester

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What is the Conservative vision for devolution across England?

Councillor Anne Handley (East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Leader); Professor Richard Jones (The University of Manchester, Vice-President for Regional Innovation and Civic Engagement); Laura Shoaf (West Midlands Combined Authority, Chief Executive (Invited)); Chaired by Akash Paun (Institute for Government, Programme Director)

The Conservative government made substantial progress between 2019 and 2024 in devolving power to metro mayors in places including Greater Manchester and the West Midlands. Devolution was a core part of the Johnson and Sunak governments' levelling up strategy, but was this approach a success? This panel will discuss the successes and failures of devolution and consider the Conservative case for further empowerment of local leaders across England.



11.00 Social Market Foundation and Policy@Manchester

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Learning to live well: how can education policy support children's wellbeing and mental health?

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education); Dr Charlotte Bagnall (The University of Manchester, Lecturer in the Psychology of Education); Dr Lade Smith CBE (Royal College of Psychiatrists, President); Chaired by Dr Aveek Bhattacharya (Social Market Foundation, Research Director)

A rapidly growing number of young people experience poor mental wellbeing, with vulnerable children often more likely to suffer negative outcomes. Join us to discuss how education policy can better support children's wellbeing and mental health. The event will feature new research from The University of Manchester. See online listings for speaker updates.



11.00 The Telegraph

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The Daily T Live

Camilla Tominey (The Telegraph, Associate Editor (Invited)); Kamal Ahmed (The Telegraph, Director of Audio (Invited));

Join two of Britain's foremost journalists for a live recording of The Daily T podcast. Watch as they unpack the day's key talking points, with special guests and expert opinion.

11.00 Onward and National Grid

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

The Great Grid Upgrade: delivering a clean, fair and affordable energy future

Josh Buckland (Flint Global, Partner); Steph Spyro (The Daily Express, Environment Editor and Senior Political Correspondent); Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP (Conservative Party, MP (Invited)); Julie Taylor (National Grid, Director, Commercial, Regulation and Supply Chain); Chaired by Ned Hammond (Onward, Head of Energy and Environment)

Decarbonising the power system will require significant upgrading and expansion of electricity networks. Developing the necessary grid infrastructure will create jobs and contribute billions to the economy. But to do this, several hurdles must be overcome. This panel event will discuss how Government and industry can work together to accelerate grid development.

11.00 Tory Reform Group

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The Great One Nation Debate

Join the Tory Reform Group as we ask what One Nation means today and how the Conservative Party, individuals, communities and private and public sector organisations can have a positive societal impact.



11.00 The European Research Group (ERG)

The Lyttelton Theatre, The Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret St, B3 3BS,

The Future of the Conservative Party

Rt Hon Sir John Redwood (ERG, Former Cabinet Minister and adviser to Margaret Thatcher); Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Conservative, MP); Rt Hon Mark Francois MP (ERG, MP); Christopher Howarth (ERG & Author of 'The Durian Pact', Senior Researcher and author); Chaired by Sir Bill Cash CH (ERG, Former MP)

What do Conservatives want? What are our core beliefs? Come and discuss this with leading Conservatives. The ERG was founded in 1993 - at the time of the Maastricht Treaty - in response to growing concerns regarding European integration and its impact on UK Sovereignty. Following Brexit, the successful 2019 election to 'Get Brexit Done' and the 2024 election, the ERG would like to discuss the future direction of the Conservative Party.

11.10 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Member Debate: Building Homes and Protecting Green Spaces

11.10 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Taking Back Control: the future of UK migration policy

Neil O'Brien MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston); Nick Timothy MP (Conservative, MP); David Goodhart (Policy Exchange, Head of Demography, Immigration & Integration); Imogen Sinclair (New Social Covenant, Director); John Burn-Murdoch (Financial Times, Chief Data Reporter); Chaired by Karl Williams (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Director)

The public blame the Conservatives for failing to get both illegal and legal migration under control. And they're right. But Labour have no real policy in place to stop the boats, let alone pivot to the kind of high-skilled migration system voters thought they were getting. Our expert panel will ask what a better system might look like and how the Tories can make the case for it. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

11.15 Coalition for Global Prosperity & The HALO Trust

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

The Key to Prosperity: Making Development and Trade Mutually Supportive

Development and trade are intertwined in national economic growth, fostering international cooperation and elevating living standards. British-funded landmine clearance in conflict zones saves lives, boosts long-term community prosperity and opens up opportunities for trade. British leadership in de-mining not only underscores the principle of Britain being a force for good, but also highlights the value of strong bilateral trade relationships.



11.15 Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Youth Voices: how the Conservative Party can help deliver for young people

Ruth Marvel (Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Chief Executive); Emma Revell (Centre for Policy Studies, External Affairs Director); Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Women & Equalities (Invited));

Panel Debate.



11.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Energy UK

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Energy security is economic security - how to deliver the energy transition

Emma Pinchbeck (Energy UK, Chief Executive); Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero); David Cairns (Equinor, Vice President Political and Public Affairs); Chaired by Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor)

The UK has decarbonised faster than any other major country since 1990 and in that time has grown the economy by more than 60%. Unlocking the billions of pounds of investment to build the homegrown, secure energy system we need will be fundamental to a thriving UK economy for decades to come. This panel will discuss the importance of energy for economic security and how to deliver the transition.

11.30 Popular Conservatism

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

PopConversation

Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg (GB News, Presenter, Former MP); Chaired by Mark Littlewood (Popular Conservatism, Director)

Join our in-person 'PopConversation' with Rt Hon Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg discussing where the Party should go next.

11.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

Where next for social housing?

Darren Baxter (JFR, Principal Policy Adviser - Housing and Land); Cllr Holly Whitbread (Conservative Councillors' Association, Deputy Chair); Chaired by Henry Hill (ConservativeHome, Deputy Editor)

Under the previous government support for social housing grew - particularly homes for social rent - the lowest cost tenure. Additional funding was directed towards these homes over successive administrations and various reforms sought to increase their supply. As the Conservative Party re-groups post-election and with new leadership imminent, this session will consider the role that social housing should continue to play in addressing the housing crisis.

11.50 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Member Debate: Growing The Economy

12.00 The Health and Care Forum, supported by UCB

Hall 10a, Birmingham ICC

Boosting UK health and wealth through Life Sciences research

Georgina Carr (The Neurological Alliance, Chief Executive); Funmi Oluwa (UCB UK & Ireland, Head of Market Access and External Engagement); George Freeman MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament); Dr Janet Valentine (APBI, Executive Director for Innovation and Research); Sienna Rodgers (The House Magazine, Deputy Editor);

The UK is a vital centre for research and investment, delivering step changes in science to transform lives. Join us to explore the opportunities to go further and faster, improving access to innovation and generating revenue across the UK. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics. This event is supported and funded by UCB.



12.00 Conservative Environment Network and the London School of Economics and Political Science

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Born to be wild? How land use change can help us to reach our environmental goals

Aphra Brandreth (MP, Chester South and Eddisbury); Leo Mercer (London School of Economics and Political Science, Policy Analyst); Tom Bradshaw (NFU, President); Alastair Driver (Rewilding Britain, National Policy Director); Chaired by Kitty Thompson (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Nature Programme Manager)

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world with habitats like peatlands having turned from carbon stores into carbon emitters. While rewilding may help us to meet our nature and climate targets, it has become increasingly controversial among farmers and politicians alike. But what actually is rewilding? How can we have a more honest conversation about it? Is there a business case to be made for it?



12.00 Bright Blue with Trust Alliance Group

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Everyone's business: restoring trust and confidence in regulated markets

Rt Hon Jerome Mayhew MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Business Minister); Louise Eccles (The Times, Consumer Affairs Editor (Invited)); Ed Dodman (Energy Ombudsman, Chief Ombudsman); Patrick English (YouGov, Director of Political Analytics); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and Trust Alliance Group (TAG) to discuss how we can increase consumer confidence and power in key regulated sectors such as energy, communications, gambling and water. We will examine why consumer trust and confidence in regulated markets has declined in recent years, why this decline matters and how we can reverse it.



12.00 Rail Partners

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

Getting our railways back on track: Will public ownership deliver the change we need?

Andy Bagnall (Rail Partners, Chief Executive); Tony Lodge (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow); Lord David Moylan (Conservative Party, Chair of the Built Environment Committee); Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport);

A complex set of challenges exists on the railway following the pandemic and a lack of progress on rail reform over several years. Join us to hear from Conservative and senior transport industry figures for a discussion on whether public ownership will deliver the rapid improvement on our railways that customers and taxpayers need.



12.00 Institute for Government & Thakeham

The Baldwin, Birmingham ICC

How can the Conservatives help ensure the government's homebuilding plans work for local areas?

Chaired by Emma Norris (Institute for Government, Deputy Director)

This event is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please email events@instituteforgovernment.org.uk



12.00 Education Policy Institute and ASCL

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

How do we solve the crisis in the special educational needs system?

Pepe Di'lasio (ASCL, General Secretary); Samantha Booth (Schools Week, Chief Reporter); Katie Ghose (Kids, Chief Executive (Invited)); James Wild MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary for Education (Invited)); Chaired by Natalie Perera (Education Policy Institute, CEO)

Children with SEND are some of the most educationally disadvantaged in the school system and the current SEND system is not fit for purpose, marked by a shortage of specialist school places, months-long EHCP wait times, poor data informing funding levels and major difficulties recruiting and retaining teaching and support staff - all compounded by rising need. Join us to discuss what reform should look like to improve the system for all.



12.00 The Conservative Policy Forum

Hall 9, Birmingham ICC

Leadership Hustings with the Conservative Policy Forum (Part 2 of 2)

Take part in the leadership hustings with the Policy Forum at Party Conference and learn more about each of the four candidates and their plans for the Party.

12.00 Centre for Cities

Room 101, Birmingham Repertory Theatre

In Conversation with Mayor Richard Parker

Mayor Richard Parker (West Midlands Combined Authority, Mayor of the West Midlands); Chaired by Andrew Carter (Centre for Cities, Chief Executive)

Join Centre for Cities in conversation with the second Mayor of the West Midlands, Richard Parker.



12.15 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

The Future of Conservatism: Ideas for the Future

Nick Timothy MP (Conservative, MP (Invited)); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner (Invited)); Chaired by Gavin Rice (Onward, Director of Future of Conservatism)

The Conservative Party needs to radically rethink and reshape its vision to address Britain's long-term challenges and win back the country. As part of Onward's Future of Conservatism commission, this event will explore the principles and values that should guide the party in its next stage of modernisation.

12.30 YMCA

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Bringing down the benefits bill: making work pay for young people who face unemployment

Rt Hon Mel Stride MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Invited)); David Bridson (YMCA England and Wales, Head of Campaigns and Research);

This session explores how we can bring down the benefits bill by incentivising young people to move into work and by removing the key barriers to independence.



12.30 In partnership with Bloomberg

Hall 11, Birmingham ICC

Business Day Lunch

Ticketed Guests Only.



12.30 Association of Colleges

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Evolution not revolution: skills, apprenticeships and lifelong learning in a new parliament

The Conservative government led notable reforms across the post-16 education and skills system over the past decade - with an emphasis on breaking down unhelpful boundaries between further and higher education, a focus on lifelong learning, and the introduction of an apprenticeship levy. This session explores how the agenda can be developed over the coming decade and priorities that the Conservative party should pursue, nationally and locally.



12.30 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

In conversation with...

CPS Director Robert Colvile sits down with a high-profile speaker to discuss their life and work, followed by an audience Q&A. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

12.30 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Is the Conservative party ready to talk about tax?

What happened to the Conservatives being the party of low taxation? Did this goal flounder under the pressure of demographic change, global protectionism and public demands for higher spending? Or can the Tories credibly claim to be the party that will make voters better off? Join The Spectator and guests as they discuss the rising tax burden – and what can be done about it. Free drinks will be served.



12.30 The Telegraph

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Liz Truss in conversation with Tim Stanley

Former Prime Minister and best-selling author of Ten Years To Save The West, Liz Truss, talks to the Telegraph's Tim Stanley about the challenges facing both Britain and the Western world and what the future might hold for Conservatism.

12.30 The Sutton Trust

Room 114, Leonardo Royal Hotel, Birmingham

Where next for social mobility?

Gagan Mohindra MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Education); Dame Rachel de Souza DBE (Children's Commissioner for England, Commissioner); Sophia Worringer (Centre for Social Justice, Deputy Policy Director); Carl Cullinane (The Sutton Trust, Director of Research and Policy); Chaired by Nick Harrison (The Sutton Trust, Chief Executive)

Join us to hear from our expert panel on what it will take to bring about a step change in opportunity for young people across the UK. Refreshments will be available from midday.



12.30 The Angling Trust and The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

Jimmy Spices, Unit 4, Regency Wharf, Broad St, Birmingham B1 2DS

The Rural Reception

Join party spokespersons and MPs, The Angling Trust and The British Association for Shooting and Conservation for the Rural Reception. Enjoy a buffet lunch and discuss the issues affecting rural areas, angling, shooting and conservation.



12.45 TaxPayers' Alliance

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Tomorrow's majority: How can the Conservatives win over young voters?

Sam Bidwell (Adam Smith Institute, Director of the Next Generation Centre); Scarlett Maguire (J L Partners, Director); Jack Rankin MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Windsor); Rebecca Paul MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Alys Denby (City A.M., Opinion & Features Editor); Chaired by Elliot Keck (TaxPayers' Alliance, Head of campaigns)

With the Conservatives winning just eight per cent of the vote amongst 18-29 year olds, how can the party start appealing to younger voters? Can levelling up and proper urban planning provide jobs and security for young people? Are high tax rates driving away talent? Does the triple lock represent a transfer of wealth from the young to the old?



13.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with Age UK

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Attracting younger voters while retaining older ones: how to square the circle?

Professor Bobby Duffy (The Policy Institute at King's College London, Director); Paul Farmer (Age UK, Chief Executive (Invited)); Chaired by William Atkinson (ConservativeHome, Assistant Editor)

How will the Conservative Party attract younger voters while retaining older ones? This panel will discuss how the Party could strengthen its appeal to young voters, focusing on issues like climate change and digital economy, and leveraging social media, whilst also understanding and responding to the concerns and aspirations of older people and communicating with them effectively.

13.00 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Free and Prosperous: How Can the UK Continue to Support Ukraine?

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament); Maj James Clark (CF Armed Forces, Executive Director); Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood (Conservative Party, Former Chair of the Defence Select Committee); Imogen Payter (UK Friends of Ukraine, Director); Chaired by Tom Nurcombe (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Researcher)

As the conflict in Ukraine continues to shape the geopolitical landscape, the United Kingdom stands at a pivotal moment in its international role. This event will explore how the UK can continue its steadfast support in providing military, economic and humanitarian support to ensure Ukraine's freedom and prosperity.



13.00 Society of Conservative Lawyers, The Bar Council, The Law Society, and the Legal Aid Practitioners Group

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How best to deliver access to justice?

Barbara Mills KC (The Bar Council, Vice Chair of the Bar); David McNeill (The Law Society, Director of Public Affairs); Rohini Jana (Legal Aid Practitioners Group, Director of Parliamentary Affairs); Rt Hon Edward Argar MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice (Invited)); Chaired by Lord Sandhurst KC (Society of Conservative Lawyers, Chair of the Executive Committee)

This is an opportunity to discuss how best to develop a policy platform which can ensure that the justice system can effectively deliver access to justice for all.



13.00 UK Music

Concerto, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can the Conservative Party support and boost the UK music industry?

Lara Carmona (Creative UK, Director of Policy & Engagement); Chaired by Tom Kiehl (UK Music, Chief Executive)

Join MPs and stakeholders from across music, politics and the creative industries to discuss how the Conservative Party can support and boost the UK music industry at this pivotal moment of change.



13.00 ConservativeHome

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

In conversation with Lord Hannan

Lord Daniel Hannan (House of Lords, Lord); Chaired by Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor)

Daniel Hannan, Lord Hannan of Kingclere sits down with Giles Dilnot, Editor of ConservativeHome for a wide-ranging interview covering current affairs and the key issues facing the UK today, and looking back at a decade of Lord Hannan being a ConservativeHome columnist. Join us for your opportunity to put your own questions to Lord Hannan.

13.00 Conservative International

International Lounge, Birmingham ICC

Panel Discussion: Women's political leadership

Will include parliamentary speakers from the commonwealth and the UK. Invited Guests Only.

13.00 Young Conservatives with Blue Beyond

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The housing challenge

Housing is one of the most pressing challenges of our generation, with soaring rents and increasingly inaccessible homeownership locking many young people out of our cities. Join us for a compelling debate on addressing these issues and ensuring that future generations can achieve their dreams of homeownership.

13.00 Association for Project Management

Allegro, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Too quick to call failure? Rethinking Government project delivery

Rt Hon John Glen (Conservative Party, Shadow Paymaster General); Prof. Adam Boddison OBE (Association for Project Management, Chief Executive); Dr. Efrosyni Konstantinou (The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction, UCL, Senior Lecturer); Chaired by Eve Lugg (SpAd, Former Special Adviser in the Cabinet Office)

The last Government's plans on levelling up, HS2 and net zero all struggled to deliver on their great potential. Why was this? Join the Shadow Paymaster General and project experts for a panel debate on attitudes to major project

delivery, what changes are needed and what we can expect in the future.

