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SUNDAY 3RD – WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2021

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Welcome

A massive welcome to our 2021 Conservative Party Conference. I am honoured to be your Conference host this year and delighted to extend a warm welcome to our Prime Minister Boris Johnson at this his third Conference as our Party Leader.

This has been another difficult year for many people, so I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the continued and loyal support you have given to our great Party throughout these extremely challenging times. The commitment you give week in week out does not go unnoticed. I would also like to thank everyone involved in the vaccine rollout which has allowed us to be here this week.

For those of you who are not able to be in Manchester, I am delighted you will be able to join us remotely, for this our first ever hybrid conference.

Although slightly different, most of this year’s Conference will be familiar to regular attendees. For those of you joining for the very first time, I hope you will have a great experience. As well as hearing key speeches and panel debates with leading figures in our Party, setting out our vision for the future, you will also be able to partake in Fringe events, do a spot of shopping at the marketplace, join training sessions and much, much more. There is so much to take advantage of, be it debate, discussion or the sharing of ideas. But above all I want you to have fun, make new friends and leave the Conference feeling inspired and reinvigorated, so please do make the most of it.
I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to those dedicated individuals who have organised our Conference in these challenging times; the Conference Committee, the CCHQ team led by David Comerford, Kate Jenkins OBE of Blueway and all the professional staff who help everything run smoothly.

My final thanks go to you, the members who ensure our Party is ready for whatever challenges may be ahead of us. I wish you all an enjoyable Conference.

Best wishes to you all.

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Debbie Toon MBE
President of the National Conservative Convention
Welcome Back

Thank you to Manchester for once again hosting our Conference, and welcome to our Conservative family, who are back together after the difficult times we have come through.

I pay tribute to our members throughout our nation who have given so much service to their local communities during the health crisis – helping friends and neighbours, the elderly and those less able to look after themselves. I have seen first hand the work of our volunteers, and I applaud everything you have done. Thank you.

After the last two years, we now finally meet again, and even if you are not with us in person I hope that you are connected with your friends and colleagues by our virtual offering. This week we will explore how our government will continue to lead us out of the crisis, and how our volunteers can further build our voluntary party to achieve even greater future success.

This is my first conference as chairman of the National Convention, and I offer my personal thanks to those who gave me their support in the recent Convention election. I will repay that support by working flat out for our voluntary party.

I also wish to pay tribute to my predecessor Lord Sharpe of Epsom for his calm and steady leadership, which carried us through both our election success in 2019 and through the difficult COVID times. Thank you Andrew for your leadership and friendship.

I am lucky to be working with our new and experienced officer team. Our President and Conference Chairman Debbie Toon MBE has put in much work planning this comeback Conference. Our established Vice Presidents, Andrew Colborne–Baber and Gotz Mohindra, are joined by Fleur Butler. They are a
formidable team. I am proud to be working with this talented team. We are all committed to serving our national voluntary team – which together achieves so much.

We must all continue to build our voluntary party and make sure that we reflect modern Britain. I ask you to be welcoming to new members from all backgrounds. The strength and enduring nature of our Conservative Party has always been that we are a party for all.

Finally, I want to thank our volunteers, who have kept our party going during these difficult times. You have invented new ways of keeping in contact with our members and the electorate. You have continued to fundraise, and when permitted you have continued to pound the streets and pick up phones to get across our positive Conservative message.

We the volunteers do this because we believe that our Conservative Party continues to reflect our country, and is best placed to serve our great United Kingdom.

Thank you for everything, and enjoy Manchester.

Peter Booth
Chairman of the National Conservative Convention
You can find the latest information on all Conference events on our website conservatives.com/conference.

You can also download our App. Visit the Google Play or Apple App Store and search for ‘Conservative Party Conference’.

**Accreditation Office**

Situated in The Edwardian Manchester: A Radisson Collection Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester M2 5GP.

Tel: 0207 984 8184.

Open during the following times:

- **Friday 1st October**
  10.00 – 17.00

- **Saturday 2nd October**
  10.00 – 21.00

- **Sunday 3rd October**
  08.00 – 22.00

- **Monday 4th October**
  07.00 – 22.00

- **Tuesday 5th October**
  07.00 – 22.00

- **Wednesday 6th October**
  07.00 – 13.00

**Admission to Secure Area**

Access to the Midland Hotel for residents and non-residents will only be allowed from 16.00 on Saturday 2nd October. The restaurant and general bar areas will be fully functional from this time. Manchester Central will open to delegates at 12.00 noon on Sunday 3rd October. Entry to both the Midland Hotel and Manchester Central is via the main search channel on the forecourt of Manchester Central via Mount Street. At peak times it is advisable to allow additional time to go through the search channel. Luggage is not allowed into the secure zone at any time except for residents of the Midland Hotel.

**Balloons**

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

**Best Stand Award**

This award is presented to the Exhibitor that shows the most flair and innovation in exhibiting and demonstrating their products or services. All Exhibitors will be entered into our annual Best Stand competition.

**Blue Room**

The invite-only lounge for Treasurers Guests, located in Charter 2 in Manchester Central. This is exclusively for invited club members. If you are interested in becoming a member of a donor
Conference Security Passes

Admission to the secure area is only available to those with a valid Conference security 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 security pass please report to the Accreditation Office at the Edwardian Hotel immediately.

Councillors’ Lounge

Our Councillors’ Lounge is located at the beginning of Matthew Parker Street on the exhibition floor. All councillors are welcome and can collect their pass to access the lounge by visiting the CCA desk which is in conjunction with the lounge.

COVID–19

We all have a responsibility to keep each other safe at this year’s Conference. Whilst the success of the vaccine programme has provided us with the opportunity to meet in–person this year, we all must take steps to stop the spread of COVID–19.

Before You Arrive

We encourage all attendees to take a free Lateral Flow Test before they
travel to Conference. You must not attend Conference if you test positive or if you have any of the following symptoms:

- **High temperature**
- **New, continuous cough**
- **Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

If you have any of these symptoms or your Lateral Flow Test is positive, please take a PCR test and stay at home, self–isolating until you receive your PCR test result. You can book a PCR test at www.gov.uk/get–coronavirus–test. If your PCR test result is Negative, you may attend Conference as normal, following the measures below.

**Entry**

To help ensure a safe Conference, we are encouraging all attendees to have an up– to–date NHS COVID Pass which provides evidence of one of the following:

- Double vaccination at least two weeks prior
- A recent negative lateral flow or PCR test result (valid for 48 hours from result)
- Natural immunity shown by a positive PCR test result within the last 180 days (following completion of the self–isolation period)

Please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus–covid–19/covid–pass/ which will provide full details on how to obtain an NHS COVID Pass.

In light of the Government’s recent announcement that COVID status certification will not be mandatory at this point, you will not be asked to show your NHS COVID Pass at the entrance.

**Testing**

We encourage attendees to take free Lateral Flow Tests while they are at Conference. You can order free lateral flow tests to your home at www.gov.uk/order–coronavirus–rapid–lateral–flow–tests. There are also testing sites within Manchester City Centre.

**At Conference**

We have worked with all our partners this year to ensure inside Conference is a safe environment. You will notice hand sanitizer stations available for delegates to use, as well as enhanced cleaning regimes across all event rooms and catering areas. Event rooms at both venues, and outside in the marquees, will also be properly ventilated.

You can view further details on the venue’s COVID–19 measures at www.manchestercentral.co.uk/your–venue–safety.
Facemasks

We encourage attendees to wear facemasks in crowded and enclosed areas where you come into contact with people you don’t usually meet.

What to do if you feel unwell

If you feel unwell or develop COVID–19 symptoms during Conference, please contact our COVID Support line on 020 7984 8179. One of our team will provide support on what to do next.

Exhibition

Open during the following times:

- Sunday 3rd October 12:00 – 18:00
- Monday 4th October 09:00 – 18:00
- Tuesday 5th October 09:00 – 18:00
- Wednesday 6th October 09:00 – 13:00

Situated in the Central Hall. The Exhibition office can be found to the right, just before you enter Central Hall. The team here will be able to help you with any queries you may have with regards to the Exhibition.

Facilities for Disabled Visitors

There is ramp access to both Manchester Central and the Midland Hotel. There are ramps or lifts to allow access to all areas of Manchester Central. Tactile signage is fitted in most washrooms and lifts. Within the Midland Hotel, the Octagon Lounge and the Alexandra Suite are accessible by wheelchair lifts. Accessible toilets can be found within the Octagon Lounge and on the first floor. All lifts are fitted with tactile signage and vocal announcements. Wheelchairs are available from the Concierge. The Stanley Suite is not accessible by wheelchair.

A radio–based fire alarm warning and messaging system is in place at Manchester Central. There will be an induction loop area in the main Conference Hall, please adjust your hearing aid to position T. There will be BSL interpreters for all major events held in the Studio and Exchange Hall.

Mobility Scooters

We are pleased to offer complimentary mobility scooters. These scooters are suitable for users up to 136kg (300lbs) in weight. To book a mobility scooter please email Kate Jenkins, katejenkins@blueway.co.uk
First Aid

**Manchester Central**

First Aid posts are clearly marked throughout the venue. If you require medical assistance, please notify venue stewards or ring 0161 827 7617 giving the exact location of the casualty and details of injuries or illness. A first aider will be sent to the location as soon as possible. A first aid point is located in Central Hall from 09.00 – 18.00.

**Midland Hotel**

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

**Independent Street**

Independent Street is situated on the exhibition floor on Matthew Parker Street. Showcasing some of the best Northern artisans, makers and small independent businesses.

**International Lounge**

Our International Lounge is open to all our International Guest pass holders. Located at the far end of Central Hall, and open daily 09.00 – 17.00, here you can hold meetings and attend events put on by the International Department at CCHQ.

Left Luggage

From Sunday 3rd October to Tuesday 5th October please do not bring any luggage bags or suitcases into the secure zone as there is no left luggage facility on these days. On Wednesday 6th there will be a left luggage facility in the Accreditation Office, located at the Edwardian Hotel. You can store your luggage here from 8am until 2pm on Wednesday 6th October. This service is provided free of charge.

**Literature distribution and posters**

The Conservative Party has partnered with Goldkey Media this year to distribute literature within the secure zone. If you would like to book a slot to promote your fringe event, please email conference@conservatives.com. Unauthorised fly posting will not be tolerated at either venue within the island site. This includes both external and internal areas of the complex. Any unauthorised material will be removed.

**Lost Property**

Enquiries regarding lost property should be at the reception desk in Manchester Central.
Parliamentary Lounge
Located in the Gallery of Manchester Central, the Parliamentary lounge can be accessed via Parliament Street through the exhibition hall, this is a parliamentary lounge where parliamentarians can work and book meeting space.

Party Zone
The Party Zone located at the end of Parliament Street, contains affiliated Conservative groups and CCHQ departments, showcasing the work of Conservative Party Members across the country and internationally.

Prayer/Quiet Room
There is a dedicated prayer/quiet room located by Exchange Auditorium, please ask Manchester Central staff for directions when you arrive.

Protest March
Several planned protests will take place throughout Conference. A potentially sizeable protest will take place on Sunday 3rd October. There may be disruption to local travel services at this time. Please allow extra time for journeys to and from the secure zone between 11.00 – 16.00 on Sunday 3rd October.

Reception & Information
Conference reception and information is located at the Manchester Central Concierge desk as soon as you arrive at the venue. The reception will have both, Manchester Central staff and CCHQ Volunteers, whom will be able to assist you on getting directions around the Conference and answer any questions you may have. The information and reception desk will be staffed daily from 08.30 – 21.30.

Royal Mail
The Royal Mail Group will have a daily postal collection at 18:00 from their Stand No. 94 in Central Hall, except Sunday.

Smoking
Smoking, including e–cigarettes, is not permitted anywhere within Manchester Central or the Midland Hotel.

Taxis
Taxis can be booked through Mantax on 0161 230 3333. All black cabs in Manchester have disabled access. The nearest taxi drop off/collection point is on Peter Street outside the Edwardian Hotel. There are also taxi ranks nearby at the Northern Square. These are all marked on the Manchester City Centre Map.
Hotels:
1. Hilton Manchester Deansgate
2. Ibis Manchester Centre
3. Jurys Inn Manchester
4. Mercure Manchester Piccadilly
5. Novotel Manchester Centre
6. The Edwardian Manchester
7. Kimpton Clocktower Hotel

A. Manchester Central (Secure)
B. The Midland Hotel (Secure)
Key:
- Secure Island Site Zone
- NCP car park
- Temporary disabled parking bays - need to pre-book
- On-street parking for disabled drivers
- Taxi pick up / drop off point near Conference venue
- Taxi ranks
- Metrolink*
- Free bus Route 1**

Please note:
Closest tram stop to the conference venue is St Peter’s Square

Follow @OfficialTfGM for live travel updates

Conference 2021: What’s On?
8:10 AM DEMOS AND SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH VOLUNTEERING

Chamber Space, Elliot House, 151 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 3WD
STRONGER TOGETHER: PUTTING VOLUNTEERING AT THE HEART OF BUILDING BACK BETTER

Danny Kruger MP – Member of Parliament, Matt Hyde – CEO of Scouts and co-chair of Shaping the Future with Volunteering, Catherine Johnstone – CEO of Royal Voluntary Service and co-chair of Shaping the Future with Volunteering, Polly Mackenzie – CEO – Demos

Join an expert panel to explore lessons from the pandemic and how we can embrace volunteering as a key part of our national recovery. Breakfast provided.

10:30 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH CRACK THE CRISES

Rochdale Suite, Jury’s Inn, 56 Great Bridgewater St, Manchester, M1 5LE
IN CONVERSATION WITH ANDREW MITCHELL MP

Chair: Anushka Asthana – Deputy Political Editor – ITV News, The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP – Former International Development Secretary

What are the most significant threats to continued Conservative electoral success? Join us at the start of this year’s Party Conference for reflections from the former Chief Whip and International Development Secretary.

11:00 AM YC GROUP

Charter 4

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

A reception for Young Conservatives attending Conference for the first time. Party Members Only.

12:00 PM DARTFORD YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

HOW DOES LEVELLING UP RELATE TO COVID ECONOMIC RECOVERY? WITH DARTFORD YC

Gareth Davies MP, Member of Parliament for Grantham and Stamford, Peter Gibson MP, Member of Parliament for Darlington, James Daly MP, Member of Parliament for Bury North, George Holt, Parish Councillor for Longfield & New Barn

Join Dartford YC and guests for a discussion on how ‘Levelling Up’ as we emerge from COVID.

12:30 PM THE TELEGRAPH

PLMR Business Hub

CHOPPER’S POLITICS LIVE: CAMILLA TOMINEY IN CONVERSATION WITH SPECIAL GUEST

An exclusive opportunity to join Camilla Tominey, The Telegraph’s associate editor for a live recording of Chopper’s Politics podcast with a special guest. A must-attend event blending no-nonsense interview, sharp political analysis and insider gossip. Expect good humour, straight talking, and an opportunity to grill our guest yourself in our live Q&A!
12:30 PM PPP

**PPP Lounge**

**HOW DO WE DRIVE SOCIAL CARE REFORM?**

*Paul Bristow MP – Member of Parliament – Peterborough, Rt Hon Damian Green MP – Member of Parliament – Ashford, Jane Ashcroft – Chief Executive – Anchor Hanover, Daniel Casson – Digital Development Executive – Care England, Catherine Johnstone CBE – CEO – Royal Voluntary Service*

Public interest in social care has risen during the course of the pandemic – and rightly so. However, a social care crisis remains ever present with voices from across the sector putting forward the case for government to deliver tangible reform. What roles do infrastructure and funding play in supporting the long–term sustainability of the sector, and what needs to be done to build a highly skilled and professional workforce? With case study inputs from our partners Anchor Hanover, the panel will look to identify how government can drive reform, supporting people to maintain their independence while being best prepared for all possible challenges within ageing and care.

What are the opportunities for ‘levelling up’ that are associated with expanding the UK’s hydrogen economy? This event explores whether hydrogen can play a greater role in home heating and transport.

1:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH CADENT GAS

**Central 6**

**GREENER GAS? THE ROLE OF HYDROGEN IN OUR NET ZERO ECONOMY**

*Alexander Stafford MP – Member of Parliament – Rother Valley, Alexandra Jezeph – Non–executive Director – Bright Blue, Dr Michaela Kendall – CEO – Adelan, Amer Gaffar – Director – Manchester Fuel Cell Innovation Centre – Manchester Metropolitan University*

What are the opportunities for ‘levelling up’ that are associated with expanding the UK’s hydrogen economy? This event explores whether hydrogen can play a greater role in home heating and transport.

1:00 PM SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVES

**Exchange 10**

**SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST PARTY FRINGE**

Douglas Ross MP MSP welcomes members to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party fringe event.

1:00 PM CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TAXATION / INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES

**Exchange 1**

**CIOT AND IFS DEBATE: A WEALTH TAX TO HELP PAY FOR COVID?**

*Emma Chamberlain – Wealth Tax Commissioner – Chartered Institute of Taxation, Helen Miller – Deputy Director – Institute for Fiscal Studies, John Barnett – Event Chair – Chartered Institute of Taxation, Felicity Buchan MP – Member of Parliament – Kensington*

1:00 PM HEALTH FOUNDATION

**Exchange 2–3 Combined**

**HEALTH FOUNDATION**
1:00 PM RESOLUTION FOUNDATION

**Chart 3**

**CAN CONSERVATIVES BE LOVED IN THE SOUTH WHILE ‘LEVELLING UP’ THE NORTH?**

Andy Street – Mayor of the West Midlands – Rt Hon David Willetts – Minister for – Universities and Science

The Government’s ‘levelling up’ is attempting to close Britain’s deep-rooted prosperity gaps. But how can this welcome ambition translate into policies that will make a difference to people’s lives?

1:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH UNIONS21

**Rochdale Suite, Jury’s Inn, 56 Great Bridgewater St, Manchester, M1 5LE**

**LOCAL TIES? BUILDING BETTER, HAPPIER WORKFORCES IN KEY PUBLIC SERVICES**

Chair: Ryan Shorthouse – Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Dean Rogers – Director of Industrial Strategy – Society and College of Radiographers, Paul Whiteman – National Association of Head Teachers

This discussion will focus on how to improve recruitment and retention in key public services such as schools and hospitals.

1:30 PM YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

**Young Conservatives’ Stand**

**SETTING UP A YC GROUP – DROP–IN SESSION**

Drop–in session with the Youth Engagement Team on how to set up a group and best practise.

1:30 PM CEN, SUSTAIN, PASTURE–FED LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION AND CONSORTIUM FOR LABELLING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ANIMAL WELFARE AND REGENERATIVE FARMING (CLEAR)

**Central 3 & 4**

**WHERE NEXT FOR ENGLISH FARMING?**

Victoria Prentis MP – Minister of State Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Sam Hall – Director – Conservative Environment Network, Martin Lines – UK Chair – Nature Friendly Farming Network, Vicki Hird – Head of Sustainable Farming – Sustain the alliance for better food and farming, Chris Loder MP – Member of Parliament – West Dorset

Brexit has given us a once–in–a–generation opportunity to design a farming policy that is considerably better than what we had under the EU. How can we support farmers to restore nature on their land, reduce their emissions, and use fewer costly chemicals, while producing nutritious food? And how can we improve food labelling so that consumers can make more environmentally–friendly food choices?
2:00 PM CPS

The Centre for Policy Studies

TAKING STOCK: WHAT DOES CONSERVATISM MEAN IN 2021?


The past decade has witnessed huge political and economic changes domestically, and internationally. It has also seen a transformation in the policies and priorities of the Conservative Party – and of its electoral base. So what does it mean to be a conservative today, and what should the Government be doing to fulfil that vision?

2:30 PM PLMR

PLMR Business Hub

PLMR BUSINESS HUB LOUNGE

PLMR Business Hub pass holders will be able to book and host meetings at PLMR’s Business Hub, which includes: Free tea and coffee, Complimentary copies of The Telegraph, WiFi, dedicated working stations and Charging facilities. For more information please contact: conference@plmr.co.uk

2:30 PM EPI

Central 8

REDUCING STRESSORS AND ADVERSE EXPERIENCES FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE


Young people in severe adversity or disadvantage in the state secondary school system are disproportionately at risk of being excluded or entering alternative provision. Ahead of the upcoming behaviour management consultation results, this event will discuss how to frame discussions around behaviour and embed positive change for young people post–pandemic, with contributions from the Integrated network.

2:45 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS & THE TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee

BOOM OR BUST: THE ECONOMY IN A POST–PANDEMIC WORLD

Michael Denham – Matthew Lynn – Soumaya Keynes – Journalist – The Economist, Annabel Denham – Director of Communications – Institute of Economic Affairs

The state has provided an unprecedented level of support for the economy. Wages subsidised, business loans completely underwritten, the bill falling on future taxpayers. How do we grow the economy, create jobs and generate revenue to help cover the cost of coronavirus? Can the rise in home working be a driving force behind economic recovery?
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SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

3:00 PM CONSERVATIVEHOME

Central 5

CONSERVATIVEHOME IN CONVERSATION WITH JIHYUN PARK, SPONSORED BY THORNCLIFFE

Hear the remarkable story of Jihyun Park – who was born and brought up in North Korea, twice risked her life to escape the Communist dictatorship, and eventually found sanctuary in the UK. This year she made history as the first North Korean to stand for democratic election in this country, as a Conservative council candidate in Bury.

3:00 PM CEN

Central 3 & 4

HOW SHOULD THE UK CHALLENGE CHINA ON CLIMATE CHANGE?

Richard Graham MP – Gloucester – Member of Parliament, James Rogers – Co-founder and Director of Research – Council on Geostrategy

As the world’s largest CO2 emitter and the largest manufacturing economy, how can we engage with China on environmental challenges like biodiversity loss and climate change?

3:00 PM POLICY EXCHANGE

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4

DEMOCRACY UNDER THREAT: WHY WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTEGRITY OF UK ELECTIONS

Chloe Smith MP – Member of Parliament – Norwich North

3:00 PM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES NETWORKING

An opportunity to meet YCs from across the UK, share ideas, discuss topics of interest and collaborate.

3:00 PM CONSERVATIVEHOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RIBA, RTPI, RICS AND CIOB

ConservativeHome Marquee

ENSURING PLANNING REFORM DELIVERS GREAT HOMES AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Christopher Pincher MP – Member of Parliament – Tamworth, Andrew Forth – Head of Policy and Public Affairs – Royal Institute of British Architects, Dr Wei Yang – Chairman – Royal Town Planning Institute, Paul Nash – President – Chartered Institute of Building, Charlotte Neal – Director of Surveying Standards – RICS

Chris Pincher, the Housing Minister, joins an eminent panel drawn from the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Town Planning Institute, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and the Chartered Institute of Building for a topical discussion on the direction and nature of planning reform.

3:15 PM PPP

PPP Lounge

WHAT IS LIFE SCIENCES’ ROLE IN LEVELLING UP THE UK?

Emlyn Samuel – Director of Policy – Cancer Research UK, Rt Hon Chris Skidmore MP – Member of Parliament – Kingswood, Nicola Blackwood–Bate – Healthcare/Social care
The UK Life Sciences industry is truly geo-independent, and offers huge employment and investment potential right across the UK. How do we take maximum advantage of this to move away from a South East monopoly on investment?

This panel of experts will debate how can we ensure the UK is at the forefront of developing and launching life changing innovation and level-up the country.

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**3:30 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH TRADES UNION CONGRESS**

**Exchange 1**

**LEVELLING UP WORK: EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS IN 2020S BRITAIN**


This event will debate how to improve both the quantity and quality of jobs after the pandemic, especially in so-called ‘left-behind’ areas.

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**3:30 PM ASCL, NAHT AND NEU**

**Exchange 10**

**HOW DO WE FUND AND DELIVER AN EDUCATION SYSTEM AND RECOVERY PLAN THAT FULLY SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Mary Bousted – General Secretary – National Education Union, Geoff Barton – General Secretary – Association of School and College Leaders, Paul Whiteman – General Secretary – National Association of Head Teachers
3:30 PM CCHQ OUTREACH

Exchange 4–5 Combined

2022: ENGAGING WITH LONDON’S COMMUNITIES TO WIN

Join us as we reflect how we can build on the success of the 2021 Mayoral Elections, and look ahead to 2022. We will be discussing how the party can engage with London’s communities to build support and ensure that we are representing each and every Londoner across our City.

3:30 PM THE ASSOCIATION FOR CONSULTANCY AND ENGINEERING (ACE) AND ARCADIS

Exchange 11

LEVELLING UP BRITAIN’S LEFT BEHIND COMMUNITIES

Peter Hogg – London City Executive and UK Cities Director, Partner – Arcadis LLP, Ruth Jeffs – Regional Director – Waterman Infrastructure and Environment Ltd, Gavin Barwell – Baron Barwell of Croydon, Daniel Cochlin – Media/Journalism – The Northern Powerhouse Partnership

Join ACE and Arcadis, along with prominent parliamentary and local government speakers for a discussion on the role of infrastructure as part of the Government’s plan to level up the UK. Learn more about the work of our levelling up taskforce, chaired by Arcadis, and contribute to its forthcoming report on infrastructure stock in left behind places. We will explore what Levelling Up means in practice and how the challenges and opportunities differ across the country, from coastal communities to post–industrial areas and rural places to cities.

3:30 PM CAPX

The Centre for Policy Studies

CAPX LIVE: WHAT DOES LEVELLING UP MEAN?

Bim Afolami MP – Member of Parliament – Hitchin and Harpenden, Gareth Davies MP – Member of Parliament – Grantham, Stamford, Bourne & surrounding local villages, Dehenna Davison MP – Member of Parliament – Bishop Auckland, Alys Denby – Journalist – CapX, Alexander Stafford MP – Member of Parliament – Rother Valley, Virginia Crosbie MP – Member of Parliament – Ynys Môn

Boris Johnson vowed that his government would ‘level up’, helping regions which have been left behind to catch up and ensure equal opportunities across the country. But beyond the slogan, what does it really mean? CapX has assembled some of the brightest voices on the Conservative benches to share their views and priorities.

3:30 PM SHELTER AND CPRE

Exchange 2–3 Combined

WILL THE PLANNING BILL DELIVER THE HOMES WE NEED?

Lucy Fisher – Deputy Political Editor – The Daily Telegraph, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP – Member of Parliament – Newark, Polly Neate – Chief Executive – Shelter, Tom Fyans – Director of Campaigns and Policy – CPRE The Countryside Charity

The government is planning the biggest upheaval to the planning system in a generation. How will Ministers ensure that genuinely affordable homes, such as social housing, in the right areas are delivered.
**Central 7**

**MANCHESTER CONSERVATIVES: HOW CAN WE LEVEL UP**

Stephen Woods – Chairman – Altrincham Community Media (Radio Alty), Damian Flanagan – Arts/Culture – Self-employed, Alex Bramham – Tech – Self-employed, Christian Wakeford MP – Member of Parliament – Bury South

How can we show that the Conservative Party vision of Levelling Up can make a decisive impact here in Manchester and once and for all transform the political fortunes of the Conservative Party in the city? In this session, we will delve into many aspects of “levelling up”, not just in terms of north–south inequalities, but also in terms of the problems associated in spreading opportunities and growth more evenly between booming city centres and left–behind inner suburbs. We will discuss the unique problems affecting investment in the property sector in Manchester and the pressures placed on individual identity and representation in a city bereft of diversity in the city’s political landscape. Can the Conservative Party truly “level up” not just the opportunities afforded to ordinary Mancunians, but also change the role that Manchester plays in the national political conversation? The panel will discuss how we turn the vision into meaningful change.

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**Exchange 8**

**A RESILIENT SOCIETY: PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Lord John Bird – Founder – The Big Issue, Simon Fell – Member of Parliament – Barrow & Furness, Nicolle Moyo – Councillor – Peterborough City, Rt Hon David Willetts – Minister for Universities and Science, Catarina Tully – Founder – School of International Futures (SOIF)

As the UK emerges from the COVID crisis, attention is, rightly, focused on the recovery from the pandemic. However, there are a number of social, economic and environmental challenges – such as the impact of climate change, the development of emerging technologies, and addressing poverty and inequality – that demand coherent, long term policy responses. Decisions taken today on these problems will affect not just those living today but future generations to come. But how can the needs of those yet to be born be effectively understood, represented, and weighed against the needs of the present? This panel event will examine how policymakers can respond to this question, exploring a range of proposals for embedding long–term thinking in politics such as a Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill and Intergenerational Impact Assessments.
3:30 PM DIGITAL TORIES WITH THE HENRY JACKSON SOCIETY AND NEWS UK

Exchange 6–7 Combined

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY ONLINE
Poppy Wood – Senior Advisor – Reset, Damian Collins MP – Member of Parliament – Folkestone and Hythe, Dr Alan Mendoza – Executive Director – The Henry Jackson Society, Pierre Andrews – Senior Parliamentary Assistant to Damian Collins MP – The Hon George Brandis QC – High Commissioner to the UK – Australian High Commission, David Dinsmore – Chief Executive Officer – News UK

The internet, when it first emerged, looked like a tool for unlimited freedoms: freedom of information, freedom of expression, freedom to innovate... yet the last few years have shown it may not be as clear cut. Should a small group of Silicon Valley–based tech giants get to decide who says what, or who sees what? Should we allow respected news publications to get cut off? How can we protect the UK from countries who use the internet to strategically oppose us? Drinks sponsored by News UK.

