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Security and prohibited items

WE WILL BE OPERATING ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES THIS YEAR.

We work closely with West Midlands Police, G4S Security Staff and Venue Security teams to keep the conference safe for delegates. Your full co-operation with Police, Security Staff and Stewards will reduce any delays on site.



Your Conference pass must be worn at all times within the secure zone and must be clearly visible. Report lost passes immediately to the Accreditation Office within The Leonardo Royal Hotel, Birmingham, 245 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HQ.



Luggage is not allowed in the secure zone at any time. A left luggage facility will be available at the Accreditation Office between 8am and 2pm on Wednesday 7 October only (fees apply).



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



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



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



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



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED



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



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



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



STAY ALERT

When leaving the secure zone, delegates should remain vigilant as thieves may target mobile phone users. Stay alert and be mindful of your surroundings at all times.



Information

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

Accreditation Office

The Accreditation Office will be located at: Leonardo Royal Hotel, 245 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HQ

Email: registration@conservatives.com

Our opening times for collection at Leonardo Royal will be:

Friday 2nd October	13.00 – 18.00
Saturday 3rd October	10.00 – 18.00
Sunday 4th October	09.00 – 21.00
Monday 5th October	07.00 – 20.00
Tuesday 6th October	09.00 – 20.00
Wednesday 7th October	08.00 – 12.00

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

Admission to Secure Zone

Access to the Hyatt Regency Birmingham will be allowed from 16:00 on Saturday 3rd October. The restaurant and general bar areas will be fully functional from this time onwards. The Hotel has its own dedicated search channel located at the front of the Hotel on Bridge Street.

The ICC Birmingham will open to delegates at 11:00 on Sunday 4th October. The Exhibition Hall will open at 12:00 noon. Entry to the ICC is via the main search channel on Centenary Square, off Broad Street.

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

Balloons

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

Car parks

Car parks are clearly signposted in the city centre. Parking is not allowed in the immediate vicinity of the secure zone. There are limited Blue Badge parking spaces in The Utilita Arena Birmingham, King Edwards Road, Birmingham, B1 2AA

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

Cash Facilities

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

Cloakroom Facilities

Opening times:

Sunday 4th October	11.00 – 00.30
Monday 5th October	07.30 – 01.00
Tuesday 6th October	07.30 – 01.00
Wednesday 7th October	07.30 – 12.30

Please note that luggage is not permitted.

Information Desk

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

They will be staffed at the following times:

Sunday 4th October	10.00 – 22.00
Monday 5th October	08.00 – 22.00
Tuesday 6th October	08.00 – 22.00
Wednesday 7th October	08.00 – 12.00

Conference and Security Passes

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

Information

Cycle Parking

The cycle parking stands outside the ICC and Hyatt Regency Birmingham hotel will be suspended for the duration of Conference. Under no circumstances can bicycles be chained to any of the security fencing. Alternative cycle parking can be found throughout the city centre.

Exhibition

Open during the following times:

Sunday 4th October	12.00 – 18.00
Monday 5th October	09.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 6th October	09.00 – 18.00
Wednesday 7th October	09.00 – 13.00

Facilities for Disabled Visitors

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

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

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

Hyatt Regency Birmingham

The hotel is linked to the ICC via a bridge on the bridge level of the hotel which is also accessible by stairs on the mezzanine level.

Left Luggage

Luggage is not allowed in the secure zone at any time. A left luggage facility will be available on **Wednesday 7th October ONLY from 08.00 – 14.00**. This will be situated in Leonardo Royal Hotel, 245 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HQ.

Literature distribution and posters

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

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

Lost Property

Enquiries regarding lost property should be directed to the Conference Information Desk in The Mall (Level 3) near the main entrance to the ICC. Alternatively, call the ICC's lost property on 0121 644 5151.

Medical

Please report any medical emergency to the nearest member of staff in the ICC Birmingham or Hyatt Regency Birmingham.

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

Mobile Phones

Please switch off your mobile phones whilst in the Symphony Hall and at fringe meetings.

Prayer/Quiet Room

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

Protest March

There will be protest activity on the periphery of the secure zone and the surrounding squares during Conference. Large numbers of protesters are anticipated to attend on Sunday. Several planned protests will take place throughout Conference. Please allow extra time for journeys to and from the secure zone between 11.00 – 16.00 on Sunday 4th October. **You are reminded not to wear your conference pass outside of the secure zone.**

Information

Recycling

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

Smoking

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

Taxis

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

West Midlands Metro

The West Midlands Metro tram service will remain operational throughout Conference, providing delegates with convenient access across the city.

As trams will continue to operate along Broad Street throughout Conference, please take extra care when entering or leaving the secure zone. Use the designated crossing points and follow the guidance of security staff and stewards when crossing the road.

Food & Beverage options within the Secure Zone

ICC & Symphony Hall

Londis

Vending offer a selection of drinks & snacks and is available from 07.00 – 23.00 each day.

Pizza Express

Pizza Express at the ICC Birmingham – where authentic Italian flavours meet modern elegance. Nestled in the heart of the city's vibrant cultural hub, our newest Birmingham location offers the perfect escape, whether you're indulging before a show, enjoying a business lunch, or simply treating yourself. Immerse yourself in the aroma of freshly baked pizzas, handcrafted with passion, in a space where style and taste blend seamlessly. At Pizza Express ICC Birmingham, every bite is a celebration – join us and discover your new favourite dining destination.

Opening times are 11.30 until 22.00 during the conference.

Bookings are to be made through email: birmingham.TheICC@pizzaexpress.com or via our phone number 0121 203 3470.

Taste at the ICC (Catering stations in Hall 3)

Taste will be serving up hearty and heartfelt homemade meals for lunch and dinner, using fresh and seasonal ingredients. The menu will also have a selection of hot, cold, salads, and pastries so delegates can enjoy different dishes each day.

Subway

The Store will be serving the complete range of hot and cold subs, freshly made to your liking on the main ICC Mall. Perfect if you are in a hurry and want to pick up something to eat on the go. A selection of hot and cold beverages will be available to take away.

Starbucks

Open throughout the conference, this premium Starbucks store in the centre of the Mall is ideal for delegates needing to take a break. Menus offer all of the Starbucks favourites along with comfy sofas and plenty of seating. There are charger points and larger sharing tables available too, ideal for any informal meetings throughout the Conference.

B:Eats

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

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Aria restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

The Gentleman and Scholar pub provides a more casual dining option with pub classics and a wide variety of wines, beers, and cocktails.

Food Trucks

Head to the Fanzone outside the main entrance to the ICC Birmingham for some fresh air and a selection of tasty food vans and drinks throughout Conference, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

VeeDub Camper Bar

Open from 11.00 – 21.00 on Sunday and 09.00 – 21.00 on Monday and Tuesday.

A converted VW campervan turned into a mobile bar serving soft and alcoholic drinks.