13.00 IPPR and Impact on Urban Health

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Transformational health: How would the Conservatives modernise health policy to boost the economy?

Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Anna Garrod (Impact on Urban Health, Policy and Influencing Director); Chaired by Chris Thomas (IPPR, Head of the Commission on Health and Prosperity)

This event will discuss the final report of the IPPR Health and Prosperity Commission. We'll explore the policy agenda required to get the nation's health back on track and in turn boost our economy prosperity. The discussion will go beyond NHS reform, and consider early prevention, reform of social care, and the role of the private sector in making our workforce healthier.

13.00 Digital Poverty Alliance

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Unlocking £17 billion: tackling digital poverty to grow the economy

Join the DPA and invited Shadow Cabinet member to hear how to add billions to the economy, whilst benefiting millions of individuals' lives. In a rapidly digitised world, digital access & training can unlock economic potential, drive social mobility and create a more inclusive economy. Digital access is not just a social issue, it is an economic opportunity. Join us to learn how we can all play a part in making this happen.

13.00 Welsh Conservatives

Sonata, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Welsh Conservative Party Fringe

Lord Davies of Gower (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Andrew RT Davies CBE MS (Welsh Conservatives, Leader of the Opposition in the Welsh Parliament (Invited));

Join the Welsh Conservatives for their annual conference fringe.

13.00 UCL Policy Lab and More in Common

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

Can a politics of respect help the Conservatives regain the public's trust?

Can a politics based on respect help the Conservatives rebuild their platform and electoral coalition over this Parliament? Using research from the UCL Policy Lab and More in Common, this panel will examine the challenges and opportunities the Conservatives face in rebuilding their electoral coalition and whether a politics of respect for working people should play a role.



13.00 Bruges Group

Lyttelton Theatre, The Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, B3 3BS

Taking Back Control: Thatcherism and Principles

Political Speaker (TBC, TBC (Invited));

The way forward for the Conservative Party, providing the country with the principles and leadership that it needs.

13.15 Dignity in Dying

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults: the Conservative case for reform

Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP (Conservative Party, MP for North West Hampshire); Warwick Jackson (Dignity in Dying, Volunteer with personal experience); Clare Barber (The House of Keys, Member of the House of Keys for Douglas East and Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture); Chaired by Nick Hoile (Conservatives for Choice, Chair)

The UK urgently needs a safe, fair and compassionate assisted dying law. Right now, too many dying people are choosing between suffering at the end of life, paying the enormous cost of an assisted death abroad, or taking matters into their own hands behind closed doors. Find out how the Conservative Party can support an Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill that provides choice for those who need it and improves protection for all.

13.15 Institute for Government

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How would a Conservative government reduce demand for public services?

Steve Brine (Conservative Party, Former Chair of the Health and Social Care committee); Sam Rowlands MS (Welsh Conservative Party, Shadow Health Minister); Stuart Hoddinott (Institute for Government, Senior Researcher); Dr Caroline Johnson MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Chaired by Emma Norris (Institute for Government, Deputy Director)

The last Conservative government identified increased prevention as a key contributor towards improved public sector productivity, but funding of public services has increasingly shifted towards acute interventions. With public spending set to remain tight over the coming years, how will the Conservatives scrutinize the Labour government's approach and what would a future Conservative government do to tip the balance towards prevention?



13.30 The Purpose Coalition, Lumo and Hull Trains

Andante, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can the railways better deliver for customers and communities?

This event will explore how the railway can better deliver for, what the potential changes from the new government means for the rail sector, and how our railways can support evolving passenger habits and the customer experience.



13.30 Social Market Foundation and Google

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can we bridge the tech skills gap to harness the economic opportunities of AI?

Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent); Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology (Invited)); Katie O'Donovan (Google, Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner); Emma Jones CBE (Enterprise Nation, Founder); Chaired by Theo Bertram (Social Market Foundation, Director)

AI has the potential to benefit every sector in the UK, with new analysis revealing that almost two-thirds of jobs across the UK will be significantly enhanced by AI. To take advantage of the opportunities of AI and new technologies we need to ensure that the labour market offers the necessary skills. Join us to discuss how to close the tech skills gap and ensure everyone benefits from the economic opportunities of AI.



13.30 Conservative Environment Network and RenewableUK

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Is net zero an electoral asset or liability for the Conservatives?

Selaine Saxby (N/A, Former MP for North Devon); Dan McGrail (Renewable UK, CEO); Lord Mark McLInnes (Stonehaven, Senior Advisor); Nick Partington (CT Group, Senior Manager); Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP (Conservative Party, MP); Chaired by Mercy Muroki (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Climate Programme Manager)

A strong net zero position accompanied the Conservatives' electoral triumph in 2019, whereas the rowbacks in 2023 failed to revive the party's fortunes. The last election saw huge seat losses to pro-net zero parties but also the loss of many votes to the anti-net zero Reform Party. Will a clear pro-net zero position win back voters or will it further alienate those already disillusioned with the party?



13.30 Onward and Local Trust

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Shaping Tomorrow: A Community Focused Conservatism

Jesus Norman MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Hereford and South Herefordshire); Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (London Councils, Vice Chair); Andrew O'Brien (Demos, Director of Policy and Impact); Matt Leach (Local Trust, Chief Executive); Chaired by Gavin Rice (Onward, Director of Future of Conservatism)

As the party charts its future direction following a significant election defeat, the Conservatives must not lose sight of our local communities, neighbourhoods, and the civic institutions contained within them. This event will explore how conservative principles can underpin stronger, more resilient communities and help repair our social fabric.

13.45 NCFE

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Skills Excellence - the missing piece of the productivity puzzle

Successive governments have made considerable reforms to education and skills, yet we still have significant skills shortages. As we enter a new era of reform, we have an opportunity to learn from the past, and position excellence at the heart of a coherent skills system. We need a new curriculum, delivered in new ways but specialist teachers: inspiring people and opening up opportunities, to deliver the excellence our country needs.



13.45 Street Games

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

What next for Conservative sports policy?

Helen Grant (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Jonathan Ash-Edwards (Conservative Party, Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire (Invited)); Julia Lopez MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Hornchurch and Upminster (Invited)); Mark Lawrie (Street Games, Chief Executive);

What next for Conservative sports policy? Should they continue to advocate their vision to better integrated sport, physical activity and youth policy to tackle inequalities and prevent youth crime and anti social behaviour.



13.50 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

After the landslide: lessons from Conservative defeats

Lord David Willetts (Resolution Foundation, President); Chaired by Karl Williams (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Director)

The recent election result was the worst in the Conservative Party's history. But it wasn't the first landslide loss. In the wake of the last such defeat, the CPS published the definitive analysis of how the party had responded to electoral setbacks across the 20th century, and what the key lessons were. Join our expert panel to discuss what the past can teach the party this time, as it plots a return to power. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

14.00 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Are the Tories for or against illiberal Conservatism?

Smoking bans, sugar taxes, housebuilding crackdowns, lockdowns, the highest tax burden in nearly 70 years... Is the Tory party's drift from classical liberalism a blip – or the future? Join The Spectator and guests as they debate the ideological shift in the Conservative party over the past decade, and where it should go from here. Free drinks will be served.



14.00 Port of London Authority

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

Charting the Course: Boosting local regeneration and the low carbon economy through port development

Andrew Bowie MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero); Robert Courts (Conservative Party, Former MP for Witney); Sian Foster (Port of London Authority, Director of Corporate Affairs); Bob Sanguinetti (Port of Aberdeen, CEO);

Ports as catalysts for green economic growth and regeneration. Join the conversation on driving regional prosperity.



14.00 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Security); Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government);

Meet Our Leadership Candidates Part 1:

14.00 PoliticsHome

Hall 10a, Birmingham ICC

PoliticsHome Presents The Rundown Live

Join us for a live recording of The Rundown podcast where you will be hearing from a senior Conservative guest speaker and PoliticsHome reporters to discuss the biggest political stories driving the news agenda, and the major Conservative policy themes that defined their election run.



14.00 Education Policy Institute and Cambridge University Press & Assessment

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

The Classroom of Tomorrow - Readyng 11-16 curriculum and assessment for 2025 - 2035 and beyond

Paul Steer (OCR, Director of Policy); Jill Duffy (OCR, Chief Executive); Rt Hon Charles Clarke (Former Education Secretary); James Wild MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary for Education (Invited)); Jennese Alozie (University of Chichester Academy Trust, CEO); Chaired by Natalie Perera (Education Policy Institute, CEO)

It has been ten years since the last curriculum review so it is timely to consider whether what children are learning and how it is assessed is relevant for today's world. Informed by the OCR 11-16 education and assessment review led by Former Education Secretary Charles Clarke, this panel will consider its recommendations and discuss where to start reforms and at what pace to reduce burdens on schools and ensure effective implementation.



Fringe Events.

14.00 ThinkTent

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

ThinkTent event

Please see the online fringe guide for full details.



14.15 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Debt and Security: How to Combat China's Global Influence

Alicia Kearns MP (Shadow Minister, FCDO); Tom Nurcombe (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Researcher); Rt Hon Sir Stephen O'Brien KBE (Mobility Operations Group PLC, Chairman); Chaired by Ryan Henson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, CEO)

China's rise in Africa has spurred growth, but it has a cost. A 2021 report revealed that 23 of 68 Belt and Road Initiative countries face debt distress from Chinese initiatives. This panel will discuss how the UK can position itself as a responsible development partner to nations dependent on Chinese financial support, highlighting the importance of sustainable and balanced development.



14.15 Bright Blue with Transparency International

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Fighting economic crime: cleaning up the UK's dirty money problem

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Rt Hon David Davis MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary); Maria Nizzero (RUSI, Finance and Security Research Fellow); James Bolton-Jones (Spotlight on Corruption, Advocacy Adviser); Chaired by Bartek Staniszewski (Bright Blue, Senior Research Fellow)

Join Bright Blue and the UK Anti-Corruption Coalition to explore the economic, reputational, environmental and social damage from illicit finance in the UK. We will examine the methods criminals and kleptocrats are using, and how the government and other organisations can better protect our national security.



Fringe Events.

14.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Trussell Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

A strong Conservative voice on tackling hunger and hardship

Chaired by William Atkinson (ConservativeHome, Assistant Editor)

Despite the economy improving, there is a worrying trend of deepening poverty in the UK. Tackling hardship is a top priority for people across the country and should be top priority for the next Conservative leader. This panel, in partnership with the Trussell Trust and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, will discuss what people think about rising hardship and explore the constructive role Conservatives can play.

14.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Open Banking & Bankers for Net Zero

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Open Banking to Open Energy: Unlocking the digital economy

Henk Van Hulle (Open Banking Limited, CEO); Hannah Cool (B4NZ (Business for Net Zero), Chief Operating Officer); Sheree Howard (FCA, Executive Director of Risk and Compliance Oversight); Chaired by Henry Hill (ConservativeHome, Deputy Editor)

This session will explore how we can replicate the success of open banking as we move forward into a world of open finance and other smart data schemes. Shining a spotlight on the transformative potential of open banking as a growing, user-friendly approach to financial services, we will look at other key industries, such as the energy sector, and how we bring their benefits to fruition.

15.00 In partnership with Phoenix Group

Hall 8, Birmingham ICC

Business Day Event - Afternoon Roundtable Sessions

Ticketed guests only.



15.00 **Young Conservatives with the Leadership Institute**

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Conservatism and the Next Generation

Exploring how conservative values can resonate with young people of today. Join us as we discuss strategies for inspiring and connecting with the next generation of conservative voices.

15.00 **Onward**

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

In Conversation with Rt Hon James Cleverly MP

Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary);

This is an in conversation with Rt Hon James Cleverly MP as he sets out his pitch to be the next leader of the Conservative Party.



15.00 **St Martin's Group**

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Stimulating opportunity: what we need to meet the growing demand for apprenticeships

Join leading stakeholders from employers, education and politicians on apprenticeships, in a panel discussion with audience Q&A.



15.00 **Sea Cadets**

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

The key issues for young people (according to them!) today! How Sea Cadets and wider youth sector prepare them for their futures

Robert Halfon (Conservative Party, Former Minister for Skills and Apprenticeships and Higher Education); Martin Coles (Sea Cadets, Chief Executive Officer);

Hear from a panel about the results of a nationwide consultation co-led and co-designed by young people from Sea Cadets, to discuss the key issues that matter to young people (13-18), and then consider how politicians can address these, both directly and in partnership with structured youth work. Chaired by Robert Halfon with cadets from the Cadet Voice Team.



15.00 **Conservative Environment Network, WWF, and RSPB**

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

What does the future of conservative environmentalism look like?

Angela Francis (WWF, Director of Policy Solutions); Dr David Jeffery (University of Liverpool, Senior lecturer in British politics); Sam Hall (Conservative Environment Network, Director); Chaired by Kitty Thompson (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Nature Programme Manager)

Conservatives have a lot to be proud of when it comes to protecting and restoring our green and pleasant land. But the past does not necessarily predict the future. Now that an undeniably green parliament has ended, it is time to ask ourselves: did we do enough to tackle the environmental challenges we face? Is support for nature restoration waning? Where does the Conservative Party go next on the environment?



15.00 **More in Common**

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

Keeping Britain safe: How to rebuild the Conservative's record on security

The public has historically trusted the Conservatives more on issues of national defence and security. But this election saw Labour overtaking the Conservatives on this issue. In an increasingly dangerous world, how can the Conservative Party rebuild confidence and create a defence agenda that reassures the public?



15.10 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Getting Britain growing

Gareth Davies MP (HM Treasury, Shadow Exchequer Secretary); Gerard Lyons (Centre for Policy Studies, Senior Fellow); Kate Andrews (The Spectator, Economics Editor); Chaired by Daniel Herring (Fiscal and Economic Researcher, Centre for Policy Studies)

When people feel poorer, governments lose elections. If there was a single explanation for the election result, it's that the Conservatives failed to get Britain growing. So how do we fix that? This panel discussion will address the key barriers to growth in Britain – including taxation, regulation and productivity – and explore how we can get the growth we need. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

15.15 Popular Conservatism

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

PopConversation

Mark Littlewood (Popular Conservatism, Director (Invited));

Join our in-person 'PopConversation' with a senior Conservative speaker

15.30 Antisemitism Policy Trust

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Are we living in a new antisemitic age? Anti-Jewish racism and the post 7 October landscape

Rt Hon Sir Oliver Dowden MP CBE (Conservative Party, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster); Dr. Dave Rich (Community Security Trust, Director of Policy); Chaired by Danny Stone MBE (Antisemitism Policy Trust, Chief Executive)

In the wake of Hamas's attack on Israel on 7 October, there has, perversely, been a global explosion of anti-Jewish racism, with over 4,000 incidents recorded in the UK last year. Jews have faced unprecedented levels of abuse, threats and assaults on our streets, at schools, universities, on public transport, and at work. Our panel will explore whether this is the beginning of a new antisemitic age and what the future holds for British Jews.

15.30 Planning Futures in Partnership with Vistry Group

Andante, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Delivering Development in Opposition

Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP (Conservative Party, MP for North West Hampshire (Invited)); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); Cllr Richard Clewer (Wiltshire Council, Council Leader); Andrew Taylor (Vistry Group, Group Planning Director); Kate Henderson (Chief Executive, National Housing Federation); Helen Fadipe (RTPI, Vice President); Chaired by Hannah David (Planning Futures, Director)

Whilst the Conservative Party is no longer in government, it still has a significant role to play in shaping housing delivery through local government, where it remains a significant force, and through its role as the official opposition in parliament. This event will bring together leading industry experts and key political figures to discuss how the party can work with all stakeholders to bring forward new market and affordable housing.



15.30 Coalition for Global Prosperity, United Against Malnutrition and Hunger & Action Against Hunger UK

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Food for Empowerment: How Can Food Security Unlock the Futures of Women and Girls

Rebecca Smith MP (Member of Parliament); Dame Harriett Baldwin DBE MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Development); Amy Smith (United Against Malnutrition and Hunger, Head of Advocacy and Policy); Kate Munro (Action Against Hunger, Head of Advocacy); Chaired by Zoe Swanick (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Swanick)

Hunger affects health, education, economic development, and social stability. Malnourished children face learning difficulties, and undernourished women struggle to support their families. Tackling hunger is crucial for development and stability. This panel will explore how prioritising food security in British foreign policy can position Britain as a force for good while focusing on empowering women and girls.



15.30 **British Future and London Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

The Baldwin, Birmingham ICC

How can Immigration Policies be reformed in ways that address public preferences and meet employers' needs?

Jonathan Thomas (Social Market Foundation, Migration Researcher); Shuyeb Muquit (Fragomen, UK Government Affairs Strategy Lead); Philip Salter (The Entrepreneurs Network, Founder); Heather Rolfe (British Future, Director of Research and Partnerships); Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary (Invited)); Neil O'Brien MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston (Invited)); Minette Batters (National Farmers Union, Former President (Invited));

This event will bring together migration experts with employer representatives to consider how plans to reduce net migration can be delivered, while ensuring that employers can recruit the skills and labour they need. The panel will consider the perspectives of employers and of the public. British Future will bring in evidence from the latest Immigration attitudes tracker survey, published in September.