3:30 PM CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Stanley Suite

LORD SHARPE & ANDREW COLBORNE–BABER RECEPTION

Former Chairman of the National Convention, Lord Sharpe of Epsom OBE and former President of the National Convention, Andrew Colborne–Baber will be hosting a drinks reception for Party members (strictly by invitation only).

4:00 PM TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee

TPA QUESTION TIME

The BBC’s Question Time may be reluctant to allow a variety of views on their panels – but the TaxPayers’ Alliance isn’t! Join us for a topical discussion with guests from the world of politics and the media – from all across the political spectrum – for a proper debate about what’s going on in the world.

4:00 PM ONWARD

Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester, M2 5GP

ONE STEP BACK, TWO STEPS FORWARD: HOW TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER THE PANDEMIC?
Jonathan Gullis MP – Member of Parliament – Stoke–on–Trent North, Rachael Saunders – Education and Policy Director – Speakers for Schools

The pandemic has had a dramatic impact on younger generations. Children have faced thousands of hours of lost learning, while the labour market has become increasingly competitive for school leavers. This panel will discuss what more can be done to support aspiration and opportunity to young people, particularly for the most disadvantaged or vulnerable.
4:30 PM CEN AND WWF–UK

Central 3 & 4
FINANCING NATURE: RESTORING OUR GREATEST ECONOMIC ASSET
Katie White – Charity/NGO – WWF–UK, Guy Opperman MP – Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion

At the start of this year, a landmark report commissioned by Treasury Ministers set out how to use markets to reverse the decline of the natural world and put nature on the national balance sheet. So what is required next to scale up private finance for nature? Our expert panel will consider a range of market–based solutions to nature loss, grappling with one of the most pressing challenges to our future prosperity.

4:30 PM POLICY EXCHANGE

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4
THE GREAT REBALANCING: HOW DO WE SHIFT POST–18 EDUCATION BACK TOWARDS A MORE VOCATIONAL FOCUS?
David Goodhart – Head of Demography, Immigration & Integration – Policy Exchange, Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP – Secretary of State for Education

5:00 PM CONSERVATIVE YOUNG WOMEN

Youth Zone
CYW VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH SPECIAL GUEST

5:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW SOCIAL COVENANT UNIT SPONSORED BY NATIONWIDE

Central 5
TRUSTING THE PEOPLE: A MISSION FOR OUR PARTY IN POWER
The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP – Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations – Nick Timothy – Columnist – Daily Telegraph, Claire Coutinho MP – Member of Parliament – East Surrey, Danny Kruger MP – Member of Parliament – Devizes

Join us for the launch of a new book authored by a group of Conservative MPs newly elected in 2019, arguing for a ‘community power’ revolution to build better places, transform public services and grow the economy. Wine and beer provided.

5:00 PM CPS

The Centre for Policy Studies
WHAT IS THE CONSERVATIVES AGENDA FOR WELFARE?

These last 18 months have seen welfare policy move to the forefront of the debate, with the implementation of unprecedented measures to support workers and businesses. Now, looking beyond the pandemic and its impact, this panel will explore what the Government can do to improve the welfare system, and boost public support for it.
How do we fund and deliver an education system and recovery plan that fully supports children and young people?

Sunday 3 October, 3.30pm to 5pm
Exchange 10, Manchester Central

Speakers
Dr Mary Bousted, Joint General Secretary, National Education Union
Geoff Barton, General Secretary, Association of School and College Leaders
Paul Whiteman, General Secretary, National Association of Head Teachers

LGBT+ CONS @ CPC2021

Join us this year at one of our events, or at our stand in the secure zone.

2 OCT
Curry with Currie @ 7pm, Manchester (Members only)

5 OCT
Pride & Politics @ 3:30pm, Lancaster Suite (Secure)

5 OCT
The Pride Reception with Stonewall @ 6pm, The Tea Rooms (Secure)

5 OCT
LGBT+ Conservatives Closing Party @ 9pm, Cruz101 (Free Entry)

Plus Secure Zone Stand • Queeries Genius Bar • Pledge Boards
Edwina Currie • Mike Freer MP • Nicola Richards MP • Flora Coleman Nancy Kelley • Andrew Boff AM • Emma Best AM • Crispin Blunt MP and more
Sunday 3 October – Fringe Events

5:00 PM ConservativeHome in Partnership with the Federation of Master Builders and OVO Energy

ConservativeHome Marquee

No Place Like Home – Decarbonising Britain’s Homes

Lord Martin Callahan – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Brian Berry – Chief Executive – Federation of Master Builders, Adrian Letts – Chief Executive Officer – OVO Group, Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First

For the UK to achieve its ambitious Net Zero targets, it will require us to decarbonise our homes, with a combination of cutting-edge technologies and traditional skills. What policy reforms should the Government introduce to kick-start a decarbonisation revolution across the UK? And what are the practical implications for households?

5:00 PM EPI and the Health Foundation

Central 8

Investing in FE – The Key to a Healthier, More Prosperous Society?

Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, David Hughes – Chief Executive – Association of Colleges, Jo Bibby – Director of Health – The Health Foundation, keynote speaker, Alex Bughart – Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills

A well-resourced and widely accessible Further Education system is an essential building block for the UK’s health post-pandemic. The link between poor quality employment and negative health outcomes is evident and, in the context of the levelling-up agenda, it is essential that public health is included in discussions on lifelong learning and future skills funding.

5:00 PM Sheffield Young Conservatives

Young Conservatives’ Stand

Being the Youngest Conservative Councillor on the Council with Sheffield Young Conservatives

Lewis Chinchen – City Councillor – Sheffield City Council

Come and hear from Cllr Lewis Chinchen, the youngest councillor in Sheffield and the first Conservative to be elected in almost two decades to Sheffield City Council, on his experiences of standing and winning in a traditional Labour area and how his first few months have been.

5:00 PM Bright Blue with Save the Children and Crack the Cries

Jury’s Inn, 56 Great Bridgewater St, Manchester, M1 5LE

Global Britain: Doing Good, Doing Green?

Chair: Tom Tugendhat MP – Foreign Affairs Select Committee, Cindy Yu – Broadcast Editor – The Spectator and host of the Chinese Whispers podcast, Bernice Lee – Research Director, Futures – Chatham House, Phoebe Arslanagic-Wakefield – Senior Researcher – Bright Blue

As we fast approach COP26, we ask in this panel debate how UK foreign policy can better improve both environmental and economic outcomes in the developing world?
5:30 PM THE ENTERPRISE FORUM AND HEATHROW

Heathrow Lounge

ENTERPRISE FORUM: LEVELLING UP – CAN REVIVING BRITISH MANUFACTURING REBALANCE THE ECONOMY?

John Penrose MP – Member of Parliament – Weston, Worle & The Villages, Helia Ebrahimi – Journalist – Channel 4 News

A panel discussion on Levelling up and the role British manufacturing can play in rebalancing the Economy? Craft Beer, Gin and tonics and Scotch Whisky to be served to attendees.

5:30 PM HIGH SPEED RAIL GROUP (HSRG), RAIL DELIVERY GROUP (RDG) AND RAILWAY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (RIA)

Derby Suite

THE RAIL INTERVIEW

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP – Secretary of State for Transport, Gwyn Topham – Transport Correspondant – The Guardian

A one–to–one interview with the Secretary of State for Transport to discuss the Government’s priorities for rail. Sponsored by Alstom, Angel Trains, Atkins, Porterbrook, Siemens and VolkerWessels.

6:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH CITIZENS ADVICE

Exchange 8

A ZERO–SUM GAME? GREENING AND HEATING HOMES AFFORDABLY


How can we ensure support for action on climate change translates into people getting their homes ready for net zero? Join us as we seek affordable and practical solutions to decarbonise the homes we live in.

6:00 PM CEN AND RENEWABLEUK

Central 3 & 4

GREEN NORTHERN POWERHOUSE RECEPTION

Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP – President for COP 26, Ben Houchen – Mayor for Tees Valley, Danielle Lane – Country Manager – Vattenfall, Sam Hall – Director – Conservative Environment Network

This reception will be an opportunity for Conservative supporters to network with green businesses, hear from some of the leading champions of the green industrial revolution in the North of England, and celebrate the huge economic opportunities of net zero.

6:00 PM RESOLUTION FOUNDATION AND AVIVA

Exchange 11

THE BIG DEBATE: WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC PLAN FOR POST–PANDEMIC BRITAIN?

Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE – Founder and Chair – Cobra Beer, Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First, Rupert Harrison – Financial Services/Insurance – BlackRock, Rt Hon David Willetts – Minister for Universities and Science
Britain is facing a decade of economic change on a scale we haven’t seen since at least the 1980s – from the Covid recovery to plotting a new path outside the EU, and transitioning towards a low carbon economy. The Government needs a bold economic plan to capitalise on the opportunities thrown up by this upheaval. What should it include?

6:00 PM THE HEALTH FOUNDATION

*Exchange 2–3 Combined*

**WHERE NEXT FOR SOCIAL CARE?**

*Anita Charlesworth – Director of Research and REAL Centre, Dr Jennifer Dixon – Chief Executive – The Health Foundation*

This COVID–19 pandemic has taken a grim toll on social care services, and exposed a system that is underfunded, understaffed, and undervalued, and in need of reform. This event will provide an opportunity to discuss the government’s plan and the further action needed to properly ‘fix’ social care as we emerge from the pandemic.

6:00 PM THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

*Charter 1*

**CHAIRMAN’S RECEPTION**

6:00 PM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

*Young Conservatives’ Stand*

**YC SERIES WITH DEHENNA DAVISON MP**

*Dehenna Davison MP – Member of Parliament – Bishop Auckland, Andrew Bowie MP – Member of Parliament – West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine*

Join Andrew Bowie MP, Vice Chairman of the Party for Youth in conversation with Dehenna Davison MP for Bishop Auckland for a catch–up and to hear her thoughts on the big issues of the day.

6:00 PM THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND SOUTH WEST REGIONAL TEAM

*Charter 4*

**SOUTH WEST CONSERVATIVES – RECEPTION**

*Julian Ellacott – Chairman – South West Region. We hope to also be joined by a senior Cabinet Minister*

This annual event is for South West members, Party professionals and MPs to get together at Conference – in many cases people will be meeting for the first time, having spent the last 18 months meeting over Zoom. Please note that this event is by invitation/registration only and there will be an attendance list on the door.

6:00 PM WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL OFFICERS

*Charter 3*

**WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL RECEPTION**

*Brian Tustain – Chairman – West Midlands Region*

An opportunity to meet together with Conservative members and elected representatives from across the West Midlands, including Birmingham Heartlands (Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull), Warwickshire and Worcestershire, The Black Country, Herefordshire and Shropshire and
SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER – FRINGE EVENTS

Staffordshire. (please note that admission to this event is by ticket only advance registration, free of charge, through Eventbrite).

6:00 PM HER MAJESTY’S GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR

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HER MAJESTY’S GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR, CHIEF MINISTER’S RECEPTION

6:00 PM GLA CONSERVATIVES

Stanley Suite
WINNING LONDON BACK

How do we build on the Conservative London mayoral race to win? Join the GLA Conservatives to discuss the most pressing issues facing London ahead of next year’s local elections.

6:00 PM CHILDREN & WOMEN FIRST

Exchange 1
HELEN JOYCE, IN CONVERSATION
Julia Hartley–Brewer – Journalist – talkRADIO

Hear Helen Joyce, read from her latest book ‘Trans: when ideology meets reality’ followed by a Q&A with Julia Hartley–Brewer.

6:00 PM GIRLGUIDING AND NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

Youth Zone

Ella Robertson McKay – Managing Director – One Young World, Joanna Gideon MP – Member of Parliament – Stoke–on–Trent Central, Daniel Kebede – Other – National Education Union, Angela Salt OBE – CEO – Girlguiding, Leigh Middleton – Chief Executive Officer – National Youth Agency

Welcome to the Youth Zone, official opening and reception, for a programme of fringe events and activities with charity–partners and young people, and party representatives. Supported by Conservative Young Women.

6:00 PM EAST MIDLANDS

Trafford Room

EAST MIDLANDS RECEPTION
Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP – Member of Parliament – Sherwood

An opportunity to meet with members and elected representatives from across the East Midlands.

6:00 PM AICO

Lancaster

HOUSING SAFETY AND WELLBEING TASKFORCE

The Housing Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce is a brand new initiative to bring together major
What does levelling up mean for disadvantaged children?

**Monday 4 October**
3.30pm to 5pm

**Exchange 9, Manchester Central**

Chair: Ayesha Hazarika, Journalist and Broadcaster

Speakers:
Councillor Teresa Heritage, LGA Conservative lead for children and young people
Kevin Courtney, Joint General Secretary, NEU
Neil O’Brien MP, Prime Minister’s Levelling Up Adviser (invited)

Is our exam system setting up millions to fail? Is it time for a new era for education?

**Tuesday 5 October**
1pm to 2.30pm

**Exchange 10, Manchester Central**

Chair: Professor Louise Hayward, University of Glasgow & Chair of the Independent Assessment Commission

Speakers:
Flick Drummond MP
Dr Mary Bousted, Joint General Secretary, NEU
Other speakers to be confirmed
stakeholders in the housing, fire prevention, and wider public sectors. Safety in domestic environments has never been a more crucial and topical issue, and this session will be an opportunity for Conference Delegates to discuss the upcoming launch of the Taskforce, and how both government and local government can be involved. The Taskforce is being sponsored by Aico and will aim to address the safety, wellbeing and sustainability of the UK’s entire housing stock. The Taskforce will be open to organisations from across the private and public sector and will welcome members from a broad range of backgrounds – from those with responsibility for the delivery, maintenance, and safety of homes to those working directly with residents to enhance their wellbeing. Please do come along and join us at this informal gathering to discuss how politicians and activists at all levels can get involved in the Housing Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce, and improve outcomes for all tenants and residents across the UK.

6:00 PM PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Petersfield Suite

President of the National Convention, Debbie Toon MBE will be hosting a drinks reception for Party members (strictly by invitation only).

6:00 PM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Alexandra A

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Tim Montgomerie – Political Commentator and Journalist, Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Fraser Nelson – Editor of The Spectator, Baroness Helena Morrissey DBE

The panel will ask: What should the Government do to tackle the burning injustices that have been exposed by the pandemic?

6:00 PM LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Exchange 6–7 Combined

LGA DEBATE: BUILD BACK LOCAL – HOW DO WE HARNESS THE POWER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO LEVEL–UP ACROSS THE COUNTRY?

Councillor James Jamieson – Central Bedfordshire, Councillor Isobel Seccombe OBE – County Councillor – Warwickshire County Council, Jonathan Werran – Science/Research – Localis Research Limited, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Baroness Tanni Grey–Thompson, President, LGA

Build Back Local makes the case for a radical rest of the relationship between central and local to deliver to real change for people’s lives. With enhanced powers and sustainable funding councils would be empowered to deliver sustainable growth, better public services and a stronger society. Our debate, ‘Build Back Local: how do we harness the power of local government to level–up across the country?’ Will be an opportunity to discuss with opinion–formers our vision for post pandemic recovery, so democratically elected local leaders are backed to deliver more for our residents and communities.
SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

6:00 PM ONE NATION

The Tea Rooms
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6:00 PM BOND AND THE CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CFID)

Victoria Suite
BOND AND CFID INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DRINKS RECEPTION
Senior parliamentarians together with Stephanie Draper – Chief Executive – Bond, Caroline Sargent – Founder, Baroness Anne Jenkin of Kennington – House of Lords
Hear from speakers about the important role of aid and development within the UK’s wider approach to international policy, and how, in a year of UK leadership, we will look to put people and planet at the centre of the world’s recovery from Covid–19.

6:15 PM LIPSIT AND DEMOS

Exchange 4–5 Combined
LEVELLING UP DRINKS RECEPTION WITH LIPSIT AND DEMOS
George Freeman MP – Member of Parliament – Mid Norfolk
Join LIPSIT and Demos at our drinks reception to kick off the Conference’s conversation on the levelling–up agenda.

6:30 PM INHOUSE LOUNGE

inHouse Lounge Marquee
WHAT I WISH I’D KNOWN ABOUT MONEY
Anne Ashworth – Property and Finance Writer, Commentator and Consultant
‘What I Wish I’d Known About Money’ will be a wide ranging discussion about the steps needed to help people develop the financial resilience to deal with the unexpected changes that life sometimes brings.

6:30 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS & THE TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee
PRIVATE DRINKS RECEPTION (INVITATION ONLY)
Private drinks reception (invitation only).

6:30 PM CENTRE FOR CITIES WITH HSBC UK

The Atrium, Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JL
CITY RECEPTION: WELCOME TO MANCHESTER
Katy Balls – Deputy Political Editor – The Spectator, Sir Richard Leese – Leader – Manchester City Council, Ian Stuart – Chief Executive – HSBC UK
We will be back in Manchester for this year’s Conservative Party Conference, and will once again be hosting a reception to welcome the conference to the city. Supported by HSBC UK, this reception will be an opportunity for our
Help us shape the future of education: be part of the National Education Union Councillor network.

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› Access to written briefings.
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The NEU Councillors Network is open to councillors from all political parties. The Network is now over 4,000 members strong.

Join our Network at neu.org.uk/councillors-network or by scanning the QR code
guests to hear from senior national and local politicians their plans about the Government’s levelling up agenda.

6:30 PM CONSERVATIVE HISTORY GROUP

Exchange Auditorium
THE CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE HISTORY QUIZ
Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay – Keelan Carr OBE – celebrity guests
Following the success of last year’s virtual quiz, come and test your knowledge of Conservative history (or have a giggle trying). A multiple-choice quiz with fabulous prizes. Join us online or in person – grab a drink in the Exchange Foyer from 6:30, and be ready for the quiz to start at 7:00 pm

7:00 PM GIRLGUIDING AND DIGITAL TORIES

Youth Zone
IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME: GIRLS’ AND YOUNG WOMEN’S EXPERIENCE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Girlguiding will present their most recent research on girls’ and young women’s experience of sexual harassment and discuss with a panel of speakers and young advocates on how to tackle sexual harassment including online, supported by Digital Tories.

7:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BRITISH RED CROSS

ConservativeHome Marquee
BOUNCING BACK – THE HUMANITARIAN PATH TO POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY
Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Nimco Ali – Co-Founder of the Five Foundation and the Global Partnership To End FGM, Michael Adamson – Chief Executive Officer – British Red Cross
Sir Iain Duncan Smith, British Red Cross CEO Mike Adamson and Nimco Ali address a reception in the ConservativeHome marquee to celebrate the work of the British Red Cross over the last year – an organisation delivering vital humanitarian aid to provide hope and help to people in need in the UK and abroad. Free Bar.

7:00 PM CPS

The Centre for Policy Studies
THE CENTRE FOR POLICY STUDIES UNION RECEPTION (INVITATION ONLY)
The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP – Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, Michael Spencer – Baron Spencer of Alresford – Chairman – IPGL Ltd
The Centre for Policy Studies is this year delighted to dedicate its annual conference reception to celebrating the United Kingdom. This event is invitation only.
7:30 PM MARITIME UK

**Derby Suite**

**THE MARITIME RECEPTION**

*Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP – Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Shirling–Rooke – CEO – Mersey Maritime*

Come and join us for a ‘tot’ of rum as we talk about the tremendous opportunities for our maritime nation. Supporting over 1 million jobs and adding £46.1bn to our economy, maritime is responsible for facilitating 95% of UK global trade, worth over £500bn per year. The UK maritime workforce is 42% more productive than the average UK worker. Maritime makes a greater contribution to the UK economy than both rail and air combined. The sector is the fundamental enabler of British global trade and exports its own innovative products and services. With cutting-edge technology, high-quality design & manufacturing, unparalleled expertise in services and major investment opportunities, the UK is the natural home for global maritime business.

7:30 PM EPI AND NEU

**Central 8**

**EPI AND NEU RECEPTION: VALUING EDUCATION**

*With invited keynote speaker Robin Walker – Schools Minister, Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, Mary Bousted – General Secretary – National Education Union*

This reception will bring together the education sector to discuss the ways in which we can ensure that education is valued. This event is by invitation only, to request a ticket please get in touch on becky.clark@epi.org.uk.

8:30 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF AMERICA

**Alexandra A**

**CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF AMERICA CONFERENCE RECEPTION**

*Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP – Former Secretary of State for International Trade*

CFOA’s first in person event which will set out our aims and objectives as we look to enhance the special relationship between the UK and the USA in all its forms. Join as we introduce our mission and set out why it is down to Conservatives to preserve and drive forward this important relationship.

8:30 PM BRITISH TAMIL CONSERVATIVES

**The Tea Rooms**

**BRITISH TAMIL CONSERVATIVES**

*Rt Hon Robert Halton MP – Member of Parliament – Harlow, Robert Blackman MP – Member of Parliament – Harrow East, Paul Scully MP – Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Theresa Villiers MP – Member of Parliament – Chipping Barnet, Jackie Doyle–Price MP – Member of Parliament – Thurrock, Elliot Colburn MP – Member of Parliament – Carshalton and Wallington, Andrew Rosindell MP – Member of Parliament – Romford*

This is the Annual Reception thankyou of British Tamil Conservatives to all the MPs, Cllrs, political activists and community members who have helped in the past year to support the activities helping with campaigning, attending and arranging events personally and via Zoom; speaking in the House and elsewhere.
Drax is delighted to sponsor the Northern Regional Reception. Once the biggest coal fired power station in the UK, Drax has recently slashed its CO2 emissions and transformed itself into one of the largest decarbonisation projects in Europe. The North Yorkshire based company now plans to become carbon negative by 2030 through pioneering carbon capture technology, stimulating green jobs and driving the UK towards net zero.

The UK Government’s Approach to Human Rights, China, and Ethical Investment. Hong Kong Watch alongside the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission will be hosting an event at Conservative Party Conference 2021 in Manchester focusing on the government’s approach to human rights, China, and ethical investment.

The Rt Hon Theresa Villiers (CFCyprus President) and Jason Charalambous (CFCyprus Chairman) welcome you to join our annual conference reception to hear about the important and historic UK–Cyprus relationship, and the work we do to support closer ties. The Conservative Friends of Cyprus is a volunteer–run organisation that was founded in 1992. We seek to promote the values and ideals of the Conservative Party across the UK, and work to strengthen the bond between the Conservative Party, the Republic of Cyprus and the British Cypriot diaspora. We host regular campaigning sessions supporting candidates in local and national elections;
lead parliamentary delegations to Cyprus; and host receptions and political discussion forums on political, social and economic issues with leading Conservative politicians.

**8:30 PM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

*Stanley Suite*

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION’S CENTENARY RECEPTION**

*Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP – Secretary of State for Defence*

Learn more about a century of care, comradeship and advocacy by the Royal British Legion in support of our Armed Forces community. Hear from our Director General and a Defence Minister as we explore the needs of today’s serving personnel, veterans and their families, and discuss how we can continue improving outcomes in the years to come.

**8:30 PM SCOTLAND**

*Exchange 9*

**SCOTLAND CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST PARTY RECEPTION**

*Douglas Ross MP – MSP*

Douglas Ross MP MSP welcomes members to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Reception.

**8:30 PM WELSH REGIONAL**

*Charter 4*

**WELSH CONSERVATIVES RECEPTION – SPONSORED BY AIRBUS**

The Welsh Conservative Party will host a drinks reception for Welsh Members, kindly supported by Airbus.

**8:30 PM STOPAIDS, MALARIA NO MORE, RESULTS UK, FRONTLINE AIDS, ONE CAMPAIGN UK AND YOUTH STOP AIDS**

*Exchange 2–3 Combined*

**DRINKS RECEPTION: CELEBRATING THE UK’S ROLE IN FIGHTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND PREVENTING FUTURE PANDEMICS.**

*Peter Sands – Executive Director – The Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Andrew Mitchell – Member of Parliament – House of Commons*

Bringing together MPs, Government representatives, NGOs & party members; reception will celebrate the UK’s role in fighting infectious diseases & preventing future pandemics. And in marking Global Fund’s 20th anniversary, there will be short speeches from eminent MPs, networking & opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the lessons learnt about the impact of UK aid.
**Sunday 3 October — Fringe Events**

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**8:30 PM Conservative Voice**

*Victoria Suite*

**Conservative Voice**

Conservative Voice drinks reception with Rt. Hon. Dr Liam Fox MP.

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**8:30 PM British Italian Conservatives**

*Blue Room*

**British Italian Conservatives — Gala Reception**

*Alberto Costa MP — Member of Parliament — South Leicestershire*

We, the British Italian Conservatives (BIC), warm-heartedly invite you to join us at our Gala Reception which will take place at the Conservative Party Conference, Manchester Central, on Sunday 3rd October 2021. Please join us in the Blue Room from 20:30, where guests will be treated to delicious Italian wine and delicacies throughout the evening. Please note guests must be registered for the Conservative Party Conference to attend the BIC Gala reception. For any further information please contact karaivanopp@gmail.com

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**8:30 PM All-Party Parliamentary Group for Housing Market & Housing Delivery**

*Venue details will be provided to confirmed guests*

**Welcome Reception for the UK Housing Industry**

*Ben Everitt – MP and APPG Chair, MHCLG ministerial*

The Welcome Reception is the leading networking event for the UK Housing industry. Industry leaders and local politicians are invited to join us in Manchester to hear from industry experts and celebrate the contribution that Britain’s housing industry makes to society.

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**11:00 PM Conservatives in Communications (CIC)**

*Trafford Room*

**Welcome to Manchester Midnight Reception**

Networking drinks for supporters followed by a Q&A with our guest speaker (TBA). Kindly sponsored by Thakeham. By invitation only.
The International Department of the Conservative Party is pleased to offer a series of exclusive events to International Delegates attending the 2021 Conservative Party Conference both in person and virtually.

International Pass holders are welcome to visit the International Lounge, where refreshments will be provided. International guests are welcome to meet and discuss issues and ideas in the lounge.

**INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE OPENING TIMES**

- **Sunday 3rd:** 13.00 – 17.00
- **Monday 4th:** 09.00 – 17.00
- **Tuesday 5th:** 09.00 – 17.00
- **Wednesday 6th:** 09.00 – 15.00

**11:00: PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN IN POLITICS**

*Manchester Central Convention Complex, International Lounge and broadcasted live via our online conference platform*

This panel will include a thought provoking discussion on women in politics.

**INVITED SPEAKERS:** Cllr Meenal Sachdev, Katy Bourne OBE, Nimco Ali OBE and Alex Chalk MP.

*By invitation only*

**20:30: INTERNATIONAL TRADE RECEPTION**

*The Trafford Room, The Midland Hotel, Manchester Central*

**INVITED SPEAKERS** *(to be confirmed)*: Minister for International Trade.

*By invitation only*
13:00: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON: COP26 AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY

(In partnership with the Conservative Environment Network)

Manchester Central Convention Complex, International Lounge and broadcasted live via our online conference platform

Partnering with the Conservative Environment Network (CEN), we will be hosting a panel discussion on the topic ‘COP26 and Environmental Diplomacy’.

INVITED SPEAKERS (to be confirmed): Sam Hall, Director of CEN, and The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26.

By invitation only

20:30: HEADS OF MISSION RECEPTION

SPONSORED BY Bloomberg

The Trafford Room, The Midland Hotel, Manchester Central

INVITED SPEAKERS (to be confirmed): The Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs.

By invitation only

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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
8:00 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH WOMEN’S AID
Chadwick A, INNSiDE by Meliã, 1 First St, Manchester, M15 4RP
DOMESTIC ABUSE AND COVID–19: SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS
Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP – Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Charlie Webster – Broadcaster and journalist, Priya Chopra – CEO – Saheli, Farah Nazeer – Chief Executive – Women’s Aid
Covid has worsened the frequency and intensity of domestic abuse. As we recover from the pandemic, in this fringe event we will explore how best to improve services for survivors.

8:00 AM UNICEF
Chester Suite
THE UK COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF (UNICEF UK)
The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) are inviting Parliamentarians to join us for an informal breakfast drop-in event at this year’s Party Conference. Pop by, pick up a pastry and meet our team who will be on hand to talk to you about our work here in the UK and around the world. Come along to find out how we’re supporting children’s education recovery and health in face of challenges such as climate change. We believe that every child can shape our world and seize the opportunities they deserve but only when their rights are protected and they’re given the chance to survive and thrive. Join us at our event to find out more about how you can be on #TeamChildren and support us to put children at the heart of your work in the constituency and Parliament!

8:00 AM CAVENDISH ADVOCACY
Exchange 4–5 Combined
THE ROAD TO NET ZERO: HOW CAN BUSINESS HELP TO MAKE NET ZERO AFFORDABLE AND ACHIEVABLE
Katherine Bennett CBE – CEO – High Value Manufacturing Catapult, Tom Sasse – Associate Director – Institute for Government, Steve Norris – Public Safety Market Director – Salesforce UK Ltd, Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE – Founder and Chair – Cobra Beer
There is only one direction of travel in the climate change debate but hitting the UK’s ambitious targets in a way that is affordable is one of the biggest challenges. Innovation led by business will be at the heart of making sure measures to combat climate change are affordable. This fringe event will focus on overcoming the barriers to the private sector increasing their spend on innovation, and what the Government must do to foster the right environment for innovation to thrive.