The Bear Food Co

Open from 11.00 – 21.00 on Sunday and 08.00-21.00 on Monday and Tuesday.

Serving breakfast bacon, sausage and veggie baps from 08.00 – 11.00 and pies, mash and gravy from 11.00 onwards.

The Love Food Co Greek Van

Open from 11.00 – 21.00 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Serving kebabs, rice bowls and Greek style loaded fries.

The Love Food Co Chicken Van

Open from 11.00 – 21.00 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Serving chicken, burgers, flatbreads and fries.

Members' Lounge

Making its debut at Conference this year, the Castle Lane Conservative Club is a new members-only space within the secure zone, created to enhance the Conference experience for members.

Designed as a place to meet and network with fellow members, take a break between sessions and make the most of your time at Conference, the club will host a programme of exclusive member-only events, Campaign Academy sessions and opportunities to engage with CCHQ teams. Details of these events can be found in the App and Fringe Events guide under Castle Lane Theatre and Castle Lane Lounge.

The club is also home to the CCHQ Hub - the place to connect with teams from across CCHQ and the Party, access support and resources and learn more about opportunities to get involved.

As a new addition to Conference, we look forward to welcoming members and using your feedback to help shape its future.

Please note that capacity within the lounge is limited and access will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Opening times:

Sunday 4th October 12.00pm - 18.00

Monday 5th October 09.00 - 18.00

Tuesday 6th October 09.00 - 18.00

Wednesday 7th October 09.00 - 13.00

Bar service: Alcoholic drinks will be available from 16.00 daily.

