



# ippr

## labour party conference 2008

### fringe events guide

#### Sunday 21st September

17.30-18.30

Unite Marquee

#### **Devolving to the Doorstep: are we delivering better public services?**

What is the right balance between central direction and local autonomy? And what is the role for targets and professional autonomy?

**Chair:** David Walker, Editor, Public Magazine

**Speakers:** Anna Coote, Healthcare Commission; Susan Anderson, Director of Public Services and Skills, CBI; more TBC

17.30-18.30

Usdaw Marquee

#### **Green-collar Jobs**

Should the UK develop a 'green-collar jobs' strategy, supporting the development of intermediate and high skilled jobs, paying good wages, while also contributing to carbon emission reductions and sustainable development? If so, what should it look like?

**Chair:** TBC

**Speakers:** Rt Hon John Hutton MP; Michael Rea, Chief Operating Officer, Carbon Trust; Paul Noon, *Prospect*; Maria McCaffery MBE; Neil Bentley, Director of Business Environment, CBI

#### Monday 22nd September

8.00-9.30

Bar 38

#### **Universities**

How are universities helping to drive local economic growth? What else can UK PLC do to develop this agenda?

**Chair:** Lisa Harker, Co-director, ippr

**Speakers:** Ian Pearson MP; Tim Wilson, Vice Chancellor, University of Hertfordshire, Tim Bradshaw, Senior Policy Adviser, CBI, Carmen Sigler, Provost, San José University

8.00-9.30

Parkhurst Room, Radisson Hotel

#### **Britain's Defence Capabilities**

This expert discussion will take stock of the scale and nature of the demands now being placed on the UK military and consider whether the current balance of capabilities is suitable for present and future tasks.

**Chair:** General Lord Charles Guthrie, former Chief of the Defence Staff  
**and speakers:** Eric Joyce MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary, (BERR), Stephen Fidler, Defence and Security Editor, *Financial Times*; Bob Keen, Head of Government Relations, BAE Systems

12.45-14.00

Richter Room, Radisson Hotel

#### **The Thin Red Line: What is distinctive about Labour's public services agenda?**

Where next for commissioning and contracting? How do we deliver one to one services? And how do we meet the needs of those with least voice?

**Chair:** TBC

**Speakers:** Susan Anderson, Director of Public Services and Skills, CBI ; Frances O'Grady Deputy General Secretary, Trade Union Congress; Mark Lovell, Executive Chairman, A4E

12.45-14.00

Beecham & Harty Rooms, Radisson Hotel

#### **Achieving a Global Deal on Climate Change**

Emissions cuts under the Kyoto agreement end in 2012. An agreement on action post-2012 is essential if efforts to drive down global carbon emissions are to continue. Talks are underway to agree a new agreement, but a fight looms on what it should look like. What obligations will countries need to take on to prevent dangerous climate change and how should developed and developing countries' actions differ in a world of extreme poverty?

**Chair:** Justin Rowlatt, Journalist, BBC

**Speakers:** Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State , DEFRA; Roger Liddle, Vice Chair, Policy Network; Reijo Kemppinen, Head of the European Commission in the UK

12.45-14.00

Bar 38

#### **The Digital Dividend**

This event will explore the role digital technologies – particularly ultrafast broadband – will play in bolstering the UK's future competitiveness, while delivering a range of other socio-economic gains, together with the role for government, communications and content industries in realising this potential.

**Chair:** Lisa Harker, Co-Director, ippr

**Speakers:** Tom Watson MP; Kip Meek, Chair, Broadband Stakeholder Group; Dominic Morris, OfCom

17.30-18.30

Barbirolli Room, Radisson Hotel

### A Fair Chance for Every Child?

Children from deprived backgrounds are three times less likely to achieve good outcomes at age 16. How should the education system and family support be transformed to make a real difference to children's lives no matter where they live or what background they are from?

**Chair:** Gaby Hinsliff, Political Correspondent, *Observer*

**Speakers:** Jim Knight MP; Martin Narey, CEO, Barnardos; Pat Bacon, Principal, St Helen's College; more TBC

17.30-19.00

Alto Room, Radisson Hotel

### Innovation Debate and Reception

With giant leaps in innovation in engineering, science and technology, and the priority the private sector has placed on policies designed to nurture and foster innovation, government is increasingly focusing on the important role innovation can play in transforming public services.