8:00 AM INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE HEALTH FOUNDATION
Exchange 2–3 Combined
WHAT IS THE BEST WAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO LEVEL UP THE NATION’S HEALTH?
Dr Gemma Tetlow – Chief Economist – Institute for Government, Jake Berry MP – Rossendale and Darwen – Member of Parliament, Jo Bibby – Director of Health – The Health Foundation
‘Levelling up’ is one of the government’s main priorities. There are big differences in health between different parts of the country and improving health may be one of the most effective ways to boost the economy. This
event will explore how improving health can improve economic performance and what policies are most likely to achieve this.

8:00 AM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Houghton Suite

PRIVATE ROUNDTABLE: ADDRESSING THE DRIVERS OF HOMELESSNESS POST-PANDEMIC


The roundtable will discuss crucial issues, such as: Building on the gains the Government made through the ‘Everyone In’ campaign, how do we ensure rough sleeping is addressed in all its complexity so that it is ended – for good? How do we use the coronavirus pandemic to step up the ambition to end rough sleeping and embrace the opportunity to tackle all forms of homelessness more effectively? How do we more effectively use research and data to identify and prove ways to end homelessness?

Please note – this is a private roundtable and is for invited attendees only.

8:00 AM PPP

PPP Lounge

HOW CAN WE BUILD AN AFFORDABLE GREEN FUTURE?

Led by the housing provider Orbit, this private roundtable will discuss how we accelerate the decarbonisation of UK homes. Please note, this event is invitation only. Please email philippa.broom@publicpolicyprojects.com for more information.

8:00 AM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

YC BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast to kick start another busy day at Conference.

8:00 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH WSP

Exchange 1

NATURE POSITIVE? PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT


How does the UK public engage with, and value, the natural environment, and who
should be responsible for protecting it? Bright Blue, with support from WSP, recently published a major report answering just that. Join us as we share the findings and debate ideas to further protect and enhance biodiversity across the UK.

8:00 AM NATIONAL CONVENTION

Stanley Suite

MEET THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

An open invitation to all members to meet the senior team of the National Convention.

8:00 AM THE TRUSSELL TRUST

Cobden 1

JUST COMMUNITIES: TRUSSELL TRUST PRAYER BREAKFAST

8:00 AM CPS / CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

The Centre for Policy Studies

FINANCIAL SERVICES OF THE FUTURE: DIGITAL, SUSTAINABLE, OPEN? (INVITATION ONLY)

John Glen MP – Member of Parliament – Salisbury, Robert Colvile – Columnist – The Sunday Times/CapX, Catherine McGuinness – Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee – City of London Corporation

In July the Chancellor outlined a vision for the financial services sector in his Mansion House speech. This event will discuss this vision and how we can achieve it and a bright future for the financial services sector, with a particular focus on sustainable finance, digital, and openness.

8:00 AM NFER AND NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

Youth Zone

SCHOOLS OUT? EDUCATION RECOVERY AND YOUTH WORK


Young people at the heart of Covid–recovery. Supporting young people in the present, ambitious for the future. A policy roundtable, by invitation only. Contact: jonathanh@nya.org.uk

8:00 AM THE UK’S REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM

Royce Suite

LEVELLING UP: HOW DO THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR REGENERATORS JOIN FORCES TO MAKE BRITAIN THRIVE?

Philip Broadhead – Councillor for – Talbot and Branksome Woods, Katie Frank – Associate Director of Research & Strategy – Northern Research Group (NRG), Lord Kerslake – Cross Party Peer – Member of the House of Lords, Keith Griffiths – Chief Executive – UKREIIF Powered by Built Environment Networking, Matt Christie – Director – UKREIIF Powered by Built Environment Networking, Gagan Mohindra MP – Member of Parliament – South West Hertfordshire

Levelling up: How do the public and private sector regenerators join forces to make Britain thrive? A group of passionate levelling up leaders come together with investment experts to share their thoughts on harnessing the huge potential of the UK’s real estate and infrastructure sector as a force for good.
8:30 AM TECHUK

Exchange 6–7 Combined

FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE FINTECH REVIEW: HOW CAN WE USE THE NEXT DECADE TO REINFORCE THE UK’S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN FINTECH

Antony Walker, Deputy CEO techUK (chair)  
Jonathan Westley, Chief Data Officer UK and EMEA Experian  
Lord Callanan Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, BEIS  
Janine Hirt, Chair of Innovate Finance

In partnership with Experian. In this panel we will discuss how to build on the fintech review and how the Government can best use the next decade to ensure the UK remains at the top of the global fintech tree. The discussion will explore, how to make fintech part of the levelling-up agenda by boosting centres of excellence across the UK, what are the right ingredients to accelerate the growth of new and existing fintech’s in the UK and how the UK’s National Data Strategy can help create drive the innovative use of financial data.

8:30 AM POCKET LIVING AND DEMOS

Lancaster

MOVE FAST AND BUILD THINGS: HOW CAN WE INNOVATE IN HOUSING?


Join Pocket Living and Demos for a panel event discussing innovative solutions to housing.

9:00 AM POLITICSHOME

Derby Suite

POLITICSHOME BREAKFAST BRIEFING LIVE


Grab a coffee and join PoliticsHome’s Adam Payne as he discusses the need-to-know stories of the day.

9:00 AM CEN

Central 3 & 4

A GREENER, CLEANER FUTURE OUTSIDE THE EU: WHAT THE ENVIRONMENT ACT MEANS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

Councillor Anna Firth – Councillor – Sevenoaks District Council, Councillor Joe Porter – Councillor – Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Selaine Saxby MP – Member of Parliament – North Devon, Polly Billington – Political (Councillor/ Mayor/Parliamentarian) – UK100 & Hackney Council

Brexit has given us the chance to enhance our environment. The Environment Bill seeks to deliver this partly by expanding the role of councils in protecting nature. What are the implications of this new legislation, with its new targets, powers, and responsibilities, and how can Conservative councils make the most of these opportunities?
9:00 AM LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

PLMR Business Hub

INNOVATION NATION: HOW CAN THE NEW INNOVATION STRATEGY LEVEL–UP ALL THE UK?

Neil Lee – Professor of Economic Geography – London School of Economics and Political Science, Professor Tony Travers – Professor in Practice – London School of Economics and Political Science

The Government’s levelling–up agenda runs alongside a commitment to turbo–charge the UK’s status as a world leader in innovation and tech. But with London, Oxford and Cambridge leading the charge, how can we ensure the innovation revolution delivers opportunity across the UK? The LSE’s expert panel will explore all this and more.

9:00 AM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE FREE MARKET FORUM

ThinkTent Marquee

BRITAIN UNLIMITED? 30 IDEAS FOR 2030


The Free Market Forum has released a new publication “30 ideas for 2030”. Offering a bright, bold, and positive vision for where Britain could be by the end of the decade, join us to discuss how we can seize the opportunities now in front of us and unleash Britain’s potential.

9:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PORT OF DOVER

Central 5

DELIVERING THE COMPETITIVE EDGE FOR GLOBAL BRITAIN THROUGH THE DOVER STRAITS

Doug Bannister – Chief Executive Officer – Dover Harbour Board, Huw Merriman MP – Member of Parliament – Bexhill and Battle, Elizabeth de Jong – Director of Policy Logistics UK

A timely discussion on the trading future of post–Brexit Global Britain. Join Huw Merriman, Chair of the Transport Select Committee, and the CEO of Port of Dover to explore how best to harness resilient, sustainable and greener trade to accelerate and maximise the economic recovery.

9:00 AM LOCALIS

Lecture Room, Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JL (Princess Street entrance)

BUILDING COMMUNITIES – A STEWARDSHIP MODEL FOR A HOUSING–LED RECOVERY?

Chair: Jonathan Werran – Chief Executive – Localis, Victoria Hills – Chief Executive – Royal Town Planning Institute, Cllr James Jamieson – Chairman – Local Government Association, Cllr David Simmonds MP – Chair – APPG on Housing and Planning, Andrew Taylor – Group Planning Director – Countryside Properties

Planning reforms must recognise the social and economic value of housing to supporting a national recovery that is rooted in place. How can we leverage planning reforms to ensure long–term investment in ‘stewardship’ models to build not just beautiful new homes, but also create prosperous communities that will endure for many generations to come?
9:15 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITYUK

ConservativeHome Marquee

FINANCIAL AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: A ROADMAP FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

John Glen MP – Member of Parliament – Salisbury, Gerard Lyons – Senior Fellow – Policy Exchange, Miles Celic – CEO – TheCityUK, Kay Swinburne – Vice Chair – KPMG

The Financial and Related Professional Services industry is an engine of UK growth. After working to protect jobs and shield businesses from the impact of the pandemic, now the sector is ready to help the economy bounce back. The City Minister joins our panel, alongside industry experts, to discuss how to drive and shape that recovery.

9:30 AM UK YOUTH

Youth Zone

YOU CAN’T BUILD BACK BETTER WITHOUT YOUNG PEOPLE

Ndidi Okezie OBE – CEO – UK Youth, Lewis Iwu – Purpose Union, Daniel Lawes – UK Youth, Councillor Isobel Seccombe OBE – County Councillor – Warwickshire County Council, Mims Davies MP – Mid Sussex – Member of Parliament

This panel will be hosted by Ndidi Okezie (UK Youth CEO) and a political commentator in the style of the podcast Are You Convinced? seeking the views of a number of experts and politicians; with young people, youth sector and party representatives.

9:45 AM PPP

PPP Lounge

MIND THE GAP: HOW DO WE IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AFTER COVID?

Chris Heaton–Harris MP – Member of Parliament – Daventry, Chris Loder MP – Member of Parliament – West Dorset, Stephen Hammond MP – Member of Parliament – Wimbledon, Kate Jennings – Policy Director – Railway Industry Association

With passengers beginning to return to the transport network, in new patterns and with different demands, now is a perfect time to look at how transport can be improved as one system. Despite each section of the network needing a unique approach, too often the benefits of an integrated system are ignored. This session will discuss how integrated transport solutions can be utilised to entice passengers back to the network and create a system fit for the needs of the future.

10:00 AM EPI & CAPITA

Central 8

TOWARDS RECOVERY: THE ROLE OF LIFELONG LEARNING IN ADDRESSING THE SKILLS GAP

Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, David Hughes – Chief Executive – Association of Colleges, Jane Hickie – Chief Executive – Association of Employment and Learning Providers, Alex Bughart, Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills

The COVID–19 pandemic has shone a light onto the skills gaps that exist within our society. With continued economic uncertainty, it is more important than ever that the UK has a skills strategy which works for all cities and regions and offers opportunities for lifelong learning, retraining and upskilling. As the
government develops their ‘levelling up’ plans, helping people onto and up the skills ladder can give England’s most deprived areas a significant employment boost. With invited keynote speaker Alex Bughart, Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills.

10:00 AM SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION AND POLICY@ MANCHESTER

Private Room 19&20, The Edwardian Manchester, Radisson Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester, M2 5GP

HOW TO HARNESS THE DIGITAL HEALTHCARE REVOLUTION TO TACKLE HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Chair: James Kirkup – Director – Social Market Foundation, George Freeman MP – Member of Parliament – Mid Norfolk, Professor Arpana Verma – Clinical Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology – The University of Manchester, Helen Milner OBE – Group Chief Executive – Good Things Foundation, Tim Barker – CEO – Kooth

From prevention to diagnosis and treatment, healthcare is experiencing a digital revolution. But digital inequalities risk stalling the benefits health tech can bring. Join our panel of experts to discuss how innovations in digital healthcare can be harnessed to help reduce inequalities and deliver quality healthcare for all.

10:00 AM POLICY@ MANCHESTER

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS

HOW CAN WE ACCELERATE THE UK’S GREEN RECOVERY?

Professor Jonatan Pinkse – Professor of Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

10:10 AM ONWARD

Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP

EMPLOYING THE CHANGE: PUTTING GREEN JOBS AT THE HEART OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Mayor Ben Houchen– Tees Valley Mayor, Bim Afolami MP – Member of Parliament – Hitchin and Harpenden, Virginia Crosbie MP – Member of Parliament – Ynys Môn, Rhian Kelly – Corporate Affairs Director– National Grid, Natasha Clark – Political Correspondent – The Sun

Green jobs will be crucial to levelling up. The question for policy makers now is how to train, upskill and create jobs in green industries. This event will consider how best to unleash a wave of green jobs in the regions that need them most, whilst ensuring we have a skilled workforce in place for the long-term green economy.

10:15 AM TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee

THE FUTURE OF HIGH STREET RETAIL

Nick Lakin – Group Director of Corporate Affairs – Kingfisher plc, John O’Connell – Chief Executive – TaxPayers’ Alliance, Jake Berry MP – Rossendale and Darwen – Member of Parliament, Paul Scully MP – Minister for
London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Paul Wilson – FSB

Online shopping has rocketed and footfall in shops has decreased, leading to questions about the future of high street retail. What – if anything – should be done?

10:30 AM CEN AND STOREGGA

Central 3 & 4

GREEN GREAT BRITAIN: THE ENVIRONMENTAL CASE FOR THE UNION


Amid all the debate on the constitutional future of the UK, little has been said of how the strength of the Union could help us tackle climate change and protect the natural world for future generations. Join us to discuss how England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland achieve better environmental outcomes by working and staying together.

10:30 AM PLMR

PLMR Business Hub

PLMR BUSINESS HUB LOUNGE

PLMR Business Hub pass holders will be able to book and host meetings at PLMR’s Business Hub, which includes: Free tea and coffee, Complimentary copies of The Telegraph, Wi–Fi Dedicated working stations, Charging facilities For more information please contact: conference@plmr.co.uk

10:30 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH CALOR GAS

Exchange 1

A HEATED DEBATE? CHOICE AND FAIRNESS IN THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO HOME HEATING

Emma Gatten – Environment Editor – The Daily Telegraph, Ryan Shorthouse – Founder & Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Ben Page – Chief Executive Officer – Ipsos MORI, Jerome Mayhew MP – Member of Parliament – Broadland

This public panel event will explore how public policy can shift UK housing to low–carbon heating without imposing high costs on consumers.

10:30 AM YOUTH ZONE

Youth Zone

SUPPORTING FAMILIES: HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Geoffrey Parsons – Councillor – Charnwood Borough Council, Anne Longfield CBE, Chair, Commission on Young Lives, Leigh Middleton, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Agency

Holidays are a particularly hard time for households experiencing food insecurity. An estimated three million children are thought to be at risk of hunger in the school holidays.

10:30 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH UNIONS21

Chadwick A, INNSiDE by Meliã, 1 First St, Manchester, M15 4RP

CHANGING WORLD OF WORK: THE FUTURE OF WORK AFTER COVID–19

Gillian Keegan MP – Minister of State for Care at the Department of Health and Social Care, Tina McKenzie – Policy Chair – FSB, Jimmy
McLoughlin – Former No 10 business adviser and host of the Jobs of the Future podcast, Paul Fleming – Secretary General – Equity, Mike Clancy – Secretary General – Prospect

This discussion will explore the impact of the pandemic and automation on the nature of work, especially for those in so-called ‘left–behind’ areas.

11:00 AM YC GROUP

Young Conservatives’ Stand
SETTING UP A YC GROUP – DROP IN SESSION

11:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATOS

Conservative Home Marquee
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER COP26: HOW DO WE ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS NET ZERO WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK?


After world leaders gather in Glasgow to negotiate further action on climate change, it will fall to businesses, individuals and governments to work out how to make the goal a reality – affordably and sustainably. Our panel, featuring the Government’s Net Zero Business Champion, discusses the tactics and technologies that can accelerate progress.

11:00 AM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

International Lounge
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN IN POLITICS

This panel will include a thought-provoking discussion on women in politics.

11:00 AM CPS / THAKEHAM

The Centre for Policy Studies
HOW CAN SMES ADDRESS THE HOUSING SHORTAGE?


If we are to boost home ownership rates, then increasing the supply of homes is critical. More SME house-builders would help deliver more homes and ultimately make the goal of home ownership more achievable to millions – but how can this be achieved?

11:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JRF

Central 5
A PLAN FOR GOOD JOBS – WHY MAKING JOBS WORK IS VITAL FOR LEVELLING UP THE NATION.

Katie Schmuecker – Deputy Director of Policy and Partnerships – Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Paul Scully MP – Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Donna Catley – Human Resources Director – Compass Group UK&I
A decent, secure job is a chance to build a better life. It provides a stable income, a sense of pride and opportunities for workers and their families. Paul Scully, Minister for Labour Markets, and an expert panel debate how to create high-quality, rewarding jobs to power up the workforce, strengthen our economy and help level up the nation.

11:00 AM THE GREAT RISK TRANSFER: HOW TO ENSURE PEOPLE MAKE THE BEST OF FINANCIAL FREEDOMS

Private Room 19&20, The Edwardian Manchester, Radisson Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester, M2 5GP

SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION AND THE INSTITUTE AND FACULTY OF ACTUARIES

Chair: James Kirkup – Director – Social Market Foundation, Richard Graham MP – Member of Parliament – Gloucester

Freedom and choice reforms have transformed the UK private pension landscape in recent years. As working lives get longer and the balance of pension risk shifts from institutions to individuals, how can the state and financial services organisations help savers unlock the opportunities of greater financial freedom?

11:00 AM TOGETHER/THE BRUGES GROUP

Science and Industry Museum, Liverpool Road, Manchester M3 4FP

ARE VACCINE PASSPORTS CONSERVATIVE?

Sir Graham Brady MP - Chairman of the 1922 Committe, Andrew Bridgen MP - Prominent Eurosceptic, Prof Carl Heneghan - Director of the Centre for Evidence-based Medicine at Oxford University, Laura Dodsworth - Author of ‘A State of Fear’, Alan Miller - Founder Open For All

11:30 AM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

ThinkTent Marquee

A SAFER BET? A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO GAMBLING REGULATION

Christopher Snowdon – Writer – Institute of Economic Affairs, Annabel Denham – Director of Communications – Institute of Economic Affairs, Scott Benton MP – Member of Parliament – Blackpool South, Brigid Simmonds – Betting and Gaming Council, Dia Chakravarty – Journalist – The Daily Telegraph

As government considers the Gambling Act review and draws up a white paper, what should future gambling regulation look like? This panel asks considers proposed changes to UK gambling laws.

12:00 PM CEN AND RSPB

Central 3 & 4

GREAT BRITISH CONSERVATION MARKET

Beccy Speight – Chief Executive – The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Rt Hon George Eustice MP – Secretary of State for – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Great British Conservation Market will showcase the exciting initiatives putting Britain’s landscapes and wildlife into recovery, from the farmers restoring soils and biodiversity on their land to the Goliath effort to tackle predatory mice on Gough Island, one of the world’s most important seabird nesting sites.
12:00 PM BROMSGROVE YOUNG CONServatives

Young Conservatives’ Stand

BEING A COUNCILLOR @ 21 WITH BROMSGROVE YC

Discussion and Q&A on the experience of standing for public office at the age of 21 and winning a marginal seat with Bromsgrove Young Conservatives.

12:00 PM LOCALIS

Lecture Room, Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JL

REFORMING AND RENEWING SOCIAL CARE – THE LOCAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Chair: Jonathan Werran – Chief Executive – Localis, Dr Keith Hebden – Care Sector Campaign – Living Wage Foundation, Edel Anabwani – Associate Organiser – Citizens UK, Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE – Leader – LGA Conservative Group

This fringe event will argue an exciting and radical localist case for a step change in social care innovation and reform with people, economic and civic growth at its heart. So this fringe asks us to imagine what a successful future for social care, a future in which we have hit a reset in central–local relations, would look like in 2035.

12:00 PM SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION

Room 19/20, The Edwardian Manchester, Radisson Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester, M2 5GP

GAMBLING AND THE RED WALL: TRADITIONAL PASTIME OR MODERN MENACE?

Tim Montgomerie – Author – Reaction, Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP – Member of Parliament, Richard Holden MP – Member of Parliament, Dr Heather Wardle, Adam Smith – Lord Kelvin – Reader in Social Sciences – University of Glasgow, Carl Shoben – Director of Strategic Communications – Survation

The Government’s review of the Gambling Act seeks better regulation and the prevention of harm. While this has won cross-party support in Westminster, research shows that the UK’s most deprived areas face the biggest exposure to gambling harm. Red Wall voters and MPs support greater reform – how can the Gambling Review make this happen?

12:15 PM ONSIDE

Youth Zone

TOGETHER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: INVESTING IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE

Andy Carter – Member of Parliament – Warrington South, Kathryn Morley – Chief Executive Officer – OnSide Youth Zones

Youth Rally: Join Andy Carter MP, national charity OnSide, young people, youth sector leaders, and philanthropists at Together for Young People to hear how collaboration can ensure levelling up meaningfully creates opportunities for young people in our communities.

12:30 PM CAPX

The Centre for Policy Studies

CAPX LIVE WITH DR FRANK LUNTZ AND PROF. MATTHEW GOODWIN

Frank Luntz – Consultant – FIL Inc, Professor Matthew Goodwin – Director – UK Prosperity – Legatum Institute, John Ashmore – Author – CapX

Dr Frank Luntz discusses the findings of his
landmark survey on British public and political attitudes with another leading political expert, Prof. Matthew Goodwin, dissecting what the British people really think about politics, economics and culture and how those on the centre–right need to respond to survive.

**12:30 PM EPI & SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY**

**Central 8**

**BUILD BACK HIGHER – HOW THE GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITIES CAN WORK TOGETHER**

Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First, Larissa Kennedy – NUS National President – National Union of Students UK, Professor Sir Chris Husbands – Vice Chancellor – Sheffield Hallam University, Alun Francis – Principal and Chief Executive – Oldham College

This panel will discuss how the government and universities can work together to tackle key issues facing the UK, ensuring this critical sector is well placed to help deliver on shared priorities. The discussion will cover securing high academic standards for all, developing a coherent skills system, supporting lifelong learning and empowering universities to respond to national challenges. With invited speaker Michelle Donelan, Minister of State for Universities.

**12:30 PM ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE (RTPI), BRITISH PROPERTY FEDERATION (BPF), HOME BUILDERS FEDERATION (HBF)**

Chetham Suite, Novotel Manchester Centre, 21 Dickinson Street, Manchester, M1 4LX

**CLIMATE CRISIS VS HOUSING CRISIS: DOES SOMETHING NEED TO GIVE?**

Dr Wei Yang – President – Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), Melanie Leech – Chief Executive – British Property Federation (BPF), Neil Jefferson – Managing Director – Home Builders Federation (HBF)

How does the UK’s climate and environmental ambitions coexist with the strides being taken to tackle our long–term housing affordability crisis? All players in the housing, planning and property sectors have challenging targets for progressing towards a Net Zero future, but how can they be achieved?

**12:30 PM HIGH SPEED RAIL GROUP (HSRG), RAIL DELIVERY GROUP (RDG) AND RAILWAY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (RIA)**

**Derby Suite**

**THE RAIL DEBATE: HOW CAN THE VALUE OF RAIL AND INDUSTRY REFORM DELIVER FOR BRITAIN POST–PANDEMIC?**


This year’s Rail Debate will be brought to you jointly by the Rail Delivery Group, High Speed Rail Group and the Railway Industry Association. Join the fringe to hear from senior industry and political speakers on the vital role rail can play in supporting the nation’s recovery post–pandemic and how rail reform can deliver the biggest changes for the industry and its customers in a generation.
12:30 PM UNIONIST INFORMATION OFFICE GB

*Gallery 14/16, Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley St, Manchester*

**EQUAL RIGHTS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – REPLACING THE PROTOCOL**


Unionist leaders unite against the Protocol. Refreshments available.

12:30 PM ONWARD

*Room 11, The Edwardian Manchester, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester, M2 5GP*

**BEYOND THE PANDEMIC: HOW CAN WE TURN CRISIS INTO RENEWAL FOR COMMUNITY ASSETS AND NETWORKS?**

Danny Kruger MP – Member of Parliament – Devizes, Nick Read – CEO – Post Office

Local assets on the high street are essential to people’s conception of place and community. This event will consider the economic value and social importance of local assets to the communities they serve and consider ways to ensure that they are strengthened rather than lost in the wake of the pandemic, particularly for the most vulnerable.

12:45 PM TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

*ThinkTent Marquee*

**JUST HOW BIG IS THE QUANGO STATE?**


From public health to parenting, airports to artworks, quangos have a huge hidden role in our lives. Over 300,000 people work in these arms–length bodies. Yet their remit – and accountability – often isn’t subject to enough scrutiny. Can they mean better government by relieving pressures on parliament and ministers? Or are they now too unwieldy?

1:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH KPMG

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**OPPORTUNITY COST? THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO**

Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP – President for COP 26, Gareth Davies MP – Member of Parliament, Madeleine Grant – Columnist – The Telegraph, Dr Doug Parr – Chief Scientist and Policy Director – Greenpeace UK, Simon Virley – Vice Chair and Head of Energy and Natural Resources – KPMG UK

All of us – governments, businesses and individuals – will have to make big changes to reduce our carbon footprint in the decades ahead. On the road to net zero, how can the opportunities be maximised and the challenges minimised?
1:00 PM WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY

Lancaster

WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY – A FAIRER GREENER FUTURE: HOW THE WEST MIDLANDS IS LEADING ON LEVELLING UP

Andy Street – Mayor of the West Midlands –, Laura Shoaf – Chief Executive – West Midlands Combined Authority, Margot James – Executive Chair – WMG, University of Warwick, Eddie Hughes MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Rough Sleeping & Housing), Will Tanner – Communications Director – Alstom UK, Darius Sandhu – Councillor – Birmingham City

Levelling Up remains integral to the Government’s agenda, having introduced the Levelling Up Fund earlier this year, and also committing to introduce a Levelling Up White Paper later this year. This White Paper will build on actions the Government is already taking to level up across the UK and will set out “bold new policy interventions to improve livelihoods and opportunities in all parts of the UK.” It looks to improve living standards, grow the private sector, improve health, education and policing, strengthen communities and local leadership and restore pride in place. Alongside the expected Spending Review, this White Paper presents a landmark opportunity to reset the relationship between central and local government and put the WMCA at the heart of delivering the Government’s ambitious programme in the West Midlands. But, what does Levelling Up actually mean to the residents of the West Midlands? What measures can the Government put in place to ensure we level up all parts of our region? And how is the West Midlands leading the way on securing a fairer, greener future? Refreshments will be provided.

1:00 PM SMITH INSTITUTE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM

Chester Suite

INVESTING IN A GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: HOW DO WE ENSURE A JUST TRANSITION TO NET ZERO?

Doug McMurdo – Councillor for – Bedford Borough, David Simmonds – Member of Parliament – Ruislip, Northwood & Pinner, Nicholas Robins – Professor in Practice – Sustainable Finance – London School of Economics, Sara Britcliffe MP – Member of Parliament – Hyndburn & Haslingden

How can the shift to net zero be achieved in a just way that doesn’t undermine support for the transition? Join our discussion with Katherine Fletcher MP, PPS to COP26 President (Invited).

1:00 PM IPPR AND MICROSOFT

Exchange 6–7 Combined

TECHNOLOGY, DEMOCRACY AND TRUST: CREATING A MORE DEMOCRATIC ONLINE WORLD

Rt Hon John Whittingdale OBE MP, Minister for Media and Data (invited), Damian Collins – Member of Parliament – Folkestone and Hythe, Harry Quilter–Pinner – Director of Research and Engagement – Institute for Public Policy Research, Hugh Milward – General Manager (Corporate External) – Microsoft UK

This event will explore how policy makers and technology companies can work together to counter the harm done to individuals, society and our democratic processes caused by online misinformation and polarisation.
1:00 PM CHARTERED INSURANCE INSTITUTE (CII)

Central 7

INSURING OUR FUTURES: HOW CAN WE BEST SERVE OUR AGEING POPULATION?

Rt Hon Damian Green – Member of Parliament – Ashford, Caroline Abrahams – Charity Director – Age UK, Matt Connell – Director of Policy and Engagement – Chartered Insurance Institute, Laura Hutchinson – Head of Political Intelligence – Dods Group PLC

Recent research shows that only 1 in 10 of us have or will make provision for care by our 60s, despite becoming aware of the need to fund later life care as early as our 30s. This fringe will discuss the interrelationship between health, finances, careers, and social elements to care, and explore the need to change attitudes towards care and look ahead to the government’s care strategy.

1:00 PM NASUWT

Central 6

STOP FIRE AND REHIRE

Neil Todd – Partner and Solicitor Specialising in Trade Union Law – Thompsons, Dr Patrick Roach – General Secretary – NASUWT, Christian Wakeford – Member of Parliament – Bury South

Unscrupulous employers are using of Fire and Rehire (Dismissal and Re–Engagement) to force through changes in the terms and conditions of service of teachers, education support staff and other workers. Fire and Rehire allows employers to threaten teachers and other staff with dismissal if they refuse to accept changes to their contracts of employment which would mean worse pay, pensions and rights at work. The NASUWT is campaigning alongside other trade unions and politicians from across the political spectrum to stop the use of Fire and Rehire. Join us at this fringe meeting to learn more.