Fringe events key

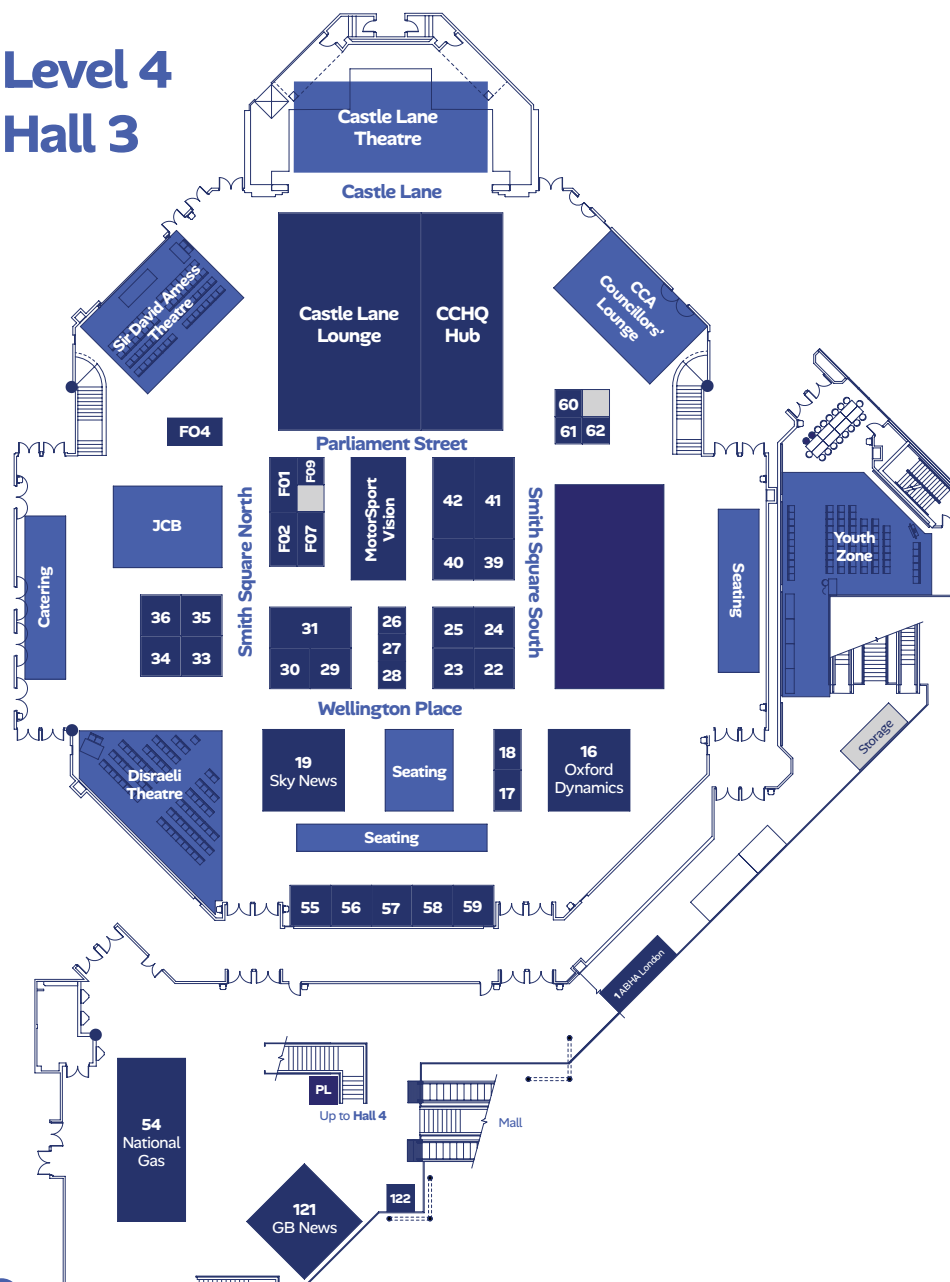
 Invite only

 Snacks provided

 Drinks

 Hot buffet

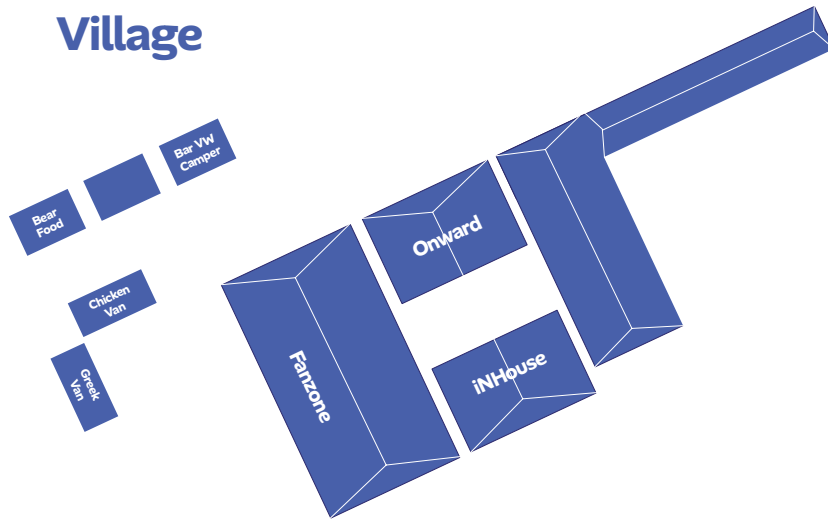
Level 4 Hall 3



Hall 3 Exhibitor Key

- 1** ABHA London
- 16** Oxford Dynamics
- 17** TaxPayers' Alliance
- 18** Dementia UK
- 19** Sky News
- 22** Times Radio
- 23** Marie Curie
- 24** Cancer Research UK
- 25** OpenMedical
- 26** Conservative Environment Network
- 27** Electrical Safety First
- 28** Arthritis UK
- 29** National Education Union
- 30** Falkland Islands Government
- 31** Food and Drink Federation
- 33** Postcode Lottery
- 34** His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar
- 35** Guide Dogs
- 36** Epilepsy Society
- 39** Specsavers
- 40** PolicyMogul
- 41** Express
- 42** Conservative Party Archive
- 54** National Gas
- 55** Policy Renewal Programme
- 56** MyConservatives & Campaign Academy
- 57** Young Conservatives
- 58** Incumbency.AI
- 59** Conservative Policy Forum
- 60** LGB ALLIANCE
- 61** MND Association
- 62** Syrian British Consortium (SBC)
- 121** GB News
- 122** Youth Zone & Skills Hub
- FO1** Conservative Friends of Israel
- FO2** Conservative Christian Fellowship
- FO4** Conservative Women
- FO7** Conservative Friends of Pakistan -CFoP
- FO9** LGBT+ Conservatives

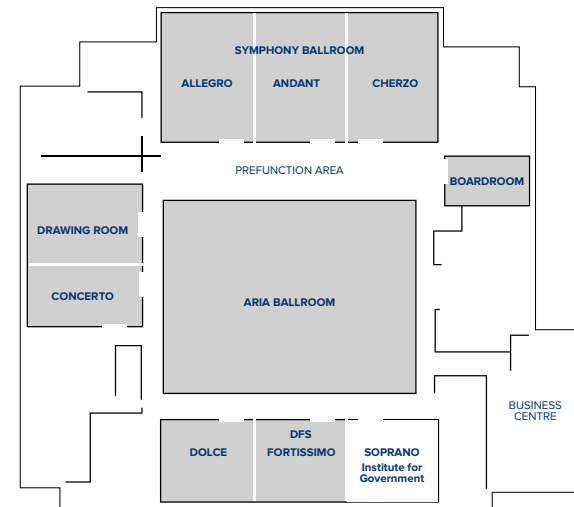
Marquee Village



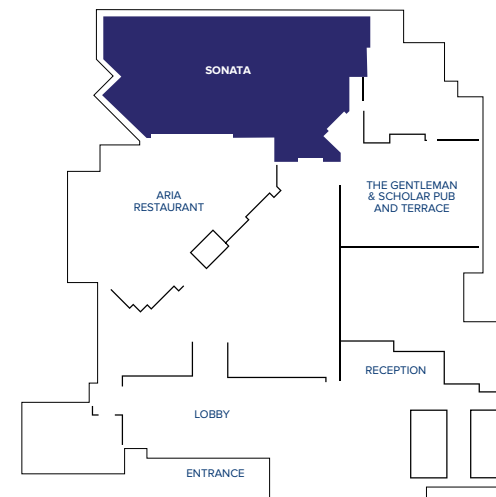
Level 5 Hall 3 Gallery



First floor



Ground floor



Britain faces big challenges.
We have big ideas.



We're hosting big names...

In Conversation with CPS Director Liam Halligan



Katie Lam
Sunday
17:00-17:45



Helen Whately
Monday
09:50-10:50



Andrew Griffith
Tuesday
16:30-17:30

...and discussing big solutions

20 panels across three days, including:

Adapting to
an ageing
society

Solving
Britain's
energy crisis

Making
Whitehall
work

Supporting
small
businesses



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Make your Conference Cyber Secure

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

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

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

ANY CONCERNS?

REPORT IT!

The Conservative Party is committed to ensuring that Conference can be an enjoyable and safe experience for all who are attending.

If you have any concerns, please make sure you raise them and provide details as soon as you are able to do so.

SAFEGUARDING

Our **Safeguarding Policy and Procedure** can be viewed at www.conservatives.com/safeguarding-policy. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please report them by emailing safeguarding@conservatives.com or by contacting us on **020 7984 8040**.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The **Party's Code of Conduct** and online complaint submission form can be found at www.conservatives.com/code-of-conduct. If you see or experience conduct that falls short of what is expected of Party members, please make the team aware.

If you believe someone is in danger, please contact the police or emergency services without delay.



Birmingham



Sunday 4 October

Symphony Hall 14.00 - 16.00

WELCOME TO CONFERENCE

President of the National Conservative Convention and Conference Chairman

Resisting separatism

Our plan to strengthen the United Kingdom, unite the country, and build a stronger economy for all

Alex Burghart MP (Deputy Leader and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland); Mims Davies MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Wales); Harriet Cross MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland); Russell Findlay MSP (Leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party); Darren Millar MS (Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Senedd)

The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP

Leader of the Conservative Party

Monday 5 October

Castle Lane Theatre

09.30 Member Debate

Backing Business [members only]

Main Stage (Hall 5)

09.45 Cheap, clean, abundant energy

Our plan to bring common sense back to energy policy

Andrew Bowie MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security)

10.30 Getting Britain Moving Again

Our plan for drivers, jobs and growth

The Rt Hon Richard Holden MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Transport)

11.15 AI and the future of British healthcare

How do we ensure UK innovation transforms healthcare and puts patients first?

The Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care)

12.15 A future worth working for

From the sidelines to the workforce

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer); Helen Whately MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions); The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Education)

16.15 Meet the candidates

Meet the people from every walk of life who know how to get stuff done [members only]

Monday 5 October

Stage 2 (Jane How Room)

09.45 **AI: Job killer or jobs revolution?**

How can the next Conservative government make the AI revolution work for British jobs?

Dr Ben Spencer MP (Shadow Minister for AI)

10.30 **Stronger Economy: Yorkshire and the North East**

Driving growth in every corner of the UK. The Conservative approach and how Yorkshire and the North East can thrive

11.15 **Stronger Economy: The South West**

Driving growth in every corner of the UK. The Conservative approach and how the South West can thrive

Fanzone

12.15 **The Conservative rural vision**

A common sense plan for the countryside and the rural economy

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

Symphony Hall 14.00 - 16.00

Stronger Economy

Meet the team with a comprehensive plan to get Britain's economy growing again

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer); Richard Fuller MP (Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury); Katie Lam MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government); Julia Lopez MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade (Acting))

Tuesday 6 October

Main stage (Hall 5)

09.45 **What's wrong with local government and how do we fix it?**

Conservative councils: The frontline of Burnham's agenda

In partnership with the Conservative Councillors' Association and the Conservative Policy Forum

Katie Lam MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government)

10.30 **Saving school standards**

Our plan to put academic standards first and keep politics out the classroom

The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Education)

Tuesday 6 October

Main stage (Hall 5)

12.00 **Great British fashion**

A plan for backing British fashion, culture and the wider economy

Rebecca Paul MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport)

Stage 2 (Jane How Room)

09.45 **AI, defence and security**

How should the next Conservative government protect the UK in an AI powered world?