15.30 **The Spectator in association with the Chartered Institute of Export & International Trade**

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

How to turbo-boost UK trade

Can Britain set the example for what it means to remain an open and global trading force while other countries embrace protectionism? Where do the challenges and opportunities lie in supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses to navigate evolving regulation at home and abroad? Join The Spectator and guests for a panel, hosted by the Chartered Institute of Export & International Trade, to discuss how the UK can turbo-boost its trade. Free G&Ts.



15.30 **Ipsos**

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Ipsos: Beyond the Bubble

Ipsos' annual 'Beyond the Bubble' panel discussion looks at what Britons really think about politics. Our panel of politicians, journalists and polling experts will dissect the Conservative Party's General Election defeat in 2024 and discuss where the party goes from here, as the Conservatives look to navigate a new political environment and choose a new leader.



15.30 **Demos in partnership with CIFPA**

Concerto, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Public Services: The next frontier of English devolution?

David Simmonds MP (House of Commons, Shadow Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Invited)); Lord Ben Houchen (Conservative Party, Mayor of the Tees Valley (Invited)); Cllr Kevin Bentley (Essex County Council, Leader (Invited));

The new government has identified devolution and improving public services as essential elements of its mission to kickstart economic growth. But how would the Conservative Party do this differently? How can devolving power empower communities, increase accountability and address the opportunities and challenges facing England's public services? Join Demos as we discuss devolution, public services and the Conservatives' vision for the future.



15.30 **News Media Association**

Allegro, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Truth to Power: How can we support a free press to drive good governance across the UK?

Dr Luke Evans (Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport); Baroness Tina Stowell of Beeston (House of Lords, Peer); Douglas McCabe (Enders Analysis, CEO and Director of Publishing and Tech); Graeme Brown (Birmingham Live and Birmingham Mail, Editor); Chaired by Owen Meredith (News Media Association, Chief Executive)

This panel discussion will explore the policies that can support a free and sustainable press to drive better policy outcomes across national and local government in the UK.



15.30 The Conservative Middle East Council

Executive Room 9, Birmingham ICC

UK's Global Presence after October 7th

Lina Khatib (Chatham House, Associate Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme); Lt. Gen. (Ret) Sir Simon Mayall (Author, Former MOD Middle East Advisor); Ghanem Nuseibeh (Muslims Against Antisemitism, Chairman); The Rt. Hon Alistair Burt (Former FCDO Minister, Middle East and North Africa Minister 2010-2013 & 2017-2019); Chaired by Lord Nicholas Soames (Honorary President of CMEC, House of Lords)

Since the terror attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7th, the UK's place in the geopolitical landscape has irrevocably changed. How is the UK's economic security best served in this changed world? Is it business-as-usual with the Middle East and North Africa? Or have political security events changed relationships forever?

15.30 Local Government Association

Sonata, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What the next Conservative Government needs to do to let councils facilitate local growth

Cllr The Lord John Fuller OBE (House of Lords, Peer); Cllr Abi Brown OBE (Stoke-on-Trent City Council / LGA, Deputy Leader of the LGA Conservative Group); Steve Collins (Rent Plus UK, Chief Executive); Cllr Linda Taylor (Cornwall Council, Leader of Cornwall Council & Deputy Chairman of the LGA Local Infrastructure Board); Chaired by Cllr Kevin Bentley (Essex County Council, Leader)

A discussion to explore the role of housing and infrastructure to facilitate local growth, exploring the offers and opportunities from future Conservative Governments for the benefit of Conservative led councils.

15.30 Urban Transport Group & Centre for Cities

Room 101, Birmingham Repertory Theatre

A new chapter - How can transport unlock growth potential across the UK?

Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (Invited)); Andrew Carter (Centre for Cities, Chief Executive); Alex Williams (Transport for London, Chief Customer & Strategy Officer); Lord Patrick McLoughlin (Transport for the North, Chair (Invited)); Wendy Morton (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Aldridge-Brownhills (Invited)); Natasha Grice (Transport Focus, Director); Chaired by Anne Shaw (Transport for West Midlands, Executive Director)

A panel discussion from Urban Transport Group and Centre for Cities with political leaders and policy experts on the future of transport policy. How can transport play its full role in enabling economic growth, decarbonisation and social mobility?



15.45 Institute for Government & AtkinsRéalis

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can the public and private sectors work together to deliver the infrastructure the UK needs?

Chaired by Thomas Pope (Institute for Government, Deputy Chief Economist)

This event is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please email events@instituteforgovernment.org.uk



16.00 Barnardo's and Co-op Private Roundtable

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

A recipe for success: How do children and young people want to access food in their communities?

Co-chaired by Lynn Perry MBE (CEO, Barnardo's) and Paul Gerrard (Director of Campaigns, Public Affairs and Board Secretariat, Co-op) this private roundtable brings together representatives from the charity, health and private sectors to consider how the new Shadow Cabinet can tackle child poverty and support young people to thrive by improving access to food. Speakers invited: Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, James Wild MP, Shadow Minister for Education, Lord Ben Houchen, Mayor of Tees Valley.



16.00 Bright Blue with CropLifeUK

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Britain's farming future

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Invited)); Jesse Norman MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Hereford and South Herefordshire); Robert Sheasby (Agricultural Industries Confederation, Chief Executive); Minette Batters (National Farmers Union, Former President (Invited)); Fiona Harvey (Environment Editor, the Guardian (Invited)); Dave Bench (CropLife UK, Chief Executive); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and CropLife UK as we explore the future of British agriculture and how it will need to become smarter and more sustainable. We will examine the role that agri-tech, AI, and gene editing could play in boosting farm productivity and positioning the UK as a global leader in agricultural innovation.



16.00 IPPR

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

In Conversation: Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Ryan Henson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, CEO (Invited)); Chaired by Laura Chappell (IPPR, Associate director for international policy)

At this event we will hear reflections from Andrew Mitchell on over a decade of leadership in foreign policy and international development and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing UK in the future.



16.00 Social Market Foundation and The Investment Association

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Investing in growth: how to boost investment for greener, more inclusive growth and prosperity

Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent (Invited)); Chris Cummings (The Investment Association, CEO); Stephen Braviner-Roman (FCA, General Counsel and Executive Director of Legal, Risk, Compliance and Corporate); Baroness Natalie Evans of Bowes Park (House of Lords, Peer (Invited)); Chaired by Theo Bertram (Social Market Foundation, Director)

Investment is the engine for growth. There's the potential to boost this by channelling more capital into growing UK companies and giving more households the confidence to invest themselves. Join us to explore how we can increase investment to promote green and inclusive growth, improve productivity and create better jobs across the UK. See online listings for updates.



16.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with LGBT+ Conservatives

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

Last orders! How the Conservatives can revive and save London's nightlife

Emma Best AM (City Hall Conservatives, Assembly Member); Emily Fielder (Adam Smith Institute, Director of communications); Michael Kill (UK Night Time Industries Association, CEO); Madeline Grant (The Daily Telegraph, Columnist & Sketch write); Chaired by Henry Hill (ConservativeHome, Deputy Editor)

Join the LGBT+ Conservatives and ConservativeHome for this discussion on London's faltering nighttime economy. With venues closing permanently, and last orders being called earlier, our panel of experts and commentators will assess why the capital is bucking the national trend, and what we can learn from other cities to help save it.

16.00 UK in a Changing Europe

Sir David Amess Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The future of European security

Join the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, UK in a Changing Europe and an expert panel as they discuss the future of European security. We will ask what are the key challenges to European security? Are current institutions, both national and international, fit for purpose? And what role can the UK and Poland play in ensuring the security of the continent?



16.00 Conservative Young Women

Thatcher Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The Next Generation: How will women and young people shape future elections

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Invited)); Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent); Noa Cohen (Next Gen Tories, Director - Media); Olivia Lever (Blue Beyond, Chairman); Chaired by Alexandra Marsanu (Conservative Young Women, National Chair)

Join us as we dive into the recent General Election results and how the voting patterns of young women may shape future elections: from homeownership to the cost of living and childcare. We will be discussing what went wrong, why young women are navigating towards left-wing parties and how we can create an economy that works for the next generation.

16.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with Britain Remade

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

What should be the conservative approach to economic growth?

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Sam Richards (Britain Remade, Campaign director); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner (Invited)); Chaired by Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor)

With a leadership election underway, and a Labour government that's made "kickstarting economic growth" its central mission, what should the Conservative's approach to growth now be? This panel will reflect on the Conservative record in Government; discuss the approach the party should take in opposition; and debate some of the trade-offs and tensions it will need to face up to in developing its own pro-growth economic policy.

16.00 Young Conservatives

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

YC in conversation with...

Join the Young Conservatives for an engaging hour of discussion and debate with a prominent Conservative leader, exploring key issues and fresh perspectives.

16.15 Prince's Trust and Nacro Education

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

A positive future? How to boost skills, employment and ambition among young people

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education); Robert Halfon (Conservative Party, Former Minister for Skills and Apprenticeships and Higher Education); Campbell Robb (Nacro, Chief Executive);

Ensuring young people are equipped with the skills to thrive is essential for economic growth. But too many young people are missing out and not able to achieve their ambitions or potential. The Advanced British Standards and National Service were ideas from the last manifesto. What new ideas should Conservatives consider to help young people realise their ambitions? Hear from our panel and Prince's Trust young ambassador on their ideas and please come with your own.

16.30 Conservative Environment Network and UKSIF

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Costing the earth: what is the conservative alternative to tax and spend for green investment?

Joe Dharampal-Hornby (UKSIF, Head of Public Affairs and Communications); Shahbano Soomro (Impax Asset Management, Deputy Head of Policy & Advocacy); Chaired by John Flesher (Conservative Environment Network, Deputy Director)

Fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship are core conservative principles. The new government is spending billions to unlock new investment in green industries. With the Treasury's fiscal room for manoeuvre limited, what should the Conservatives' proposition be for delivering net zero targets in a more market-driven way through private finance? And how can lower-income households be protected from the upfront costs of net zero?

Fringe Events.

16.30 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

In conversation with...

CPS Director Robert Colville sits down with a high-profile speaker to discuss their life and work, followed by an audience Q&A. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

16.30 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

New Deal for Parents: How policy can help us have more children

Neil O'Brien MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston); Dr Aweek Bhattacharya (Social Market Foundation, Research Director); Sam Bowman (Works in Progress, Founding Editor (Invited)); Chaired by Phoebe Arslanagi-Little (Onward, Head of New Deal for Parents)

The UK has a 'birth gap', meaning people are having fewer children than they would like. This event will discuss what policies the UK needs to make it easier for people to have the families they want, when they want. And as we face the challenge of an ageing society, how can the political consensus to implement promising pro-child policies in the UK be built?

16.30 TaxPayers' Alliance

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

A legacy betrayed: Can the Conservatives ever again be the party of low tax?

Lord David Frost (Conservative Party, Member of the House of Lords); Reem Ibrahim (Institute of Economic Affairs, Communications Officer); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner); Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Invited)); Greg Smith MP (Conservative, MP); Chaired by Darwin Friend (TaxPayers' Alliance, Head of research)

Having set the country on course for an 80 year high tax burden, have the Conservatives abandoned the idea of being the party of low tax? Did the 'mini-budget' do irreparable harm to the low tax movement? How can the Conservatives make the case for a low tax economy? Which taxes should the Conservatives focus their campaigning on?



Fringe Events.

16.45 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Small Boats, Big Problems: Addressing the Challenge of Irregular Migration

Cllr. Alessandro Georgiou AM (Londonwide Assembly, Assembly Member); Sam Bidwell (Adam Smith Institute, Director of The Next Generation Centre); David Burrowes (Conservative Christian Fellowship, Director); Lizzie Humphreys (Mines Advisory Group, Advocacy Manager); Chaired by Lois Toole (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Senior Policy & Programme Manager)

Irregular migration via small boats is a growing concern for Conservative voters in the UK, with increasing numbers this year leading to rising discontent. The idea that UK aid can curb irregular migration isn't new; targeted development aid can address root causes like conflict, lack of economic opportunities, and poor governance. This panel will explore how British investment and infrastructure can address these migration levels effectively.



17.00 In partnership with Mastercard

Hall 9, Birmingham ICC

Business Day Drinks

Ticketed guests only.



17.00 Conservative International

International Lounge, Birmingham ICC

International Trade Reception

With special guest speaker.



17.00 The Spectator in association with Santander

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Private drinks reception: The Spectator x Santander

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer); Fraser Nelson (The Spectator, Editor);

Join The Spectator and Santander for a drinks reception and thoughts from shadow chancellor Jeremy Hunt on how to support business in an increasingly turbulent time for global trade.



17.00 The Enterprise Forum, ABPI, ACCA, ACS, ADS, BVCA, FMB, FSB, ICAEW

Hall 11, Birmingham ICC

The Enterprise Forum's Peter Davis Business Reception

In partnership with ADS; Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI); Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA); Association of Convenience Stores (ACS); British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA); Federation of Master Builders (FMB); Federation of Small Businesses (FSB); ICAEW, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.



17.00 Midlands Innovation universities and Midlands Mindforge

Assembly Room,, The Exchange, 3 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2DR

Securing Britain's Future: Universities powering growth

Rt Hon Greg Clark (Warwick Innovation District , Executive Chair (Invited)); Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Invited)); Sir John Peace (Midlands Engine, Chair (Invited)); Andy Street (West Midlands Combined Authority, Former Mayor (Invited))

To achieve prosperity and position the UK globally, we must harness the potential of regions. Learn how top Midlands universities power growth and are helping the UK to become a Science Superpower through research and innovation.



17.15 Logistics UK

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

Driving growth across the UK: How to unleash the power of logistics

Greg Smith MP (Conservative, MP); Kevin Green (Logistics UK, Director of Policy and Communications); Neil Impiazzi (SEGRO, Partnerships Development Director); Maria Machancoses (Midlands Connect, CEO); James Stephens (DHL UK & Ireland, VP Corporate Affairs); Chaired by Adam Payne (PoliticsHome, Editor)

Explore how logistics underpins the economy and fosters innovation. Join us to discuss how, with the right policies for infrastructure, planning, decarbonisation, skills and trade, logistics can boost productivity and growth across the UK.



17.15 The Health and Care Forum, supported by Roche

Hall 10a, Birmingham ICC

How care closer to home can help to reduce health inequalities

Dr Caroline Johnson MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Jacob Lant (National Voices, Chief Executive); Dr Layla McCay (NHS Confederation, Director of Policy); Sarah Tilsed (The Patient's Association, Head of Patient Partnership);

Join us as we explore the importance of accessible care within underserved communities and hear patient voices on how proactive and personalised care closer to home can reduce health inequalities. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics. This event is supported and funded by Roche.



17.30 Education Policy Institute and AQA

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Conservative education priorities in the new parliament

Reza Schwitzer (AQA, Director of External Affairs); Leora Cruddas (Confederation of School Trusts, CEO); Jonny Uttley (The Education Alliance, CEO); Pepe Di'lasio (ASCL, General Secretary); James Wild MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary for Education (Invited)); Chaired by Natalie Perera (Education Policy Institute, CEO)

In their 2024 manifesto, the Conservatives highlighted that "education is the closest thing we have to a silver bullet." As we start a new parliamentary term, it is timely to discuss what the Conservatives' education priorities will be moving forwards. This panel will consider this alongside what else might be needed to tackle the major challenges currently facing the education system and support high-quality education for all.



17.30 Centre for Young Lives and Nacro

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Crime and punishment? Reforming our criminal justice system to the benefit of everyone

Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Wright MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Attorney General); Campbell Robb (Nacro, Chief Executive); Anne Longfield (Centre for Young Lives, Executive Chair); Katy Bourne OBE (Conservative Police and Crime Commissioners, PCC for Sussex); Chaired by Rachel Sylvester (The Times, Times Crime and Justice Commission)

Panel Debate. Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system.



17.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Philip Morris

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

No one left behind: how do we accelerate the UK's smoke-free future for everyone?

Duncan Cunningham (Philip Morris Limited, Director External Affairs); Chaired by Henry Hill (ConservativeHome, Deputy Editor)

The current tobacco policy debate is focused on the future. However, we need to ensure that it doesn't ignore the existing 6.4 million UK smokers, who require support to transition away from cigarettes. This panel will explore how industry, health officials and policymakers can remove the politics from the smoking debate and work together to realise this public health opportunity.

17.30 Edge Foundation

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

University Challenged? Improving access and participation in non-HE pathways

Jesse Norman MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Hereford and South Herefordshire); Cllr John Cope (Conservative Party, Former Executive Director at UCAS); Felix Von der Geest (Edge Foundation, Ashoka Youth Network); Jenny Taylor (IBM, UK Graduate, Apprenticeship and Student Programme Leader); Chaired by Olly Newton (Edge Foundation, Executive Director)

Amidst the policy debates around the value of university courses, we step back to explore the benefits that other routes can provide young people and the economy. Join us to hear from our expert panel, including representatives from Parliament, business, education, and our youth network, as we attempt to unravel our complex post-18 landscape.



17.30 BioIndustry Association

LOB 103, The Library of Birmingham

Unlocking pensions to deliver an innovative, high-growth Britain

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); George Freeman MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament)

The Conservatives have led a once-in-a-lifetime transformation in the UK pensions system that could create a new "big bang" investment moment, driving growth in innovative industries of the future like life sciences, whilst providing UK workers rewarding jobs and a comfortable retirement.



17.45 TaxPayers' Alliance

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Will the UK be able to shake off the shackles of socialism?