1:00 PM PRINCE’S TRUST

Cobden 1

FACING THE FUTURE: EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE POST–PANDEMIC

Jonathan Townsend – Charity/NGO – The Prince’s Trust

A policy roundtable hosted by Prince’s Trust with young people, party, business and sector representatives. By invitation only. Contact grace.breen@princes–trust.org.uk

1:00 PM THE ANGLING TRUST AND THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

Alexandra A

THE RURAL RECEPTION SPONSORED BY THE ANGLING TRUST AND THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

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

1:00 PM CAVENDISH ADVOCACY

Victoria Suite

WHAT’S THE BEEF? WHY TRADE DEALS ALWAYS BECOME ABOUT ANIMALS

Theresa Villiers – Member of Parliament – Chipping Barnet, Sir David Amess – Member
Experts from farming, animal health and trade will look at the relationship between trade and animal welfare including why these issues play such a key role in trade deals and how they are evolving.

1:00 PM SOVEREIGN, NATIONAL HOUSING FEDERATION, METROPOLITAN THAMES VALLEY

Exchange 2–3 Combined

HOUSING FRINGE – A NET ZERO FUTURE: LEADING THE DECARBONISATION OF THE UK’S HOMES

Kate Henderson – Chief Executive – National Housing Federation, Geeta Nanda OBE – Chief Executive – Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing – MTVH, Mark Washer – CEO – Sovereign Housing, Andrew Cameron-Smith – Director – Social, Lord Martin Callanan – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Decarbonising our homes is one of the biggest challenges facing the housing and built environment sector. With the international COP26 climate conference coming to the UK, the eyes of the world will be on the UK and what it is doing to achieve Net Zero emissions. The Housing fringe will discuss how the UK housing sector can lead the way, decarbonise their homes, and reach ambitious net–zero targets over the next decade and up to 2050. The event will be hosted by the National Housing Federation, current London G15 Chair Metropolitan Thames Valley and Sovereign who will be representing Homes for the South West.

1:00 PM THE DECISION PROBLEM

The Tea Rooms

THE DECISION PROBLEM: A MEETING OF MINDS

Nicholas Bacon – Founder – The Decision Problem, Andrew Firth – Founder – The Decision Problem

We are using this opportunity to bring together a number of MPs who align with our aims and values. In this session we hope to establish how we are best to help these MPs succeed. This will be the first time we have met formally as a group.

1:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LANDSEC

ConservativeHome Marquee

THE RETURN OF THE CITY – HOW DO WE BUILD BACK BETTER AND SUSTAINABLY FOR OUR URBAN COMMUNITIES?

Rachael Robathan – Leader – Westminster City Council, Neil O’Brien MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Chris Hogwood – MD Corporate Affairs – Landsec

By 2030, one in three people in the world will live in cities of 500,000+ inhabitants. With the pandemic impacting how people live, work and play in our cities, we will discuss what national and local government can do – alongside businesses, civic/third sector organisations and communities – to revitalise cities as we begin the economic recovery.
1:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Central 5
GRAPPLING WITH GROUP THINK: HOW A SMARTER STATE CAN MAKE BETTER DECISIONS
Rt Hon Greg Clark MP – Member of Parliament – Tunbridge Wells, Laura Trott MP – Member of Parliament – Sevenoaks, Steve Baker – Member of Parliament – Wycombe, Professor Paul Dolan – Professor of Behavioural Science – LSE

Governments make vital decisions every day. But how do we ensure that groupthink and bad habits aren’t crowding out useful new advice? Behavioural scientist Prof Paul Dolan, former Downing Street policy advisor Laura Trott MP, prominent campaigner Steve Baker MP, and experienced minister Greg Clark MP debate how to make the state smarter.

1:00 PM INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT AND MIDLANDS CONNECT

Exchange 4–5 Combined
HOW CAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT CONTRIBUTE TO LEVELLING UP?

The government thinks that investing in major energy, transport and infrastructure projects can help ‘level up’ the UK. Can it? What would a national transport or energy investment strategy to achieve ‘levelling up’ look like? How can government get the balance right between mega-project investment and incremental improvement? Are there successes it can learn from?

1:00 PM THE SPECTATOR AND DRAX

Exchange 11
CAN GREEN GROWTH SUPERCHARGE THE NORTH?
Katy Balls – Deputy Political Editor – The Spectator, Will Gardiner – Group Chief Executive Officer – Drax

Gin and tonics will be served to guests.

1:00 PM ASI

Exhibition Event Room
BARRIERS TO A GREEN REVOLUTION

To reach Net Zero we must encourage a productive, flexible economy that can solve climate change through growth & innovation. Too often, revolutionary technologies face barriers: restrictive regulation, administrative hurdles, & lobbying by incumbents. Free market environmentalism can lead to a greener, freer, more prosperous society.

1:00 PM WALES

Cobden 2
WELSH CONSERVATIVES
1:00 PM THE EDGE FOUNDATION

Exchange 10

THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT – TIME FOR A RETHINK?

Flick Drummond MP – Member of Parliament – Meon Valley, Alice Barnard – Chief Executive – The Edge Foundation, Professor Sarah Jayne Blakemore – Professor of Psychology – University of Cambridge, Philip Avery – Director of Education – Bohunt Education Trust, Jonathan Noakes – Head of Teaching & Learning – Eton College, Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP – Member of Parliament – Harlow

The world as we know it is changing rapidly, and we need new ways to define and evidence the skills, knowledge and behaviours of our young people. With two years of exams cancelled from the pandemic, the world quickly adapted and we found new ways of assessing. Surely now must be the time to consider fundamental reform of our assessment system? Join us to explore what the future of assessment might look like.

1:30 PM CEN AND ENERTECHNOS

Central 3 & 4

HOW THE UK CAN DRIVE NET ZERO INNOVATION AND CLEAN FREE TRADE

Katherine Fletcher MP – Member of Parliament – South Ribble, Dominic Quennell – CEO – Enertechnos Limited, Rosa–Maria Stewart – Founder of the Spinning Reserve Project – Conservative Environment Network

This is an exciting moment for UK trade and climate policy. As a leader in innovative clean technology, the UK seeks to deliver its net zero commitment in a way that is market–led, creates jobs and grows our exports. This panel will discuss opportunities for free trade and an innovation–led global green recovery in driving net zero at home and at COP26.

1:00 PM THE BRUGES GROUP

Science and Industry Museum Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP

FREEDOM AND CONSERVATISM


A roadmap to liberty and prosperity. The policies and principles that should define the Conservative Government.

1:30 PM POLICY EXCHANGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NHBC

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4

BUILDING BACK BETTER: HOW TO DELIVER HIGH QUALITY HOMES AND EXTEND THE DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP – Member of Parliament – Newark, Lewis Sidnick – Director of Corporate Affairs – NHBC, Fiona Fletcher–Smith – Group Chief Executive – London and Quadrant

The Government has a target of 300,000 homes to build each year, and policy commitments on quality. While building more, the housing industry will have to maintain and improve construction quality. The panel will discuss how to build more, higher quality homes which meet both Government and public expectations.
**MONDAY 4 OCTOBER – FRINGE EVENTS**

### 1:30 PM THE TELEGRAPH

**PLMR Business Hub**

**CHOPPER’S POLITICS LIVE: CHRISTOPHER HOPE IN CONVERSATION WITH PARTY CHAIRMAN OLIVER DOWDEN**

Christopher Hope – Chief Political Correspondent and Assistant Editor – The Daily Telegraph, Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP – Chairman of the Conservative Party

An exclusive opportunity to join The Telegraph’s Christopher Hope for a live recording of Chopper’s Politics podcast with Oliver Dowden. A must-attend event blending no-nonsense interview, sharp political analysis and insider gossip. Expect good humour, straight talking, and an opportunity to grill Mr Dowden yourself in our live Q&A!

### 1:30 PM CENTRE FOR CITIES WITH POLICY@MANCHESTER

**Upper Hall, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS**

**HOLDING OUR BREATH? HOW TO CLEAN UP OUR CITIES’ AIR**

Andrew Carter – Chief Executive – Centre for Cities, Sheena Cruickshank – Immunologist and Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Public Engagement – The University of Manchester, Roger Evans – Political Advisor – UK100, Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald – Leader – Peterborough City Council

This event, in partnership with Policy@Manchester, will look at their latest research On Air Quality and the economic effects of air pollution.

This panel will discuss how a place-based approach can be effective for building solutions to the air pollution problem that are effective, enduring, and equitable.

### 1:45 PM NACRO AND NFER

**Youth Zone**

**NO YOUNG PERSON LEFT BEHIND: REFORM, RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY IN POST–16 EDUCATION**

### 2:00 PM CPS / TATE & LYLE SUGARS

**The Centre for Policy Studies**

**CLEAN, GREEN AND FREE – HOW TRADE CAN HELP THE PLANET**

Eamonn Ives – Head of Energy and Environment – Centre for Policy Studies, Gerald Mason – Senior Vice President – Tate & Lyle Sugars, The Hon George Brandis QC – High Commissioner to the UK – Australian High Commission, Sascha O’Sullivan – Media/Journalism – CityAM

The Government wants to increase trade, and reach Net Zero, and seeks to be a world leader in both – but are these goals compatible? What effect does increased trade have on the environment, and how can reducing barriers to trade increase sustainability?

### 2:00 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE RAIL SAFETY AND STANDARDS BOARD

**ThinkTent Marquee**

**GREAT BRITISH RAILWAYS – THE FUTURE OF RAIL?**

Mark Littlewood – Director General – IEA, Mark Phillips – Executive Director – RSSB, Mary Grant – CEO – Porterbrook, Chris Loder MP – Member of Parliament – West Dorset, Huw Merriman MP – Member of Parliament – Bexhill and Battle

With the Williams–Shapps Review finally reported and a new government plan on the future of the railways, what does the next
decade look like? There is uncertainty around the impact of the pandemic on business travel & commuter routes but what can the new body – Great British Railways – bring to the table and can it meet the challenges ahead?

2:00 PM SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION AND CAPITA

*Room 19/20, The Edwardian Manchester, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester, M2 5GP*

**REIMAGINING CORPORATE PURPOSE: HOW BUSINESS CAN HELP RESTORE FAITH IN MARKETS**

*Chair: James Kirkup – Director – Social Market Foundation, Alexander Stafford MP, Chair – APPG for Environmental, Social, and Governance (invited), Jon Lewis – CEO – Capita Representative Business Act*

Companies can deliver both profit and purpose. After unprecedented state support during the pandemic, the future success of markets hinge on transitioning from a shareholder to a stakeholder model. With consumers wanting to see that their spending is leading to a better society, how can business demonstrate that markets can be a force for good?

2:15 PM ONWARD

*Room 8 at The Edwardian Manchester, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester, M2 5GP*

**COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: HOW TO KEEP UK FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS?**

*Ranil Jayawardena MP – Minister for International Trade, Baroness Morgan – Former Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Catherine McGuinness – Chair – Policy and Resources Committee – City of London, David Postings – CEO – UK Finance*

This event will consider how best to maintain a competitive financial and professional services sector in the UK. It will be a chance to discuss how the government and private sector can work together to support the recovery from coronavirus, think ambitiously about what a competitive “Global Britain” really means, and the tools to support that ambition.

2:30 PM EPI & ASCL

*Central 8*

**HOW DO WE END THE SNOBBERY OF ACADEMIC VERSUS VOCATIONAL ROUTES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?**

*Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, Geoff Barton – General Secretary – Association of School and College Leaders, Gillian Keegan MP – Minister of State (Minister for Care and Mental Health) – , David Hughes – Chief Executive – Association of Colleges*

Bridging the academic and vocational divide to remove bias is key to ensure a system which supports all young people into fulfilling and purposeful work and tackles the skills gap.

2:45 PM ONWARD

**RURAL RESURGENCE: THE ROLE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY IN LEVELLING UP**

*Rt Hon George Eustice MP – Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Caroline Johnson MP – Member of Parliament – Sleaford and North Hykeham, Robbie Moore MP – Member of Parliament – Keighley, Levelling up is the centrepiece of the Government’s domestic agenda, but there is a risk that it could become focused on urban areas and fail to acknowledge the distinct issues faced by rural communities. This event will seek to understand the role of the rural economy in the levelling up agenda.**
INVESTMENT 2.0: TURBOCHARGING BRITAIN’S DIGITAL ECONOMY

Tom Blomfield – Tech – Self Employed, Matt Warman MP, Genevieve Redgrave – Political Editor – Public Policy Projects, Dominic McGregor – Communications/Marketing – Social Chain

In the past year, digital has been the backbone of the country’s ability to continue life as close to normal as possible. However, there is still a great challenge ahead and whether it be digital infrastructure, skills, or innovation, there is still a long way to go. How will we rise to the challenge of achieving a truly digital economy for the UK?

RESTORING OUR BLUE PLANET


The UK is a global ocean champion, with our Blue Belt programme protecting an area of ocean larger than India within our Overseas Territories. But despite our ambition, UK seas are still struggling. So how can we ensure UK seas are full of life, free from plastic pollution and properly protected? Join our international panel of experts to discuss what must be done to secure the future of our blue planet.

SKILLS, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: THE KEY TO LEVELLING UP

In a rapidly changing labour market, the pandemic will affect people’s education and future career prospects for some time. NCFE, leading educational services charity ask, what comes next to enhance lifetime learning for all, ensuring we meet dynamic skills needs through an agile system, to support thriving communities, and British prosperity?
3:00 PM NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

Youth Zone

BETWEEN THE LINES: CRIME REDUCTION AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Samuel Kasumu – Borough Councillor for – Hatfield Villages, Abbee McLatchie – Director of Youth Work – National Youth Agency, Anne Longfield CBE – Chair – Commission on Young Lives

A policing response alone is not sufficient. Crime reduction and prevention for young people at risk, providing safe spaces and activities, and building community resilience in support of young people. A panel debate and podcast interview. Minister invited.

3:15 PM TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee

ARE THE CONSERVATIVES NOW THE PARTY OF HIGH TAX AND SPEND?


By the end of this parliament, total government spending is due to be at levels not seen since the 60s. Tax rises are pencilled in and public sector debt levels have been steadily rising since 2008. Are we destined for a decade of high tax and spend?

3:30 PM PEOPLE’S POSTCODE LOTTERY

Chester Suite

THE SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT’S CHARITY LOTTERY REFORMS & NEXT STEPS

Scott Benton MP – Member of Parliament – Blackpool South, Clara Govier – Managing Director and Chair – People Postcode Lottery, Kate Lee – Chief Executive Officer – Alzheimer’s Society, Lindsey Macdonald PhD – Managing Director – Street League, Mims Davies MP – Mid Sussex – Member of Parliament

The Government’s changes to the law on charity lotteries, brought in last year, have been a great success, with an increase in funds for good causes and a reduction in bureaucracy. Join our panel to discuss the impact of the changes and to discuss how further reforms could unlock further benefits for charities and communities across the country at a time when increased charity funding is badly needed.

3:30 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH EATON

Exchange 8

GREEN GRID, SMART SYSTEM? THE UK’S LOW-CARBON ENERGY

Patrick Hall – Senior Research Fellow – Bright Blue, Peter Foster – Public Policy Editor – Financial Times, The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP – Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade, Nina Skorupska – Chief Executive Officer – The Association for Renewable Energy & Clean Technology (REA), Siobahn Meikle – Managing Director – Eaton

As we further transition to a low-carbon energy system, this fringe event explores how we can do so in a way that is affordable, smart and flexible for households.
3:30 PM CONSERVATIVEHOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COALITION FOR GLOBAL PROSPERITY

ConservativeHome Marquee
IN CONVERSATION WITH DAVID DAVIS MP
Rt Hon David Davis MP – Member of Parliament – Haltemprice and Howden,
Ryan Henson – CEO – Coalition for Global Prosperity

Ryan Henson, CEO of the Coalition for Global Prosperity, interviews David Davis MP – former Brexit Secretary, civil libertarian and vocal campaigner – about Global Britain’s place in the world, international development in turbulent times, modern Conservatism, his personal politics, and offers the audience a chance to put their questions to him, too.

3:30 PM THE HALO TRUST
Victoria Suite
INTERNATIONAL RESILIENCE & PROSPERITY

Impact investment was one of the fastest growing markets to support development finance. Economic pressures make it more important than ever. Meanwhile, the UK’s international agenda and ambition in a post-Brexit world is linked to trade and prosperity. What role should the private sector and impact investment have for an equitable and green development and prosperity agenda? And what role should trade play?

3:30 PM FINANCIAL SHIELD
Royce Suite
SOCIAL PRESCRIBING OF THE FUTURE: WHAT SHOULD THE CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO FINANCIAL HEALTH BE?

Bringing together experts on health inequalities, social prescribing and debt, this event will provide the opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the role of social prescribing in the Conservative Party’s approach to financial health and wellbeing going forward, and how that fits into the Government’s plans to level up communities across the United Kingdom.

3:30 PM CONSERVATIVES IN THE CITY
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CONSERVATIVES IN THE CITY

Join Conservatives in the City for our inaugural launch event at CPC 21 to discuss how we can use the power of the City and its industry to boost the economy across the U.K. We will be joined by patrons John Glen MP, City Minister, and Bim Afolami MP alongside Miles Celic of TheCityUK think tank and Stefan Boscia of CityAM.
3:30 PM NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION

Exchange 9
WHAT DOES LEVELLING UP MEAN FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN?
Ayesha Hazarika – Presenter – Times Radio, Cllr Teresa Heritage – Executive Member, Children, Young People & Families – Harpenden South West, Kevin Courtney – Joint General Secretary – National Education Union

3:30 PM NESTA

Central 7
NET ZERO: BIG IDEAS TO UNLEASH THE INNOVATION NEEDED TO CUT HOUSEHOLD EMISSIONS
Ravi Gurumurthy – Chief Executive – Nesta
Is it possible to cut carbon emissions from the UK’s homes quickly, affordably and in a way that delights consumers? Decarbonising homes is one of the thorniest challenges in getting to net zero, but innovators across the UK are already showing how it can be done. Held in partnership with Green Alliance, this discussion will bring together people working at the cutting edge of innovation to reduce household emissions. We’ll be asking: How can innovation and investment speed up the pace of change in decarbonising homes? How can innovators be supported to test new business models that help consumers to reduce or shift energy consumption, heat their homes differently, and change their behaviours? What regulatory changes could incentivise firms to innovate, while ensuring that changes don’t further disadvantage fuel–poor homes? Questions and themes: how can policymakers encourage rather than block innovation around new technologies? What are the regulatory obstacles to new models and approaches in domestic decarbonisation and how can these be overcome? Session format: each speaker has 5 minutes to present their one big idea to reduce household emissions followed by 10 minutes of audience Q&A before moving onto the next speaker.

3:30 PM STONEWATER

Lancaster
MODERN POVERTIES: IMPACTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF HOMEWORKING IN A NEW AGE
Shaun Bailey MP – Member of Parliament – West Bromwich West, Polly Mackenzie – Chief Executive – Demos, Lynsey Sweeney – Managing Director – Communities that Work, Susan Shirt – Executive Director, Customer Experience – Stonewater
The shift to home working has been difficult for many. Ahead of the launch of new research by Demos and funded by Stonewater, this fringe event will look at the barriers and opportunities faced by workers in being able to work from home and the consequences of shifting working patterns on wellbeing, work–life balance, and personal finances. What does it mean for the future of working?

3:30 PM INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT AND HEALTH FOUNDATION

Exchange 4–5 Combined
AFTER THE PANDEMIC: LONG–TERM HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FUNDING CHALLENGES
Graham Atkins – Associate Director – Institute for Government, Dr Gemma Tetlow – Chief Economist – Institute for Government, Sarah Neville – Global Health Editor – Financial Times, Anita Charlesworth – Director of Research and REAL Centre – The Health Foundation
Growing waiting lists, staff burnout, and a social care system in urgent need of reform. With a spending review imminent, this event will discuss spending pressures on health and care, how to pay for them, and whether the government will be able to meet its pledges to build 40 new hospitals and recruit tens of thousands of nurses, doctors, and GPs.

3:30 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOGISTICS UK

Central 5
DRIVING THE ECONOMY; WHAT’S THE FUTURE FOR LOWER SKILLED WORKERS

Steve Granite — CEO — Abbey Logistics Group, Alex Burghart — Parliamentary Under-Secretary — Department for Education, Elizabeth de Jong — Director of Policy — Logistics

Lower skilled workers are vital to the economy, keeping supply chains for households and businesses running. How do we ensure the country has the workforce that it needs, and workers receive the training, support and future prospects that they deserve?

3:30 PM IPPR CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Exchange 6–7 Combined
BUILDING BACK BETTER: REGIONAL INEQUALITY AND THE RECOVERY

Dr George Dibb — Head of the Centre for Economic Justice — Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), Margaret Bolton — Director of Policy and Communications — Local Trust, Luke Hall MP — Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government (invited), Carys Roberts — Executive Director — Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), Cllr James Jamieson.

The coronavirus pandemic has shaken the UK economy in profound ways, but as we emerge from the crisis people across the country are clear about their desire for this to be the end of business as usual. Politicians and policymakers need to respond to the call to ‘build back better’ with bold and concrete action. The pandemic must mark a turning point to a future where people are enabled to live rewarding and fulfilling lives; and where our economy is more balanced across our towns, cities and regions. This event will explore the priorities for the government’s levelling–up agenda, and how places can be empowered to fully grasp local economic opportunities and revitalise communities after the pandemic.

3:30 PM COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE

Cobden 1
COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE ROUNDTABLE WITH VICTORIA PRENTIS MP AND NEIL PARISH MP

Neil Parish MP — Member of Parliament — Tiverton and Honiton, Tim Bonner — Chief Executive — Countryside Alliance, Victoria Prentis MP — Minister of State Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

We will welcome Victoria Prentis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defra, and Neil Parish MP, Chair of the Efra Select Committee. Chaired by our Chief Executive, Tim Bonner, we will discuss the Government’s Action Plan for Animal Welfare, including the Animal (Sentience) Bill, as well as other legislation and matters of importance to the countryside.
3:30 PM FORCES IN MIND TRUST

Exchange 1

LIFTING OUR SIGHTS – WHAT WILL THE UK LOOK LIKE IN 2030? AND HOW WILL FUTURE TRENDS IMPACT THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY AND THE ORGANISATIONS THAT SUPPORT THEM?

Larisa Brown – Reporter – The Times, Mike Ellicock – Chief Executive – Forces in Mind Trust, Leo Docherty MP – Member of Parliament – Aldershot, Caroline Cooke – Charity/NGO – Forces in Mind Trust

The Lifting Our Sights report has shone a light on the changing nature of UK society and identifies the trends that are likely to be the most relevant to those members of the Armed Forces who will undergo transition over the next decade. The fringe event will examine future social, technical, economic, environmental, political, and ethical trends and their impact on the Armed Forces Community, with a focus on transition from the military to civilian life. We will consider the macro–shifts and foresights which will influence how the UK will change over the next decade, then look in depth at those which will impact Service personnel and their families, and the organisations that support them. Forces in Mind Trust was founded in 2011 by a £35 million endowment from The National Lottery Community Fund. We award grants and commission research that generates sustained change, informs Government policy, and improves the lives of the Armed Forces Community.

3:30 PM CONSERVATIVE VOICE

Stanley Suite

CONSERVATIVE VOICE

Rt Hon Esther McVey MP

Conservative Voice fringe event with The Rt Hon Esther McVey MP: How to retain the Red Wall Constituencies.

3:30 PM CADENT, NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS AND KPMG

Exchange 2–3 Combined

THE HYDROGEN FRINGE – TOWARDS NET ZERO: THE ROLE OF HYDROGEN IN BUILDING BACK GREENER

Melanie Taylor – Head of Stakeholder Relations – Northern Gas Networks, Simon Virley – Vice Chair – KPMG, Jacob Young – Member of Parliament – Redcar, Angela Needle – Energy/Utilities/Natural Resources – Cadent

Following the release of the Hydrogen Strategy earlier in the summer, this event presents the perfect opportunity to discuss the skills revolution needed to not just adapt to the hydrogen economy, but maximise its potential and to contribute towards rebuilding a green economy.

3:30 PM ADAM SMITH INSTITUTE

Exhibition Event Room

THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY: HOW GLOBAL BRITAIN CAN EMBRACE TOBACCO HARM REDUCTION

Mark Oates – Director – We Vape, Nicky Small – Fiscal and Regulatory Affairs Director – Japan Tobacco International, Louise Ross – Business Development Manager & Interim Chair at NNA – The Smoke Free app & New Nicotine Alliance, Daniel Pryor – Head of Programmes – Adam Smith Institute
With the UK no longer part of the EU, the UK has the opportunity to become a world leader in Tobacco Harm Reduction. This panel aims to explore how the UK has been successful in embracing safer smoking alternatives, and what steps we can take to safeguard and advance this approach, both in the UK and at the international level.

3:30 PM CPS / AVIVA

**The Centre for Policy Studies**

**GETTING TO NET ZERO: HOW CAN WE DECARBONISE IN TIME?**


Launching a major series that the CPS is hosting with Aviva to examine how we can get to Net Zero and the role of a range of important economic sectors in this. We will debate the big questions around Net Zero: how can public support be maintained, what role will key sectors such as finance play, and how can we do it in time?

3:30 PM CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN REFORM

**Exchange 10**

**BRITAIN AND THE EU: WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO THEY NEED?**

Rt Hon Greg Hands MP – Member of Parliament – Chelsea & Fulham, Baroness Neville Rolfe DBE CMG – Chair – Assured Food Standards, Charles Grant – Director – Centre for European Reform, Tom Tugendhat

The way we plan cities needs to change so that we can reach carbon targets and improve the health and lives of residents. What we build will last for at least 30 years so it is vital that we lock in sustainable features that remain past 2050 targets. Join us to discuss how we can develop happy and healthy communities that work for all.

3:30 PM SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION AND OPINIUM

**Room 19/20, The Edwardian Manchester, A Radisson Collection Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester M2 5GP**

**TAKING CENTRE STAGE: NEW EVIDENCE ABOUT THE ELECTORAL CENTRE GROUND**

Chair: James Kirkup – Director – Social Market Foundation, Claire Coutinho MP – Member of Parliament – East Surrey, Adam Drummond – Associate Director – Opinium,
Charlotte Ivers – Columnist – The Sunday Times (invited)

With attention shifting in recent years to the fringes of British politics, could the centre become a new electoral battleground? Join us as we reveal new research on the political tribes that make up the British electorate.

3:30 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH POVERTY2SOLUTIONS

Chadwick A, INNSiDE by Melià, 1 First St, Manchester M15 4RP

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: THE PEOPLE’S VOICE IN LEVELLING UP

Mims Davies MP – Minister for Employment, Christian Wakeford MP – Member – Northern Research Group, Ryan Shorthouse – Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Corrina Eastwood – An expert with lived experience, Tracey Herrington – An expert with lived experience

There is a risk of the ‘levelling up’ agenda becoming a top–down process. This event will explore how to ensure people in affected communities have a sufficient voice in the regeneration they want in their areas to reduce hardship and transform opportunities.

4:00 PM YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

YC PANEL AND Q&A: CAREERS IN POLITICS

Lyll Ainscow – Communications/Marketing – The Conservative Party, Emily Harris – Young Conservatives Chair for – East Worthing and Shoreham, Callum Murphy – Communications/Marketing – FleishmanHillard, Ella Robertson McKay – Managing Director – One Young World

This is your opportunity to hear from YCs who work in various roles across politics as they share their experiences and answer your questions on how you can get involved and maybe land your dream job.

4:00 PM POLICY EXCHANGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLIMATE GROUP

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4

THE ROAD TO NET ZERO: DECARBONISING ROAD TRANSPORT


Transport is the number one contributor to UK emissions. The Government has recently published its Transport Decarbonisation Plan, which included a commitment to phase out the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030. What more does the Government need to do to deliver the phase out and to ensure that electric vehicles are practical for drivers?

4:00 PM YOUTH ACCESS

Youth Zone

OUR MINDS, OUR FUTURE


A policy roundtable led by young people on mental health rights and wellbeing. By invitation: contact jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk
MUNICIPAL RECOVERY: HOW CAN WE USE CITIES TO DRIVE LEVELLING UP?


The Government has praised the UK’s regional cities as engines of growth. This panel will consider what policymakers can do to make UK cities more globally competitive, make best use of their world-leading universities, harness green investment to deliver net zero, and build the infrastructure that connects city and regional opportunities.

LEVELLING UP JUSTICE

Lord Woolfson – Minister of State for Justice, James Daly MP – Chair – Legal Aid APPG, Stephanie Boyce – President – The Law Society, Derek Sweeting – Chair – Bar Council, Chiara Bartlamm – 5 Garden Court Chambers

As we emerge from the pandemic and address its impact on communities, what role do the legal professions and justice system need to play in levelling up? Our panel discuss what we need from a justice system, the role of the law in building back better towards a more sustainable legal aid sector, & the effect of technology in the justice system. Due to Covid, there may need to be additional check-in, so it would be helpful to notify james.sandbach@lawworks.org.uk if you are planning to attend.

IS NUCLEAR POWER THE ANSWER TO ACHIEVING NET-ZERO?


Gin & tonics will be served to guests.

GOVERNMENT REIMAGINED: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO REFORM GOVERNMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY?

Benjamin Barnard – Head of Technology Policy – Policy Exchange, Dame Patricia Hodgson – Deputy Chair, Member AI Council, Member STRC (UKRI) – Policy Exchange, The
The success of every policy initiative depends upon the capacity and capabilities of government itself. The aftermath of the COVID–19 pandemic provides both the opportunity and the imperative to re–evaluate the processes, organisational design, structure and culture of government. This panel will discuss how to approach reform of government.