**Chair:** Jonathan Guthrie, Enterprise Editor, *Financial Times*

**Speakers:** David Albury, Member, the Innovation Unit Board; more TBC

19.00-21:00

Comedy Store, Deansgate

### Public Debate

With **Terry Christian**, Presenter, BBC Radio.

Affordable homes, healthcare, children's life chances, rising food costs and climate change are some of the critical issues facing Britain today. But how can the public get more involved with the decisions that will affect their lives?

This event will provide an opportunity for a *public* audience to explore, debate and vote on the key political and policy issues that matter to them.

## Tuesday 23rd September

12.45-14.00

Dickens & Thackery, Radisson

### You're Hired! Innovation in Practice

The ways in which we innovate, particularly in public services focusing on issues such as: management and skills, procurement, the freedom to innovate (and the changes necessary to support this freedom), and opening up to new ways of working.

**Chair:** Jonathan Freedland, Author and Journalist

**Speakers:** Stephen Timms MP; Julian LeGrand, Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science

12.45-14.00

Stanley & Livingstone, Radisson

### Home-coming: Will we get the housing we need or the housing we deserve?

Considers if we are building both private and social housing that are fit for purpose. In particular, do these homes meet community need? Does the process of planning and decision-making in housing build ensure that new developments meet local need? Has reform of the planning system really delivered?

**Chair:** TBC

**Speakers:** Emily Thornbury MP; Deborah Shackleton, Vice Chair, National Housing Federation; Gillian Charlesworth, RIC; Abdus Shakur, Oracle

17.30-18.30

Colony Restaurant, Midland Hotel

### What should Labour do about the super rich?

Labour has managed to reduce poverty, but wealth inequality has grown over the last decade. If this matters, how can we make sure the rich pay their fair share without giving them incentives to take their money out of the country? And is it time to regulate City bonuses?

**Chair:** Jonathan Guthrie, Columnist, *Financial Times*

**Speakers:** Polly Toynbee, Columnist, *Guardian*; Jon Cruddas MP; Brendan Barber, General Secretary Trades Union Congress (TUC); Sir Trevor Chinn; Martin Brookes, Chief Executive New Philanthropy Capital

1730 - 1830

Lancaster Room, Midland Hotel

### The Care Crunch: How do we create a brighter future for older people?

What should a progressive and sustainable system of care look like given rising needs and costs?

**Chair:** Stephen Burke, Chief Executive, Counsel & Care

**Speakers:** Ivan Lewis MP; Carey Oppenheim, Co-Director, ippr, Clive Cowdery, Chair, Resolution Foundation, Clive Bolton, Director of Annuities, Norwich Union

17.30-18.30

Disraeli room Radisson

### The Future of Progressive Politics

What are the prospects for progressive politics? Does the Conservatives' move to the centre mean that progressives have won the key arguments – or are there signs of a shift to the right? How can Labour renew the enthusiasm of its core vote while reaching out to more affluent voters?

**Chair:** Lisa Harker, Co-Director, ippr

**Speakers:** Rt Hon Charles Clark MP; Rt Hon John Denham MP; John Harris, Journalist and Author; Peter Kellner, Chairman, YouGov; Anthony Browne, Policy Exchange

19.00-21.00

Lancaster Room, Midland Hotel

### In Conversation with... James Purnell MP

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions discusses his first year in the Cabinet with **Steve Richards** (*The Independent*), and outlines the coming challenges for the Labour government.

## Wednesday 24th September

12.45-14.00

Richter Room, Radisson

### Growing up in Britain Today

Asking what it means to grow up in today's Britain, this event will consider the impact of non-educational factors, such as consumerism, on young people. It also will look at the role of education and qualifications in producing rounded individuals.

**Chair:** Mary Riddell, Journalist

**Speakers:** Ed Balls MP, Secretary of State, DCSF; Rob Williams, Deputy Children's Commissioner; Sue Palmer, Author; more TBC

12.45-14.00

Stanley & Livingstone Room, Radisson

### Zero-Carbon Homes: Future or fantasy?

What will the 'green' home of the future need to look like and what do we need to do now to ensure that it is delivered?

**Chair:** Sarah Lonsdale, University of Kent

**Speakers:** Caroline Flint MP Minister of State for Housing, DCL; Neil Jefferson, Zero Carbon Hub