Dr Ted Bromund (Bromund Expert Witness Services, Anglo-American scholar and former senior fellow at The Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, The Heritage Foundation); Chaired by John O'Connell (TaxPayers' Alliance, Chief executive)

With Labour wasting no time taking control of the levers of the state, how can the Conservatives lead the charge in holding back their socialist agenda? Will the next Tory prime minister be able to roll back the state and be a true voice for free enterprise? Or is the high tax, big government model here to stay? What lessons can we learn from around the world? Further speakers to be announced. Please see the online fringe guide for more.



17.50 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

What would Maggie do? Lessons from the Thatcher revolution

Rt Hon Sir John Redwood (ERG, Former Cabinet Minister and adviser to Margaret Thatcher); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner); Lord Daniel Hannan (House of Lords, Lord); Alys Denby (City A.M., Opinion & Features Editor); Chaired by Karl Williams (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Director)

Fifty years ago, the Tories were in a deep hole. Kicked out of power, short on ideas, facing a country that seemed doomed to decline. This anniversary panel, featuring some of the authors of the new CPS essay collection 'Conservative Revolution', looks back at the seismic events of the Thatcher premiership, and asks what lessons we can draw from it today. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

18.00 Animals Matter in partnership with Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Animals Matter Reception

Chaired by Dame Rebecca Harris DBE MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament (Invited))

Join the Animals Matter coalition, made up of RSPCA, FOUR PAWS UK, Compassion in World Farming and Humane Society International/UK, for a special reception in partnership with Conservative Animal Welfare

Foundation hosted by Rebecca Harris MP, recognising the importance of better animal protection.



18.00 British Berry Growers

The Baldwin, Birmingham ICC

Berry growing in the UK - it's a juicy opportunity

Nicholas Marston (British Berry Growers, Chairman); Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Invited)); Baroness Janet Fookes DBE (House of Lords, Member of House of Lords. (Invited)); Angus Davidson (British Berry Growers, Director (Invited));

Join British Berry Growers for a delicious insight into this farming success story. Food security, sustainability, innovation, exports, health and the rural community all benefit from our strawberry, raspberry, blueberry and blackberry industry. Session includes new berry industry economic impact data and trends from EY, and berry refreshments.



18.00 CF Armed Forces

Hall 8a, Birmingham ICC

CF Armed Forces Big Reception

James Cartledge MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence (Invited)); Richard Holroyd (Capita, CEO, Capita Public Service (Invited)); Chaired by Maj James Clark (CF Armed Forces, Executive Director (Invited))

CF Armed Forces will be hosting our traditional "Big Reception", kindly sponsored by Capita, which is open to all CPC24 delegates. Wine, beers, soft drinks & nibbles will be served to the MPs, Industry insiders, charity reps, members & friends who can attend. We also look forward to hearing from shadow Secretary of State for Defence James Cartledge MP. Please note this event is usually very popular & entry is on a first come, first served basis.



18.00 Children's Charities Coalition Reception

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Children At The Table: How will the Conservative Party be champions for babies, children and young people?

Speakers invited: Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP, Rt Hon. Damian Hinds MP, Rt Hon. Victoria Atkins MP.

Join us at our reception, bringing together the voices of young people with policy makers on how the Conservative Party can put babies, children and young people at the heart of future policy making across the Shadow Cabinet. Convened by the Children's Charities Coalition of Action for Children, Barnardo's, National Children's Bureau, NSPCC and The Children's Society.



18.00 Conservative Friends of Overseas Territories

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Conservative Friends of Overseas Territories Reception sponsored by Capital Counsel

Alicia Kearns MP (Shadow Minister , FCDO (Invited)); Rt Hon Graham Brady (President CFOT , Peer (Invited)); Dr Tasha Ebanks Garcia (Chair, UK Overseas Territories Association , Cayman Islands Government Representative to the UK); Chaired by Giles Roca (Conservative Friends of Overseas Territories, CEO)

Newly established, the Conservative Friends of Overseas Territories exists to champion the British Overseas Territories at all levels of the Conservative Party and to celebrate our unique shared heritage, culture and values. We will be joined by many of our Parliamentary champions and representatives from the Overseas Territories.



18.00 Hanover Communications

Andante, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Health Charity Showcase

Reception with leading health charities, showcasing their invaluable contribution across the patient pathway. This year's showcase is focused on the role of charities in redefining health and social care over the next decade for the NHS and patients. Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Victoria Atkins MP (invited). If you would like to attend, please email healthcharityshowcase@hanovercomms.com



18.00 Bright Blue with Association of British Ports

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Secure supply? Supporting homegrown green energy

Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP (Conservative Party, Former Minister of State for Energy Security and Net Zero); Rt Hon Charles Hendry (Conservative Party, Former Minister of State for Energy); Emma Pinchbeck (Energy UK, Chief Executive); Tim Morris (Associated British Ports, Group Head of Corporate Affairs); Michael Holder (Business Green, Editor (Invited)); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and Associated British Ports for a debate on building a resilient, green and secure energy system, to be followed by drinks and networking. We will explore the technologies, policies and investment strategies needed to realise the potential of UK green energy.



18.00 Future Social Care Coalition

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The Care Reception and 'in conversation' - Supporting a caring future

This networking and showcasing event will bring together key voices from the social care sector. Chaired by Stephen Dorrell – Co-Chair of the FSCC (invited) – in conversation with the new Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Care (invited).



18.00 Holocaust Educational Trust

Sir David Amess Theatre, Birmingham International Convention Centre

Holocaust Education Trust Fringe Event

Mala Tribich MBE (Holocaust Educational Trust, Holocaust Survivor);

Hearing a survivor of the Holocaust share their testimony is often described as a life-changing experience. Join us to hear Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich MBE, a survivor of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and the Piotrków ghetto, share her powerful testimony. With survivors now in their 80s and 90s, we're the last generation to hear their firsthand accounts. We will be joined by a senior Shadow Minister.

18.15 In partnership with Intuit

Symphony Hall, Birmingham ICC

Business Dinner

Ticketed Guests Only.



18.15 Social Market Foundation

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Can the Conservatives only win from the centre ground?

Liam Halligan (The Telegraph, Columnist); Theo Bertram (Social Market Foundation, Director); Rt Hon Lord Daniel Finkelstein OBE (The Times, Columnist and Associate Editor (Invited)); Adam Drummond (Opinium, Head of Political & Social); Chaired by Phoebe Arslanagic-Little (Senior Fellow, Social Market Foundation)

The Conservative Party suffered a record defeat at the 2024 general election, losing support to the Liberal Democrats in the South and West, to Labour in the Midlands, and to Reform in the North. Join us for a debate on how the Conservative Party positions itself to return to office at the next election. See online listings for updates.



18.15 Institute for Government, Google Cloud UK & University of Exeter

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Improving public service productivity: Can we have better services for less money?

Dan Butler (Google Cloud UK, Head of Government Affairs); Nick Davies (Institute for Government, Programme Director); Professor Mark Thompson (University of Exeter, Professor of Digital Economy); Baroness Neville-Rolfe (Conservative Party, Former Cabinet Office and Treasury minister); Chaired by Emma Norris (Institute for Government, Deputy Director)

A combination of poor public service performance and tight funding for the foreseeable future means boosting productivity – which fell both during and after the pandemic – will remain high on the agenda. The last Conservative government launched a Public Sector Productivity Programme in June 2023, but what would a future Conservative government do to fix these issues? And how realistic is the hope of delivering better services for less?



18.30 The Spectator in association with The Royal Society

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Private drinks reception: The Spectator x The Royal Society

Fraser Nelson (The Spectator, Editor); Rt Hon Laura Trott MP MBE (Conservative Party, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Invited));

Join The Spectator and The Royal Society for a drinks reception to discuss the contribution of scientific research to economic growth. Email spectatorevents@spectator.co.uk to request an invitation.



18.30 National Farmers' Union (NFU)

The Door, Birmingham Rep Theatre, 6 Centenary Square, B1 2EP

Reviving Rural Support: What is the Conservative's Offer?

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative party, Shadow Defra Secretary of State (Invited)); David Exwood (National Farmers' Union (NFU), Deputy President); Patrick English (YouGov, Director of Political Analytics); Chaired by Alice Thomson (The Times, Columnist and Interviewer)

Food and farming are the heart of the countryside. The recent general election saw a significant shift, with many rural constituencies moving from the Conservatives to Labour or the Liberal Democrats. As the Conservatives regroup, what policies should they propose to regain rural support? Join Shadow Defra Secretary, The Times' Alice Thomson, YouGov's Patrick English, and NFU Deputy President David Exwood for an in-depth discussion.



18.45 Youth Zone reception

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Young Lives: A Celebration

Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Women & Equalities (Invited)); Cllr Ben Bradley (Nottinghamshire County Council, Leader of the Council); Katy Bourne OBE (Conservative Police and Crime Commissioners, PCC for Sussex); Julia Lopez (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Hornchurch and Upminster (Invited)); Chaired by Barry Fletcher (Youth Futures Foundation, Chief Executive)

The Youth Zone is a full programme of fringe events and activities at annual party conference. Now in our 15th conference season, bringing together young people with charity leaders and leading politicians from national and local government, alongside party representatives. Supported by the Conservative Police and Crime Commissioners and Conservative Young Women. Join us for our annual reception. Special guest speakers and young advocates from Back Youth Alliance of national charities.



19.00 The Conservative Party

Commercial Lounge, Birmingham ICC

Exhibitor's Drinks Reception

Invited Guests Only



19.00 Renewal 2030

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Renewal 2030 Reception with Kemi Badenoch

Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government)

Join Kemi Badenoch and ConservativeHome for a drinks reception and the chance to discuss how we can renew our movement and our country. To reserve your place at this reception, please email a request to: logistics@renewal2030.org.uk giving your full name (plus membership no. or postcode). A limited number of additional tickets may be made available on the door.



19.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Hall 6 - Conservative Home, Birmingham ICC

The Youth Reception

Ruth Marvel (Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Chief Executive); Chaired by Angus Parsad-Wyatt (ConservativeHome, Chief Executive)

Every year hundreds of thousands of young people are empowered and inspired by The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The award supports their education and wellbeing, but it also teaches them new skills which are valuable to future employers and wider society. This reception will celebrate the work of the DoFE Award. Join us for drinks and speeches.



19.15 Port of Dover

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

The Great British Trade Reception

Doug Bannister (Port of Dover, CEO); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); Helen

Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (Invited));

Championing smart, seamless and sustainable trade. Join Port of Dover as we explore what is needed to deliver a great trading future for Britain.



19.15 The Health and Care Forum

Hall 10a, Birmingham ICC

The Health and Care Reception

Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (Invited));

Drop in and join fellow policymakers, charities and front-line professionals as we discuss the future of health and care in the UK. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics.



19.30 Education Policy Institute and AQA

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Delivering an education system that works for all

Natalie Perera (Education Policy Institute, CEO); Gagan Mohindra MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Education (Invited))

We invite you to join us to envision how we can deliver a fairer education system that works with schools and teachers to meet the needs of all students. This event is by invitation only, to request a ticket please get in touch on reception@epi.org.uk.



19.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 11, Birmingham ICC

London Reception

Exclusively for members in the London region. Join your fellow regional members at our ever-popular reception. Ticketed guests only.



Fringe Events.

19.30 In Partnership with Gatwick Airport

Hall 9, Birmingham ICC

Southern Reception

Exclusively for members in the South East and South West regions. Join your fellow regional members at our ever-popular reception. Ticketed guests only.



20.00 Conservative Environment Network

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

CEN's quiz of the year

Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Women & Equalities); Cllr John Cope (Conservative Party, Former Executive Director at UCAS); Cllr Joe Porter (Conservative Party, Staffordshire Moorlands Council); Chaired by Isabel Goodwin (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Outreach Manager)

Join us for our annual conference quiz with rounds on politics, general knowledge, pop culture, food and drink, and the environment. Each round will be hosted by entertaining guests and friends of CEN. Come along and test your knowledge at this drinks reception with a twist!



20.00 Bright Blue with Virgin Money

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Drink Tank

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Tamara Dewhirst (Virgin Money, Head of External Affairs); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and Virgin Money for our flagship Conference Drink Tank. All are welcome as we celebrate 10 years of Bright Blue.



Fringe Events.

20.00 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Onward Drinks Reception

Lord Ben Houchen (Conservative Party, Mayor of the Tees Valley)

This is an invite-only event.



20.00 Popular Conservatism

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Private drinks reception

Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg (GB News, Presenter, Former MP); Lord David Frost (Conservative Party, Member of the House of Lords (Invited));

A private drinks reception



20.00 College Green Group

Ground floor bar -, The Botanist - Gas Street Basin

Be one of the 529 candidates fighting to win next time

Join College Green Group for a drinks reception to find out more about how we could help you become a Conservative Parliamentary Candidate in the next general election. College Green Group worked with over 150 candidates to help them onto the list for the last election and has been helping candidates over the last 5 general elections. Invitation only - email john.moss@collegegreengroup.com to secure your place.



20.00 Logistics UK, Heathrow, Rail Freight Group, Rail Partners, Port of Dover

Heathrow Lounge, Birmingham ICC

The Global Trade and Logistics Reception

Nigel Milton (Heathrow, Chief Communications & Sustainability Officer); David Wells OBE (Logistics UK, Chief Executive); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited));

Join Logistics UK, Heathrow, Rail Freight Group, Rail Partners and the Port of Dover for a celebration of the role logistics plays connecting businesses and customers to international markets by road, rail, sea and air, and importing and exporting goods to the value of over £900 billion a year.



20.30 H.E. Mr Pedro Serrano, EU Ambassador

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

EU Reception with Ambassador Serrano

EU Reception hosted by H.E. Mr Pedro Serrano, EU Ambassador. Guest speaker: Andrew Mitchell, Shadow Foreign Secretary (invited). This event is by invitation only. To register please email DELEGATION-UNITED-KINGDOM-RSVP@eeas.europa.eu



20.30 Humanists UK

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Humanists UK Drinks Reception

Cllr Neil Garratt AM (London City Hall Conservatives, Leader); Alicia Kearns MP (Shadow Minister , FCDO (Invited)); Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP (Conservative Party , MP for North West Hampshire (Invited)); Chaired by Dr Ruth Wareham (Humanists UK, Education Policy Researcher)

You are invited to join Humanists UK and Conservative Humanists' drinks reception to discuss key issues of interest to non-religious Conservatives. From blasphemy at home and abroad to assisted dying laws, from the need for an inclusive education system to the legal recognition of humanist marriages. Come along for lively conversation and plenty of wine. We look forward to welcoming you.



20.30 Energy Trade Association Coalition

The Baldwin, Birmingham ICC

Powering Up Britain: Energy Trade Association Reception

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Invited));

How do we decarbonise the UK's energy sector whilst supporting support a responsible transition to net zero that protects our industrial communities? How can we create industrial jobs and boost billions into the economy whilst reducing our emissions? Join some of the UK's leading Energy Trade Associations and business representatives from across the energy and industrial sectors to discuss these key issues and more.



20.30 ADS Group

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Securing UK Advantage: the ADS industry reception

ADS is delighted to welcome invited guests to this reception with industry leaders and senior Conservative Party spokespeople, celebrating the importance of the aerospace, defence, security and space sectors. It will be an opportunity to hear about the vital role ADS members play in delivering growth, prosperity and security.



20.30 CBI

Castle Art Gallery, Birmingham ICC

The Business Reception

With a keynote address from CBI CEO, Rain Newton-Smith, and a senior Shadow Minister, this event brings together businesses and trade associations from across the UK who are leading the charge to deliver the products, services, and innovation which will drive sustainable economic growth. Hosted by the CBI in partnership with the Advertising Association, BRC, CIA, EnergyUK, FDF, NFU, REC, SMMT, techuk, UK Finance, UKHospitality and UUK.



20.30 Demos

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The Great Stagnation: Where next for Conservative Economics?

Andrew O'Brien (Demos, Director of Policy and Impact); Nick Timothy MP (Conservative, MP (Invited)); Tim Pitt (10 Downing Street, Former Advisor to the Prime Minister (Invited)); Juliet Samuels (The Times, Columnist (Invited));

The bedrock of the Conservative Party's electoral success has traditionally been the economy, but after fourteen years in office the Conservative Party leaves power frustrated with low growth, stalling productivity and high debt. What went wrong and, most importantly, where next?



21.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with the BPI

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

The BPI & ConservativeHome Silent Disco

Join ConservativeHome and the BPI – representing the UK’s recorded music industry – for our inaugural Conservative Party Conference Silent Disco! Pick from a selection of floor-filling playlists, including some specially curated by top Conservative MPs, and dance the night away as we celebrate the best of British music.



21.00 AQA, Schools Week and FE Week

Eighteen., 18th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3AG

Education Policy Drinks

Brewed by AQA, SchoolsWeek and FEWeek – conference’s premier education networking drinks – for colleagues in education policy, including MPs, Shadow Ministers, staffers, charities, professional associations, PA agencies and others! To request a spot on the guestlist, please email tchaloner@aqa.org.uk – refreshments provided.



22.30 Sam Richards

Castle Art Gallery, Birmingham ICC

Britain Remade Drinks Reception

Chaired by Sam Richards (Britain Remade, Campaign director)

Join Britain Remade, the campaign to get Britain building again, for drinks at their reception at Conservative Party conference. Places are limited, so if you are interested in attending, please RSVP direct to communications@britainremade.co.uk.