4:30 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

ThinkTent Marquee
IN CONVERSATION WITH...
Mark Littlewood – Director General – IEA

4:30 PM THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

PLMR Business Hub
JET ZERO: IS IT ACHIEVABLE?
Katherine Bennett CBE – CEO – High Value Manufacturing Catapult, Steve Foxley – Manufacturing/Advanced Manufacturing – AMRC, Valentina Vecchio – Other – The Boeing Company

Hear manufacturing heavyweights present the once in a lifetime opportunity for the UK to become a global leader in zero emission aviation and bring about the biggest change in aerospace since the invention of the combustion engine. The event will be followed by a drinks reception from 17.30 – 18.00 for attendees to enjoy a more informal discussion.

5:00 PM HEMEL HEMPSTEAD YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD YOUNG CONSERVATIVES IN CONVERSATION WITH RT HON ESTHER McVEY MP
Esther McVey MP – Political (Councillor/ Mayor/Parliamentarian) – UK Parliament, George Bundock

Hemel Hempstead Young Conservatives in conversation with the Rt Hon Esther McVey MP for Tatton and President of Blue Collar Conservatism.
5:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ABPI, FDF AND TECHUK

ConservativeHome Marquee
BUILDING BACK BETTER? ENSURING THE PLAN FOR GROWTH WORKS FOR THE UK INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS


West Midlands Mayor Andy Street joins a panel of senior representatives of major UK industries, including pharmaceuticals, tech, and food and drink, to assess the Government’s pledge to Build Back Better. How will the plan for growth work? What does the private sector need in order to best fulfil its potential?

5:00 PM CPS / SPEED UP BRITAIN

The Centre for Policy Studies
BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Matthew Fell – Chief UK Policy Director – Executive Committee – CBI, Patricia Hewitt – Special Adviser – FTI Consulting, Nick King – Research Fellow – Centre for Policy Studies, Matt Warman MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for – Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Kelham Cooke – Political – South Kesteven District Council

If we are to boost economic growth and seize the potential of digital technology, we need to ensure that every household and business can access the connectivity they need to fully participate in the digital economy. How can we do this quickly and effectively, and what are the benefits of getting it right?

5:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MASTERCARD

Central 5
BACKING SMALL BUSINESSES – THE BACKBONE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Ben Houchen – Mayor for – Tees Valley, Paul Scully MP – Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Payal Dalal – Senior Vice President of Social Impact, International Markets – Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth

Small businesses create millions of jobs, and will be key to the economic recovery. How do we give them the support they need, and help even the smallest and most hard to reach make the most of the latest digital technology? The Tees Valley Mayor, the Minister for Small Business and the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth share their thoughts.

5:00 PM HIGH SPEED RAIL GROUP (HSRG), RAIL DELIVERY GROUP (RDG) AND RAILWAY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (RIA)

Suites 19 & 20, The Edwardian Manchester Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester M2 5GP

THE RAIL RECEPTION

Andrew Stephenson MP – Minister of State – Department for Transport, Kieran Mullan MP – Member of Parliament – Crewe and Nantwich

Annual drinks reception where attendees can hear about the opportunities a truly national high speed rail network will bring. Will include a photographic exhibition of the progress that has been made on HS2 to date, bringing to life the economic, environmental and educational benefits that flow from the UK’s biggest infrastructure project.
5:00 PM LANSONS

Dirty Martini Manchester, 1 Peter St, Manchester, M2 5QR

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND BUSINESS RECEPTION

Guy Opperman MP – Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion

Please do join us for a drink, networking and an opportunity to hear from Guy Opperman, Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion.

This is an invitation only event so please do contact partyconference@lansons.com if you wish to attend.

5:10 PM ONWARD

Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP

BYTE BACK BETTER: USING INNOVATION TO TRANSFORM SERVICE DELIVERY

Guy Opperman MP – Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, Laura Farris MP – Member of Parliament – Newbury, Tracy Vegro – Executive Director, Strategy and Innovation – SRA

Technological innovation has changed almost every aspect of our lives, and many businesses are adopting new ways of working fit for the digital age. This event will consider the UK’s innovation landscape, including AI and big data in professional services, and how this can drive down costs and improve quality for customers.

5:30 PM PPP

PPP Lounge

ARE BRITAIN’S CHILDREN GOING HUNGRY?

Emma Revie – Chief Executive – The Trussell Trust, Jack Monroe – Journalist, Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell – Chair – Public Policy Projects Ltd, Caroline Ansell MP – Member of Parliament – Eastbourne and Willingdon

Are the voices of those at the bottom of Britain’s social scale going unheard? Child food poverty is one of the biggest political issues of our time. Why, in one of the most developed countries in the world, are one in five children going to bed hungry? This session will look at these issues and whole challenge of addressing UK health equity. This event will also launch PPP’s state of the nation report ‘Addressing the National Syndemic’, which provides tangible and practical solutions to address the UK’s national syndemic and begin closing the gap in health disparity.

5:30 PM AIRLINES UK, HEATHROW AIRPORT AND MANCHESTER AIRPORTS GROUP

Derby Suite

THE AVIATION INTERVIEW

Aviation is facing its biggest crisis, with international travel facing major restrictions. This event will discuss how it can emerge from Covid, working with Ministers to ensure air travel can resume safely, whilst agreeing a framework for the future, where aviation can continue to provide for Britain but sustainably and within a net-zero world.
5:30 PM EPI & AQA

Central 8

THE FUTURE OF GCSES

Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, Colin Hughes – CEO – AQA
Education, Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First, Geoff Barton – General Secretary – Association of School and College Leaders, Tom Hunt MP – Member of Parliament – Ipswich

The COVID–19 pandemic and the cancellation of exams for two years in a row has raised discussions about the future of examinations. The pandemic and disruption to learning presents a unique opportunity to reassess our approach to assessments to ensure that our young people have access to a system that best prepares them for higher education or employment in 2021. With keynote speaker Tom Hunt MP.

5:30 PM THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

KPMG, One St Peter’s Square, Manchester, M2 3AE

GREATER MANCHESTER LEP RECEPTION

Lou Cordwell OBE – Chair – Greater Manchester LEP, Andy Burnham – Mayor – Greater Manchester, Sir Richard Leese – Leader – Manchester City Council, Cllr Martyn Cox – Leader – Bolton Council, Tristia Harrison – Chief Executive Officer – TalkTalk

The GM LEP Reception, in association with Arup and KPMG, provides an opportunity to engage with business and political leaders from across Greater Manchester.

Please email sarah.griffiths@marketingmanchester.com to register your attendance.

5:45 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS & THE TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee

YOU CAN’T SAY THAT! IS FREE SPEECH IN PERIL?


Some say free speech has taken a hammering in recent years. Online, on university campuses, and in advertising, the voices of censorship seem to grow ever louder. But does this reflect the reality? And how can free speech advocates defend the rights to speak, offend, and oppose, from those who set out to silence criticism, dissent, and offense?

5:45 PM OASIS AND COMMISSION ON YOUNG LIVES

Youth Zone

RISKY BUSINESS: REIMAGINING AMBITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Anne Longfield CBE – Chair – Commission on Young Lives, Rev Steve Chalke MBE – Founder – Oasis Charitable Trust, Oluseyi Obakin – CEO – Centrepoint
MONDAY 4 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

5:45 PM NATWEST

NatWest COP26 Lounge

SMES AND THE ROAD TO NET ZERO
Rt Hon Anne–Marie Trevelyan, Secretary of State for International Trade, Martin McTague, National Vice Chair Policy and Advocacy, FSB, James Close, Head of Climate Change, NatWest

A panel discussion on how to support SMEs on the road to net zero.

6:00 PM THE COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST

Chester Suite
COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST #WORKINGWITHYOU

We are the only organisation dedicated to supporting the UK’s former coalmining communities. Over the last 20 years we have invested in improving the health and wellbeing, skills and employability of people, safeguarding community assets and, more recently, the development of light industrial growth space for SME’s. We believe the former coalfields have huge potential and, through creative partnership working, can contribute to economic growth and UK prosperity. Visit our stand to learn more #WorkingwithYouWeb address – www.coalfields–regen.org.uk

6:00 PM MIDLANDS ENGINE

Exchange 4–5 Combined

MIDLANDS ENGINE
Sir John Peace – Chair – Midlands Engine,
Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP – Member of Parliament – Newark

The Midlands Engine Partnership cordially invites you to join our Chairman Sir John Peace, Ministerial Champion the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP and distinguished guests to hear about our exciting plans for driving prosperity right across the Midlands.

6:00 PM POLICY EXCHANGE

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4

IN–CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH
Fraser Nelson – Editor – The Spectator Magazine

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Health in–conversation with Fraser Nelson, Editor of The Spectator

6:00 PM NORTHERN IRELAND

Victoria Suite
NORTHERN IRELAND CONSERVATIVES
An opportunity to meet with members and elected representatives from across Northern Ireland.

6:00 PM LONDON

Alexandra B
LONDON CONSERVATIVES
An opportunity to meet with members and elected representatives from across London. Invite Only.
MONDAY 4 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

6:00 PM IPPR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Exchange 6–7 Combined
A PLAN FOR A CLEANER, HEALTHIER AND FAIRER ECONOMY

Chair: Carys Roberts, Executive Director, IPPR, Isabella Gornall — Founder and Managing Director — Seahorse Environmental, Luke Murphy — Environmental Justice Commission and leads the Energy, Climate, Housing and Infrastructure team — IPPR, Johanna Roberts — Executive Director — IPPR, Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26 (invited)

This event will explore the work of the IPPR Environmental Justice Commission. Concluding two years of work, which involved listening to experts, business leaders, trade unionists and civil society, and holding four citizens juries across the UK, the Commission released its final report this summer which set out a vision for an economy that is clean, healthy and fair.

6:00 PM CEN

Central 3 & 4
THE COST OF NET ZERO AND HOW TO FINANCE IT

Bim Afolami MP — Member of Parliament — Hitchin and Harpenden, Dr Ben Caldecott — Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Programme and Lombard Odier Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow — University of Oxford, Dame Clare Moriarty — Chief Executive — Citizens Advice

Panellists will have a frank conversation about the opportunities and the investment costs for the UK from embracing net zero. They will look at how to grow the role of private finance, and debate ways to share the benefits across the country, while protecting families from any additional costs.

6:00 PM LGA

Petersfield Suite
LGA RECEPTION

6:00 PM CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS’ ASSOCIATION AND YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Exchange 2–3 Combined
BECOMING A YOUNG COUNCILLOR

Keane Duncan — Journalist — Reach Plc, Heather Blurton — City Councillor — Stoke on Trent City Council, Nicole Richer — Councillor — East Barnet, Andrew Bowie MP — Member of Parliament — West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine, Alexander Rennie — Political — Havant Borough Council

This event is a fantastic opportunity for young Party Members to find out more about becoming a councillor. Whether you’re a council candidate standing next May or thinking about putting yourself forward as a candidate, come along and hear from experienced young councillors and council leaders as they share their thoughts on life as a councillor.

6:00 PM CONSERVATIVE ANIMAL WELFARE FOUNDATION

Lancaster
CONSERVATIVE ANIMAL WELFARE FOUNDATION WORLD ANIMAL DAY RECEPTION

Andrea Jenkyns MP — Member of Parliament — Morley and Outwood, Sir David Amess MP — Member of Parliament — Southend West, Chris Loder MP — Member of Parliament — West Dorset, Jane Stevenson MP — Member of Parliament — Wolverhampton North East, Christian Wakeford MP — Member of
World Animal Day is internationally celebrated every year on 4 October, on the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. This special event hosted by Andrea Jenkyns MP, welcomes the new Action Plan For Animal Welfare and the new animal welfare Bills introduced in Parliament to advance animal welfare.

**6:00 PM CPF**

The Tea Rooms

CPF Reception

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**6:00 PM THE ENTERPRISE FORUM; ADS; ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (ABPI); ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA); ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORES (ACS); ENERGY UK; FEDERATION OF MASTER BUILDERS (FMB); FEDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES (FSB); FOOD AND DRINK FEDERATION (FDF); ICAEW, THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES; TECHUK**

Exchange 9

THE ENTERPRISE FORUM BUSINESS RECEPTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ADS; ABPI; ACCA; ACS: ENERGY UK; FMB; FSB; FDF; ICAEW; TECHUK

The Enterprise Forum Business Reception in partnership with Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI); Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA); Association of Convenience Stores (ACS); Energy UK; Federation of Master Builders (FMB); Federation of Small Businesses (FSB); Food and Drink Federation (FDF); ICAEW, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; techUK. Craft Beer kindly provided by Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA)
6:00 PM CONSERVATIVE DISABILITY GROUP

Cobden 2
HOW TO BUILD A MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

Join CDG this year to discuss how we can build a more inclusive society for people with a Learning Disability, as we build back better from the pandemic. Our panel will be made up of: The Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP who is sponsoring the Down Syndrome Bill as his private members bill. Annabel Tall was the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Bath in 2019 and is mum to Freddie – who is an adult with Downs Syndrome. Join us to discuss the progress of the new Down Syndrome Bill plus a range of other measures that can help build back a more inclusive society where we can all meet our full potential.

6:00 PM THE SPECTATOR AND CENTRE FOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY (CAGE)

Exchange 11
TAXING TIMES: HOW TO PAY FOR ‘LEVELLING UP’

James Forsyth – Journalist – The Spectator, Arun Advani – Assistant Professor – University of Warwick

Gin & tonics will be served to guests.

6:00 PM FRONTAL STREET CONSULTING

Houghton Suite
UK EXPORT & INNOVATION LEADERS RECEPTION (INVITE–ONLY)

6:00 PM EASTERN REGIONAL

Charter 4
EASTERN REGIONAL RECEPTION

An opportunity to meet with members and elected representatives from across the Eastern region.

6:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH LV=

Chadwick A, INNSiDE by Meliá, 1 First St, Manchester M15 4RP
POWERING AHEAD: BOOSTING EV UPTAKE IN THE UK

This event will examine how to support more drivers, especially on modest incomes, shift to Electric Vehicles in the years ahead, learning lessons from successful overseas examples.

6:00 PM NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (NFU)

The Halle Suite, The Edwardian Manchester, Peter Street, Manchester M2 5GP

WHAT ARE RURAL VOTERS THINKING? NEW RURAL MPS WITH DEFRA SECRETARY GEORGE EUSTICE MP AND NFU PRESIDENT MINETTE BATTERS

Chair: Minette Batters – President – National Farmers Union of England and Wales, The Rt Hon George Eustice MP – Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Selaine Saxby MP – Member of Parliament – North Devon, Richard Holden MP – Member of Parliament – North West Durham, Chris Curtis – Senior Research Manager – Opinium

Analysis of the ‘red wall’ often ignores the swathes of rural seats gained by the Conservatives at the 2019 election. Are these ‘rural red wall’ voters thinking differently from those in the rural south? Where do rural voters stand on issues like trade deals, food security and climate change? How will the levelling up agenda reach rural voters?

6:00 PM NEW PHILANTHROPY CAPITAL (NPC), CENTRE FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC STRATEGIES (CLES) AND IMPETUS

The Workplace, 4th Floor Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford St, Manchester M1 6EU (less than 5 minutes from the Midland Hotel)

LEVELLING UP COMMUNITIES: PUTTING PEOPLE, PLACE & CIVIL SOCIETY AT THE HEART OF THE AGENDA


NPC, CLES and Impetus have come together to promote the idea that levelling up agenda should give equal prioritisation to social as well as physical infrastructure: to investment in people – in skills & education, in community organisations & charities. All those interested in communities and place please join us to discuss. Refreshments provided.

6:30 PM CPS

The Centre for Policy Studies

THE CPS IN CONVERSATION WITH THE RT HON LIZ TRUSS MP

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP – Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and Minister for Women and Equalities, Robert Colvile – Columnist – The Sunday Times/CapX

CPS Director Robert Colvile interviews the Rt Hon Liz Truss MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, in front of a live audience.
**MONDAY 4 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS**

6:30 PM POLITEIA

**Novotel Manchester Centre, 21 Dickinson Street, Manchester, M1 4LX**

**MAKING THE MOST OF BREXIT**

Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP – Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. David Jones MP – Member of Parliament – Clwyd West – Member of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee and European Scrutiny Committee, Rt. Hon. Sir John Redwood MP – Member of Parliament – Wokingham, Edite Ligere – Director of Politeia

The UK is open for business post-Brexit and post-pandemic. What changes are now needed to turn aspiration to reality? How can the UK’s free market economy, trade and the City’s businesses be freed to take a lead globally.

7:00 PM THE BINGO ASSOCIATION

**PLMR Business Hub**

**CONFERENCE CHARITY BINGO RECEPTION**

Conference Charity Bingo! The Bingo Association are proud to host special games of charity Bingo with drinks and nibbles. Play Bingo from 7pm with special guest Bingo callers! The Bingo Association will donate £250 to the winners’ charity of choice. Bring your colleagues and friends along to play bingo and support a good cause. Refreshments will also be provided. Email bingo@plmr.co.uk to secure your place!

7:00 PM HEATHROW + SUSTAINABLE AVIATION

**Heathrow Lounge**

**SUSTAINABLE AVIATION – ROAD TO NET ZERO**

The reception will reflect on the road to net zero, the challenges ahead, and the support needed to achieve this goal. We will also highlight how aviation decarbonisation provides opportunities for the UK to lead in the development of a green economy and create thousands of high-quality green jobs, whilst delivering upon our climate ambition.

7:00 PM LEGAL TO SAY. LEGAL TO TYPE. CAMPAIGN

**Kielys Irish Bar, Kielys Irish Bar, 1 Watson St, Manchester M3 4EE**

**THE FREE SPEECH SPEAKEASY**

Toby Young – Journalist, David Davis MP – Member of Parliament – Haltemprice and Howden (Invited), Index on Censorship, and others
Britain has a proud tradition of free speech, things that are legal to say shouldn’t be censored online. If you’re opposed to this new era of free speech prohibition under the Online Safety Bill, then join Guido Fawkes, the ASI, the IEA, Index on Censorship, ORG and the LtSLiT campaign for an evening of legal but harmful fun and free drinks.

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**7:00 PM FIELD CONSULTING**

*Revolution Deansgate, Arch 7 Whitworth street, Manchester M1 5LH*

**PINT SIZED POLITICS DRINKS RECEPTION**

*Katy Balls – Deputy Political Editor – The Spectator, Chris Curtis – Senior Research Manager – Opinium*

Join Field Consulting for an evening of political insight and gossip from our expert panel of journalists, commentators and pollsters over a pint and some nibbles (other drinks are also available!) Please rsvp to jonathan.andrew@fieldconsulting.co.uk to request a place.

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**7:15 PM YMCA AND NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY**

*Youth Zone*

**LEVELLING UP LOCALLY: HOW CAN CONSERVATIVE COUNCILS BUILD BACK BETTER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?**

*Leigh Middleton – Chief Executive Officer – National Youth Agency, David Bridson – Head of Campaigns and Research – YMCA England & Wales, Cllr Teresa Heritage – Executive Member, Children, Young People & Families – Harpenden South West, Samuel Kasumu – Borough Councillor for – Hatfield Villages, Mims Davies MP – Mid Sussex – Member of Parliament*

Panel Debate: How can Local Authorities build communities that will level up opportunities for young people?

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**7:30 PM EPI, AQA & UCAS**

**Central 8**

**EDUCATION RECEPTION: MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR STUDENTS**

*Natalie Perera – Chief Executive – Education Policy Institute, Colin Hughes – CEO – AQA Education, John Cope – Councillor for – Elmbridge Borough*

This reception will celebrate the dedication of the Higher Education sector during the difficult period of the pandemic and look ahead to promoting wellbeing and bright futures for students. With invited keynote speaker Nadhim Zahawi MP, Secretary of State for Education. This event is by invitation only, to request a ticket please get in touch on becky.clark@epi.org.uk

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**7:30 PM CEN**

**Central 3 & 4**

**CEN’S BIG PUB QUIZ OF THE YEAR**

*Stanley Johnson – International Ambassador – Conservative Environment Network, Alex Chalk – Member of Parliament*

This light–hearted social event will bring together all groups within our network, from supporters to MPs. The quiz will cover topics including politics, general knowledge, pop culture, food and drink and of course, the environment with each round being hosted by entertaining guests and friends of CEN!
7:30 PM ONWARD

**Private Dining Room**

BACK ON TRACK: HOW CAN TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY SUPPORT LEVELLING UP?

*Andrew Stephenson MP – Minister of State – Department for Transport*

A private Onward dinner to discuss how transport connectivity can support levelling up. Kindly supported by West Coast Partnership. By Invitation only.

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8:00 PM THE HOUSE

**Derby Suite**

THE HOUSE PUB QUIZ

Join us for drinks and fun as MPs go head to head with lobby journalists in The House Pub Quiz.

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8:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH VIRIDOR

**Restaurant, Manchester**

CLEANER, GREEN HOMES? TACKLING WASTE AND LOW–CARBON HEAT TOGETHER

*Chair: Ryan Shorthouse – Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Emma Degg – Chief Executive – North West Business Leadership Team, Professor Patricia Thornley – Director – Energy & Bioproducts Research Institute*

In this invite–only dinner, we will explore the potential of waste–to–energy technologies to help decarbonise home heating. If you are interested in attending, please email weronika@brightblue.org.uk.

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8:30 PM FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

**Lancaster**

BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES RECEPTION

*Andrew Rosindell MP – Member of Parliament – Romford, Gagan Mohindra MP – Member of Parliament – South West Hertfordshire, Andrew Bowie MP – Member of Parliament – West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine*

We invite you to join Friends of the British Overseas Territories as we celebrate our relationship with our Global Family. Several Conservative MPs are expected to join the reception.

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8:30 PM EU DELEGATION TO THE UK

**Exchange 1**

EU DELEGATION TO THE UK: RECEPTION

*Joao Vale de Almeida – EU Ambassador – EU Delegation to the UK*

An informal drinks reception hosted by the EU Ambassador, João Vale de Almeida. This is the first time the EU Delegation is participating in the Conservative Party annual conference. This event is by invitation only. Please email DELEGATION–UNITED–KINGDOM–RSVP@eeas.europa.eu to register your interest.
MONDAY 4 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

8:30 PM YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Exchange 10

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES RECEPTION
Join other Young Conservatives for fun and drinks.

8:30 PM NAOMI POHL

Exchange 2–3 Combined

MEET THE MUSICIANS’ UNION

Meet Officials and members of the Musicians’ Union and learn about the issues facing today’s professional musicians working in the live arena, recording and broadcasting, the orchestral sector and education.

8:30 PM CF ARMED FORCES

Petersfield Suite

CF ARMED FORCES

Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP — Secretary of State for Defence

Conservative Friends of the Armed Forces are delighted to welcome the Secretary of State for Defence Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP to this Capita sponsored drinks reception. Executive Director James Clark and the leadership team look forward to meeting MPs, Peers and Party Members there. CF Armed Forces is a membership group established to provide a friendly environment for armed forces personnel, veterans and supporters, to meet, attend events and discuss politics and defence issues together. Those who are eligible are also welcome to join us campaigning. CF Armed Forces works to represent the interests of the Armed Forces within the Conservative Party. We aim to facilitate a greater understanding amongst those who support the armed forces, as well as those serving within the military, of the effect of political policies on service personnel and the capabilities that they depend upon. Our Values are grounded in our shared purpose of ensuring positive policies and political understanding for all those who are currently serving, and have served, in the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces. The Eventbrite link to this event can be found on our website www.cfarmedforces.org

8:30 PM CELLNEX UK

Exchange 9

CELLNEX SOUTH–EAST RECEPTION

Cellnex Telecom, the leading infrastructure operator for wireless telecommunication in Europe, are sponsoring the South East reception at the Conservative Party Conference. Cellnex are working with Network Rail to provide uninterrupted cellular internet, mobile reception and fibre services along the length of the Brighton Mainline route as part of part of Network Rail’s ‘Putting Passengers First’ vision. Cellnex UK’s work with Network Rail will provide seamless on–train coverage to commuters and passengers by providing and maintaining innovative and extensive new infrastructure, including ‘plug and play’ services, with improvements rolled out in 2022 – 2023. This work will improve mobile network operators’ ability to provide greater connectivity at Network Rail Stations including London Victoria, London Bridge and Clapham Junction. These improvements to the network will also provide coverage for existing gaps in connectivity provisions along the Brighton Mainline route.
MONDAY 4 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

8:30 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Victoria Suite
THE COMMONWEALTH RECEPTION
Dr Luke Evans MP – Member of Parliament – Hinckley & Bosworth, Ranil Jayawardena – Member of Parliament – North East Hampshire, Nigel Huddleston – Member of Parliament – House of Commons

8:30 PM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Trafford Room
INTERNATIONAL TRADE RECEPTION

8:30 PM THE COMMON SENSE GROUP & BLUE COLLAR CONSERVATIVES

The Midlands Hotel Tea Rooms, 29 Station Rd, London NW4 4PN
JOINT RECEPTION OF THE COMMON SENSE GROUP AND BLUE COLLAR CONSERVATIVES
Rt Hon. Suella Braverman QC MP, Rt Hon. Sir John Hayes CBE MP – Chairman of the Common Sense Group, Rt Hon. Esther McVey MP – Founder – Blue Collar Conservatives, Rt Hon. Sir Edward Leigh MP – President – Common Sense Group, Cllr Ben Bradley MP – Chairman – Blue Collar Conservatives
Recapturing true conservatism: Standing up and speaking out for Britain’s neglected, silent majority.

Join The Common Sense Group and Blue Collar Conservatives at this joint buffet supper.

8:30 PM COLLEGE GREEN GROUP

Albert’s Schloss, 27 Peter Street M2 5QR
GETTING APPROVED, GETTING SELECTED AND GETTING ELECTED – OR – BECOMING A CONSERVATIVE MP
Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP – Member of Parliament, Nickie Aiken MP – Member of Parliament, Alexander Stafford MP – Member of Parliament, Alicia Kearns MP – Member of Parliament – Rutland and Melton
Learn more about College Green Group’s unique approach to getting you approved, getting you selected and getting you elected. Refreshments provided. Invitation only – please e-mail john@collegegreengroup.com
LEVELLING UP EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR ALL
09.00 - 10.00
Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Scope
Chair: Edward Davies (Policy Director, Centre for Social Justice)
Invited speakers include: Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions), Paulette Cohen (Head of Diversity and Inclusion, Barclays), James Taylor (Executive Director of Strategy, Scope), Richard Luke (Specialist Information Officer for Cerebral Palsy, Scope)

ENSURING THIS GOVERNMENT ENDS ROUGH SLEEPING - FOR GOOD
10.15 - 11.15
Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Crisis
Chair: Joe Shalam (Head of Housing, Centre for Social Justice)
Invited speakers include: Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government), Nickie Aiken MP, Andy Street CBE (Mayor of the West Midlands), Jon Sparkes (Chief Executive, Crisis)

BRIDGING THE SKILLS GAP
12.30 - 13.30
Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Impetus
Chair: Gavin Rice (Head of Work and Welfare, Centre for Social Justice)
Invited speakers include: Alex Burghart MP (Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills), Jasper Kain (Co-Founder & Director, Football Beyond Borders), Chris Oglesby (CEO, Bruntwood), Alice Stott (Director of Schools, Voice 21), Eleanor Harrison OBE (CEO, Impetus)

REBUILDING THE NATION’S FINANCIAL HEALTH POST-COVID
14.00 - 15.00
Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Lowell, Christians Against Poverty
Chair: Mercy Muroki (GB News Presenter)
Invited speakers include: John Glen MP (Economic Secretary to the Treasury), Paula Stringer (CEO, Christians Against Poverty), John Pears (UK CEO, Lowell), Joe Shalam (Head of Financial Inclusion, CSJ)

THE LOST CHILDREN OF LOCKDOWN
15.30 - 16.30
Host: The Centre for Social Justice
Chair: Camilla Tominey (Associate Editor, The Telegraph)
Invited speakers include: Will Quince MP (Minister for Children and Families), Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP (Chair of the Education Select Committee), Lord Lucas, Alice Wilcock (Data Analyst, Centre for Social Justice)

TURNING THE TIDE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION IN THE UK
17.00 - 18.00
Host: The Centre for Social Justice, PA Consulting
Chair: Olivia Robey (Abuse and Exploitation Lead, Centre for Social Justice)
Invited speakers include: Miriam Cates MP, Susie Hargreaves OBE (CEO, Internet Watch Foundation), Tom Morrison-Bell (Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager, Google), Victoria Green (CEO, Marie Collins Foundation), Rhiannon Macdonald (Subject Matter Expert, Marie Collins Foundation), Patrick Cronin (UK Homeland Security Managing Consultant, PA Consulting)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT ALL EVENTS
8:00 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH CITIZENS ADVICE

**Exchange 2–3 Combined**

**UNIVERSAL CREDIT WORK IN THE POST–COVID WORLD**

Ryan Shorthouse – Founder & Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Lucy Fisher – Deputy Political Editor – The Daily Telegraph, Dame Clare Moriarty – Chief Executive – Citizens Advice, Deven Ghelani – Director and Founder – Policy in Practice, Rt Hon Dr Thérèse Coffey MP – Secretary of State at the Department for – Work and Pensions, Andy Brown – Chief Officer – Citizens Advice

Universal Credit was a reliable support during unprecedented demand during the pandemic. At this fringe event, we will focus on how we can build on this success to ensure we have an effective social security system for post–Covid Britain.