Dr Ben Spencer MP (Shadow Minister for AI)

10.30 **Hands off the press**

How Conservatives will defend press freedom and oppose media regulation

Rebecca Paul MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport)

11.15 **What happens when a country forgets who it is?**

Why confidence in our common culture is essential to social cohesion

An in-conversation with Prof Robert Tombs and Lord Nigel Biggar

Joy Morrissey MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities)

12.00 **Stronger Economy: The Midlands**

Driving growth in every corner of the UK. The Conservative approach and how the Midlands can thrive

12.45 **Constitution and State**

Fixing Whitehall, restoring the constitution and reforming the Civil Service

Alex Burghart MP (Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster); Lord True

Castle Lane Theatre

11.00 **Member Debate**

Crime, grime and local pride [members only]

12.30 **Backbench Bill Off**

[members only]

The Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP (Shadow Leader of the House of Commons)

Tuesday 6 October

Symphony Hall 14.00 - 16.00

Defending Britain in a more dangerous world

Meet the team with our plan for defence, security and national resilience

Alex Burghart MP (Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster); The Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs); James Cartlidge MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Defence); Helen Whately MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions)

Wednesday 7 October

Symphony Hall 10.00 - 12.00

From Party to Movement

Kevin Hollinrake MP (Chairman of the Conservative Party)

Restoring consequences

Our team with a plan to secure our borders and crackdown on crime

The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP (Shadow Home Secretary); Nick Timothy MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Justice)

The Leader's Speech



Get Britain Growing

Digital payments are a catalyst for economic growth in the UK

We've been investing in Britain for over 60 years, providing secure and trusted ways to pay in the UK.

Prosperity

Turning innovation into national prosperity

- Card payments facilitate economic activity equivalent to 6.5% of UK GDP, equivalent to 2.1 million jobs¹.
- More than £9bn per annum² in economic growth could be unlocked with a new, cutting-edge account to account payments infrastructure, supporting fintechs, financial inclusion, small businesses and fraud prevention.
- Mastercard has supported 70+ homegrown UK fintechs³ with its Start Path engagement programme.

Security

Protecting and securing the UK economy

- We're launching a free cybersecurity education programme for more than 10 million⁵ SMEs across Europe and the UK.
- Since 2019, Mastercard has invested \$12.6 billion in cybersecurity innovation and, through AI-powered capabilities like SafetyNet, helped prevent \$77 billion in fraud losses globally⁶.

Innovation

Innovating to deliver better experiences for consumers and businesses

The UK is our 'shop-front' market where we develop, test and scale some of our innovative payments technology first:

- Our Touch Card™ design shaped accessibility standards in the UK for the visually impaired⁷.
- The UK was chosen to launch our 'Proto' sandbox where businesses can test agentic use cases and it will be one of the first markets globally to launch Virtual CFO outside the US⁸.

Business Growth

Helping small businesses thrive in the UK

- Mastercard has helped 1m small businesses with their digitisation journey through our Strive UK programme⁴.
- Mastercard directly supports small businesses by providing 11.9 million SME card accounts in the UK⁴.

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● 1. In 2022, card payments facilitated 6.5% of UK GDP [mastercard.com/news/europe/en-uk/research-reports/the-economic-contribution-of-card-payments-to-the-uk-economy](https://www.mastercard.com/news/europe/en-uk/research-reports/the-economic-contribution-of-card-payments-to-the-uk-economy) ● 2. [ey.com/content/dam/ey-unified-site/ey-com/en-uk/generic/documents/ey-uk-account-to-account-payment-infrastructure-03-2025.pdf](https://www.ey.com/content/dam/ey-unified-site/ey-com/en-uk/generic/documents/ey-uk-account-to-account-payment-infrastructure-03-2025.pdf) ● 3. Mastercard United Kingdom and Ireland Start Path Internal Data ● 4. Mastercard United Kingdom and Ireland Internal Data ● 5. [mastercard.com/gb/en/news-and-trends/perspectives/2025/championing-trust-and-innovation-in-europe-s-digital-economy.html](https://www.mastercard.com/gb/en/news-and-trends/perspectives/2025/championing-trust-and-innovation-in-europe-s-digital-economy.html) ● 6. [mastercard.com/content/dam/mccom/shared/for-the-world/corporate-impact/pdfs/mastercard-2025-impact-report.pdf](https://www.mastercard.com/content/dam/mccom/shared/for-the-world/corporate-impact/pdfs/mastercard-2025-impact-report.pdf) ● 7. [mastercard.com/news/europe/en-uk/newsroom/press-releases/en-gb/mastercard-s-touch-card-design-plays-a-key-role-in-new-uk-accessibility-standards-making-card-payments-more-inclusive](https://www.mastercard.com/news/europe/en-uk/newsroom/press-releases/en-gb/mastercard-s-touch-card-design-plays-a-key-role-in-new-uk-accessibility-standards-making-card-payments-more-inclusive) ● 8. [mastercard.com/news/europe/en-uk/perspectives/en-gb/helping-the-uk-get-ai-ready](https://www.mastercard.com/news/europe/en-uk/perspectives/en-gb/helping-the-uk-get-ai-ready)

Fringe Events

11.00 Heathrow Airport

Box Office Foyer, Heathrow Lounge,
Heathrow Lounge

Heathrow

Heathrow's exclusive airport-style lounge offers the perfect escape from the usual hustle and bustle of conference and is an ideal meeting space. Space is limited but can be reserved, and senior Heathrow representatives will also be on hand throughout.



12.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 5

Meeting of the National Convention

Members of the Convention are invited to attend. All members of the Party are welcome but priority for seating will be given to members of the National Convention.

13.00 Resolution Foundation and The Rigby Foundation

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Scherzo

How can we prepare workers for the age of AI?

Steve Rigby (The Rigby Foundation, Chair); Dr Emily Andrews (Learning and Work Institute, Director of Policy and Research); Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor (Invited)); Chaired by Rt Hon Lord David Willets (Resolution Foundation, President)

Bringing together leading experts, the Resolution Foundation and the Rigby Foundation will explore how we can best prepare workers for the age of AI in a way that supports jobs, boosts productivity and drives sustainable economic growth, while effectively managing any disruption AI may cause.