07.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship

Garden Room, Novotel Birmingham Central

Prayer Breakfast with Open Doors

All our welcome for breakfast and prayer hosted by a Christian charity bringing issues of concern to inform our prayers. A panel will also take place including MPs and Councillors. Do come and start the Conference day well, full of breakfast and prayer and fellowship - just 5 mins walk away from the ICC.



08.00 Social Care Institute for Excellence and Policy Connect

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Overcoming Hurdles to Spreading Innovation in Social Care

Digital technology holds enormous potential for transforming the lives of people who draw on social care. With future policy reforms on the horizon, our expert panel will discuss why a future social care system must expand access to innovative technologies and leverage opportunities for investing in prevention and early support. Join us in an engaging conversation reflecting on the impact of tech enabled care.



08.30 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Can we fix Whitehall?

Alex Burghart MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland); Rt Hon Lord Francis Maude (Conservative Party, Former Cabinet Minister); Henry Newman (TheWhitehallProject, Founder); Chaired by Alex Morton (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow)

Did the Conservatives fail – or were they failed by Whitehall? Minister after minister complained during the Tories’ 14 years in power that the government machine simply didn’t work as they hoped. So how can the party do better next time? An expert panel discusses whether Whitehall is working as it should, and what needs to change if and when the party returns to power. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

08.30 Institute for Government & Grant Thornton UK LLP

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can government invest well in public services?

Chaired by Dr Gemma Tetlow (Institute for Government, Chief Economist)

This event is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please email events@instituteforgovernment.org.uk



08.30 NHS Providers

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

NHS Providers private roundtable: United against health inequalities - prevention, productivity and improving health outcomes for all

Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Sir Julian Hartley (NHS Providers, Chief Executive);

NHS Providers' private roundtable will discuss the ongoing work trusts and local partners are doing to make strides in improving health outcomes for all and discuss the need for an integrated approach to delivering prevention, productivity and health inequality goals.



09.00 Youth Futures Foundation with West Midlands Combined Authority

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Close to home: place-based approaches to boosting skills and youth employment

Barry Fletcher (Youth Futures Foundation, Chief Executive); Robert Halfon (Conservative Party, Former Minister for Skills and Apprenticeships and Higher Education); Helen Dearn (West Midlands Combined Authorities, Director of Employment, Skills, Health and Communities (Invited));

Youth Futures Foundation is the What Works Centre of youth employment, for a society where all young people have equitable access to good jobs, to narrow the employment gap - investing in a generation, igniting a movement for change. 9.00: hear from our expert panel with regional insights from the West Midlands 10.00: join us for a presentation and briefings with the most up-to-date information on youth employment data dashboard by local council areas and constituencies.



09.00 Conservative Environment Network and The Wildlife Trusts

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Food security under threat: how can we tackle farmland flooding and drought?

Rt Hon Jerome Mayhew MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Business Minister); Martin Lines (Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN), CEO and farmer); Vicki Hird (The Wildlife Trusts, Strategic Lead on Agriculture); Lizzie Hacking (Conservative Rural Forum, Chairman); Chaired by Kitty Thompson (Conservative Environment Network, Senior Nature Programme Manager)

Flooding has wreaked havoc on our farmland. British consumers and nature are now paying the price. Too much and too little water represent environmental and economic threats. But what can we do about it? Some of the best solutions, like building reservoirs, letting certain land flood, and reintroducing beavers, remain controversial. How can we get the buy-in we need to protect our farmers, ecosystems, and food security from growing water risks?



09.00 Popular Conservatism

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

How do you solve a problem like Reform? - Reuniting the right

Annunziata Rees-Mogg (Popular Conservatism, Head of Communications); Dame Andrea Jenkyns (N/A, Former MP); Chaired by Sam Collins (Popular Conservatism, Head of Public Affairs)

The defeat at the last election was due, in large part, to 4 million Conservative voters decamping to Reform on our right. A key battle for the next leader will be to reunite the right. But how to achieve this? Our panel will debate what approach will best attract back the voters we need to win the next majority Conservative Government.

09.00 Chatham House in partnership with UNICEF UK

Hall 11b, Birmingham ICC

In Conversation: Navigating Britain's role in the development landscape

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Joanna Rea (UNICEF UK, Director of Advocacy); Chaired by Bronwen Maddox (Chatham House, Director and Chief Executive)

Over the past fourteen years in government, the Conservative Party ushered in many significant changes in the country's approach to international development. This event, in partnership with UNICEF UK, will look to analyse their effectiveness, how the country can position itself going forward and use the unique tools at Britain's disposal to foster a strategy fit for a more unpredictable and volatile world.



09.00 Catch-22 and Conservative Police & Crime Commissioners

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Reducing crime and violence: community hubs and prevention partnerships

Katy Bourne OBE (Conservative Police and Crime Commissioners, PCC for Sussex); Naomi Hulston (Catch-22, Chief Executive); Anne Longfield (Centre for Young Lives, Executive Chair); Tim Loughton (Conservative Party, Former Home Affairs Select Committee);

Join charity and community leaders with Police & Crime Commissioners for a panel discussion on crime prevention and reduction with young people; future plans and partnerships that build out from local communities and services.



09.00 Localis

Berwick Room, The Grand Hotel, 1 Church Street, Birmingham, B3 2FE

Know your place - the case for whole place financial resilience

While the financial challenges facing local government remain significant, they also represent opportunities for radical transformation for valued neighbourhood services and placemaking in the longer-term. Our panel fringe, involving CIPFA, the Local Government Chronicle and the Norse

Group, alongside Conservative local leaders and MPs will ask what a whole place, long-term approach to council funding could deliver for communities.



09.30 Onward and City of London Corporation

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

How can the financial and professional services sector turbo-charge growth in the economy

Rt Hon Sir Oliver Dowden MP CBE (Conservative Party, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Invited))

This is an invite-only roundtable. If you are interested in attending please email angus.lloyd-skinner@ukonward.com.



09.50 CapX

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Have the Tories abandoned the family?

Miriam Cates (Former MP, Former Member of Parliament); Dame Rachel de Souza DBE (Children's Commissioner for England, Commissioner); Phoebe Arslanagi-Little (Onward, Head of New Deal for Parents); Tanika D'Souza (Centre for Policy Studies, Researcher); Chaired by Marc Sidwell (CapX, Editor)

The Conservatives traditionally think of themselves as the party of the family. But the voters disagree. And no wonder, given sky-high housing costs, eye-watering childcare bills and a tax system that is less sympathetic to couples than almost any other developed country. So have the Tories abandoned the family? And how do we fix that? Public panel – visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

10.00 **Bright Blue with British Chambers of Commerce**

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Getting Britain booming again: reforming our economy

Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade); Shevaun Haviland (British Chambers of Commerce, Director General); Laura Shoaf CBE (West Midlands Combined Authority, Chief Executive (Invited)); Chris Young (Sizewell C, Head of Employment Affairs Unit (Invited)); Vicky Pryce (Centre for Economics and Business Research, Chief Economic Adviser); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Join Bright Blue and the British Chambers of Commerce, supported by Sizewell C, for a discussion on what business, unions and policymakers can do in order to ensure a successful, thriving economy that works for all. We will explore how to achieve higher economic growth and productivity in the 2030s.



10.00 **The Conservative Party**

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Local Elections 2025: Panel Session

10.00 **The Conservative Party**

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage - Overflow

Local Elections 2025: Panel Session

10.15 **LTE**

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Climbing the ladder of opportunity: an interview with Robert Halfon

Robert Halfon (Conservative Party, Former Minister for Education);

As former Apprenticeships and Skills Minister and Chair of the House of Commons Education Committee, Robert Halfon has a wealth of experience of government and offers insight into the important role played by education and skills in enabling social justice and economic growth. In this revealing

interview, he offers reflections on his time in Westminster and advice for both the new Labour government and the Conservative party Official Opposition.



10.15 **TaxPayers' Alliance**

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Lost liberty: Why don't the Conservatives trust people?

Simon Clark (Forest, Director); Emily Fielder (Adam Smith Institute, Director of communications); Andrew Rosindell (Conservative, MP); Joseph Dinnage (CapX, Deputy Editor); Dr Caroline Johnson MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Chaired by Benjamin Elks (TaxPayers' Alliance, Grassroots development manager)

14 years in government saw the state continue to expand, move into new areas of our lives, restricting liberty and introducing new taxes to drive change. From the tobacco ban to the sugar tax, paternalism was the order of the day. Have the Conservatives given up trusting people? Will the party re-embrace liberty, or is paternalism here to stay?



10.30 **CF Armed Forces**

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

CF Armed Forces Panel Discussion: The Integrated Procurement Model

Maria Laine (Boeing, UK President (Invited)); James Cartlidge MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence (Invited)); Dr Rob Johnson (Oxford University Strategy, Statecraft and Technology Centre, Director (Invited)); Maj James Clark (CF Armed Forces, Executive Director (Invited));

CF Armed Forces and Boeing invite you to a panel discussion on the Integrated Procurement Model which sets out the reforms necessary to drive increased pace in the delivery of military capability. Joined by the architect of the model Shadow Defence Secretary James Cartlidge MP, Boeing UK President Maria Laine and Rob Johnson, former SONAC director, we know this will be a fascinating insight into how we best equip our Forces for the future.



10.30 Conservative Rural Forum

Allegro, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Conservative Rural Forum Panel 'Winning Back the Countryside: Our Path to Government'

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs); Samuel Kurtz MS (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, Member of the Senedd); Jonathan Roberts (CLA, Director of External Affairs); Chaired by Lizzie Hacking (Conservative Rural Forum, Chairman)

The Conservative Rural Forum serves as a rural advisory group that helps shape the future of the countryside, agriculture, fisheries, and food sectors - acting as a conduit for information, policy discussion and debate. This panel event to discuss the results of the recent general election, and how crucial the support of rural voters is for the Conservative Party's return to government. This is open to everyone.

10.30 Nesta and The Carbon Trust

Andante, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Delivering the transition: how electrifying heat will create a secure and prosperous future for the UK

Richard Rugg (*The Carbon Trust, Managing Director, Programmes & Innovation*); Sam Hall (*Conservative Environment Network, Director (Invited)*); Clementine Cowton (*Octopus Energy Group, Director Of External Affairs (Invited)*); Chaired by Madeleine Gabriel (*Nesta, Mission Director, Sustainable Future mission*)

Electrifying heat is a win-win for politicians and households – improving energy security, bringing economic benefits and creating warmer, healthier homes. Nesta and The Carbon Trust are hosting a panel session to discuss how decarbonisation can be achieved with a focus on delivery and affordability.

10.30 Demos

Concerto, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How do we safely harness the productivity potential of AI in public services reform?

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology (Invited)); Saqib Bhatti MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care, and Science, Innovation and Technology (Invited)); David Simmonds MP (House of Commons, Shadow

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Invited)); Sarah-Jane Sewell (Digital Tories, Director (Invited));

Our public services are littered with the gravestones of failed major IT projects. We know that laying technological solutions onto broken systems can sabotage productivity rather than accelerate it. This panel discussion will explore the foundational steps needed for a human-first approach to harnessing the productivity potential of AI in our public service reform agenda.

10.30 Social Market Foundation and UCL Policy Lab

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Is there a distinctively Conservative approach to public service reform?

Prof Gabriella Conti (Professor of Economics, University College London); Neil O'Brien MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston (Invited)); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner (Invited)); Munira Mirza (Civic Future, Chief Executive (Invited)); Chaired by Dr Aweek Bhattacharya (Social Market Foundation, Research Director)

Conservatives have long been skeptical of a large state and top-down change, but few today believe that an unregulated market can transform Britain in the way that is needed. How should Conservatives transform the design and delivery of modern public services, and should a more 'relational' and community-led approach be part of that solution? See online listings for updates.

10.30 Conservative Environment Network, the National Trust, and the Woodland Trust

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Pastures new: how can we protect our natural inheritance?

Theresa Villiers (*Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Former Secretary of State*); Ben Goldsmith (*Rewilding the World Podcast, Podcast Host*); Hilary McGrady (*National Trust, Director-general*); Abi Bunker (*Woodland Trust, Director of Conservation & External Affairs*); Chaired by John Flesher (*Conservative Environment Network, Deputy Director*)

As one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, the UK's natural inheritance is in danger of being lost. This new parliament is a make it or break it moment for nature. With so much of Labour's plan for nature, planning, & farming unknown, in opposition, our conservative duty to protect the environment for the next generation is harder to fulfil but the need has never been greater. What can we do to hold the new government to account?

10.30 Manchester Airports Group and The Rail Safety and Standards Board

Hall 8a, Birmingham ICC

The BIG Transport Fringe

The BIG Transport Fringe annually gathers political, business, and transport leaders to discuss unlocking investment in major infrastructure projects. World-class transport is crucial for growth, connecting people to jobs, education, and opportunities. However, underfunded and disconnected transport is failing passengers and businesses. The BIG Transport Fringe provides a vital platform for lively debate on what needs to be done.



10.30 The Policy Institute at King's College London and HEPI

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What is the Conservative approach to UK higher education now?

Professor Bobby Duffy (The Policy Institute at King's College London, Director); Lord Jo Johnson (House of Lords, Peer); Lord David Willetts (Resolution Foundation, President); Nick Hillman (HEPI, Director); Alex Stanley (National Union of Students, Vice President for Higher Education); Chaired by Professor Dame Alison Wolf (King's College London, Professor and Peer)

As universities face mounting financial pressures and cultural challenges, what is the Conservative vision for the sector's future? How does the party plan to balance marketization, regulation, and the UK's global reputation in higher education?



10.30 Young Conservatives

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Young Conservatives Breakfast

Kick off day three of conference with us over a delicious breakfast and political chat. This event is for Young Conservative pass holders only.



10.30 Policy@Manchester, The University of Manchester

LOB103, Library of Birmingham

Is antimicrobial resistance the next big healthcare risk?

Dr Wendy Thompson (The University of Manchester, Clinical Lecturer in Primary Dental Care); Frances Garraghan (Commonwealth Pharmacists Association, Lead Advisor); Chaired by Ryan Henson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, CEO)

More people may die from drug resistant infections than cancer over the next 25 years. A steady rise in antimicrobial resistance is being driven by over-prescription and increased use in farming which impacts our food chain. Without cooperation, we could be facing the next most pressing global healthcare challenge. What can be urgently done to address resistance from agriculture to operating table?



10.30 More in Common

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

What next for net zero? How to rebuild consensus on the environment

From Johnsonian boosterism to Sunak's more pragmatic approach, the last Parliament saw a range of different positions on how to reach net zero. Using More in Common's polling and focus group research, this panel will debate what's next for the Conservatives on net zero and how they can best command public support.



10.40 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

The Future Generation: Panel Session

10.40 The Conservative Party

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage - Overflow

The Future Generation: Panel Session

10.45 Institute for Government

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

How can the Conservative party learn from its failures to deliver in government?

Joe Twyman (Deltapoll, Co-Founder and Director); Steve Brine (Conservative Party, Former Chair of the Health and Social Care committee); Jill Rutter (Institute for Government, Senior Fellow); Chaired by Dr Hannah White (Institute for Government, Director)

Conservative leadership candidates have blamed the party's general election defeat on a failure to deliver in government. So which flagship promises were never kept? Why were key policies never delivered? And where did the electorate feel most let down? The event will explore the Conservative party's record of delivery after 14 years in government - and examine what mistakes were made and how the Conservative party can learn from what went wrong.



11.00 Conservative Young Women

Thatcher Theatre, Birmingham ICC

A Conservative Woman's Guide to Social Media: Building Your Brand, Staying Safe Online, and Winning Elections

Aphra Brandreth (MP, Chester South and Eddisbury); Cllr Lucy Wakely (Barnet Council, Edgware ward); Joy Morrisey (Conservative Party, MP for Beaconsfield (Invited)); Sarah-Jane Sewell (Digital Tories, Director); Cllr Pinder Chauhan (Conservative, Councillour (Invited)); Chaired by Nicole Richer (Conservative Young Women, Deputy Chair)

In the digital age, building campaigns online is becoming more and more important and it is often the main way to reach young voters. Join us for a discussion on digital tools and how to build your brand online and the challenges in navigating social media as a Conservative.

11.00 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Coffee House Shots Live

Fraser Nelson (The Spectator, Editor (Invited)); Katy Balls (The Spectator, Political Editor (Invited)); Kate Andrews (The Spectator, Economics Editor (Invited));

Join The Spectator's home team and a special guest for a live podcast recording to discuss the Tory leadership race and updates from Conservative Party Conference.

11.00 Onward and META

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Regulate to Innovate: Unlocking UK growth through regulating new technologies

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology)

This is an invite-only roundtable. If you are interested in attending please email angus.lloyd-skinner@ukonward.com.



11.00 Chatham House

Hall 11b, Birmingham ICC

Securing Britain's trading relationships for the future

Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade); Prof Emily Lydgate (UK Trade Policy Observatory, Co-Director); James Dunn (DXC Technology, Government and Regulatory Affairs); Stuart Carroll (Moderna, Director Market Access and Policy Affairs); Steph McGovern (The Rest is Money, Host (Invited)); Chaired by Olivia O'Sullivan (Chatham House, Director, UK in the World Programme)

The global trade landscape is rapidly changing. Enhancing the resilience of UK trade and securing Britain's relationships with its key partners are vital priorities amidst this shifting geopolitical environment. While prospects for free trade agreements with major powers are limited in this increasingly protectionist world, there are opportunities for the UK to reframe the direction of its trading relationships with old and new allies alike.