8:00 AM BECG & CA VENDISH ADVOCACY

**Lancaster**

**CAN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR MEET THE DEMANDS OF BUILDING BACK BETTER?**

Kate Henderson – Chief Executive – National Housing Federation, Eddie Tuttle – Director – Policy, Research and Public Affairs – Chartered Institute of Building, Marco Longhi MP – Member of Parliament – Dudley North, Brian Berry – Chief Executive – Federation of Master Builders

The construction industry, like most sectors, has been impacted significantly by Covid–19. But now there’s also a shortage of hauliers, materials and skilled tradespeople in the sector and these challenges are expected to last more than a few months. With the construction industry at the heart of the government’s ‘Build Build Build’ agenda and the Covid–19 recovery, this fringe event will focus on how the construction industry can drive the economic recovery from Covid–19 and what more needs to be done to allow the industry to do so.

8:00 AM UK YOUTH

**Youth Zone**

**HOW TO BUILD BACK BETTER TO ENSURE THE FUTURE ECONOMY WORKS FOR ALL, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE**


Young people’s employment prospects have been significantly impacted by the Covid pandemic. This roundtable will bring together experts to discuss ways of ensuring young people have the support to recover from the impacts of the pandemic on their employment. A policy roundtable by invitation only. Contact: jojo.shahvisi@ukyouth.org

8:00 AM CPS / EPILEPSY SOCIETY

**The Centre for Policy Studies**

**TO THE RECOVERY, AND BEYOND: THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH IN LEVELLING UP (INVITATION ONLY)**

Clare Pelham – Chief Executive – Epilepsy Society, Robert Colvile – Columnist – The Sunday Times/CapX

How can we harness the UK’s world-leading science and research sector to boost the economic recovery and level up? What role can our leading institutions, researchers, and entrepreneurs have in helping achieve these
aims and what can the Government do to support them?

8:00 AM PROSPECT MAGAZINE & LOCAL TRUST

Houghton Suite

SMALL PLATOONS: HOW COMMUNITY POWER CAN CREATE A NEW WAY OF WORKING FOR COUNCILS AFTER COVID

Cllr Kevin Bentley – Leader of – Essex County Council, Martin Tett – Councillor for – Buckinghamshire Council, Matt Leach – Chief Executive – Local Trust, Katy Roberts – Consultant – KTR Consultancy Services Ltd

Councils are under increasing pressure as demand for their services grows amidst a general tightening of council budgets. For the past 18 months, they have stepped up to the plate to protect residents across the country; but this has put an even greater strain on already limited resources. As we get used to a new normal post–pandemic, local and combined authorities will have to look for new ways to manage demand and do more with less. Along with other central and local government initiatives, one promising solution to add to the mix is for local authorities to co–design services with residents and support them to deliver projects in their neighbourhoods. Giving greater agency to local people can help increase local cohesion, ensure services are more responsive to their needs and that they are more effective and deliver better value for money. This event will examine how community leadership at the neighbourhood level could provide a solution to some of the challenges that local and combined authorities face. It will look at how services can be designed and delivered with residents, securing better outcomes in communities across the country, particularly in areas that are deprived or might be described as ‘left behind’. Local Trust was established in 2012 to deliver Big Local, a National Lottery Community Fund–funded programme which committed £1m each to 150 neighbourhoods across England. The £217m originally provided by The National Lottery Community Fund to support this programme is the largest single–purpose Lottery–funded endowment ever made, and the biggest ever investment by a non–state funder in place–based, resident–led change. In terms of scale, time horizon and ethos, nothing like Big Local has ever existed. Designed from the outset to be radically different from other funding programmes, at the heart of Big Local is a vision of empowered, resilient, dynamic, asset–rich communities making their own decisions on what is best for their area. Community power is based on the principle that communities have a wealth of knowledge and assets within themselves, which if understood and nurtured by practitioners and policymakers, has the potential to strengthen resilience and enable prevention–focused public services.

8:00 AM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

YC BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast to kick start another busy day at Conference.
8:00 AM PPP

PPP Lounge

SAVING LIVES IN THE RACE TO NET ZERO

Stephen Hammond MP – Member of Parliament – Wimbledon, Modi Mwatsama – Senior Science Lead (Food Systems, Nutrition and Health) – Wellcome Trust, Professor Anthony Costello – Vice-Provost (Research, Innovation and Global Engagement) – University College London, Madeleine Gabriel – Mission Director, A Sustainable Future mission – Nesta, Benjamin Spencer – Member of Parliament

Recent studies have shown that prioritising health and health benefits in the race to net zero could lead to millions of lives being saved. The session will focus on the importance of prioritising health in order to mitigate climate change. We will be joined by representatives of the Lancet Countdown, the Wellcome Trust and other environmental and public health experts.

8:00 AM YMCA

Cobden 1

IMPOSSIBLE HOMES

Eddie Hughes MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Rough Sleeping & Housing)

Young people in supported accommodation often find it difficult to move out when they are ready and end up trapped in services they no longer require. A policy roundtable by invitation only. Contact: alex.tiley@ymca.org.uk

8:00 AM CHILDREN & WOMEN FIRST

Exchange 6–7 Combined

CHILDREN & WOMEN FIRST – ‘WHEN IDEOLOGY MEETS REALITY’

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne – House of Lords, Nicola Williams – Campaign Manager – Fair Play For Women, Dr Kate Coleman FRSA – Director – Keep Prisons Single Sex, Lisa Townsend – Police and Crime Commissioner – Surrey Police, Dr Sinead Helyar PhD – Clinical Research Nurse – King’s College Hospital

Baroness Nicholson hosts Nimco Ali, Kate Coleman, Sinead Helyar, Lisa Townsend and Nicola Williams to discuss women’s sex–based rights in prisons, sports and health–care.

8:00 AM INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT AND PA CONSULTING

Exchange 1

THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE ON PUBLIC SERVICES


Coronavirus has led to the rapid adoption of technologies that have been contemplated for years but had not been widely used before the crisis. There has been a fundamental shift towards delivering services remotely, such as school lessons, NHS appointments, and court hearings being conducted via video, telephone and text messages. Without this, many services would have ground to a
halt. What impact has the increased use of technology had on the quality, efficiency and accessibility of public services?

8:30 AM INHOUSE LOUNGE

iNHouse Lounge Marquee

MAKING THE GIG–ECONOMY WORK FOR EVERYONE


This panel will discuss the gig–economy, flexible work, and what it means for an occupation to be ‘good work’. This follows the findings of a new in–depth research report by Public First – which surveyed the general public alongside Uber drivers on a range of issues relating to earning in a modern economy. A short Q&A will end the session.

8:15 AM SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION AND PENSIONS AND LIFETIME SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

Exchange 4–5 Combined

CAN PENSIONS SAVE THE PLANET?


With COP26 fast approaching and Task Force on Climate–Related Financial Disclosures reporting regulations starting to come into play, this event will discuss the role that the industry, pension policy and, ultimately, savers can play in helping the UK meet its climate ambitions.

8:30 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH SRA

Private venue, Manchester

GOING UP: HOW CAN THE LEGAL SECTOR BE PART OF THE LEVELLING UP AGENDA?

Chair: Ryan Shorthouse – Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Paul Scully MP – Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets (Invited), Alex McPherson – Founder – Ignition Law, Kerry Westland – Partner – Addleshaw Goddard (Invited), Jane Malcolm – Executive Director – SRA

In this invite–only breakfast discussion, we will explore the role the legal sector play in the Government’s ‘levelling up’ agenda. If you are interested in attending, please email weronika@brightblue.org.uk.
8:40 AM DRAMA & THEATRE EDUCATION ALLIANCE (DTEA)

**HOME, 2, Tony Wilson Place, Manchester, M15 4FN**

**DRAMA & THEATRE EDUCATION**

Chair: Giles Watling MP – Conservative MP for Clacton – Chair – All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Theatre, Zoe Morris – Headteacher – Chorlton High School – Manchester, Liz O’Neil – Chief Executive & Artistic Director – Z Arts – Manchester, Keisha Thompson – Writer – Performer – Producer – Chair – Venture Foundation, Dr Steve Ball – Chair – DTEA – Principal – Birmingham Ormiston Stage & Screen Production Academy

Hear directly from leaders working in Drama & Theatre Education about critical issues that are impacting this influential sector.


This event has been sponsored by David Pugh Ltd.

9:00 AM TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

**ThinkTent Marquee**

**WHY DOES COUNCIL TAX ONLY EVER GO UP?**


Households across the country have suffered wave after wave of inflation busting council tax rises. Why do councils hike tax every year and how can we stop it? Is the problem a lack of central funding or wasteful councils? Make your voice heard to our panel – tell us what your local council could do better and be part of the TPA’s War on Waste.

9:00 AM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Central 8**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB: LEVELLING UP EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR ALL**


As the Government considers how the country recovers from the economic and social pain caused by the pandemic, we will ask what more can be done to help disabled people into work and, crucially, stay in work.

9:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARES FAMILY AND POWER TO CHANGE

**Central 5**

**COMMUNITIES IN THE LEAD: HOW WE UNLOCK COMMUNITY POWER TO LEVEL UP**

Joanna Gideon MP – Member of Parliament – Stoke-on-Trent Central, Robert Blackman MP – Member of Parliament – Harrow East, Kristofer Wilson – Leader of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Vidhya Alakeson – Chief Executive – Power to Change, Richard Bell – Charity/NGO – The Cares Family
What does levelling up mean in practice? Our panel will discuss the ways in which developing social capital and investing in community businesses can play a central role in the economic and social development of disadvantaged areas, and how Government can help.

9:00 AM CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY (CBI), SUPPORTED BY THE BUILDING SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION (BSA) AND SAGE

Derby Suite
SEIZE THE MOMENT: UNLEASHING THE UK’S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL
Join the CBI’s new Director-General, Tony Danker, to discuss the economic recovery and how business and government can work together to Seize the Moment and unleash the UK’s economic potential.

9:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ENERGYUK

ConservativeHome Marquee
GREAT GREEN BRITAIN: HOW WINNING THE NET ZERO TECHNOLOGY RACE WILL BOOST PROSPERITY
Emma Pinchbeck – Chief Executive – Energy UK, Alexander Stafford MP – Member of Parliament – Rother Valley, Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First, Rt Hon Greg Hands MP – Member of Parliament – Chelsea & Fulham
The pursuit of Net Zero offers the UK an opportunity to lead the world in new technologies, with an accompanying wave of industrialisation and job creation. The Energy Minister joins our expert panel to discuss how to make the most of this chance, and to ensure the economic benefits are felt right across the country.

9:00 AM LONDON COUNCILS

Central 7
LEVELLING UP LONDON: THE KEY TO THE UK’S RECOVERY?
Paul Scully MP – Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Elizabeth Campbell – Leader of the Council – RBKC, Professor Tony Travers – Professor in Practice – London School of Economics and Political Science
Join our panel of local government and business experts to discuss the opportunities for London within the levelling up agenda. This discussion will focus on how we build a strong recovery within the capital and how levelling up London must be a vital element in supporting the UK’s wider economic recovery.

9:00 AM ONWARD

Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP
FARMS OF TOMORROW: BUILDING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK TO FOSTER INNOVATION IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY
Victoria Prentis MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Environment, Tom Bradshaw – Vice President – Innovation and Regulation – National Farmers Union,
Russ Tucker – Founder – Ivy Farm, Anthony Browne MP – Member of Parliament – South Cambridgeshire

There is an urgent need to accelerate food innovation to improve food security and decrease emissions from the agricultural sector. This panel will look at the future of agriculture in the UK, including the potential market for cultured meat and how the Government can catalyse the growth of the industry.

9:00 AM CENTRE FOR CITIES

Manchester Art Galley, Mosley Street, Manchester M2 3JL

CITIES LEADING THE RECOVERY


At this event, we will discuss what mayors and city leaders are doing to help their places recover and thrive and what more they could do if they were given the powers and resources. It will also explore how the insights and experiences of Conservative city leaders from across the country should be used by the National Government.

9:00 AM THE POLICY INSTITUTE AT KING’S COLLEGE LONDON AND THE UK IN A CHANGING EUROPE

The Edwardian Manchester (Radisson), Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP

THE “FIGHT FOR FAIRNESS” IN BRITAIN

Professor Bobby Duffy – Director – Policy Institute – King’s College London, Professor Anand Menon – Director – UK in a Changing Europe, Katy Balls – Deputy Political Editor – The Spectator (invited), Andrea Leadsom MP – Member of Parliament – South Northamptonshire (invited)

The pandemic has deeply affected us all – but not equally. It has exposed how our vulnerability to shocks varies hugely, and the utterly different views on inequality among the public. We’ll explore how central these attitudes will be to a post–Covid, post–Brexit Britain, what “levelling up” means to people and how it’s shaping our politics.

9:30 AM CPS / LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

The Centre for Policy Studies

BRINGING NET ZERO HOME: OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES (INVITATION ONLY)


What are the main barriers, and what solutions do we have, to launching a retrofitting campaign on the scale required for the UK to meet its Net Zero targets? How can the government and industry work in partnership to improve the energy efficiency of the UK’s housing stock, and meet the 2050 target in a way that is affordable for homeowners?
9:30 AM FORWARD TRUST

Youth Zone
TIME TO ACT ON ADDICTION
Mike Trace – CEO – Forward Trust, Christian Wakeford MP – Member of Parliament – Bury South, Samuel Kasumu – Borough Councillor for – Hatfield Villages
Panel interview and podcast. What next for an addiction strategy following the surge in cases during the pandemic? Minister invited.

9:45 AM PPP

PPP Lounge
CHARGING BRITAIN’S BATTERIES: BUILDING THE GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
Melanie Onn – Deputy Chief Executive – RenewableUK, Rt Hon Chris Skidmore MP – Member of Parliament – Kingswood
The government’s pledge to end the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030 is one of the biggest infrastructure challenges of our generation. Despite this deadline fast approaching, the capacity of electric vehicle infrastructure in the UK is woefully inadequate and will require significant vision and implementation if we are to reach this goal. What it will take to reach an infrastructure system equipped for the sustainable future? How can government and industry drive growth in cleaner energy? Are the regions benefiting from renewed local economies?

10:00 AM CEN AND THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS

Central 3 & 4
SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION: WHAT DOES REWILDING ACTUALLY MEAN?
Rebecca Pow MP – Member of Parliament – Taunton Deane, Craig Bennett – Chief Executive Officer, Sam Hall – Director – Conservative Environment Network, Isabella Tree – Knepp Rewilding Project
Debates around “rewilding” have erupted in recent years, but what do the term and the practice mean are both still contested. Our panel will aim to set out precisely what a wilder Britain could look like, and the importance of people, communities and jobs in the debate.

10:10 AM ONWARD

Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP
RENT BACK BETTER: WHAT DOES THE RENTERS’ REFORM BILL MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF PRIVATE RENTING?
Eddie Hughes MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State – Rough Sleeping and Housing, Richard Holden MP – Member of Parliament – North West Durham, Polly Neate – Chief Executive – Shelter, Lia Nici MP – Member of Parliament – Great Grimsby
Stable and secure housing has always been essential. But it is out of reach for many, a fact only exacerbated by the pandemic. How can we use this moment to deliver lasting change to the private rented sector, working with renters and landlords. This event will discuss the future of renting in the context of the return of the Renters’ Reform Bill.
10:15 AM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**ThinkTent Marquee**

**IS UNIVERSITY STILL WORTH IT?**

Emily Carver – Head of Media – Institute of Economic Affairs, Stephen Davies – Arts/Culture – Institute of Economic Affairs – London, Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP – Member of Parliament – Harlow, Professor Andy Westwood – Vice Dean for Social Responsibility – University of Manchester

As graduates flood the jobs market, a degree no longer bestows the prestige it once did. Campuses are often in the news for free speech controversies, not academic excellence, and the pandemic has exposed pre-existing concerns in the way universities are run and funded. Does the UK need to take another look at our crumbling higher education system?

10:15 AM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Central 8**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB: ENSURING THIS GOVERNMENT ENDS ROUGH SLEEPING – FOR GOOD**

Joseph Shalom – Head of the Financial Inclusion Policy Unit – Centre for Social Justice, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP – Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, Jon Sparkes – Chief Executive Officer – Crisis, Nickie Aiken MP – Member of Parliament – Cities of London and Westminster, Andy Street – Mayor of the West Midlands

Rough sleepers were uniquely exposed to Covid–19 as it reached our shores. Guidance to ‘stay at home’ rang hollow for those without one. However, the ‘Everyone In’ initiative showed that with political will and bold policy, real progress towards this vision can be made at speed, even during a global pandemic. This panel event will explore where the Government needs to go next to realise its ambition of ending rough sleeping – for good.

10:30 AM COMPASS GROUP UK & IRELAND

**PLMR Business Hub**

**HOW CAN LEVELLING UP BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR?**

Rt Hon Justine Greening – Founder – Social Mobility Pledge, Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE – Founder and Chair – Cobra Beer, Donna Catley – Human Resources Director – Compass Group UK&I, John Stevenson MP – Member of Parliament, Kate Nicholls OBE – Chief Executive – UKHospitality

Compass Group UK & Ireland is hosting an in–depth discussion about the crucial role the hospitality industry will play in achieving the government’s levelling–up agenda and making a real difference. With more than 3.2 million people employed in the industry, it will play a vital part in improving quality of life throughout the country.

10:30 AM POLICY EXCHANGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AECOM

**Cobden Rooms 3 & 4**

**REBALANCING THE UK: LEVELLING UP THE REGIONS**


The Government has promised to level up
opportunities across all parts of the United Kingdom. Across numerous social and economic measures there is significant inequality amongst different UK regions. This panel will discuss how to improve opportunity and boost livelihoods across the country as we recover from the pandemic.

10:30 AM BRIGHT BLUE WITH BRITISH GLASS

Chadwick A, INNSiDE by Meliá, 1 First St, Manchester M15 4RP

CLOSING THE LOOP? THE FUTURE OF UK RECYCLING

Rebecca Pow MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – DEFRA (Invited), Professor Michael Shaver – Professor of Polymer Science – University of Manchester, Paul Vanston – CEO – Incpen, Phillip Ford – British Glass, Diane Banks – Non–executive Director, Bright Blue

Join us to explore the effectiveness of current policies – and consider future policies – to improve waste management and recycling rates in the UK.

11:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PHOENIX GROUP

Conservative Home Marquee

THE INVESTMENT BIG BANG: FUNDING BRITAIN’S FUTURE

Dehenna Davison MP – Member of Parliament – Bishop Auckland, Michael Eakins – Chief Investment Officer – Phoenix Group, The Rt Hon Simon Clarke MP – Chief Secretary to the Treasury

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury joins a discussion on the Government’s drive to unlock hundreds of billions of pounds from UK investors to fund the housing, infrastructure and companies that will drive growth and prosperity across our country. How can this new investment be secured, and where can it best be deployed to the greatest effect?

11:00 AM CPS/FACEBOOK

The Centre for Policy Studies

READY, TECH, GO! HOW TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP SMES AND THE ECONOMY RECOVER


SMEs are going to be an integral part of the economic recovery, but what can we do to ensure that they are able to bounce back, and what role does technology have to play in this? CPS work in 2020 highlighted the importance to SMEs of tech and digital platforms during the pandemic, now how can we harness that for the recovery?

11:00 AM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATOS

Central 5

THE BANK OF TOMORROW: HOW CAN WE ENSURE DIGITAL BANKING DELIVERS FOR EVERYONE?

The rapid development of digital banking brings many exciting opportunities and new challenges. How can we harness these technological changes for the greatest benefit of consumers, and make sure that those benefits are spread as widely as possible?

11:00 AM CONSERVATIVE YOUNG WOMEN

Youth Zone
CYW IN DISCUSSION WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
Rebecca Pow MP – Member of Parliament – Taunton Deane, Rt Hon Alok Sharma, President for COP 26
CYW – Women and Environment

11:00 AM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand
YOUNG CONSERVATIVE NETWORKING
An opportunity to meet YCs from across the UK, share ideas, discuss topics of interest and collaborate.

11:00 AM THE POLICY INSTITUTE AT KING’S COLLEGE LONDON, BRIGHT BLUE, BRITISH FUTURE AND IPSOS MORI

The Edwardian Manchester (Radisson), Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP
CAN ANYONE WIN THE CULTURE WAR?

Professor Bobby Duffy – Director – Policy Institute – King’s College London, Ryan Shorthouse – Chief Executive – Bright Blue, Sunder Katwala – Director – British Future, Ben Page – Chief Executive – Ipsos MORI, Penny Mordaunt MP – Minister of State for Trade – Member of Parliament – Portsmouth North (invited)

Recent years have seen a huge surge in media discussion of “culture wars” in the UK – but who’s actually waging these battles? And even if the public aren’t particularly engaged in them, can we relax? Or do we need to guard against US–style divisions? We’ll discuss if we should be trying to win a culture war, or whether we can just call it off.

11:30 AM CEN AND EDF

Central 3 & 4
LEAVING NOBODY BEHIND ON THE WAY TO NET ZERO
Natasha Clark – Correspondent – The Sun, Alexander Stafford MP – Member of Parliament – Rother Valley, Rt Hon Greg Hands MP – Member of Parliament – Chelsea & Fulham

This event will aim to answer some of the most pressing questions surrounding net zero. What sectors of the economy and regions have the greatest opportunities from net zero and which face the greatest challenges? How should the Government mitigate these risks while accelerating the pace of decarbonisation as required by our targets? How can businesses ensure our net zero future is fair for all?
NET ZERO AND LOW INCOMES

Duncan Simpson – Research Director – TaxPayers’ Alliance, Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP – Member of Parliament – South Northamptonshire, Hannah Dillon – Head of Campaign – Zero Carbon Campaign, Ross Clark – Columnist

The UK aims to cut emissions to reach net zero by 2050. The challenges this presents to policymakers, and burdens it may place on consumers and businesses, are vast. But who will pay the price? Do we need a new system for taxing carbon? Can the “green jobs revolution” allay these concerns? Can a low carbon economy benefit the poor in society?

COMMUNITY RENEWAL: HOW TO TURNAROUND LEFT BEHIND NEIGHBOURHOODS?

Paul Scully MP – Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets, Miriam Cates MP – Member of Parliament – Penistone and Stocksbridge, Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First, Vidhya Alakeson – Chief Executive – Power to Change, Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP – Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The pandemic represents an opportunity to seriously think about how best to level up left behind communities. This panel will discuss how best to encourage locally-led neighbourhood-level regeneration over the long term, and consider practical solutions to promote better social and economic outcomes for a greater number of people who need it most.

TIME TO TURN THE TAPS OFF? TAX, SPENDING AND THE INFLATION THREAT

Julie Marson MP – Member of Parliament – Hertford and Stortford, James Heywood – Head of Welfare and Opportunity – Centre for Policy Studies, Thomas Clougherty – Head of Tax – Centre for Policy Studies

One of the very first tasks of the Chancellor was to ensure everyone’s safety and welfare in this pandemic. These actions came with a hefty price tag. As life returns to normal, what is the shape of tax and spending now and in the years to come? And how worried should we be about inflation?
12:30 PM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Central 8
SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB: BRIDGING THE SKILLS GAP

9 million working aged adults in England lack basic literacy or numeracy skills. This lack of skills blights lives and wastes potential. With Covid-19 and successive lockdowns exacerbating what was already a serious problem, something must be done to remedy this social injustice – it is time for new thinking and game-changing ideas.

12:30 PM POLICY EXCHANGE

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4
PARLIAMENTARY SOVEREIGNTY, STATUTORY INTERPRETATION AND THE COURTS
Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP – Member of Parliament – South Swindon

12:30 PM HOME GROUP

Derby Suite
A GREENER FUTURE: HOW CAN WE ENSURE OUR HOMES MEET THE GOVERNMENT’S NET ZERO TARGETS?
Anthony Browne MP – Member of Parliament – South Cambridgeshire, Adam Scorer – Chief Executive – National Energy Action, Nusheen Hussain – Executive Director, Business Development – Home Group, Anne Ashworth – Property and Finance Writer, Commentator and Consultant

Development – Home Group, Anne Ashworth – Property and Finance Writer, Commentator and Consultant

This fringe event will focus on how we can move beyond the theory of creating energy efficient homes and look towards the practicalities of ensuring UK homes meet the Government’s net zero targets.

12:30 PM PPP

PPP Lounge
NET ZERO NEEDS NUCLEAR

The scale of the challenge for the UK to reach net-zero by 2050 cannot be overstated and requires the adoption and integration of a range of low carbon technologies now to meet ambitious climate goals. With this in mind, there has consistently been one source of clean power that has traditionally been under-represented in future energy planning – nuclear energy. This session will look at what options the Government has to reach its ambitious target, the case for Nuclear in the 21st Century and will question why Nuclear continues to be side-lined from the climate debate.
12:30 PM DESIGN COUNCIL AND NET ZERO APPG

Youth Zone
BUILDING NET ZERO CITIES AND PLACES BY 2050 – OR SOONER


How we work, live, rest and play today and how to scale-up, decarbonise and design net zero places. It will provide a forum to ask: how will our relationship with cities and places need to change? Speakers will look to the future and talk about how we reach net zero and what policies are needed to deliver bold ambitions, innovation and investment to build back better and greener cities and places for tomorrow’s generation – Generation Zero. Supported by Net Zero APPG.

12:30 PM CROYDON YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: HOMES FOR BRITAIN’S YOUTH WITH CROYDON YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Neil Garratt – London Assembly Member, William Perry – Legal and accounting services – Harmer Slater Limited

Join Croydon YC and guests for a discussion on how we meet the housing challenges of the future.

12:45 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

ThinkTent Marquee
RULES BRITANNIA? BETTER REGULATION FOR A BETTER BRITAIN


Post–Brexit & post–pandemic, the UK has a window in which to take bold action on red tape. Can we establish a better regulatory framework outside the EU?

1:00 PM INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON AND ROYAL SOCIETY

Exchange 4–5 Combined
PREPARING FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES: HOW CAN GOVERNMENT BEST USE SCIENCE?


Science has played a key role in the Covid crisis, and the pandemic has shone a light on the way government accesses, uses and communicates scientific evidence and data. This panel will discuss the lessons learned and how the government can use science effectively to achieve its aim of making the UK a “science superpower”.

Conference 2021: What’s On?
1:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MILLIONPLUS

Conservative Home Marquee

DEGREE OF SUCCESS – UNIVERSITIES, LEVELLING UP, AND THE NEW NORMAL

Michelle Donelan MP – Minister of State for Universities at the Department of Education, Professor Graham Baldwin – Vice-Chancellor – University of Central Lancashire, Professor Andy Westwood – Vice Dean for Social Responsibility – University of Manchester, Sir David Melville – Higher Education Commission – Policy Connect

In a particularly challenging environment for higher education, how can universities adapt to the ‘new normal’, play their part in levelling up both the country and their local communities, and help the post-pandemic recovery?

1:00 PM ASI

Exhibition Event Room

ONLINE SAFETY & FREE SPEECH

Camilla de Coverly Veale – Head of Tech Regulation – Coadec, Matthew Lesh – Head of Research – Adam Smith Institute, James Killock – Executive Director – Open Rights Group, Lulu Freemont – Tech – techUK

The ASI & the Legal to Say, Legal to Type coalition examine the government’s approach to online harms.

1:00 PM BARNARDO’S AND NSPCC

Fairclough

BARNARDO’S AND NSPCC: REBUILDING CHILDHOODS: WHAT DOES LEVELLING UP MEAN FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

1:00 PM CWO & ACTIONAID UK

Chester Suite

GLOBAL BRITAIN: TRADE AND BUSINESS IN THE AGE OF GENDER EQUALITY

Paul Scully MP – Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Fleur Butler – National Chairman – Conservative Womens Organisation

The UK is at a watershed moment, with a unique opportunity to set trade policy down a truly transformative path and create new opportunities for women in business. Since its departure from the EU, the UK has become a champion for free trade, striking lucrative new agreements with countries such as Japan, and currently pursuing further agreements with the US, Canada, Mexico and India. The impacts of such agreements on women need to be fully understood if the effects of trade on women’s lives are to be adequately addressed by policymakers and if women are to seize the new business opportunities such agreements bring. This event will explore the best way of understanding these impacts and what can be done to ensure the UK Government’s trading arrangements align with its international commitment to gender equality.
Central 5
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THE PRIME MINISTER’S SOCIAL CARE PLAN SUCCEEDS?
Caroline Abrahams – Charity Director – Age UK, Gillian Keegan MP – Minister of State (Minister for Care and Mental Health), James Jamieson – Councillor – Central Bedfordshire

The government’s social care plan represents a once in a generation opportunity to reform and fund a system which for many years was neglected as too difficult or too controversial to address. Now that the Government has taken action, how do we ensure the policy works and social care’s numerous challenges are properly addressed?

1:00 PM THE SPECTATOR AND JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION (JRF)

Exchange 11
GETTING ON THE LADDER: STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP

Gin & tonics will be served to guests.