Fringe Events

13.00 NASUWT - The Teachers' Union

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

Supporting Every Child: The Future of SEND

The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited)); Dr Daniel Stavrou (Council for Disabled Children, Assistant Director (Invited)); Jane Peckham (NASUWT – The Teachers' Union, Deputy General Secretary); Chaired by Mark Dickinson (NASUWT – The Teachers' Union, National President)

Children with SEND, their families and teachers are being failed by a system under immense pressure. With growing demand, stretched school budgets and shortages in specialist support, what needs to change? Join NASUWT, policymakers and SEND experts to discuss how we build a SEND system that delivers for children, families and teachers - and the reforms, investment and workforce needed to get it right.



13.00 Christian Concern

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

When reality meets NHS policy: The Darlington Nurses and Jennifer Melle

When NHS policy collides with biological reality, who pays the price? This fringe event hears from nurses who faced disciplinary action for raising concerns about NHS sex and gender policies. The Darlington Nurses and Jennifer Melle, supported by the Christian Legal Centre, will share their first-hand experiences of standing by biological reality, challenging prevailing orthodoxy, and the personal cost of doing so in our public institutions.

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PolicyMogul's Conference Connector allows you to meet relevant fellow conference-goers, make meaningful connections and organise meetings.



Fringe Events

13.00 Cratus Group and Urban Sketch

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce

Delivering Housing and Urban Regeneration through a Brownfield First Approach

Cllr Festus Akinbusoye (Westminster City Council, Westminster City Councillor and Former Police and Crime Commissioner); Katy Bourne OBE (Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner); Nick Cuff (Urban Sketch Ltd., Managing Director and founder); Chaired by Nicola Richards (Cratus Group, Director of Government Engagement and former MP for West Bromwich East)

As the UK faces a deepening housing crisis, the need to deliver new homes while reviving underused urban areas has never been more urgent. This panel will explore how a brownfield-first approach can unlock regeneration, make better use of existing infrastructure and protect valued greenfield land — while recognising the practical challenges of bringing complex, constrained and often costly sites back into productive use. Drawing on the experience of our panellists the discussion will bring together perspectives from planning, politics, policing, community safety and place-making to consider how brownfield development can help create more homes, stronger communities and renewed confidence in our towns and cities.



14.00 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Adapting to an ageing Britain

Miriam Cates (GB News, Presenter); Rt Hon Damian Green (, Former MP); Marc Sidwell (CapX, Editor); Scarlett Maguire (Merlin Strategy, Director); Caroline Abrahams CBE (Age UK, Charity Director); Chaired by Maria Higson (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow)



Increasing life expectancy is to be welcomed – but the costs cannot be ignored. Pressure is building up on pensions, the NHS, social care and retirement housing. At the same time, a falling birth rate means fewer workers paying the taxes needed to fund higher public spending on the elderly. What policies should a future Conservative government consider to support an ageing population without bankrupting the young?

15.00 Conservative Young Women

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Conservative Young Women: In Conversation with...

Katie Lam MP (The Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent (Invited)); Baroness Maclean of Redditch (Former Minister, Housing and Planning (Invited)); Chaired by Samia Hersi (Conservative Young Women, National Chairman)

Join Conservative Young Women for an in depth conversation with political speakers about their journey into politics.

15.30 Conservative Women's Organisation

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

CWO Welcome to Conference Drinks Reception

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Join the Conservative Women's Organisation and special guests for the Welcome to Conference Drinks Reception. Meet like-minded women from across the Party, make new connections, share experiences, and discover how the CWO supports women at every stage of their political journey.

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Fringe Events

15.30 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

How to fix London

Gareth Bacon MP (Shadow London Minister); Emma Best AM (London Assembly Conservatives, Deputy Leader); Ben Hopkinson (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Housing and Infrastructure); Lawrence Newport (Looking for Growth, CEO and Co-founder); Chaired by Hugo Gye (The Economist, Political Correspondent)



With local election gains in Wandsworth and Westminster, the Conservatives are winning in London again. But what does a Tory vision for the nation's capital look like? The city is responsible for around a quarter of the UK's GDP, but it struggles with an acute housing crisis, an overstretched transport network, and a financial services sector navigating uncertainty. Join the panel to discuss how we can cement London's status as a global city.

15.30 The Health Foundation and Ipsos

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Allegro

What are the public's priorities for the NHS and social care?

Join us as we discuss the public's biggest concerns and priorities for the NHS and social care. An expert panel of political speakers, policy experts and pollsters will draw on new polling to explore what really matters to voters and what it means for the Conservative party.



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Sunday 4 October

Coffee House Shots Live
welcome reception 4-5PM

Monday 5 October

No Neet Solution:
Unleashing Britain's Youth 10.30-11.30AM

Coffee House Shots Live 12-1PM

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The Future of Britain's High Streets:
From Decline to Renewal 3-4PM



Competing in a Changing World:
How Can UK Businesses Stay Ahead? 4.30-5.30PM

Tuesday 6 October



Leaders of Tomorrow:
How Can the UK Develop Politicians
Fit for the Future? 10.30-11.30AM



UK Tech Sovereignty: Competing and
Thriving in a Global Digital Economy 12-1PM

The Spectator in conversation
with a shadow cabinet minister 2-3PM

The War on Fun:
Are Adult Freedoms Under Threat? 3.30-4.30PM

Discover the CCHQ Hub

Make the CCHQ Hub your first stop at CPC26. Located at the heart of the exhibition in the Castle Lane Conservative Club, it's the place to connect with teams from across CCHQ and the Party; access support and resources and learn more about opportunities to get involved within the Party.

Whether you're a member, volunteer, councillor, officer, candidate or attending Conference for the first time, teams will be on hand to help, answer questions and point you in the right direction.

From practical advice for your local association to the latest Party initiatives, the CCHQ Hub is here to help you get the most from your Conference experience.

Departments, teams and organisations you can meet in the CCHQ Hub at this year's Conference:

- **Bluetree Digital Services**
- **Candidates Team**
- **Conservatives Abroad**
- **Conservative National Property Advisory Committee**
- **Digital Campaigning**
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- **Insights + VoteSource**
- **Member Governance**
- **Member Services**
- **National Convention Officers**
- **...and more!**

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For team availability, please see the screen in the lounge.

Fringe Events

15.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship

St Martin in the Bullring, Church

The Conservative Party Conference Church Service

Rt Rev Esther Prior (Church of England, Bishop of Aston); Hamish Badenoch (Conservative Party, Investment Banker); Martin Vickers MP (Brigg and Immingham, Member of Parliament); David Burrowes (Conservative Christian Fellowship, Director (Invited)); Juliet Donoghue (Conservative Christian Fellowship, Director (Invited));

Come and join MPs, party members and local community leaders in a time of worship and prayer at the most ancient of Birmingham's churches with its most modern welcome to everyone - including Conservatives!

We will hear a sermon from the Bishop of Aston, The Rt Rev Esther Prior, readings from Hamish Badenoch and MPs, and be led in singing by a community choir. No better place to be refreshed and renewed for the Conference. All are welcome!