11.00 The Telegraph

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The Daily T Live

Camilla Tominey (The Telegraph, Associate Editor (Invited)); Kamal Ahmed (The Telegraph, Director of Audio (Invited))

Join two of Britain's foremost journalists for a live recording of The Daily T podcast. Watch as they unpack the day's key talking points, with special guests and expert opinion.

11.00 The Purpose Coalition and Young Enterprise

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The Power of Money: Breaking down barriers through applied financial education for young people

We know how important it is for young people to learn about money and how this can protect them from future financial harm. But financial education has little or no context if you do not have access to practical opportunities to use money in your everyday life. This event will explore the role of applied learning in boosting young people's financial capability, increasing future productivity and breaking down the barriers to opportunity.



11.10 Centre for Policy Studies and CCIA

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Creating Europe's Silicon Valley

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Matthew Sinclair (CCIA UK, Senior Director); Camilla de Coverly Veale (Policy Director, Startup Coalition); Matthew Feeney (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Technology and Innovation)

With the previous government expressing its ambition for the UK to become a 'tech superpower', can Labour pick up the baton and fulfil this objective? The panel, hosted in partnership with the CCIA, will delve into future prospects for UK tech, examining the potential impact of existing legislation on the sector and exploring measures to incentivise innovation and investment. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

11.20 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

The Think Tank View: Panel Session

11.20 The Conservative Party

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage - Overflow

The Think Tank View: Panel Session

11.30 WEA

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Adult Learning Within Reach? - the impact of devolved budgets

Mayoral Combined Authorities hold well over half of the national budget for adult education. Most Mayors put skills strategies at the front of their ambitions for the region. Yet participation in adult learning remains low and educational inequality is a persistent problem. This session looks at what devolved education budgets have achieved so far and what more can be done to bring adult learning within reach or more local communities.



11.30 BiteBack

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

Five changes young people want to see from the food system

Panel Debate open to delegates and party representatives with young people.



11.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with The Blueprint Podcast

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

LIVE: The Blueprint Podcast

Lord Ben Houchen (Conservative Party, Mayor of the Tees Valley); Andy Street (West Midlands Combined Authority, Former Mayor); Angus Parsad-Wyatt (ConservativeHome, Chief Executive)

Join Ben Houchen and ConservativeHome for this Party Conference special live recording of Ben's new podcast 'The Blueprint'. Ben will be interviewing Andy Street, former Mayor of the West Midlands, to get his thoughts on current affairs and how the Conservatives can get back to winning ways. Join us for your opportunity to put your questions to Ben and Andy.

11.30 ThinkTent

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

ThinkTent event

Please see the online fringe guide for full details.



12.00 Conservative Environment Network

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Can climate action help to stop the boats?

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Evie Aspinall (British Foreign Policy Group, Director); Dr Ben Spencer MP (MP, Shadow Health Minister (Invited)); Rachel Maclean (Former MP, Former Home Office minister); Chaired by Fin McCarron (Conservative Environment Network, International Programme Manager)

Millions of people may be forced to move due to the effects of extreme weather caused by climate change or by conflicts exacerbated by rising temperatures. How big a problem is climate migration going to be and where? Should aid money be spent on domestic priorities or be a way to win favour from developing countries to tackle illegal migration? Is climate action an important part of an effective strategy to tackle migration or a distraction?



12.00 Bright Blue with EDF Energy

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Power shift: preparing the UK's housing for net zero

Mark Garnier MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero); Lord Callanan (Conservative Party, Former Minister for Energy Efficiency and Green Finance); Camilla McCorkell (EDF, Residential Operations Director); Adam Scorer (National Energy Action, Chief Executive (Invited)); Rachel Brisley (Ipsos, Head of Energy and Environment in Public Affairs (Invited)); Chaired by Dr Will Prescott (Bright Blue, Senior Researcher (Invited))

Join Bright Blue and EDF as we discuss how we can most effectively decarbonise new and existing UK homes while ensuring adequate support for lower-income households. We will examine the effectiveness of existing decarbonisation policies, what technologies and reforms are needed to achieve net zero and how consumers can be supported with bills whilst saving cash and carbon.



12.00 London Councils

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

The Right Homes in the Right Places: A Conservative vision for London's future housing

Lord Shaun Bailey of Paddington (Conservative Party, Peer); Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (London Councils, Vice Chair); Jonathan Werran (Localis, Chief Executive);

London is in urgent need of more housing. The capital is grappling with a severe homelessness crisis and the housing market is hindering economic growth. Boroughs are focused on building the right type of homes in the right locations. How can we achieve this? Join us to discuss a Conservative vision for housing in London.



12.30 Education Policy Institute and NASUWT

Executive Room 2, Birmingham ICC

Fair funding for schools: exploring future reform to the National Funding Formula to ensure all schools and children can thrive

Dr Patrick Roach (NASUWT, General Secretary); Sam Henson (NGA, Deputy Chief Executive); Gagan Mohindra MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Education (Invited)); Cllr Karen Grinsell (Solihull Council, Lead Member for Children and Education (Invited)); Chaired by Natalie Perera (Education Policy Institute, CEO)

With school budgets across the country feeling the effects of a decade-long funding squeeze, it is key to consider what a fair school funding system should look to ensure schools and their pupils have the necessary financial support to thrive. Join us to consider what reform should look like; the implications of falling pupil rolls and how funding might be better targeted towards disadvantaged pupils to build a fair funding system for all.



12.30 Centre for Policy Studies and City of London Corporation

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Open for business: how the UK can attract foreign investment

Chris Hayward (City of London Corporation, Policy Chairman); Shevaun Haviland (British Chambers of Commerce, Director General); Chaired by Gerard Lyons (Centre for Policy Studies, Senior Fellow)

While the UK remains a hotspot for foreign investment, regulatory and tax changes risk weakening the Britain's appeal for overseas investors. This panel, hosted in partnership with the City of London Corporation, will explore ways to enhance the attractiveness of UK capital markets and ensure the UK maintains its status as a top destination for foreign investors. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.



12.30 Onward and CAGE

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Taxing times: How the Conservatives can form tax policies from Opposition

Nick Timothy MP (Conservative, MP); Arun Advani (CAGE, Associate Professor); Rebecca Paul MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Stephen Bush (Financial Times, Columnist and Associate Editor (Invited)); Chaired by Shivani H Menon (Onward, Deputy Head of Research)

Following the election defeat, how can the Conservative Party formulate an effective tax policy in opposition, that can both balance fiscal responsibility and voter appeal while addressing key economic challenges and positioning the party as a strong alternative?



12.30 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Where are the Brexit dividends?

Voters were promised a Brexit agenda, but it never arrived. Was Brexit always a lost cause? Or is it an unwon one, waiting to be picked up again? Join The Spectator and guests as they ask what happened to the promises of Brexit – and can they still be realised?



12.45 City & Guilds

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Leveraging skills to boost growth, productivity and employment

Leveraging skills effectively can significantly boost growth, productivity and employment. By aligning skills development with industry needs, we can enhance workforce capabilities and drive economic success. Investing in the right skills not only improves productivity but also creates more job opportunities and fosters sustainable economic growth. Panel Discussion.



12.45 Popular Conservatism

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

PopConversation

Chaired by Mark Littlewood (Popular Conservatism, Director)

Join our in-person 'PopConversation' with a senior Conservative speaker

13.00 Conservatives Together

The Baldwin, Birmingham ICC

Conservatives Together: Lessons from defeat and building for the future

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP (Conservative Party, Former Secretary of State for Defence); Baron Ross Kempell (Member of the House of Lords, Conservative Member of the House of Lords); Chaired by Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor)

Join us for the launch of Conservatives Together, an organisation dedicated to supporting Conservative candidates and powering the party to electoral success through cutting-edge campaign training and insights. At the event, we'll unveil a groundbreaking report on candidates' views and discuss strategies for future victories. Be part of the conversation shaping the Conservative Party's path forward.



13.00 Epilepsy Society

Executive Room 10, Birmingham ICC

How emergency first aid could help keep Britain working?

Closing the disability employment gap will only succeed if people with disabilities are able to get to work. Join the Epilepsy Society to find out how seizure first aid training for all transport providers could ensure people with epilepsy have a safe journey to work.



13.00 Money and Mental Health Policy Institute

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Debts and despair - how we can tackle damaging debt collection practices for people living with mental health problems

Helen Undy (Money and Mental Health Policy Institute, CEO); Baroness Nicky Morgan (Conservative Party, Peer (Invited)); Chaired by Adam Shaw (BBC, Broadcaster)

The debt collection practices by lenders, local authorities and bailiffs are causing distress for millions of households - particularly people living with mental health problems. This event will bring together senior Conservatives alongside experts in the sector to explore how debt collection practices can be reformed for the benefit of people living with mental health problems and others who are struggling.



13.00 Institute of Economic Affairs

Concerto, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Going for Growth: The Abundance Agenda

Samuel Hughes (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Housing); Sam Dumitriu (Britain Remade, Head of Policy); Tom Clougherty (Institute of Economic Affairs, Executive Director); Victoria Hewson (Independent, Solicitor and Former Special Adviser to Secretary of State for Business and Trade); Chaired by Reem Ibrahim (Institute of Economic Affairs, Communications Officer)

The new government has put economic growth at the heart of its agenda, but will their top-down plan work? Do we need a free market approach instead? This panel will look at tax, regulation, housing, and infrastructure – identifying barriers to growth and propose liberalising reforms.



13.00 Black Tories & Friends Launch Event

Old Joint Stock Pub & Theatre, 4 Temple Row W, Birmingham B2 5NY

Our Conservative Future: Pathways to Prosperity for All

All are welcome to join us for a drink and an engaging discussion on the future of the Conservative Party and the importance of pathways for upward mobility for all. MPs and Shadow Cabinet Members, Keynote Address, Shadow Cabinet Members, Networking Opportunities. All are welcome to join us for a drink and an engaging discussion on the future of the Conservative Party and the importance of pathways for upward mobility for all.

13.00 Conservative International

International Lounge, Birmingham ICC

Panel Discussion: The rise of global disinformation

Will include parliamentary speakers from the commonwealth and the UK. Invited Guests Only.



13.00 The Countryside Alliance

Scherzo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The Future of the Countryside in a New Parliament

The political landscape has changed, but the politics of rural Britain remain in flux. How can the Conservatives turn the tide and win back rural Britain?



13.00 Transport for the North

Hall 11b, Birmingham ICC

Transforming the North of England

Lord Patrick McLoughlin (Transport for the North, Chair); Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (Invited)); Councillor Anne Handley (East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Leader (Invited))

As the statutory sub-national Transport Body for the North, TfN brings together the elected and business leaders of our region to Transform the North. Join a panel of our members in discussing how, through collaboration, we can bring about the change our region needs to unlock its economic potential, decarbonise, and connect people and places with services and opportunities.



13.00 The Conservative Party

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Women In Politics Networking Lunch

This networking event is to celebrate the many and varied roles of women in political life be it elected representatives in local government parliament PCCs elected Association Area and Regional officers, leaflet deliverers, spads, canvassers, Campaign Managers, CCHQ employees, Candidates and many more. Open to everyone tickets are £10 and available here <https://buy.stripe.com/dR67txce3f5z7Be9AD> Light refreshments and guest speaker



13.00 Young Conservatives

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

Young Conservatives Event

Join the Young Conservatives for an exclusive event.

13.00 Policy@Manchester, The University of Manchester

LOB103, Library of Birmingham

How can Britain become a clean energy superpower?

Andrew Bowie MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero); Professor Alice Larkin (The University of Manchester, Professor of Climate Science and Energy Policy); Jake Tudge (National Gas, Corporate Affairs Director); Asif Rehmanwala (Green Britain Group, CEO); Samuel Kurtz MS (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, Member of the Senedd); Chaired by Holly Brazier Tope (The Green Alliance, Head of Politics)

Green jobs. Energy independence. Lower bills. Addressing climate change - Britain could capture all the benefits of catalysing our transition to clean energy. But there are challenges ahead, and the need for action is urgent. Have our policymakers got the right plan for our energy transition?



13.15 Institute for Government & Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Leading from the centre: how can prime ministers better deliver long-term policy objectives?

Rt Hon John Glen (Conservative Party, Shadow Paymaster General); Lord Philip Norton of Louth (Conservative, House of Lords); Kartina Tahir Thomson (Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, President); Alex Thomas (Institute for Government, Programme Director); Chaired by Dr Hannah White (Institute for Government, Director)

From David Cameron to Rishi Sunak, prime ministers have been frustrated by policy resource and political energy being spent on reactive decisions rather than dedicated to resolving the chronic problems facing government. So, what can be done differently? This event will explore how prime ministers can lead better from the centre and deliver manifesto promises that address issues over the course of the next parliament and beyond.



13.30 Conservative Environment Network and Uplift

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Crude awakening: is the UK ready for the energy transition?

Richard Bodal Hansen (Ørsted, Director of Regulatory & External Affairs); Gwen Peters (Uplift, Head of Politics); Chaired by Sam Hall (Conservative Environment Network, Director)

The UK has long benefited from its oil and gas reserves, but these are declining along with jobs in the sector. Renewable power has boomed, supporting tens of thousands of jobs. How can communities reliant on the waning oil and gas sector be supported? Do Labour's plans to end new licences risk energy security and jobs? How can Conservatives show they understand the climate imperative and economic opportunities of the energy transition?



13.30 Reform Think Tank and KPMG

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Going for growth: a Conservative vision for economic prosperity

Gareth Davies MP (HM Treasury, Shadow Exchequer Secretary); Neil O'Brien MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston (Invited)); Tim Sarson (KPMG, Partner, UK Head of Tax Policy)

Establishing a competitive framework across regulation, taxation, and R&D, is a vital building block for growth. As is ensuring that the UK has the right skills and infrastructure to support investment. The prize is huge: a more productive nation with revenues to invest in public services within sound public finances. This panel will explore the Conservative vision for growth.



13.30 The Purpose Coalition

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

In conversation with Rt Hon Justine Greening

Join the Rt Hon Justine Greening, former Secretary of State for Education, for an hour long discussion on life in opposition, the future of the Conservative Party and why opportunity must be a key mission for any Conservative Government.



13.30 More in Common

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

Conservative comeback: Is there a path back to power by 2029?

What went wrong for the Conservatives and how can they recover? Is it possible for Conservatives to return to Government in 2029? Using new More in Common polling and focus group research, this panel will explore what the new leader can do to put the Conservatives on a path back to power.



13.50 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

The Great Energy Debate

Dillon Smith (Centre for Policy Studies, Researcher for Energy and Environment Policy); Neil Record (Net Zero Watch, Chairman); Chaired by Emma Revell (Centre for Policy Studies, External Affairs Director)

In the wake of the election, should the Tories weaken their commitment to Net Zero, or double down? Are they the party of renewable energy or energy security – or is that a false distinction? As Labour goes pell mell for decarbonisation, join our expert panel to debate whether the Conservatives should follow suit. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

14.00 Ufi

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

A+ Growth: the role of technology enabled assessment and qualifications in improving UK skills, productivity and economic growth

The UK's assessment and qualifications system is critical to unlocking the skills, productivity and economic growth needed for a thriving and sustainable economy. In this session, we explore what policy, regulatory and

funding decisions are necessary to ensure technology can play a role in getting everyone the skills they need.



14.00 Bright Blue with Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

Family-friendly Britain? Increasing choices to start and sustain family life

David Simmonds MP (House of Commons, Shadow Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government); Patrick Spencer MP (Conservative Party, Member for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich); Phoebe Arslanagi-Little (Boom, Co-Founder); Dame Rachel de Souza DBE (Children's Commissioner for England, Commissioner); Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair); Abby Jitendra (Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Principal Policy Adviser on Care); Chaired by Chris Smyth (The Times, Whitehall Editor (Invited))

Join Bright Blue and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to discuss why fewer young adults today are becoming parents and what public policy can do to reduce the pressures and costs of modern family life. We ask: is there a compelling centre-right policy agenda for supporting modern families?



14.00 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

How Conservatism recovers: Lessons from New Zealand and Canada

In both countries, the Conservatives rebounded fast. How? Why? And what can be learned? Join The Spectator and guests as they discuss how the Tories can rebuild their party. Free drinks will be served.



14.00 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

In Conversation with Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP

Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat (Conservatives, MP)

This is an in conversation with Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP as he sets out his pitch to be the next leader of the Conservative Party.



14.00 Western Gateway

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

Investment, Innovation, and Infrastructure: How local leaders are collaborating at scale to drive economic growth

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Akash Paun (Institute for Government, Programme Director);

Creating economic growth outside of London is essential if the UK is to reach its national economic targets. Successful collaboration, via Pan-Regional Partnerships, has created local solutions to help channel investment and support innovation. Join the Western Gateway to find out how Local Leaders have worked together with business and how the Conservative Party can play a vital role to benefit local communities.



14.00 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Conservative, MP); Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary);

Meet Our Leadership Candidates Part 2: In Conversation & Member Questions.