1:00 PM ATKINS AND ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

Lancaster
BUILDING BACK BETTER – ARE UK PORTS AND AIRPORTS THE KEYS TO RECOVERY?
Katy Balls – The Spectator (Chair), Grant Shapps MP – Transport Secretary of State,


As we emerge from the pandemic and learn to live with Covid–19, the Government face mounting pressure to deliver on its promises and get the country moving again. In addition, the true impact of Brexit has not been felt as movement and transportation of goods, services and people have been so restricted by the pandemic. Our ports and airports are catalysts for economic growth and given the depth of the Government’s recovery challenge and the level of investment required to decarbonise transport, this important fringe session will look at how ports and airports can boost connectivity, deliver transformational and green growth, level–up and secure inward investment in the UK. When it comes to building back greener, we know that shipping and aviation are one of the top ‘hard to abate’ sectors, so how do we accelerate and scale–up Net Zero ports and airports and generate green jobs and skills and secure much needed green investment and big transport infrastructure? This fringe event will bring together transport leaders and providers to kick start this important debate. Refreshments provided.
1:00 PM UK MUSIC

Cobden 2

HOW DOES MUSIC RECOVER FROM COVID?

Jamie Njoku–Goodwin – Chief Executive Officer – UK Music, Sacha Lord – Co–Creator & Nightime Economy Advister Manchester – Parklife/The Warehouse Project, Kate Nicholls OBE – Chief Executive – UKHospitality, Simon Baynes MP – Member of Parliament – Clwyd South

Please join UK Music for a panel discussion.

1:00 PM CEN AND AON

Central 3 & 4

THE GREEN SERVICES REVOLUTION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES IN THE RACE TO NET ZERO

Gareth Davies MP – Member of Parliament – Grantham & Stamford, John Flesher – Head of International Programmes – Conservative Environment Network, Joanna Sharples – Financial Services/Insurance – Aon

As one of the world’s leading finance centres, the UK has huge potential to lead the way in developing financial products and services that will help build a sustainable, zero–carbon global economy. This panel will explore how UK financial services can capitalise on this economic opportunity and be at the forefront of sustainable finance innovation.

1:00 PM CONSERVATIVES IN COMMUNICATIONS (CIC)

Charter 3

DEFINING A NEW MIDDLE BRITAIN: THE PRIORITIES OF RED & BLUE WALL VOTERS

Sascha O’Sullivan – Comment and Features Editor at City A.M., Lia Nici – MP for Great Grimsby, Sir Robbie Gibb – Former Director of Communications at No.10 Downing Street, James Johnson – former Senior Opinion Research and Strategy Adviser at No.10 Downing Street, David Skelton – Author of The New Snobbery and Little Platoons.

Light lunch, panel discussion and interactive audience Q&A. Kindly sponsored by Kekst CNC. Where does the Conservative Party go now? This session will present new focus group research from key constituencies in the Red and Blue Wall, with the panel discussing what they mean for the future direction of the Party and its policies.

1:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH FAIRER SHARE

Exchange 8

FAIRER FOUNDATIONS? REFORMING THE UK’S PROPERTY TAXES


On property tax reform, the challenge now is identifying a way forward that both addresses the deficiencies of Council Tax and Stamp Duty and also passes the test of political viability.
1:00 PM THE ENTERPRISE FORUM

_Exchange 1_

**THE ENTERPRISE FORUM FRINGE EVENT TBC**

1:00 PM NEU

_Exchange 10_

**IS OUR EXAM SYSTEM SETTING MILLIONS UP TO FAIL? IS IT TIME FOR A NEW ERA FOR EDUCATION?**

Mary Bousted – General Secretary – National Education Union, Flick Drummond MP – Member of Parliament – Meon Valley, Steven Mastin – Education/Child Care – Mastin Education Consultancy

1:00 PM CFOAFGHAN

_Stanley Suite_

**AFGHANISTAN’S NEXT CHAPTER: WHAT HAPPENS AS BRITISH AND NATO TROOPS LEAVE? (MARKING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRITISH TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN)**

Shabnam Nasimi – Charity/NGO – Conservative Friends of Afghanistan, James Cowan – The HALO Trust, Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP – Former Secretary of State for International Trade, Ryan Henson – CEO – Coalition for Global Prosperity

The panel discussion will invite a speakers who are experts on Afghanistan to provide an analysis on the subject matter and will enable us to look more closely at what happens next now that the international community and NATO withdrew from Afghanistan on 11th September 2021.

1:00 PM POLICY@MANCHESTER

_Upper Hall, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS_

**GLOBAL BRITAIN: CHAMPIONING THE VOICE OF BRITISH BUSINESSES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS**

Chris Southworth – Secretary General – ICC United Kingdom, Dr Jasem Tarawneh – Lecturer in Commercial and Intellectual Property Law – The University of Manchester and others

Following Brexit, the UK has a golden opportunity to put British businesses first and boost its national economy by re–shaping its approach to trade and investment strategy. Join us to discuss how we can champion the voice of British business and industry in current, and future, international trade and investment negotiations.

1:00 PM THE APPG ON ANTI–CORRUPTION AND RESPONSIBLE TAX, THE POLICY INSTITUTE AT KING’S COLLEGE LONDON AND THE JOFFE TRUST

_Manchester Mercure Piccadilly Hotel, Portland St, Manchester M1 4PH_

**PAYING THEIR DUES: ENDING THE GREAT GLOBAL CORPORATE TAX SCANDAL**

Anna Turley – Campaigns Manager – APPG on Anti–Corruption and Responsible Tax, Rt Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP – Former Secretary of State for International Development – Co–Chair – APPG on Anti–Corruption and Responsible Tax, Sam Robinson – Senior Researcher – Bright Blue, Senior Government Representative (TBC)

The agreements made by the UK government and G7 on tackling tax evasion by the largest multinational companies are historic. But what comes next? We’ll look ahead to the G20
and discuss the UK’s progress and ambition, exploring the Conservative case for ensuring global companies who do business here are paying their dues on British shores.

1:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH TRADE UNIONISTS FOR SAFE NUCLEAR ENERGY

Chadwick A, INNSiDE by Meliã, 1 First St, Manchester M15 4RP

A FIRM BASE? NUCLEAR POWER IN A LOW–CARBON ECONOMY

Trudy Harrison MP – Member of Parliament – Copeland, Julia Pyke – Sizewell C Director of Financing – EDF, Rachel Morrison – Reporter – Bloomberg News (Invited), Professor Robin Grimes – Professor of Materials Physics – Imperial College London (Invited), Sue Ferns – Senior Deputy General Secretary – Prospect

Is nuclear critical to net zero? This session will examine the potential of and policies for scaling up nuclear energy after COVID–19.

1:30 PM TECHUK

Exchange 6–7 Combined

TRAINING A DIGITAL NATION: HOW TO ENSURE THE UK HAS THE RIGHT SKILLS FOR THE POST–PANDEMIC ERA?

Antony Walker – Deputy CEO techUK (chair), Gillian Keegan MP – Minister of Care at the Department of Health and Social Care, Jonathan Simons – Director at Public First and Head of the Education Practice – Public First

The pandemic showed us the importance of digital skills. As we look to the future, attracting and building a strong digital skills pipeline is now a global race. In this panel we explore how the Government can work with educators and industry to build a digital skills system that is internationally competitive and can create pathways into the jobs of the future.

1:30 PM POLICY EXCHANGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOOGLE

Cobden Rooms 3 & 4

LEVELLING UP THE DIGITAL ECONOMY: HOW CAN WE ENSURE A DIGITAL–LED RECOVERY POST–COVID

Benjamin Barnard – Head of Technology Policy – Policy Exchange, Matt Warman MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for – Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, James Wise – Balderton Capital

With the UK tech start–up and scale–up ecosystem valued at $585bn, policy makers have a tremendous opportunity to harness the power of disruptive and emerging technology to transform the UK’s productive potential. This panel will discuss how Britain can maximise technology’s positive contribution for individuals, businesses and government.

1:30 PM ONWARD

Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP

HEALTHY INVESTMENT: HOW CAN LIFE SCIENCES CLUSTERS DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH?

Katherine Fletcher MP – Member of Parliament – South Ribble, Dr Kath McKay – Director of Life Sciences – Bruntwood SciTech, Dr Séamus O’Neil – Chief Executive – NHSA

There is significant optimism for the future of life sciences in the UK. The Government increasingly recognises the importance of the industry and has outlined its ambition for the UK to become a science superpower. This event will bring together parliamentarians and
industry leaders to discuss the future of life sciences research and development.

2:00 PM YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

YC POLICY PANEL: GLOBAL BRITAIN AND THE FUTURE OF THE WEST

Tom Tugendhat MP – Member of Parliament – Tonbridge and Malling

Join us for a policy panel on Global Britain and role of the West post Covid & how this will affect the UK post Brexit.

2:00 PM OXFAM AND SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL

Youth Zone

NET ZERO AMBASSADORS

Daniel Kebede – National Education Union, Abi Brown – Councillor – Stoke-on-Trent City, Christine Wallace – Civil/Public Service – House of Commons

Policy roundtable with young people on the Climate Challenge, supported by Net Zero APPG. By invitation only. Contact: jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk

2:00 PM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Central 8

SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB: REBUILDING THE NATION’S FINANCIAL HEALTH POST COVID.


The pandemic has seen the most vulnerable in society hit hard financially. Yet, at the same time, more has been done by businesses and Government alike to support those most in need. As the Government looks to rebuild the economy post–COVID, this event will discuss what we should be doing to support people who are financially vulnerable.

2:00 PM THE TELEGRAPH

PlMR Business Hub

CHOPPER’S POLITICS LIVE

Christopher Hope – Chief Political Correspondent and Assistant Editor – The Daily Telegraph, Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP – Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

An exclusive opportunity to join The Telegraph’s live recording of Chopper’s Politics podcast. A must-attend event blending no-nonsense interview, sharp political analysis and insider gossip. Expect good humour, straight talking, and an opportunity to grill our guests yourself in our live Q&A!

2:00 PM HERITAGE FOUNDATION

ThinkTent Marquee

UK FOREIGN POLICY AFTER BREXIT

Ted Bromund – Senior Research Fellow in Anglo–American Relations Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom – The Heritage Foundation, Sophia Gaston – Director – The
The United Kingdom's exit from the EU created the need for a wider reconsideration of British foreign policy. This panel will discuss the UK’s global role and the wide-ranging interests from its now lively trade diplomacy to Britain’s new frontiers in the Indo-Pacific and its investments in cyber and space that its foreign policy must advance.

2:00 PM CPS / TEACH FIRST
The Centre for Policy Studies
CATCH UP TO LEVEL UP: EDUCATION AFTER THE PANDEMIC
Rachel Wolf – Founding Partner – Public First, Richard Holden MP – Member of Parliament for North West Durham, Claire Coutinho MP – Member of Parliament for East Surrey, Russell Hobby – CEO – Teach First, Emily Duncan Stavrakakis – Chief Operating Officer – Centre For Policy Studies, Nathan D’Laryea – Assistant Headteacher and Head of Mathematics – Loreto High School
What can we do to get education and with it the country back on track and why is there a need for urgency? How important is education to levelling up? This event will discuss the key challenges and why we should all care – not just those with children.

2:30 PM CEN AND SMART ENERGY GB
Central 3 & 4
HEAT PUMP IT UP: THE END OF THE GAS BOILER
This panel will look at how we decarbonise our homes and market–based approaches to shifting our heating over to electricity. The speakers will also consider how to build popular support for the transition and deliver warmer homes that are cheaper and easier to heat.

2:30 PM APPG ON APPRENTICESHIPS
Radisson Edwardian Hotel (Private Rooms 19/20), Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP
APPRENTICESHIPS RECEPTION
Jack Lopresti MP – Co–Chair – All Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships

2:30 PM POLICY@MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN HEALTH SCIENCE ALLIANCE (NHSA)
Upper Hall, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS
COVID–19 AND THE NORTHERN POWERHOUSE: ONE YEAR ON
Dr Luke Munford – Lecturer – Health Economics – The University of Manchester, Damian Waters – Regional Director – CBI North West and others
Dr Luke Munford (The University of Manchester) shares results from his new report for the Northern Health Science Alliance, examining regional health and economic inequalities during the pandemic,
in discussion with industry and Parliamentary representatives.

2:45 PM THE SPECTATOR AND EY
Exchange 11
DELIVERING NET ZERO?
Fraser Nelson – Editor – The Spectator Magazine, Tony Danker – Director-General – Executive Committee – CBI, Hywel Ball – UK Chair and UK&I Managing Partner – EY

3:00 PM POLICY EXCHANGE
Cobden Rooms 3 & 4
WHAT IMPACT WILL THE TALIBAN TAKEOVER IN AFGHANISTAN HAVE ON EXTREMISM IN THE UK?
Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP – Minister of State for Security, Ms Nusrat Ghani MP – Member of Parliament for Wealden, Dean Godson – Charity/NGO – Policy Exchange

This panel will assess whether the Taliban’s takeover of Afghanistan gives momentum to Islamist organisations and activists in the UK? Secondly how do we prevent the type of engagement between British extremists and the Taliban and Britons and foreign fighters the Taliban hosts which characterised the period 1996 – 2001.

3:00 PM CONSERVATIVEHOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UK IN A CHANGING EUROPE
ConservativeHome Marquee
IN CONVERSATION WITH LIZ TRUSS MP
Anand Menon – Director – UK in a Changing Europe, The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP – Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth and Development Affairs and Minister for Women and Equalities

Prof Anand Menon interviews Liz Truss the new Foreign Secretary about the role and meaning of Global Britain and her political philosophy. Join the audience for the chance to put your questions to the popular champion of free trade.

3:00 PM LEARN BY DESIGN
Youth Zone
ENGINEERING OUR FUTURE: MEETING THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE
Geoffrey Parsons – Political (Councillor/ Mayor/Parliamentarian) – Charnwood Borough Council, Minnie Moll – Chief Executive – Design Council, Roger Bailey – Construction/Civil Engineering – Tideway

Panel interviews and podcast on: STEM skills technology and innovation – meeting the climate challenge.

3:00 PM ONWARD
Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP
BUILD BACK GREENER: HOW CAN WE DECARBONISE HOUSING?
Rt Hon Chris Pincher MP – Minister for Housing, Alexander Stafford MP – Member of Parliament for Rother Valley, Ruth Edwards MP – Member of Parliament for Rushcliffe, Sara Bennison – Chief Product and Marketing Officer – Nationwide

The Government has pledged to ‘build back greener’. This panel will consider how best to overcome the obstacles that are holding back a green housing revolution, and discuss incentives to homeowners, the regulatory
and financial structures to drive technological development, and the responsibility for decarbonising social housing stock.

3:15 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND PERNOD RICARD

ThinkTent Marquee

THE UK’S INDO–PACIFIC TRADE POLICY TILT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR BUSINESS?

Mark Littlewood – Director General – IEA, Shanker Singham – Chief Executive Officer – Competere, Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE – Founder and Chair – Cobra Beer, The Hon George Brandis QC – High Commissioner to the UK – Australian High Commission

The Conservative’s post Brexit international trade strategy is notably focused on the Indo–Pacific. The framework behind the UK’s first post–Brexit FTA with Japan looks set to form the basis of the UK’s agreement with the CPTPP. With a deal reached with Australia and a New Zealand agreement high on the Government’s trade agenda the UK’s strategic and trade tilt toward the Indo–Pacific is clear but can this strategy deliver economic benefits at home? Which sectors and which countries should be prioritised? What does Government and business need to do to support export and investment across the UK and adapt respectively?

3:30 PM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Central 8

SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB: THE LOST CHILDREN OF LOCKDOWN

Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP – Member of Parliament for Harlow, Camilla Tominey – Associate Editor – The Telegraph, Will Quince MP – Minister for Children and Families, Graham Stuart MP, Alice Wilcock – Data Analyst Centre for Social Justice

This event will unpack the issues surrounding elective home education and will ask what more can be done to better protect vulnerable children from being coercively removed from school.

3:30 PM ASI

Exhibition Event Room

BACK BETTER BUILDS

Morgan Schondelmeier – Head of External Affairs – Adam Smith Institute, Anya Martin – Campaign Manager – PricedOut, Ben Everitt MP – Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes North, Alex Crowley – Former Campaign Director to Boris Johnson – Shared Voice

The housing crisis is a political football yet generations of Brits are being priced out of the housing market. It’s difficult to determine
what matters to homeowners & home-seekers alike. With original polling by the ASI & CIt Local this panel will investigate public attitudes towards building development & the solutions we can all get behind.

3:30 PM UCAS
Central 6
DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE OF THE BAKER CLAUSE – UCAS PANEL ON APPRENTICESHIPS
Alex Burghart MP, Apprenticeships Minister (invited), Mike Cherry – National Chair – National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses Ltd, Elizabeth Gorb, Director of Apprenticeships at Manchester Metropolitan University – Joel Roach – Business Manager Apprentice – Microsoft, John Cope – Councillor for Elmbridge Borough, Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith Chair of the Institute for Apprenticeships (invited)

The panel will explore how we can build on the progress made so far and best implement the Baker Clause to improve the careers information advice and guidance available to young people especially in light of ongoing reforms. The event will be chaired by UCAS Director of Strategy Policy and Public Affairs John Cope and focus on how – as a sector – we can better meet the demand for apprenticeships and provide the most comprehensive support for both young people and mature learners as they make decisions about their future.

3:30 PM ANTI-SEMITISM POLICY TRUST AND TELL MAMA
Exchange 10
THE GREAT ONLINE HATE OFF
Rt Hon Priti Patel MP – Secretary of State for Home Department, Danny Stone MBE – Director – Antisemitism Policy Trust, Iman Atta OBE – Director – Tell MAMA UK

Online activity and social media are now part of our everyday lives but unlike our television radio and film content the Internet is unregulated. The Government plans to change this with the introduction of the Online Safety Bill. The panel comprising of MPs Ministers and experts will explore what is happening online and discuss how best to get hate off.

3:30 PM TOGETHER WITH REFUGEES
Exchange 2–3 Combined
AFGHANISTAN AND BEYOND: HOW CAN THE UK BEST PROTECT REFUGEES?

The unfolding humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan is a crucial test of the UK’s refugee protection system. Recent weeks have illustrated just how quickly situations in which people are displaced by conflict or persecution can escalate and that we need a robust system in which Government and local authorities can work collaboratively to create routes to safety for refugees. This event will be an opportunity to discuss how the UK should respond to the situation in Afghanistan and how this response should fit with the rest of the UK’s refugee protection system including the possible implications of the Nationality and Borders Bill which will continue its progress through Parliament this Autumn.
3:30 PM CRISIS ACTION

**Stanley Suite**

**GLOBAL BRITAIN AS A FORCE FOR GOOD**


21st-century Britain faces a world beset by humanitarian and human rights crises with two billion people living in fragile and conflict-affected areas. As the UK looks to re-define itself on the global stage post-Brexit Global Britain in a Competitive Age reasserts the Government’s commitment to ensuring the UK emerges as “a force for good in the world.” Hosted by Crisis Action and The Halo Trust Global Britain as a Force for Good will discuss how and why the UK should pursue a “cross-Whitehall” foreign policy agenda explore why placing conflict prevention and the protection of civilians at the heart of British foreign policy is in the UK’s national and international interest and will look to shape the agenda of the new Foreign Secretary.

3:30 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH VIRIDOR

**Exchange 8**

**CLEANER AND GREENER HOUSEHOLDS? REDUCING AND REUSING WASTE**

Natasha Clark – Political Correspondent – The Sun, Tim Rotheray – Director of Innovation and Regulations – Viridor, Patrick Hall – Senior Research Fellow – Bright Blue, Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP – Member of Parliament for Ludlow

This fringe event explores opportunities to radically reduce the environmental impact of household waste to support the country’s net zero transition including the role of energy from waste facilities and carbon capture technology.

3:30 PM ADS

**Victoria Suite**

**ADS DRINKS RECEPTION**

Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP – Secretary of State for Defence

This event will be an excellent opportunity to meet representatives from across the UK’s aerospace defence security and space sectors. Here you can meet with Parliamentarians elected represented and party staff to discuss topics including how our sectors embody Global Britain how the country can level up through our supply chains and how we can achieve net-zero. This event is invite only however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact rsvp-pa@adsgroup.org.uk

3:30 PM DIGITAL TORIES AND BT

**Exchange 4–5 Combined**

**PRIVACY VS INNOVATION? WHAT NEXT FOR DIGITAL GOVERNANCE**

Damian Collins MP – Member of Parliament for Folkestone and Hythe, Alice Hopkin – Executive Director – Digital Tories, Charlotte Holloway – Government Relations Director UK & Ireland – Zoom Video Communications, Alex Towers – Director of Policy and Public Affairs – BT, Daniel Korski CBE – Chief Executive Officer – PUBLIC

The Conservative Government is clear: Brexit is an opportunity to write our own data laws promoting innovation and growth whilst also
guaranteeing security and privacy. With a new Information Commissioner and National Data Strategy incoming Digital Tories have partnered with BT to ask: how can we find the right balance between protecting citizens’ data and facilitating data transfers and processing to boost business?

3:30 PM TRUSSELL TRUST

Cobden 1
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: BUILDING A CONSERVATIVE RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR FOOD BANKS
Simon Fell MP – Member of Parliament for Barrow & Furness, Vidhya Alakeson – Chief Executive – Power to Change, Emma Revie – Chief Executive – The Trussell Trust, Matthew Stallard – Charity/NGO – Manchester Central Foodbank
Panel discussion of how the levelling up agenda can build resilient communities without the need for food banks.

3:30 PM KRG UK

Trafford Room
KRG UK REPRESENTATION RECEPTION
H.E. Karwan Jamal Tahir, the Kurdistan Regional Government High Representative to the UK, Alicia Kearns MP Member of Parliament for Rutland and Melton
KRG UK Representation Reception to celebrate the strong friendship of the Kurds and the Conservative Party

3:30 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF PAKISTAN

Chart 3
CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF PAKISTAN
On behalf of Chair–Lord Choudrey CBE and the Directors of Conservative Friends of Pakistan it would be our pleasure to invite you to the Conservative Friends of Pakistan drinks reception at the Conservative Party Conference 2021.

3:30 PM INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT AND SGN

Exchange 1
LOCALISING NET ZERO: COULD A LOCAL APPROACH TO DECARBONISING HOMES ACCELERATE THE UK TOWARDS NET ZERO?
Tom Sasse – Associate Director – Institute for Government, Lord Martin Callanan – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, Dan Watkins – Legal and accounting services – Muve
Homes produce 15% of the UK’s emissions and little progress has been made on decarbonising their energy use. The UK needs local solutions to this problem. But local governments lack the resources powers and capabilities needed. We will consider the roles of central and local government and how to drive progress towards the UK’s net zero goals.
3:30 PM CPS / CLA

The Centre for Policy Studies
TAKEN FOR GRANTED? RURAL AREAS AND THE CONSERVATIVE AGENDA

Lucy Fisher – Deputy Political Editor – The Daily Telegraph, Mark Bridgeman – President – The Country Land and Business Association, Emily Duncan Stavrakakis – Chief Operating Officer – Centre For Policy Studies, Neil Parish MP – Member of Parliament for Tiverton and Honiton, Rt Hon Lord Richard Benyon – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

Boosting prosperity and opportunity across the nation is a key for this government elected on votes from outside major metropolitan areas. Reducing the productivity gap between rural areas and our towns and cities is key to this agenda and requires serious thought and action across a range of policies.

3:30 PM LGBT+ CONSERVATIVES

Lancaster

LGBT+ CONSERVATIVES – PRIDE & POLITICS

Elena Bunbury – Chair – LGBT+ Conservatives, Pierre Andrews – Senior Parliamentary Assistant to Damian Collins MP

Pride and Politics. Pitch your policy for the LGBT+ community to the star panel with this interactive event. In June 2022 our Conservative Government will host the first ever Global LGBT+ Rights conference called: Safe To Be Me. So our policy panel at this year’s party conference Pride and Politics is convening a panel of experts campaigners and grassroots party members to ask ‘What are Conservative priorities for Global LGBT+ Rights?’ focusing on three areas:

decriminalisation of being LGBT+ tackling violence and discrimination and improving access to public services around the world.

The event will also be an opportunity to gather party members and attendees’ views on how we can make the world a safer place to be LGBT+.

3:30 PM CONSERVATIVE MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL (CMEC)

Central 7

GLOBAL BRITAIN AND THE MIDDLE EAST – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Charlotte Leslie – Charity/NGO – Conservative Middle East Council

40 years ago Margaret Thatcher asked Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington to establish CMEC to promote better understanding particularly among Conservative parliamentarians of the Middle East and North Africa a vast and complicated region of critical importance to the UK. For centuries Britain has traded with the region in everything it seems from oil and jets to silks and spices. At this conference event CMEC wants to explore what further opportunities now lie for both Global Britain and our good friends in the MENA region. Chaired by Charlotte Leslie.

3:30 PM EPILEPSY SOCIETY

Chester Suite

THE ONLINE SAFETY BILL: HOW IT MUST STOP INTERNET TROLLS

Gary Jones – Editor – Daily Express, Dean Russell – Member of Parliament for Watford, Suzanne Webb – Political (Councillor/ Mayor/ Parliamentarian) – House of Commons, Matthew Lesh – Head of Research – Adam Smith Institute, Clare Pelham – Chief Executive – Epilepsy Society, Zach Eagling – Student – Epilepsy Society
Internet trolls from around the world have long been sending flashing images and GIFs to people with epilepsy with the intent of provoking seizures. This must be stopped. The Epilepsy Society is campaigning against this vicious bullying and calling for the Online Safety Bill to criminalise this specific act. The Epilepsy Society will be meeting with MPs delegates and people with epilepsy to discuss our online safety campaign: #ZachsLaw.

3:30 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH MAGIC BREAKFAST

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT? THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS IN TACKLING FOOD INSECURITY AMONGST CHILDREN

Vicky Ford MP – Minister for Children and Families (Invited), Anne Longfield OBE – Former Child Commissioner, Emily Wilkie – Head of Fundraising – Magic Breakfast, Francis Humble – Youth Campaigner, Sarah Sands – Chair – Bright Blue

In this fringe event, we debate the effect of the pandemic on food poverty and the best way to tackle it in the future.

4:00 PM COMMON SEAS

Cobden 2

BLOOD TYPE PLASTIC: DOES THE UK NEED A NATIONAL PLASTIC HEALTH IMPACT RESEARCH FUND?

Blood Type Plastic: does the UK need a National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund? Common Seas Panel Event at Conservative Party Conference 2021. We breathe in drink and eat plastic particles every day. And as a result plastic is present in the bloodstream. However little research has been conducted to fully establish what risk this poses to human health. New clinical research on plastic and health is urgently required but is chronically underfunded. In July this year some 80 global health experts politicians and campaigners joined social enterprise Common Seas in calling on the Government to introduce a £15 million National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund. Join a panel of experts to discuss how Whitehall can make Britain a world leader on the health impact of plastic.

4:00 PM TECHUK

Exchange 6–7 Combined

FIT FOR THE FUTURE: HOW AI IS TACKLING CORONAVIRUS AND REVOLUTIONISING UK HEALTHCARE

Antony Walker – Deputy CEO – techUK (Chair), Dr Nadine Hachach Haram – Founder of Proximie & Clinical Innovation – Lead at Guys and St Thomas’ NHS Trust, Craig Rhodes – EMEA Industry Lead AI for Healthcare and Life Science Nvidia, George Freeman MP – Minister for Science Research and Innovation, Jeremy Hunt MP – Chair of the Health Select Committee

In partnership with Nvidia techUK and our panelists will explore how we apply emerging technologies such as AI to the UK’s greatest healthcare challenges. Having recently launched Cambridge—1 the UK’s most powerful supercomputer dedicated to advancing healthcare research Nvidia and its partners are putting this into action by applying AI technologies to address world’s most complex health challenges.
**4:00 PM NOAH (NATIONAL OFFICE OF ANIMAL HEALTH)**

*PLMR Business Hub*

**SCIENTIFIC SUPERPOWER: HOW THE ANIMAL HEALTH INDUSTRY CAN DRIVE R&D AND INNOVATION ACROSS THE UK**

Dawn Howard – Chief Executive Officer – NOAH, Victoria Prentis MP – Minister of State Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Ian Anderson – Global Marketing Director – MSD Animal Health, Christopher Hope – Chief Political Correspondent and Assistant Editor – The Daily Telegraph

NOAH is hosting a panel event to promote the value of the animal health industry and how it can strengthen the UK’s position as a scientific superpower. Topics of discussion will include how the industry contributes to R&D and innovation the role it plays in levelling up and the real world benefits it brings to both humans and animals.

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**4:00 PM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES**

*Young Conservatives*’ Stand

**YOUNG CONSERVATIVES CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS PANEL**


YC Chairs & Senior Volunteers from the across the UK discuss all things Young Conservatives how to get involved and how to get more young people involved with the Party.

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**4:00 PM CENTRAL 3 & 4**

**FUTURE OF URBAN TRAVEL: GETTING AROUND IN 2030**

Matthew Pencharz – Head of Policy for UK Ireland and Benelux – Voi Technology, Selaine Saxby MP – Member of Parliament for North Devon, Lynsey Jones – Climate Programmes Manager – Transport Finance – Conservative Environment Network, Jonathan Nunn – Civil/Public Service – West Northants Council

The Government has set out an ambitious timetable to decarbonise the UK’s transport system. This panel event explores what technologies and policies are required to deliver this in our towns and cities. With the ongoing e–scooter trials what role does micro–mobility alongside improved bus services and active transport measures play in decarbonising transport and reducing congestion?