16.00 The National Centre for Accessible Transport

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

Building a more accessible transport system for disabled people

Dr Emma Partlow (National Centre for Accessible Transport, Chief Executive Officer); Clive Gilbert (Policy Connect, Head of Accessible Transport); Blake Stephenson MP (Conservative Party, MP for Mid Bedfordshire (Invited)); Jerome Mayhew MP (Conservative, Shadow Rail Minister (Invited)); Rebecca Smith MP (South West Devon, Member of Parliament (Invited));

Millions of disabled people continue to face barriers across the UK's transport system, limiting access to education, work and healthcare and preventing society and the economy from benefiting from their talent and potential. We will examine the latest evidence and best practice and consider how government and industry can build a more inclusive transport system that works for everyone.



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Fringe Events

16.00 The Spectator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Coffee House Shots Live - Welcome Reception

Michael Gove (*The Spectator*, Editor);
Tim Shipman (*The Spectator*, Political Editor); James Heale (*The Spectator*, Deputy Political Editor); Noa Hoffman (*The Spectator*, Political Correspondent);

Join The Spectator's team to kick off party conference with a glass of wine. Meet Michael Gove and Tim Shipman, as well as subscribers from across the country, and toast the start of three days of stimulating discussion and debate.



16.00 TaxPayers' Alliance

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

How to get the debt markets off our backs?

Richard Fuller MP (*Conservative Party*, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury); Anne Strickland (*TaxPayers' Alliance*, Researcher); Liam Halligan (*Centre for Policy Studies*, Director); Chaired by Darwin Friend (*TaxPayers' Alliance*, Research Director)

Britain's ballooning spending and borrowing have left taxpayers increasingly at the mercy of the bond markets. How can politicians restore fiscal credibility, rein in the size of the state and get the public finances back under control before the markets force their hand?



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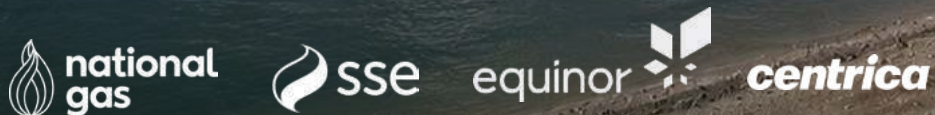
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Fringe Events

16.00 Nesta

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

Making Britain the innovation nation: why we should launch a 'British Nobel Prize'

The Rt Hon Lord David Willetts (Regulatory Innovation Office, Chair); Tris Dyson (Challenge Works, Founder and Executive Director); Chaired by Isobel Scott-Barrett (Nesta, Head of policy)

The UK has a proud history in science, innovation and technology. Launching a 'British Nobel Prize' would enable the UK to harness and reward the best talent and ideas to drive good growth and solve challenges of the future. Our panel will discuss what prizes could achieve, and how they could be used to stimulate, support and champion innovation.



16.00 The Conservative Middle East Council

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 8

Understanding Islamism and its impact

Professor Lina Khatib (Chatham House, Associate Fellow, MENA Programme, Chatham House); Ghanem Nuseibeh (Muslims Against Antisemitism, Director); Sir John Jenkins KCMG LVO (Policy Exchange, Former UK Ambassador); Chaired by Charlotte Leslie (The Conservative Middle East Council, Director)

International experts examine Sunni and Shia Islamism - ideology, political movements and militia - in the Middle East & North Africa, Europe and The West; Can Islamism, or any indeed any politically focussed faith, be consistent with the nation state and democracy? Does extremism always trigger an extreme counter-response, or can we break the cycle?

Fringe Events

16.00 Centre for Government Reform

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

What does a future Conservative government need to do differently to take on the bureaucratic state and fix broken Whitehall?

Ameer Kotecha (Centre for Government Reform, CEO); Katie Lam MP (Weald of Kent, Member of Parliament); Lord John Nash (Centre for Government Reform, Chair);

Join Ameer Kotecha, CEO of the Centre for Government Reform, Katie Lam MP, Lord Nash and other guests to discuss what a future Conservative government needs to do differently to take on the bureaucratic state and fix broken Whitehall.

16.15 Conservative Policy Forum

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

Defence: what policies are necessary to improve the defence of our country and our allies?

Chaired by Frances Lasok (Conservative Policy Forum, Director)

Across recruitment, investment, supply chains...what policies are necessary for Britain's defence? Join a workshop with the Conservative Policy Forum, the Conservative Party's official in-house thinktank, which takes the best policy solutions to the Leader and Shadow Cabinet. Come along, and bring your ideas.

16.15 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Lounge

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Fringe Events

16.30 Conservative Group: Police & Crime Commissioners

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Conservative Police and Crime Commissioners in conversation with Shadow Home Secretary, Rt Hon Chris Philp MP

The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary);

Join Conservative PCCs for an in conversation with Shadow Home Secretary, Chris Philp. The discussion will examine the challenges confronting communities, the effectiveness of current policing approaches, and the priorities needed to make our streets safer. Hear directly from leading voices on the future of policing and criminal justice.

16.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with CityFibre

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

Full Fibre Britain: A record of competition, investment and consumer success



Conservative governments established one of Europe's most competitive digital infrastructure markets, unlocking billions in private investment and delivering faster broadband, greater choice and lower prices for consumers. How can this successful record of competition be sustained to continue attracting investment and delivering better outcomes for consumers?



17.00 Centre for Policy Studies and Lloyds Banking Group

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

In Conversation with Katie Lam MP

Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government); Andrew Asaam (Lloyds Banking Group, Managing Director, Consumer Credit); Chaired by Robert Colvile (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Small Business and Entrepreneurship)



CPS Director Liam Halligan sits down with Katie Lam to discuss the Conservatives' plans for the economy and where Labour are going so wrong. The discussion will touch on what a future Conservative government would do to reduce the tax burden, close the deficit, and what broader reforms are needed to get Britain back on a growth trajectory..

17.30 The Conservative Councillors' Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 9

Local Government Drinks Reception including the CCA Awards

Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party (Invited)); The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Leader of the Conservative Party (Invited)); The Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (Braintree, Member of Parliament (Invited));

Kindly sponsored by the LGA Conservative Group. We'll be joined by members of the Shadow Cabinet, MPs and fellow councillors and candidates from across the country as we celebrate the amazing work Conservative Councillors do up and down the country with the yearly CCA Awards.

This is a ticketed event and is sold out.



Fringe Events

17.30 Conservative Group: Police & Crime Commissioners

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Rural Crime: Breaking the Organised Criminal Networks. National Rural Crime Network with Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP, Shadow Secretary of State, DEFRA

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs);

Serious and organised rural crime is a national challenge affecting farms, rural businesses and communities across the UK. From machinery theft, fly-tipping and hare coursing to cross-border criminal networks. This reception will give delegates a chance to hear proposals to tackle rural crime, examine the impact on victims and local economies, and assess the practical action needed to strengthen prevention, enforcement and intelligence sharing.