14.00 TaxPayers' Alliance

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

We need to talk about spending

Emma Revell (Centre for Policy Studies, External Affairs Director); Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Dia Chakravarty (Daily Telegraph, Contributing editor); Gerard Lyons (Centre for Policy Studies, Senior Fellow); Shimeon Lee (TaxPayers' Alliance, Researcher); Chaired by John O'Connell (TaxPayers' Alliance, Chief executive)

With the UK's national debt now exceeding £2.5 trillion, will any government ever get real on spending? Can the Conservatives make the case for a smaller state that does less, better? How can we convince people that more government isn't always the answer?



14.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with UK in a Changing Europe

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

In conversation with Ben Houchen

Lord Ben Houchen (Conservative Party, Mayor of the Tees Valley); Chaired by Anand Menon (UK in a Changing Europe, Director)

Anand Menon, Director of UK in a Changing Europe interviews Ben Houchen, Mayor of the Tees Valley. This will be a wide-ranging discussion, covering Ben's background, political philosophy, and taking a look at the key issues facing the UK today. Join us for your opportunity to put your own questions to Ben.

15.00 Conservative Environment Network and the Healthy Air Coalition

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

Is the cost of cleaning up the air a price worth paying?

Tim Dexter (Asthma + Lung UK, Senior Policy and Project Manager); Sam Dumitriu (Britain Remade, Head of Policy); Chaired by Caitie Gillett (Conservative Environment Network, Clean Air Programme Manager)

Labour has spoken about the need for accelerated action to reach our environmental targets, including on air quality, but its only solution is to roll out a comprehensive pollution monitoring system. Just knowing where the hotspots are won't make a meaningful difference to the quality of the air we breathe. Join CEN to discuss how the Conservatives can offer real solutions to keep traffic moving, the economy growing, and pollution falling.



15.00 Young Conservatives with Blue Beyond

Disraeli Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The Kids Aren't Alright: How Do We Make The Economy Work For Young People?

Tax burden at a 40 year high, unemployment rising, growth and housing building is practically dead. Join our esteemed panel to explore how we can make the economy work for young people in a post COVID economy.

15.00 The Adam Smith Institute

Executive Room 1, Birmingham ICC

What does the City look like in 2030?

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology (Invited)); Ed McGuinness (Conservatives in the City, President (Invited)); Charlie White-Thomson (Adam Smith Institute , Senior Fellow (Invited)); Chris Hayward (City of London Corporation, Policy Chairman (Invited)); Chaired by Carolina Toczycka (Adam Smith Institute , Chief of Staff (Invited))

Despite a challenging few years, the City of London remains one of the world's largest financial centres and one of the UK's most valuable economic assets. However, the City today faces a number of existential challenges, including overregulation and changing geopolitical circumstances. This panel will discuss how we should develop pathways to improve its global performance. Rather than viewing the City as a burden, we should be working to maximise the opportunities that it provides, reinforcing the UK's as a services superpower.

15.10 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

In conversation with...

CPS Director Robert Colvile sits down with a high-profile speaker to discuss their life and work, followed by an audience Q&A. Visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

15.15 ThinkTent

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

ThinkTent event

Please see the online fringe guide for full details.



15.30 Local Government Association and Efficio

Andante, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Building Improved Commercial Excellence to Deliver Better Outcomes and Stronger Financial Sustainability

Scott Collins (Efficio , Consultant);

Ongoing financial pressures mean local authorities need to operate more commercially. This panel discussion will explore how more effective commercial and procurement approaches can deliver on council ambitions, improve outcomes for residents, and ensure long-term financial stability.



15.30 The Spectator in association with Santander

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Can the Conservatives be the party of home ownership once again?

Despite pledging to build hundreds of thousands of new homes every year, the housing targets set by successive Conservative governments were not achieved. Can the party of conservation also be the party of mass housebuilding? Join The Spectator and guests for a panel, hosted by Santander UK, on how to fix the housing crisis, and the role planning reform must play in the rebuilding of the Conservative party. Free G&Ts.



15.30 Onward and The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Capital Ideas: How London can inspire the rest of the UK to go for growth

Rt Hon John Glen (Conservative Party, Shadow Paymaster General); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade); Karim Fatehi MBE (London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chief Executive Officer); Shivani H Menon (Onward, Deputy Head of Research); Chaired by Lizzy Burden (Bloomberg TV, Anchor and UK Correspondent (Invited))

UK economic growth is sluggish and reform is urgently needed across the country to unleash growth. This event will explore how London's dynamic economy can serve as a model for driving growth throughout the UK, exploring strategies for replicating the capital's success, fostering innovation, and ensuring sustainable development in cities and regions nationwide.

15.30 CF Armed Forces

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

CF Armed Forces Panel Discussion: The Importance of UK Defence Partnering Internationally

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP (Conservative Party, Former Secretary of State for Defence (Invited)); James Cartlidge MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence (Invited)); Maj James Clark (CF Armed Forces, Executive Director (Invited));

CF Armed Forces are hosting a panel discussion with distinguished panelists including the Qatar Ambassador to the UK and shadow Defence Secretary James Cartlidge MP on the importance of UK Defence working with International partners. Former Security of State for Defence Grant Shapps will open the discussion. Refreshments will be served. All delegates are welcome to join us for what will be a thought provoking and well informed discussion.



15.30 Conservative Friends of Israel

Hall 11a, Birmingham ICC

CFI Panel Discussion

CFI will host a panel debate on key issues affecting Israel, the region, and the UK-Israel relationship. Speakers TBC.

15.30 Reform Think Tank

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

Rebuilding from the regions

Andy Street (West Midlands Combined Authority, Former Mayor); Nick Timothy MP (Conservative, MP)

The Conservative party must set a compelling vision for building a more prosperous Britain – one which drives growth and opportunity across the country. This panel will discuss what this vision should look like, and the role that devolution can play in achieving it.



15.30 The Conservative Middle East Council

Allegro, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

“Tackling Migration Starts in North Africa” - Does it?

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); Major General Jonathan Shaw, CB, CBE (Former Director of Special Forces, Multi-National Division (South-East));

Our experts reveal perhaps the biggest untold story of our times: the migrant flow into, and then from, Northern Africa. Whether it is caused by the effects of climate change, the deliberate havoc of Russia's mercenary groups, the rise of violent Islamists, famine, water security or war - we look at this ever increasing movement of people. Where does the story of migration really begin, and what do we do about it?

15.30 Conservative European Forum, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Hanns Seidel Foundation

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The Future of European Conservatives - Lessons from Germany

Dr Günter Krings MdB (CDU, Member of the German Bundestag (Invited)); Markus Ferber MEP (CSU, Member of the European Parliament (Invited)); Chaired by Stephen Hammond (Conservative European Forum, Chair)

With the CDU/CSU now over 13% ahead in the polls, Stephen Hammond will chair a panel of senior UK and German Speakers exploring lessons for the Conservative Party from how our German colleagues have turned around the fortunes of the centre-right following their significant losses in the 2021 German Federal Elections. www.conservativeeuropeanforum.com



15.30 Centre for European Reform & Delegation of the EU to the UK

Hall 8a, Birmingham ICC

Working together to support Ukraine

James Cartlidge MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence (Invited)); Alicia Kearns MP (Shadow Minister, FCDO); Pedro Serrano (Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ambassador); Valerii Zaluzhnyi (Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ambassador (Invited)); Chaired by Charles Grant (Centre for European Reform, Director)

Russia's continuing assault on Ukraine poses the greatest threat to European security today, affecting the whole of the continent, including the United Kingdom. The European Union and the UK have worked together to impose costs on Russia through sanctions, and to supply military, economic and humanitarian support to Ukraine. What more does Ukraine need? What more should the EU and UK do? And what can they do to enhance their co-operation?



15.30 More in Common

Room 101, Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham

NIMBY or YIMBY: What lessons can be learned from the Conservative record on housing?

For much of the public, our housing model seems broken. Despite efforts from successive Conservative Governments to boost housing supply, this was met by huge political opposition to house building which proved hard to overcome, limiting supply side success. This panel will discuss the Conservatives' record on house building and what lessons can be learnt from the last 14 years.



15.45 Institute for Government & The Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place at the University of Liverpool

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What next for the Conservative party's approach to energy and net zero?

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero); Sam Hall (Conservative Environment Network, Director); Rosa Hodgkin (Institute for Government, Researcher);

Professor Karl Whittle (University of Liverpool, Professor of Zero Carbon and Nuclear Energy); Chaired by Jill Rutter (Institute for Government, Senior Fellow)

The UK has made significant progress in decarbonising its power supply under successive Conservative governments. However, the last parliament saw concerns raised by Conservative MPs about the potential costs of net zero. In the context of Labour's ambitious plans for clean power by 2030, how could the new Conservative opposition approach energy policy and net zero and constructively challenge the new Labour government on its plans?



16.00 Bright Blue with British Future, /together and Lloyds Bank Foundation

Executive Room 7, Birmingham ICC

After the riots: building a better integrated Britain

Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Security (Invited)); Sunder Katwala (British Future, Director); Brendan Cox (More in Common, Founder); Sonia Sodha (the Observer, Columnist (Invited)); Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair); Chaired by Matt Hyde (Lloyds Bank Foundation, Chief Executive)

Join Bright Blue, British Future, Lloyds Bank Foundation and /together to discuss how the riots that erupted across Britain over the summer can be prevented from happening again. This public panel event will explore how we can improve trust and relationships between different social groups to foster greater cohesion, and tackle political extremists that seek to divide communities and undermine mainstream politics.



16.00 UK in a Changing Europe and FullFact

Hall 11b, Birmingham ICC

Can the Conservative Party restore trust in British politics?

Polling consistently shows that faith in politicians and political institutions is at an all-time low. As the Conservative Party looks to rebuild from opposition under new leadership, we ask how important is it that MPs regain public trust? And what steps could they take to do so in an increasingly uncertain world?

16.00 **The Purpose Coalition and the University of Salford**

Dolce, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What role do universities have to play in public policy?

Government and universities need to work in partnership across society to deliver on key public policy missions. This event will explore the place of universities in policy development, and how they can play a role in tackling Britain's biggest social challenges.



16.30 **CapX**

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Boomer and bust? Building a Conservatism for the young

Reem Ibrahim (Institute of Economic Affairs, Communications Officer); Sam Bidwell (Adam Smith Institute, Director of The Next Generation Centre); Ruth Marvel (Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Chief Executive); Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent); Chaired by Joseph Dinnage (CapX, Deputy Editor)

Demographic trends are dragging the UK towards a future of lower growth and higher taxation. Meanwhile, a succession of Tory governments showered cash on pensioners while neglecting younger voters. So how can we build a Britain, and a conservatism, that works for young people? And if we don't what will the consequences be? Public panel – visit cps.org.uk for speakers.

16.30 **Popular Conservatism**

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

PopConversation

Dr David Starkey (N/A, Academic); Chaired by Mark Littlewood (Popular Conservatism, Director)

Join Mark Littlewood and Dr David Starkey to discuss the need for a future Conservative Government to undo the constitutional vandalism of both the present and previous Labour Governments.

16.30 **Conservative Environment Network**

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

The great debate: will free market environmentalism help or hinder environmental action?

Matthew Lesh (Institute of Economic Affairs, Director of Public Policy & Communications); Alys Denby (City A.M., Opinion & Features Editor); Tone Langengen (Tony Blair Institute, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate & Energy); Chaired by John Flesher (Conservative Environment Network, Deputy Director)

With the Labour government promising the creation of publicly-owned companies to boost clean energy and improve our transport infrastructure, the Conservatives need to propose a credible alternative to address voters' concerns. Could a renewed focus on unleashing the power of the free market help achieve this? Or would this put the environmental progress made under previous Conservative governments in jeopardy? Join us to debate.



16.30 **NHS Confederation and The King's Fund**

LOB101, Library of Birmingham

Making care closer to home a reality

Dr Layla McCay (NHS Confederation, Director of Policy); Sarah Woolnough (The King's Fund, Chief Executive); Jacob Lant (National Voices, Chief Executive); Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Chaired by Victoria McDonald (Channel 4 News, Health and Social Care Editor)

Better for patients and saving money in the long-term, there is cross-party and sector support for moving more care closer to home. What policy changes are needed to make it a reality?



16.45 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

The British Entrepreneur: leveraging entrepreneurship for growth

Jimmy McLaughlin OBE (Jimmy's Job of the Future , Chief Podcaster); Andrew Barclay (Onward, Policy Fellow); Debbie Woskwo OBE (Invest in Women Taskforce, Co-Chair (Invited)); Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology); Chaired by Shivani H Menon (Onward, Deputy Head of Research)

Unleashing entrepreneurship across the country is vital to overcoming the UK's sluggish growth and stagnant productivity. But cost, finance, and risk pressures are dissuading businesses from growing. This event will look at how the UK can host a more dynamic business environment.

17.00 The Spectator

Spectator - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

The Spectator: in conversation with a shadow cabinet minister

Join The Spectator's Editor Fraser Nelson and a shadow cabinet minister for an in-conversation event at Conservative Party Conference. Free drinks will be served.



17.00 Young Conservatives

Hall 8b, Birmingham ICC

Young Conservatives Reception

Join us for the Young Conservatives Reception, where you can network with like-minded peers over refreshments. It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and discuss the future of conservatism. This event is only open to Young Conservative Pass Holders.



17.15 BAE Systems

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

Future Challenges in Defence

James Cartledge MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence);

A one-to-one interview with the Shadow Secretary of State to discuss

priorities and challenges in defence and security.



17.30 Conservative Young Women and Blue Beyond

YouthZone, Birmingham ICC

Conservative Young Women and Blue Beyond: Closing Reception

Join us for an evening of drinks and interesting conversation about the future of the party and how we can get the Next Generation voting Conservative. We will be joined by special guests including leadership candidates, MPs and senior volunteers.



18.00 The Rt Hon John Whittingdale MP OBE

Castle Art Gallery, Birmingham ICC

Conservative Friends of Ukraine Reception

At the event we will hear from senior UK MPs and Ukrainian officials on the UK's strategic partnership with Ukraine and the plan for victory



18.00 KRG UK/Conservative Friends of Kurdistan

Soprano, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Friends of Kurdistan Region Drinks Reception

Join us at our annual conference reception for food, drink and speeches. Meet old friends and new as we celebrate the enduring friendship between the Kurdistan Region and the Conservative Party.



18.00 Centre for Policy Studies

CPS - Hall 4, Birmingham ICC

Launch Party: 'Kingmaker' by Sir Graham Brady

Rt Hon Graham Brady (President CFOT , Peer)

Invitation only. Enquiries to events@cps.org.uk.



Fringe Events.

18.00 The Conservative Party

Commercial Lounge, Birmingham ICC

Parliamentary Alumni Reception

Ticketed guests only



18.00 Conservative Action for Electoral Reform

Fortissimo, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Rebuilding the Conservative Voter Coalition

John Oxley (Joxley Writes, Consultant, Writer, and Broadcaster); Joe Twyman (Deltapoll, Co-Founder and Director); Chaired by Keith Best (Conservative Action for Electoral Reform, Chair)

Hear from polling experts and senior political consultants on how we rebuild a winning coalition of voters to win future elections in Westminster and our local communities. Enjoy a glass (or more) of wine as we discuss what happened to our Conservative voter coalitions during this election and how we can work around our political system and rebuild for the future. Open to all, drinks provided.



18.00 Royal National Institute of Blind People

Drawing Room, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

RNIB wine and cheese quiz

Join the Royal National Institute of Blind People for an eye-mazing conference quiz! Free wine, soft drinks and snacks provided! Spectacular prize for the winner.



18.00 RSPCA

Hall 11a, Birmingham ICC

RSPCA Beer and Curry Night

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative party, Shadow Defra Secretary of State (Invited)); Chris Sherwood (RSPCA, Chief Executive);

Join us to celebrate 200 years of the RSPCA as we bring back the famous 'beer and curry' night. Together we would like to explore our achievements for animal welfare as well as look at the challenges and opportunities going forward.



Fringe Events.

18.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with LGBT+ Conservatives

Conservative Home Marquee, Birmingham ICC

The Pride Reception – LGBT+ Conservatives in partnership with ConservativeHome

Chaired by Angus Parsad-Wyatt (ConservativeHome, Chief Executive)

Join the LGBT+ Conservatives for their annual Conference Drinks Reception, this year in partnership with ConservativeHome for the first time ever. Previous special guests have included Carrie Johnson, Penny Mordaunt and Georgia Toffolo. Join us for a special evening to celebrate the Party's successes – including our annual awards ceremony - and get ready for the LGBT+ Conservatives Closing Party. Special guests TBA.



18.00 Conservative Environment Network

Hall 7, Birmingham ICC

YC reception: how can we conserve our future?

Are you a young conservative who believes in protecting the environment? Then join us for some drinks and nibbles as we round off CEN's conference programme. It is a great opportunity to meet like-minded young conservatives, find out more about the opportunities available for young people at CEN, and pick up some merchandise.



18.00 More in Common

Meeting Rooms, Birmingham Rep

More in Common Annual Reception

More in Common's annual drinks reception brings together MPs, journalists and More in Common supporters at the Meeting Rooms, Birmingham Rep. Please note this event is invitation only. Guest speakers to be announced on the online programme.



Fringe Events.

18.15 Onward

Onward Marquee, Birmingham ICC

In Conversation with a Leadership Contender

Onward will host a series of one-to-one in conversation events with the four contenders for the Conservative Party leadership after the shortlisting to the final four has taken place.