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**4:00 PM NET ZERO APPG AND THE SPECTATOR SUPPORTED BY CENTRICA.**

*Youth Zone*

**REACHING GENERATION ZERO**

Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP – COP26 President, Stanley Johnson – International Ambassador Conservative Environment Network, Katy Balls – Deputy Political Editor The Spectator

The Spectator “In conversation” with The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP President COP26 and launch of the Generation Zero COP26 Ambassador Competition with Stanley Johnson International Ambassador Conservative Environment Network. Kindly supported by Centrica. Followed by a drop–in for MPs and party representatives to meet young people and find out more the competition.
4:00 PM THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

_BECOMING A “SCIENCE SUPERPOWER”: WILL THE UK BE FIT TO TACKLE THE NEXT GLOBAL CRISIS?_

Stephen Reicher FBA – Professor of Psychology – University of St Andrews – SAGE adviser, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell – Vice Chancellor – University of Manchester, Professor Susan Gourvenec – Royal Academy of Engineering – Chair – Emerging Technologies, Lord Kakkar – Professor of Surgery – University College London

The UK government wants the UK to be a “Science and Tech Superpower by 2030”. So what next for public investment in science and research? How will we lead internationally? And how can we be ready for the next global crisis? Join our panel of research and innovation “superstars” to discuss resilience, superpower status and more.

4:30 PM POLICY EXCHANGE

_Cobden Rooms 3 & 4_

_PLACE MATTERS: SHOULD THERE BE A BEAUTY REQUIREMENT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS?_

Christopher Pincher MP – Member of Parliament for Tamworth, Professor Robert Adam PhD – Owner – Robert Adam Architectural Consultancy

Should beauty be in the eye of the freeholder? What role should public opinion play in determining if new residential developments are beautiful? Community consultation usually happens before construction takes place. But this panel will discuss whether there is merit in sampling public opinion of new architecture after it has been completed.

4:30 PM THE SPECTATOR AND SIEMENS

_Exchange 11_

_A LONG JOURNEY: CAN WE AFFORD TO MAKE TRANSPORT MORE SUSTAINABLE?_

Kate Andrews – Economics Editor – The Spectator, William Wilson – CEO – Siemens Mobility Limited

4:30 PM TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

_ThinkTent Marquee_

_QUIDS INN: DO POLITICIANS HATE THE GREAT BRITISH PUB?_

Danielle Boxall – Campaign Manager – TaxPayers’ Alliance, Emma McClarkin – Chief Executive – BBPA, Charles Gilkes – Founder and Director – Inception Group, Kate Nicholls OBE – Chief Executive – UKHospitality

Hospitality venues across the UK finally reopened to normal service over the summer. Yet many pubs and restaurants have been brought to the brink. Regular attendance has been falling for years with more Brits drinking at home and consuming less booze. Is it the beginning of the end for the Great British pub? Have politicians made it worse? Or does a post–pandemic world allow for a renaissance?
4:30 PM ONWARD

**Room 11, Edwardian Manchester Hotel, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP**

**INTELLIGENT TOMORROW: USING INNOVATION TO TRANSFORM THE UK ECONOMY**

John Glen MP – Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Lord Willetts – Former Minister for Universities and Science, Alistair Tebbit – Head of UK Government Affairs and International Programmes – RELX

Innovation is one of the driving forces behind modern economic growth. In a world where data is increasingly key, the UK has a unique opportunity to leverage digital technologies to transform our competitiveness. Following the Government’s Plan for Growth, parliamentarians and industry leaders will discuss the building blocks of boosting innovation.

5:00 PM CPS

**The Centre for Policy Studies**

**THE CPS IN CONVERSATION WITH THE RT HON LORD FROST CMG**

Robert Colvile – Columnist – The Sunday Times/CapX

CPS Director Robert Colvile interviews the Rt Hon Lord Frost CMG former Chief EU Negotiator and Minister of State for the Cabinet Office in front of a live audience.

5:00 PM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Central 8**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB: TURNING THE TIDE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION IN THE UK**


Child sexual abuse is one of the most serious issues facing British society today. Evidence suggests that 1 in 6 children are sexually abused before they turn 18. This event will focus on child sexual abuse that occurs online. Widespread internet access has created more opportunity for people who pose a sexual threat to children to contact them and access appalling images and videos of children being abused. We will be joined by an expert panel as well as a survivor of online abuse who will share their story.

4:45 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RAYTHEON

**ConservativeHome Marquee**

**IN CONVERSATION WITH ANNE–MARIE TREVELYAN MP**

The Rt Hon Anne–Marie Trevelyan MP – Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade

An exclusive interview with the new International Trade Secretary – looking at the importance of trade to a newly–independent UK the opportunities for business and consumers presented by wider and deeper trading links around the world and what she plans for her new role. The Secretary of State will also answer audience questions.
5:00 PM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

*Young Conservatives Stand*

**SETTING UP A YC GROUP – DROP IN SESSION**

Drop-in session with the Youth Engagement Team on how to set up a group and best practise.

5:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YMCA

*Central 5*

**BUILDING YOUNG BRITANNIA: HOW CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES AND LEVELLING UP CAN WIN YOUNG VOTERS**

Joanna Gideon MP – Member of Parliament for Stoke-on-Trent Central, Jason Stacey – Director of Policy Research Communications & International – YMCA England & Wales, Jacob Young – Member of Parliament for Redcar

Our panel will explore how the Conservative ethos Government policy and third sector organisations like YMCA can contribute to a strong and robust economy providing job opportunities and prosperity for young people in modern Britain.

5:30 PM DIGITAL TORIES

*Youth Zone*

**DIGITAL CAMPAIGNING – LESSONS FOR THE NEXT ELECTION**

Mario Creatura – Political (Councillor/ Mayor/ Parliamentarian) – Croydon Council, Holly Whitbread – County Councillor – Essex County Council, Thomas Borwick – College Green Group, Dehenna Davison MP – Member of Parliament – Bishop Auckland

Party representatives and activists. Join this session on Digital Campaigns.

5:30 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH RWE AND SSE RENEWABLES

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**PUTTING THE WIND IN BRITAIN’S SAILS? THE FUTURE OF UK WIND ENERGY**


For this fringe event, we ask: what reforms could the Government introduce to provide greater support and certainty for investment in onshore and offshore wind power?

5:30 PM POLITICSHOME, IN ASSOCIATION WITH BAE SYSTEMS

*Derby Suite*

**FUTURE CHALLENGES IN DEFENCE**

Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP – Secretary of State for Defence, Tamara Cohen – Political Correspondent, Sky News

5:30 PM BLUE COLLAR CONSERVATISM

*Rain Bar, 80 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, M1 5JG*

**NO TO THE NANNY STATE**

Rt Hon David Davis MP & Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Rt Hon Esther McVey MP, Cllr Ben Bradley MP, Baroness Claire Fox, Philip Davies MP & Lee Anderson MP
TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER — FRINGE EVENTS

An event in association with the Daily Express. Registration is free but essential due to limited capacity.
Visit: www.bluecollarconservatism.co.uk/notonanny

5:45 PM INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS & THE TAXPAYERS’ ALLIANCE

ThinkTent Marquee
IN CONVERSATION WITH ... THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, THE RT HON RISHI SUNAK MP

John O’Connell – Chief Executive – TaxPayers’ Alliance, Mark Littlewood – Director General – IEA, Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP – Chancellor of the Exchequer

The IEA and TPA host an in–depth conversation with Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP. From the spending review, tax and spending policies, and the country’s economic recovery, join us for a wide–ranging and thought–provoking conversation with the man responsible for the UK’s economic future.

6:00 PM BRIGHT BLUE WITH GENERATION RENT AND RENTERS REFORM COALITION

Central 7
RENEWING THE LEASE: WHAT’S NEXT FOR PRIVATE RENTING?

David Renard – Councillor for Haydon Wick, Alexandra Jezeeph – Non–executive Director – Bright Blue, Alicia Kennedy – Campaign Manager – Generation Rent, Eddie Hughes MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Rough Sleeping & Housing), Anthony Breach – Senior Analyst – Centre for Cities

Housing is a key part of the UK’s increasing intergenerational divide, with younger and low–income households increasingly turning to private renting for long–term residence. What more can and should be done to give private renters a fairer deal?

6:00 PM LGBT+ CONSERVATIVES

The Tea Rooms
LGBT+ PRIDE RECEPTION WITH STONEWALL

Crispin Blunt MP – Member of Parliament – Reigate, Elena Bunbury – Chair – LGBT+ Conservatives

The annual LGBT+ Pride reception hosted in partnership with Stonewall. A chance to share a drink and a toast to the community with speeches from: Elena Rose Bunbury, Nancy Kelley, Crispin Blunt MP, Emma Best AM, and a special celebrity guest. Priority entry for LGBT+ Conservative members.

6:00 PM THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Alexandra B
IN CONVERSATION WITH: RT HON SAJID JAVID MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Join the CSJ as we hear from the Health Secretary, Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, on what his plans are to tackle health inequality in the UK.
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6:00 PM GREEN ALLIANCE AND WWF

Alexandra A
GREEN ALLIANCE AND WWF DRINKS RECEPTION: KEEPING 1.5 ALIVE AT COP26
Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP – President for COP 26
The scene is set – on the eve of COP 26, Green Alliance and WWF are hosting an extra special reception at Conservative Party Conference to celebrate the UK’s Presidency of the most important climate summit in a generation. Join us for drinks, nibbles and networking with keynotes from special guests and government ministers as we galvanise ambition and action in these final critical weeks to keep 1.5 alive at COP and beyond.

6:00 PM IPSOS–MORI

Exchange 4–5 Combined
BEYOND THE BUBBLE: INSIGHTS INTO WHAT BRITONS REALLY THINK ABOUT POLITICS AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE CONSERVATIVES
Come and join Ipsos MORI’s political polling experts and enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink as we’re joined by politicians and commentators to discuss the state of politics and public opinion plus what that means for the parties’ strengths and weaknesses as we look ahead to the next General Election.

6:00 PM KONRAD–ADENAUER–STIFTUNG, HANNS–SEIDEL–STIFTUNG, CONSERVATIVE EUROPEAN FORUM

Exchange 10
THE FUTURE OF UK AND GERMAN RELATIONS
Rt Hon Sir David Lidington KCB CBE – Chair – Conservative European Forum, Rt Hon Greg Hands MP – Member of Parliament – Chelsea & Fulham
Germany is one of the UK’s closest allies and an important trading partner. This event will be an opportunity to discuss areas of cooperation with German and UK politicians and government representatives, and just one week after the German general elections the first chance to hear directly from German politicians where the country is heading.

6:00 PM PROSPECT MAGAZINE AND EDAROTH

Royce Suite
NEW APPROACH, NEW HOMES, NEW JOBS: WHAT NEW SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN DO FOR BRITAIN
At this event we will address what the barriers are to social and affordable housing and why, given the demand, they need to be addressed. Delivering more homes will provide a further boost to communities and economies up and down the country which is needed now more than ever.

6:00 PM CO–OP GROUP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEGATUM INSTITUTE

Chester Suite
LEVELLING UP, PROMOTING ASPIRATION AND OPPORTUNITIES: INSIGHT AND IDEAS
Steve Baker MP – Member of Parliament, Jonathan Gullis MP – Member of Parliament – Stoke–on–Trent North, Rt Hon Justine Greening – Founder – Social Mobility Pledge, Tommy Kirkwood – The Cooperative Group,
Steve Murrells – Retail/Wholesale (Food) – The Co–op, Professor Matthew Goodwin – Director – UK Prosperity – Legatum Institute
This fringe will look ahead to the Levelling Up White Paper and explore not only what the concept of ‘levelling up’ means but to share insight to inform the White Paper and debate policy ideas.

6:00 PM FUTURE SOCIAL CARE COALITION

Exchange 6–7 Combined

LET’S GET SOCIAL CARE DONE: TIME FOR A SOCIAL CARE PEOPLE PLAN
Helen Whately MP – Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, Rt Hon Damian Green MP – Member of Parliament – Ashford, Kevin Hollinrake MP – Member of Parliament – Thirsk and Malton, Councillor Isobel Seccombe OBE – County Councillor – Warwickshire County Council, Richard Mears – Regional Managing Director – Dimensions (UK) Ltd, Nadra Ahmed, Chief Executive – National Care Association, Mark Adams, Chief Executive – Community Integrated Care

This Future Social Care Coalition Fringe Event will discuss the need for both social care reform in general and a Social Care People Plan – to address key issues regarding respect, reward and regulation of care and support workers – in particular. The fringe meeting will consist of a number of speeches followed by questions and debate amongst Conservative Party delegates. Refreshments provided.

6:00 PM SOCIETY OF CONSERVATIVE LAWYERS, THE BAR COUNCIL AND LAW SOCIETY

Victoria Suite

SOCIETY OF CONSERVATIVE LAWYERS
Lord Wolfson QC, Lord Sandhurst QC, Sir Bob Neill MP

Global Britain – Leading with Legal: A discussion with Lord Wolfson QC, Lord Sandhurst QC, Sir Bob Neill MP and other leading speakers.

6:00 PM THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Young Conservatives’ Stand

YC SERIES – RT HON NADHIM ZAHAWI MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION
Andrew Bowie MP – Member of Parliament – West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine, Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP – Secretary of State for Education

Join Andrew Bowie MP, Vice Chairman of the Party for Youth, in conversation with the Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP, Secretary of State for Education, hearing about their experiences and thoughts on the big topics of the day.

6:00 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF THE NHS

Fairclough

CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF NHS
Maria Caulfield MP – Member of Parliament – Lewes, Theresa Villiers MP – Member of Parliament – Chipping Barnet, Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP – Former Secretary of State for – International Trade
6:00 PM COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AND CONSERVATIVE RURAL FORUM

**Lancaster**

**COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AND CONSERVATIVE RURAL FORUM DRINKS RECEPTION**

Tim Bonner – Chief Executive – Countryside Alliance, Peter Stevens – District or Borough Councillor – West Suffolk, Rt Hon George Eustice MP – Secretary of State for – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

A joint drinks reception with the Conservative Rural Forum (CRF). Speaking will be the Secretary of State for Defra, the Rt. Hon George Eustice MP. We will also hear from the CRF Chair, Peter Stevens, and the Countryside Alliance’s Chief Executive, Tim Bonner.

6:00 PM VOLUNTARY SECTOR NORTH WEST

**Upper Hall, Friends’ Meeting House**

**SOCIAL VALUE: THE VCSE SECTOR AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**


6:30 PM CPS AND CAPX

**The Centre for Policy Studies**

**THE CPS AND CAPX IN CONVERSATION WITH THE RT HON JACOB REES–MOGG MP**

Robert Colvile – Columnist – The Sunday Times/CapX, Jacob Rees–Mogg MP – Leader of the House of Commons

CPS Director and CapX Editor-in-Chief Robert Colvile interviews the Rt Hon Jacob Rees–Mogg, Leader of the House of Commons and Lord President of the Council, in front of a live audience.

6:30 PM CEN AND THE WOODLAND TRUST

**Central 3 & 4**

**STANLEY JOHNSON IN CONVERSATION WITH SPECIAL GUEST – GLOBAL BRITAIN AND THE ENVIRONMENT**


The UK is a global leader in protecting the environment and tackling climate change. Ahead of major world summits on nature and climate change, what is Global Britain’s role at these conferences, and its priorities? How can the government’s domestic agenda help to raise international ambition?
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6:30 PM THE SPECTATOR AND CENTRICA

Exchange 11
HOW TO MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF A GREEN RECOVERY
Xiaodan Yu – Podcast Editor – The Spectator
Gin & tonics will be served to guests.

7:00 PM CONSERVATIVE HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MALARIA NO MORE UK

ConservativeHome Marquee
SCIENCE SUPERPOWER: HOW BRITAIN’S FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA IS DRIVING INNOVATION AND SAVING LIVES
James Whiting – CEO – Malaria No More UK,
George Freeman MP – Member of Parliament – Mid Norfolk, Tim Warrillow, Co–Founder and CEO, Fever–Tree
A drinks reception featuring prominent British scientists, to celebrate Britain as a global science superpower and leader in the battle against one of the world’s deadliest diseases. Just as British science pioneered the fight against COVID–19, new drugs and potentially game changing vaccines offer hope to eradicate malaria. Free bar.

8:00 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF INDIA

Exchange 9
CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF INDIA AND THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA DRINKS RECEIPTION
Celebrating the special relationship between Britain and India. To confirm your place do email to events@cfindia.co.uk.

8:30 PM PROSPECT MAGAZINE & TECHUK

Fairclough
THE TECH RECEIPTION: HOW CAN TECH SUPPORT THE UK TO BUILD BACK BETTER AFTER COVID–19
Join techUK and representatives from industry and across the Conservative Party to discuss how technology can support the UK to build back better after COVID–19.

8:30 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

Exchange 1
CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION – QUESTION TIME
Vicky Ford MP – Member of Parliament – Chelmsford, Jonathan Gullis MP – Member of Parliament – Stoke–on–Trent North, Brendan Clarke–Smith MP – Member of Parliament – Bassetlaw, Stephen James – Founder – Conservative Friends of Education, Rt Hon
Robert Halfon MP – Member of Parliament – Harlow, Daniel Bull – Education/Child Care – Summerhill School

Join us for networking, conversation, a drink (or two) and a bite to eat! Guests include – Vicky Ford MP, Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP, Brendan Clarke–Smith MP, Jonathan Gullis MP & CFoE Founder Stephen James. The event will take the format of ‘Question Time’. Chaired by Daniel Bull who is the host of #MoreThanAJob podcast. Discussions will include – The War on Woke in Education, Why are white working–class children falling behind? How can we improve youth employability? There will also be opportunities for questions from the floor.

This event has been kindly sponsored by Lord Stanley Fink, Lord Howard Leigh, Barin Yucemen & Ronel Lehmann. Follow us on Social Media @ CFoEducation #EducationQT

8:30 PM SAVE THE CHILDREN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONSERVATIVE HOME

8:30 PM SOUTH WESTMINSTER BIDS (VICTORIA, VICTORIA WESTMINSTER, WHITEHALL AND NORTHBANK)

Chester Suite
WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

A reception for Women in Business, to celebrate the contribution and importance of female entrepreneurs to the UK economy with Conservative Women Entrepreneurs. With kind sponsorship from the South Westminster BIDs (Victoria, Victoria Westminster, Whitehall and Northbank)

8:30 PM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Trafford Room
HEADS OF MISSION RECEPTION

8:30 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF AFGHANISTAN

Victoria Suite
CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF AFGHANISTAN RECEPTION
8:30 PM CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

Alexandra A

CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL RECEPTION

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP – Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and Minister for Women and Equalities, Tzipi Hotovely – Ambassador of Israel

Join us at CFI’s Conference Reception for canapés and drinks as we celebrate the thriving UK–Israel relationship with Foreign Secretary Rt. Hon. Liz Truss MP, Israeli Ambassador H.E. Tzipi Hotovely and other senior Conservatives.

9:00 PM ONWARD

The Edwardian Manchester, Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP

BUILDING BACK RECEPTION

The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP – Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

The Onward annual Conservative Party Conference drink’s reception. Kindly supported by the CBI. Strictly by invitation only.
9:00 AM PLMR

PLMR Business Hub

PLMR BUSINESS HUB

PLMR Business Hub pass holders will be able to book and host meetings at PLMR’s Business Hub, which includes: free tea and coffee, complimentary copies of The Telegraph, Wi-Fi, dedicated working stations and charging facilities. For more information please contact: conference@plmr.co.uk.

11:30 AM PLMR

PLMR Business Hub

VIEWING OF THE PRIME MINISTER’S SPEECH

Join us at PLMR’s Business Hub for an alternative viewing of the Prime Minister’s speech in our lounge Hub. Back for its third year in Manchester, PLMR will be hosting a live viewing of the Prime Minister’s speech from 11.30am. The marquee provides the ideal environment to watch the speech with refreshments available.
MCS Charitable Foundation
Our vision is a world where everyone has access to affordable and reliable renewable energy and zero carbon technologies. As a Foundation we work to increase public confidence, awareness and access to renewable energy and zero carbon solutions across the UK.

Stand 98

Falkland Islands Government
Visit the Falkland Islands stand, representing one of the UK’s mist dynamic Overseas Territories. Meet members of the Falkland Islands Government who can update you on current developments affecting the Islands; our evolving self–government – working in partnerships with the UK – and our plans for the future.

Stand 96

National Education Union
The National Education Union brings together more than 450,000 teachers, lecturers, support staff and leaders, to form the largest education union in Europe. Visit our stand to find out about our No Child Left Behind campaign and why it is time for a new era of equitable, reliable assessment.

Stand 58
Facebook

Visit the Facebook stand, and speak to our team about how you can use the platform to connect and communicate with your community. Hear about Facebook’s impact in the UK and the changes we’ve made to our platform to ensure the safety and security of our users.

Stand 110

www.Facebook.com

British Heart Foundation

Covid–19 has caused widespread disruption to cardiovascular care – thousands have died and become unwell waiting longer for treatment. Visit the BHF’s stand to learn about the action needed to address the growing backlog of care, avoid further needless deaths and improve quality of life for millions with cardiovascular disease.

Stand 18

Humanists UK

We’re the national charity working on behalf of non–religious people. Powered by 100,000 members and supporters, we advance free thinking and promote humanism to create a tolerant society where rational thinking and kindness prevail. We provide ceremonies, pastoral care, and education services, and campaign for human rights and equality.

Stand 92B

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BP

bp is showcasing how our UK projects will help the country meet the Prime Minister’s Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution. Please drop by stand 60 to discover our plans for offshore wind in the Irish Sea and in Scotland; how a bp–led project will decarbonise ‘The East Coast Cluster’; hydrogen on Teesside; bp pulse, the UK’s largest public EV charging business; our work to help the city of Aberdeen to decarbonise; our plans for reducing emissions offshore; and, hear about lightsource bp, Europe’s largest PV project developer.

Stand 60
Association of Convenience Stores
ACS (the Association of Convenience Stores) is the voice of over 33,500 local shops across the UK. Our members have a unique reach into every community across the UK, trading in villages, neighbourhood parades, high streets and transport hubs. During the pandemic, convenience stores have been a lifeline to many communities and played a vital role in feeding the nation. Convenience retailers provide local, flexible and secure employment to over 392,000 people and have invested over £534 million in their businesses.

Stand 91D

Coalfields Regeneration
The only organisation dedicated to supporting the UK's former coalmining areas, we deliver activities improving the health and wellbeing, skills and employability of our communities and have embarked on the development of industrial space for SME’s. There is huge potential for our communities to contribute to economic growth #WorkingwithYou

Stand 30

National Farmers Union
Come and meet the NFU at stand 70 and hear how British farmers are leading the way producing; climate friendly food for the home and overseas market, as well as levelling up rural Britain. You can enjoy some farm made ice cream, test your knowledge of British farming and chat to our farmer representatives.

Stand 70

Royal Mail Group
Royal Mail
As Key Workers, Royal Mail’s employees kept the country connected during the pandemic. Dramatic changes in customer shopping habits have led to the business launching a massive transformation and UK investment programme. Visit us in the Exhibition Hall to hear how we are adapting our operation, and building on our already low emission delivery model including the purchase of thousands of electric and gas–powered vehicles.

Stand 94
Midlands Engine
The Midlands Engine is the largest regional economy in the UK outside London and the place that 11 million people call home. Our Midlands Engine Partnership spans the heart of the UK and encompasses some 800,000 businesses, 65 local authorities, 20 universities, nine local enterprise partnerships and one combined authority. Working at scale in partnership, we focus on tackling the things that really matter in our region to drive prosperity for our communities and businesses. Together, we make sure the Midlands voice is heard and act.

Stand 76

British Red Cross

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Covid–19 has shown the incredible power of people’s kindness more than ever before. As we emerge from the pandemic, the British Red Cross will continue to be there to support people in crisis in communities across the UK and internationally. Visit our exhibition stand to learn more about our work and how you can play your part.

Stand 99

Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research UK is the world’s largest independent cancer charity. We fund research across 90 UK institutions and have helped develop 8 of the world’s top 10 cancer drugs. This progress has saved lives, and we are more focussed than ever on seeing 3 in 4 people survive their cancer by 2034. Our ambition hasn’t faltered, but there are still significant challenges to overcome if we’re going to get there. You can Play Your Part in beating cancer – visit us to find out how.

Stand 22

www.cancerresearchuk.org

Thakeham

First and foremost, Thakeham are community creators committed to people, communities and creating amazing places to live. Ahead of COP26, in 2019, Thakeham committed to Zero Carbon infrastructure–led placemaking approach and is widely accepted as being at the forefront of community creation in the UK.

Stand 72

@Thakeham

Sky News

The home of independent news.

Stand 66
Sue Ryder
There when it matters Sue Ryder supports people through the most difficult times of their lives. Whether that’s a terminal illness, the loss of a loved one or a neurological condition – we’re there when it matters. Our doctors, nurses and carers give people the compassion and expert care they need to help them live the best life they possibly can.

Stand 64
www.sueryder.org
@Sue_Ryder

Macmillan Cancer Support
Come meet our fantastic Macmillan nurses! Macmillan are the UK’s biggest charity supporting people with cancer. Our incredible professionals and volunteers do whatever it takes to support the 3 million people living with cancer in the UK. We’re delighted to be joined at conference by some of the 6,400 nurses Macmillan has supported. It’s a been a difficult year for the NHS – so they want to talk to you about why it’s crucial to support the workforce of the future and invest in a Cancer Nurse Fund. Please drop by and say hello.

Stand 91

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 affected by sight loss live actively, independently and well.

Stand 92C

BBC
The BBC invites delegates, politicians and visitors to its stand to discuss its mission to inform, educate and entertain. There will be an opportunity to find out about the ambitious Across the UK plans, focussing on representing all audiences. This transformation in the way the BBC commissions will see a clear majority of its UK–wide TV made outside London by 2027/28, as well as 50% of the network radio and music spend. The stand will also showcase the World Service plus the BBC’s work to provide the latest information during the pandemic.

Stand 12
Alzheimer’s Society

The pandemic has been devastating for people with dementia, with more than 34,000 losing their lives to COVID–19. While the NHS largely managed, social care – upon which so many people with dementia depend – did not. Come visit us to hear about what we can do to finally #CureTheCareSystem. Staffer for a politician? Come collect your free goody bag!

Stand 90

Marie Curie

Marie Curie is the leader in end of life experience in the UK. We offer expert care, guidance and support to dying people across the UK, in their own homes and our nine hospices. We campaign inside and outside Parliament for the policy changes needed to deliver the best possible end of life for all.

Stand 20

WWF

WWF is the world’s leading independent conservation organisation. The decisions made in the coming months will define our future. Come find us at Conservative Party conference, ahead of COP26, to discuss how we can put nature and land-use at the heart of our response to climate change and support our global ambition to limit warming to 1.5 degrees.

Stand 78

Tideway

Construction on the Thames Tideway Tunnel is entering its final phase of tunnelling, with 21km of tunnel now constructed. Above ground, work has started on the new pieces of land which form part of Tideway’s legacy to London. Come to see us to find out more about the exciting work we are doing to reconnect London with the River Thames.

Stand 84
Key Cities

Key Cities: the network that speaks for urban UK. Key Cities is a diverse, national network covering almost half the UK’s urban areas. More than any other network it represents urban living in the UK, with the range, expertise and agility to deliver innovative solutions for the challenges we face. Key Cities are significant urban entities with integrated municipal government in close touch with the lived experience of their populations. For Key Cities, platforming and connecting the diverse voices of urban UK is central to unlocking successful devolution and a productive, balanced economy for all parts of the country. Our members represent all of the major political parties and places across England and Wales.

Stand 86

EDF Energy

Visit Sizewell C’s stand to find out more about plans for the UK’s next new nuclear power station, and the benefits it will bring for jobs, businesses and the environment across the UK. Plus: test your skills at nuclear construction with our live welding experience!

Stand 56

GB News UK

GB News is Britain’s first new television news channel for 32 years. Its mission is to provide plurality by listening to all voices around the UK, especially outside London. After only three months on air, the multi-media start-up is already breaking new ground in news, opinion and debate.

Stand 103

People’s Postcode Lottery

To date, players of People’s Postcode Lottery have raised over £750 million for good causes across the world. Visit our stall to find out what players have funded in your constituency and how you can help ensure the maximum amount of funding is available for good causes.

Stand 14

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Stand 106

Drax
We will be showcasing our transformation from being the UK’s biggest coal fired power station to one of the largest decarbonisation projects in Europe and our exciting plans to become carbon negative by 2030 through pioneering carbon capture technology, stimulating green jobs and driving the UK towards net zero.

Stand 88

INEOS
INEOS is a global chemicals company and the UK’s biggest producer of clean, low-carbon hydrogen. Our position as both a producer and consumer of clean hydrogen gives us a unique perspective on the transition to net zero. Visit our hydrogen car exhibition and see how we’re fuelling the hydrogen revolution.

Stand 73

Her Majesty’s Government of Gibraltar
Her Majesty’s Government of Gibraltar is happy to again support the Conservative Party Conference. The Chief Minister, The Hon Fabian Picardo QC 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.

Stand 102

Visit Blackpool
Blackpool is both proud and excited to welcome delegates back to the seaside for the spring conference 2022. The resort has been through an extensive investment and regeneration plan with the arrival of new hotels and a new conference & exhibition centre, the spring conference marks the beginning of a new era for business events for the resort. For further information on accommodation and what’s on take a look at our website visitblackpool.com.

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