17.30 Demos

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, DFS

State of the Nation: In Conversation with Sir John Curtice

The Conservatives are navigating a changed political map, with Reform and the Liberal Democrats competing for parts of their traditional coalition. Sir John Curtice unveils bespoke polling on how the party's support is evolving, what voters are looking for from the opposition, and how Kemi Badenoch's approach is landing with the public.



18.00 Conservative Action for Electoral Reform

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

Andy Street & Emma Best: Can the Conservatives still win under First Past the Post Voting?

Sir Andy Street CBE (Conservative Party, Businessman and Former Mayor of West Midlands); Emma Best AM (City Hall Conservatives, Deputy Leader); Chaired by Keith Best (Conservative Action for Electoral Reform, Chair)

Drinks Reception: With the UK's electoral landscape at its most fragmented in history, First Past the Post could produce dramatic and unpredictable results at the next general election. Would a divided right hand Labour another large majority, leave millions of centre-right voters without representation, or reward whichever party emerges strongest? And does the current system still offer Conservatives their best route back to government?



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Fringe Events

18.00

Conservatives For Business, the Conservative European Forum, the Hanns Seidel Foundation, and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Andante

Britain and Europe: Unlocking International Trade and Growth

Mark Garnier OBE MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Economic Secretary to the Treasury); Danielle Dunfield-Prayero (Conservatives For Business, Co-Founder and Chairman); Clive Watson (Conservative European Forum, Patron and Hospitality Entrepreneur); Tobias Winkler MdB (German Bundestag, Member); Dr Bastian Schneider MdL (State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg, Member); Chaired by Alys Denby (City A.M., Opinion and Features Editor)

Business leaders understand a fundamental truth: growth is driven by enterprise, investment, and innovation. Government's role is to create the conditions for success by reducing barriers, supporting entrepreneurs, and opening markets. As the UK's relationship with Europe evolves, we will explore how a future Conservative government can help SMEs export, strengthen trade, and deepen international ties to drive jobs, wealth, and prosperity.



18.00

National Education Union

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

Every child achieving and thriving? What next for education reform?

The Government's Education White Paper sets out an ambitious vision - but with chronic teacher shortages, overstretched SEND provision, and funding that hasn't kept pace with need, can ambition alone close the gap? Join us to examine what the reforms mean for teachers, pupils, and communities across the country, and what schools need for every child to achieve and thrive.



Fringe Events

18.00 His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

HM Government of Gibraltar Reception

HM Government of Gibraltar is delighted to support the Conservative Party Conference. The Chief Minister, The Hon Fabian Picardo KC MP will be attending and will host the annual reception, celebrating the longstanding and enduring ties between the Conservative Party and Gibraltar.

HM Government of Gibraltar representatives will also be present at the stand throughout the conference and look forward to welcoming and engaging with attendees.



18.00 The Telegraph

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

The Daily T: On the Road

Camilla Tominey (The Daily Telegraph, Associate Editor); Tim Stanley (The Telegraph, Columnist); Poppy Coburn (The Telegraph, Associate Comment Editor);

Join a special live recording of The Daily T podcast. Watch as our hosts look ahead to conference, unpack the day's key talking points and ask how the Conservatives can attract younger supporters.



18.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with The Investment Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The Investment Reception

John Owens (The Investment Association, CEO); Chaired by Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor)

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Fringe Events

18.00 Dignity in Dying

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

What's next for the assisted dying bill?

James Crouch (Opinium, Head of Policy and Public Affairs); Patsy Dalzell (Dignity in Dying, Volunteer); Chaired by Lord Daniel Finkelstein OBE (Conservative Party, Member of the House of Lords)

Earlier this year, the Terminally Ill Adults Bill was talked out in the House of Lords. But the Commons and public agree: dying people deserve choice. Now the bill has returned to Parliament so Peers can complete their scrutiny. Hear about the bill's next steps, and how we can make assisted dying a reality for the UK.



18.00 Centre for Cities

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Round Room,

Conservative Party Conference 2026 – Welcome to Birmingham Reception

Henrietta Brealey (Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, CEO); Phil Mayall (Muse, Managing Director); Chaired by Andrew Carter (Centre for Cities, Chief Executive)

Join Centre for Cities in partnership with Muse at our annual reception to welcome the Conservative Party Conference to Birmingham.

More speakers to be announced



18.00 Candidates Team

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Candidates Reception

Ticketed Guests Only.



18.00 CCHQ Alumni Drinks

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Allegro

Reception

Reception for CCHQ Alumni. In partnership with VodafoneThree.

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18.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Symphony Hall

Eastern & Midlands Reception

Ticketed Guests Only



18.30 Conservative Friends of the NHS & Stuart Leach Associates

Birmingham ICC, Justham Family Room

Welcome to Conference Champagne Reception

Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party); The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP; Lord Dominic Johnson (Conservative Party, Former Chairman); The Rt Hon Richard Holden MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport); Chaired by The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Leader of the Conservative Party)

You're invited to a Champagne Welcome Party with Conservative Friends of NHS & Stuart Leach Associates.

An exclusive evening featuring prominent speakers from the UK Conservative Party.

Drinks, conversation, and key insights on the future of the Conservative Party & NHS



Fringe Events

18.30 British Chambers of Commerce

Birmingham ICC, Heathrow Lounge

The British Chambers of Commerce Big Trade Reception

The Big Trade Reception convenes UK and international business leaders and policymakers to explore how trade, investment and infrastructure can unlock growth, boost exports, and strengthen the UK's place in the global economy. Come for speeches from political and industry leaders, stay for the networking. Refreshments and canapés provided.



18.30 CFID sponsored by Bond and Oxfam GB

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 8

Conservative Friends of International Development Drinks Reception

Conservative Friends of International Development are delighted to be bringing together parliamentarians, party members and NGOs for an evening to discuss the global challenges ahead and how a Conservative Government can shape the role the UK can play on the world stage. Sponsored by Bond and Oxfam GB.

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19.00 Women in Public Affairs (WiPA)

Brindley Place, Pitcher & Piano,

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Fringe Events

19.00 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

CPS Private Drinks Reception

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19.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Lounge

Pub Quiz

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19.00 Conservatives for Hospitality

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

'Rally for Hospitality' Drinks Reception

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor);

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Fringe Events

20.30 Conservative Rural Forum & Countryside Alliance

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, DFS

Conservative Rural Forum and Countryside Alliance Drinks Reception

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs);

A joint drinks reception with the Conservative Rural Forum to highlight the importance of the countryside and its communities and discuss Conservative plans for rural areas and communities.



20.30 Conservative Friends of the Ocean

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Andante

The Big Blue Reception: Conservative Leadership for Our Oceans

Join Conservative Friends of the Ocean, in partnership with the Blue Marine Foundation, for a drinks reception celebrating our oceans and coastal communities. For the UK, a proud island nation with over 17,000 km of coastline, home to more than 8.7 million people, the ocean should be at the heart of political and economic thinking — join us to champion Conservative leadership on these vital issues.