18.15 Conservative Friends of India

Hall 11b, Birmingham ICC

Conservative Friends of India Panel

Panel Discussion and Q&A on The UK-India Special Relationship between the 5th & 6th largest global economies and the future developments. There will also be Q&A session for you to ask your questions to panelists - The High Commissioner of India, Shadow Cabinet Members and Parliamentarians from Both Houses.

18.30 ThinkTent

ThinkTent Marquee, Birmingham ICC

Private drinks reception



19.15 NIA

Hall 10b, Birmingham ICC

Past, Present, Future: Advancing Conservative Nuclear Energy Policy

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero); Andrew Bowie MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero); Tom Greatrex (NIA, CEO);

Every nuclear power plant currently operating in the UK has been delivered by a Conservative Government and together have generated more clean electricity than any other source in UK history. Join the Nuclear Industry Association (the civil nuclear industry's trade association) for a reception which recognises the progress made by the industry and looks to redefine Conservative energy policy over the coming years.



Fringe Events.

20.30 In partnership with Bloomberg

Sonata, Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Heads of Mission Reception

Drinks reception for Diplomatic Heads of Mission with Special guest speakers. By Invitation Only.



20.30 Conservative Friends of India

Hall 11, Birmingham ICC

Conservative Friends of India Reception

The Conservative Friends of India and The Indian High Commission Reception is one of the Party Conference highlights. With delicious Indian cuisine and drinks. Special Guest speakers will include the High Commissioner of India, Party Leadership Candidates, Members of the Shadow Cabinet and Parliamentarians from Both Houses.



20.30 The Conservative Party

Symphony Hall, Birmingham ICC

Midlands and Eastern Reception

Exclusively for members in the West Midlands, East Midlands and Eastern regions. Join your fellow regional members at our ever-popular reception. Ticketed guests only.



22.30 Green Alliance

Hall 11b, Birmingham ICC

Green Groups Reception

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Invited)); Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Invited)); Chaired by Shaun Spiers (Green Alliance, Executive Director)

Join Green Alliance, The Wildlife Trusts, National Trust, RSPB, WWF, Marine Conservation Society, CPRE, Woodlands Trust, Greenpeace, Uplift, Chester Zoo, The Nature Conservancy, WWT, Hope for the Future, and Wildlife & Countryside Link, for an evening reception as we head into the most important parliament yet for climate and nature.



07.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship

Wedgwood, Novotel Birmingham Central

Prayer Breakfast with Trussel Trust

All our welcome for breakfast and prayer hosted by a Christian charity bringing issues of concern to inform our prayers. A panel will also take place including MPs and Councillors. Do come and start the Conference day well, full of breakfast and prayer and fellowship - just 5 mins walk away from the ICC.



10.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Richard Fuller MP CBE (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party); Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP (Conservative Party, Opposition Chief Whip (Commons));

Priority access for Party Members and invited guests

10.30 The Conservative Party

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage - Overflow

Richard Fuller MP CBE (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party); Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP (Conservative Party, Opposition Chief Whip (Commons));

Priority access for Party Members and invited guests

10.30 The Adam Smith Institute

Executive Room 8, Birmingham ICC

'Next Generation Centre' panel

Alys Denby (Cap X, Journalist (Invited)); Noa Cohen (Next Gen Tories, Director - Media (Invited)); Baron Ross Kempell (Guido Fawkes, Member of the House of Lords (Invited)); Chaired by Sam Bidwell (Adam Smith Institute, Director of The Next Generation Centre (Invited))

At the last General Election, only 8% of 18-29 year olds voted Conservative, whilst the average age of a Conservative voter rose to 63. Within the next few years, the Party could cease to exist altogether.

Any serious attempt to rebuild the Party must focus on winning back young people.

Our 'Next Generation Centre' panel will discuss how we can re-engage young people in centre-right politics, and what policies we should be offering in order to tangibly improve their lives.

10.45 The Conservative Party

Hall 1, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage

Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Security); Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary); Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Conservative, MP); Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government);

Leadership Candidate Speeches

10.45 The Conservative Party

Hall 5, Birmingham ICC

Main Stage - Overflow

Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Security); Rt Hon James Cleverly MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary); Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Conservative, MP); Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing, Communities & Local Government);

Leadership Candidate Speeches

11.00 The Telegraph

Churchill Theatre, Birmingham ICC

The Daily T Live

Camilla Tominey (*The Telegraph*, Associate Editor (Invited)); Kamal Ahmed (*The Telegraph*, Director of Audio (Invited))

Join two of Britain's foremost journalists for a live recording of The Daily T podcast. Watch as they unpack the day's key talking points, with special guests and expert opinion.

Abha London



Abha London produces fine jewellery with cultured pearls, & gemstones set with gold/silver. Our exclusive contemporary range is designed by us and made in our London workshop. Bespoke enquires welcome. We offer pearl restringing, ring sizing and polishing services.

Stand 119

Animal Free Research UK



Animal Free Research UK is a solutions-focused charity that helps scientists replace animal experiments with human-specific technologies. We provide grants and practical support for scientists and work with policymakers to accelerate the transition to animal-free research. We champion better medical research to benefit animals, patients and science

Stand 45

BBC



The BBC is committed to delivering value to all, wherever you are in the UK.

Stand 42

Beyond2050



Hydrogen projects are already in operation and development in the UK, with growth set to accelerate over this Parliament. Official figures suggest by 2030, the sector could support over 12,000 jobs and unlock over £11 billion in private investment, rising to 100,000 jobs by 2050. The Hydrogen Zone includes partners from a range of sectors.

Stand 17

BP



BP has been headquartered in Britain for over a century. Mainly in oil and gas today, we're transforming into an integrated energy company, working on plans to expand our bp pulse EV charging network, and develop new offshore wind, solar, hydrogen and carbon capture projects while continuing to invest in North Sea oil and gas.

Stand 9

British Heart Foundation



The UK is in the grip of a heart care crisis. Too many people are living at risk of developing heart and circulatory diseases, waiting too long for potentially life-saving heart care or even dying prematurely. Our hearts need more. Discover how to help stop this crisis in its tracks.

Stand 110

Cancer Research UK



Cancer Research UK is the world's largest cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research. We want this Parliament to be a turning point for cancer so that everyone can live longer, better lives. Visit our stand to find out how you can help.

Stand 19

Carbon Capture & Storage Association



The CCSA is the trade association accelerating the commercial deployment of CCUS across the UK and Europe. With over 120 members, we work with governments, industry and other organisations to ensure CCUS is developed and deployed at the pace and scale necessary to meet net zero goals and deliver sustainable growth across regions and nations.

Stand 33

CityFibre



Serving millions of homes, millions more to come: CityFibre's full fibre network is already bringing next-generation connectivity to homes, businesses, and critical public services like schools and hospitals. We're also playing a key role in supporting the UK's 5G mobile rollout.

Stand 28

Conservative Environment Network



The Conservative Environment Network is the independent forum for conservatives in the UK and around the world who support net zero, nature restoration, and resource security.

We are a broad network united around shared principles, which brings conservatives together to debate environmental issues, find consensus, and promote market-based solutions.

Stand 46

Crisis



Crisis is the national charity for people facing homelessness. By working together, we can build a future free from homelessness. Visit us to understand homelessness in your area and the solutions needed so that everyone has a home, including more about our work with our partners Lloyds Banking Group.

Stand 52

Dementia UK



During the first year of the new Parliament, the number of people living with dementia in the UK will exceed one million. Visit us, the specialist dementia nursing charity, for information, support, and to find out how we can work together to ensure no one faces dementia alone.

Stand 3

Dignity in Dying



The UK urgently needs a safe, fair and compassionate assisted dying law, to prevent people suffering at the end of life. As the UK's leading campaign for assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults, Dignity in Dying supports a new law that provides compassionate choice for those who need it and improves protection for everyone.

Stand 21

Falkland Islands Government



Visit our stand to learn more about the Falkland Islands, a modern, diverse, and self-governing UK Overseas Territory. Discover how we protect our unique environment and biodiversity, including one million penguins, and learn more about our world leading work in science and the Falkland Islands strategic importance to the UK and her allies.

Stand 31

GB News



GB News is The People's Channel with a mission to include more non-metropolitan voices in the news media. It's working: some of our strongest audiences are in the Red Wall. We're the UK's fastest growing news channel, often beating Sky News and BBC News. We also have the fastest growing news website, news radio station, and news app in the country.

Stand 121

Global



The UK and Europe's largest Radio & Outdoor company, Global is home to market-leading media brands including Heart, Capital, LBC and Classic FM. Global is also a leading Outdoor company with over 253,000 sites reaching 95% of the UK population. On-air, on Global Player and via outdoor, Global reaches 51m individuals.

Stand 25

Google



Google is helping the UK harness the power of helpful new innovative technologies. Committing to improving people's lives and economic contribution through technology, AI presents an enormous opportunity to enhance the lives of individuals and businesses across the UK. We are committed to working together to help see that potential delivered.

Stand 18

Guide Dogs



Guide Dogs is here to help the two million people living with sight loss in the UK live the life they choose. Our expert staff, volunteers and life-changing dogs are here to help people with sight loss live actively, independently and well. Come along to learn about our campaigns to help people with a vision impairment live the life they choose.

Stand 29

Health Equals



Health Equals, the coalition campaigning to #MakeHealthEqual. Step into someone else's shoes in this unique participatory experience with the Empathy Museum. Explore how the world around us shapes our health – our homes, jobs and income as well as access to clean air, green space, and healthy food. Without these building blocks, lives are cut short

Stand 109

His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar



His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is happy to again support the Conservative Party Conference. Government officials will also be at the Gibraltar stand to meet as many friends as possible.

Stand 10

KRG UK



The official exhibition stand for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Come and chat to us about Kurdish culture and history, tourism to the region and investment opportunities.

Stand 36

LGB ALLIANCE



LGB Alliance is a registered charity that advances the interests of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and stands up for our right to live as same-sex attracted people without discrimination or disadvantage.

Stand 116

London Gatwick



London Gatwick is the UK's second largest airport and a vital piece of national infrastructure, supporting tens of thousands of jobs in the region. The airport has plans to be net zero by 2030 for Scope 1 and 2 emissions and to increase capacity by bringing its standby (Northern) Runway into routine use, with further action on carbon and noise.

Stand 20

Made in Britain



Leading trade organisation for UK manufacturers. We licence the official Made in Britain trademark, helping buyers to identify UK-made products, and our members to boost their sales at home and abroad. Together we're promoting economic, environmental and social value to bring sustainable growth for the British economy.

Stand 53

Malaria No More UK



We exist to make malaria no more. A child dies every minute from malaria - a preventable and treatable disease - but it doesn't have to be this way. We have the knowledge and tools to end it, what we need is the commitment. Together, we can save millions of lives.

Stand 47

Marie Curie



We are the UK's leading end of life charity. Visit us to learn about dying, death and bereavement in your area and discuss how we can fix end of life care. Marie Curie provides hospice care, support over the phone, and we push to change the system by campaigning and sharing research.

Stand 2

Movember



For 20+ years Movember have transformed the way we reach and support men. The Movember Institute of Men's Health elevates the profile of men's health with policymakers, focusing on men's mental health, prostate and testicular cancers, gender-responsive healthcare, and men's health literacy, combating preventable risk factors.

Stand 40

National Education Union



The National Education Union brings together more than 450,000 teachers, support staff and leaders, to form the largest education union in Europe. Visit the NEU's stand to find out why the new Government needs to invest in education and our children's futures.

Stand 30

National Grid



Over the next five years, National Grid will be investing over £30 billion to enable the UK's energy transition, upgrading our networks across England and Wales and connecting more clean power. Visit our stand to find out more and show your support for The Great Grid Upgrade.

Stand 26

NFU



Join the NFU and learn how British farmers are helping deliver on Britain's food security, looking after our cherished landscapes and contributing to the economy in your area. We invite you to taste cheese and apple juice and pledge your support to Back British farming.

Stand 14

Old Trafford Redevelopment



The stand shows the proposed redevelopment of the Old Trafford area, once the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. The team from Trafford Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Manchester United aim to redevelop the area into a thriving metropolitan hub for the 21st century centred around a new 100,000 seater Stadium of the North.

Stand 16

People's Postcode Lottery



Players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised over £1.3 billion for over 17,000 good causes. Visit our stand to find out what they have funded in your constituency.

Stand 4

PolicyMogul

PolicyMogul

PolicyMogul is transforming the way organisations and parliamentarians access political intelligence and impact legislation. It includes tools that make it easy to monitor, influence, and analyse parliament, government, and relevant policymakers.

Stand 44

Propertymark

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Propertymark is the UK's leading professional body for property agents with over 18,000 members representing over 12,800 branches. We campaign to raise standards for consumers who rent, buy, and sell property amongst professionals working in the sector. Visit us to discuss and learn about the reforms needed to solve the housing crisis.

Stand 41

RenewableUK



RenewableUK is a leading trade body championing renewable energy in the UK, representing over 450 member companies across the sector to drive innovation, jobs and investment in clean power for the future.

Stand 27a

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)

RNIB

RNIB is the leading sight loss charity in the UK. Visit our stand and take an unforgettable walk down Cane Street to further your understanding of the sight loss journey.

See differently

Stand 5

Sky News



We aim to be the best and most trusted place for news. Made by people who dare to challenge. Made for people who want clarity in an uncertain world. We take you to the heart of the stories that shape our world.

- We are bold
- We are rebellious
- We have a competitive spirit that drives us to be first and best
- We earn trust by behaving with integrity
- We are pioneers and innovators
- We celebrate success together
- We put people at the centre of everything

Stand 7

The Food and Drink Federation



The Food & Drink Federation (fdf) represents food and drink manufacturers in the UK — the UK's largest manufacturing sector, accounting for 23% of all manufacturing and contributing £38bn in GVA. Our members make the wide range of high-quality, delicious, nutritious, and affordable food and drink that people buy everyday.

Stand 11

Times Radio



Times Radio is the 24 hour radio station for The Times and The Sunday Times. It's available on DAB digital radio, via the free Times Radio app or on your smart speaker. We bring listeners the latest in breaking news, expert analysis and well-informed discussion on the biggest stories of the day.

Stand 26a

Transport for the North



Our vision is of a thriving North of England, where world class transport supports sustainable economic growth, excellent quality of life and improved opportunities for all. Join our panel event on how we can work together to deliver a transformed North of England and open up new economic growth opportunities through transport investment to boost the national economy. Together we can, and we will, Transform the North!

Stand 35

Waterstones



Join us for books and signings by some of the guest authors attending this year's conference.

Stand 117

Conservative Leadership candidates

The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP



Meet the team behind the Leadership candidate Kemi Badenoch and learn more about their campaign.

Stand 104

The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP



Meet the team behind the Leadership candidate James Cleverly and learn more about their campaign.

Stand 115

The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP



Meet the team behind the Leadership candidate Robert Jenrick and learn more about their campaign.

Stand 37

The Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP



Meet the team behind the Leadership candidate Tom Tugendhat and learn more about their campaign.

Stand 22

Party Stand

Campaign Toolkit
CPF
Digital Campaigning
Insights & VoteSource
LGBT+
Party Patrons
Police and Crime Commissioners
Young Conservatives

Party Stand

Conservative Friends of

Conservative Christian Fellowship and Jordanian Tourist Board



The CCF, an interdenominational fellowship, seeks to build a strong, relational bridge between the party and Christian community across the UK. The JTB, an independent, public-private sector partnership, is committed to reflect the true image of Jordan, being a cultural, natural, religious, adventurous, leisure and MICE destination. Visit Jordan!

Stand 108

Conservative Friends of India



The Joint Conservative Friends of India and The Indian High Commission Reception is one of the Party Conference highlights. With delicious Indian cuisine and drinks. Special Guest speakers will include the High Commissioner of India, Members of the Cabinet and Parliamentarians from Both Houses to celebrate the UK and India special relationship.

Stand 106

Conservative Friends of Israel



CFI works to promote its twin aims of supporting Israel and promoting Conservatism in the UK. CFI organises events in London, takes Conservative parliamentarians and candidates on delegations to Israel, campaigns hard for Tory candidates in target seats, and works to ensure that Israel's case is fairly represented in Parliament.

Stand 105

CFONHS



Conservative Friends of the NHS is one of the larger Conservative party affiliated groups. CFONHS is unique as it comprises NHS front-line workers including doctors and nurses, paramedics etc. CFONHS is actively supporting the conservative party in fundraising, campaigning, policy-making and in all other areas to promote the Conservative Party.

Stand 107

Conservative Friends of Pakistan



The Conservative Friends of Pakistan is dedicated to fostering an alliance between the Conservative Party, Pakistan, and the British Pakistani community. Our mission is to unite the British Pakistanis within the Conservative fold on the core principles of the Conservative Party, empower generations and having their voice heard.

Stand 103

Conservative Women



Uniting CCHQ Women's Engagement, the Conservative Women's Organisation, Conservative Young Women and Women2Win on one Conference stand - Conservative Women. Supporting women across our Party.

Stand 112



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Creating jobs
Boosting the economy
Supporting our communities
Investing in a net zero future
through regular use of our Northern Runway



Up to
14,000
new jobs



£1BN
added
economic value
every year



NET ZERO
by 2030
for scope 1 and
2 emissions



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We host a wide range of events throughout the year, providing accessible, engaging discussion of politics and policy.

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