20.30 Welsh Conservatives with Professor Christopher Wood

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Welsh Conservatives Reception

The Welsh Conservatives are proud to be hosting their Annual Reception in Birmingham. Join us, along with MSs and Shadow Cabinet Ministers to hear about our plans to 'Get Wales Working'. This year we are kindly supported by Professor Christopher Wood.

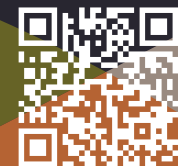


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20.30 Women2Win

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Allegro

Women2Win Reception

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21.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Symphony Hall

Northern Reception

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22.00 Britain Remade

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Britain Remade Drinks Reception

Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government);

Join Britain Remade, the campaign to get Britain building again, for drinks and nibbles at our annual Conservative Party Conference reception.

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Monday 5th October | Executive Room 1

Still special? The US-UK relationship in an age where might is right **10.30 - 11.30**

The Rt Hon Mark Francois MP, David Reed MP, Olivia O'Sullivan (Chatham House), and Poppy Coburn (The Telegraph)

In Conversation with The Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP **12.00 - 13.00**

The Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP and Ryan Henson (CGP)

Is Britain's prosperity under threat? Economic security in an age of geopolitical instability **13.30 - 14.30**

The Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP, Peter Bedford MP, Brendan Vickers (International Chambers of Commerce UK), and Dr Roli Asthana (Chatham House)

Engaged or entangled? The UK in the Middle East **15.00 - 16.00**

David Reed MP, Ameer Kotecha (Centre for Government Reform), Zia Salik (Islamic Relief UK), and Geneva Abdul (The Guardian)

Tuesday 6th October | Executive Room 1

From tanks to trolls: How can Europe deter Russian aggression **10.30 - 11.30**

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst MP, Dr Bob Seely MBE (Former MP), Jack Lopresti (Former MP & National Guard of Ukraine), and Aliona Hlivco (St James's Foreign Policy Group)

In Conversation with The Rt Hon Dame Priti Patel DBE MP **12.00 - 13.00**

The Rt Hon Dame Priti Patel DBE MP and Ryan Henson (CGP)

Plague-proof Britain: Sovereignty, health security and the race to stay ahead **13.30 - 14.30**

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst MP, Paul Nuki (The Telegraph), James Hedgeland (Flint Global), and Steve Brine (Former DHSC Minister)

Red flags: How should the UK approach China? **15.00 - 16.00**

The Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Fiona Hamilton (The Times), Luke de Pulford (Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China), and Dr John Hemmings (Henry Jackson Society)

Fringe Events

07.30 CCF & CARE

Novotel, 70 Broad St, Birmingham B1 2HT

Not for Sale: Protect Women, End Exploitation — Why It Is Time to Change the Law on Prostitution

A panel discussion considering the Nordic model, prostitution, exploitation and trafficking.

Contributors include:

- Caroline Ansell, former MP and Policy Director at CARE
- Representatives working directly in the area of exploitation and trafficking

07.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship and CARE

Novotel Birmingham Centre B1 2HT, Novotel

Policy and Prayer Breakfast - Not for Sale: Protect Women, End Exploitation — Why It Is Time to Change the Law on Prostitution

Joy Morrissey MP (Women and Equalities, Shadow Minister (Invited)); Rebecca Smith MP (South West Devon, Member of Parliament); Chaired by Caroline Ansell (CARE, Policy Director)

Join MPs and Shadow Ministers for cooked breakfast and engaging discussion, led by Caroline Ansell, former MP and Policy Director at CARE when we will consider how public policy can better protect women from exploitation, prostitution and trafficking, including discussion around the Nordic model and approaches to reducing demand and preventing exploitation.

We will then follow with prayers for the issues raised.



08.00 Bright Blue in partnership with Liberty

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 9

Liberty in the digital age: balancing security and privacy

Alex Burghart MP (MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Invited)); Akiko Hart (Liberty, Director); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

Conservatives have long stood for individual rights against an overreaching state. Following the rollout of Live Facial Recognition, attack on encryption, and expanding use of digital IDs, this invite-only roundtable explores whether the Labour Government are going too far in eroding personal privacy for public security. We will discuss how the centre-right can protect the individual from state power.

Contact omar@brightblue.org.uk to attend.



Fringe Events

08.30 Institute for Government & YouGov

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Soprano

Governing in a fractured Britain: How should the Conservatives rethink their approach to power?

Baroness Simone Finn (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office); Dr Patrick English (YouGov, Head of Elections and Political and Social Data); Giles Dilnot (ConservativeHome, Editor (Invited)); Chaired by Alex Thomas (Institute for Government, Executive Director)

The political landscape has changed dramatically since the Conservatives were swept from power in 2024. Multi-party politics is a feature of local government across England, nationalist parties hold power in Scotland and Wales, and Reform UK lead Kemi Badenoch's party in the polls. So how has the art of governing changed since the party was last in office? And what should Kemi Badenoch learn from the 2010-24 Conservative governments?



08.30 Centre for Policy Studies and Valero

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Growing our Industrial Resilience: Carbon Costs, Competitiveness and Energy Security



Private roundtable. Enquiries please email Nicole Noyes, Development Manager, on nicole@cps.org.uk

08.30 National Convention

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Briefing for Area & Regional Officers

A briefing covering various matters of interest for senior volunteers, and the opportunity to ask questions of the National Convention Officers.

09.00 Conservative Environment Network and Renewable Energy Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

How can we power the AI revolution?



Data centres are poised for enormous growth as the use of AI continues to transform the economy and industry. However attention is quickly turning to our creaking infrastructure and whether Britain can accommodate this expected growth without overly burdening consumers. Some data centres are taking their destiny into their own hands by building their own sources of renewable generation. What more can be done to ensure Britain benefits from AI?



09.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with The CityUK

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The role of financial and related professional services in delivering economic growth across the UK



Simon Walls (FCA, Director); Miles Celic OBE (TheCityUK, CEO);

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

09.15 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 9

Business Breakfast

In partnership with Mastercard



09.15 More in Common in partnership with Reset Tech

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

The Future of the BBC

Nigel Huddleston MP; Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); Dylan Sparks (Reset Tech, UK Director); Polly Curtis (Demos, Chief Executive (Invited)); The Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Wright MP KC (, MP for Kenilworth and Southam, former Culture Secretary and former Attorney General (Invited)); Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP (, Member of Parliament for Gosport, Chair of the Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Former Minister of State for Digital and Culture (Invited));

The BBC has long been part of the national fabric but its place in people's lives is changing. As audiences fragment and trust in institutions comes under pressure, the broadcaster is facing growing challenges around funding, independence and relevance. This panel will explore what Britons want from the BBC, what its future means for our democracy and the stakes for the Conservatives in the debate ahead.



09.30 Catch22 and SHiFT

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Keeping Children Safe: Prevention, Police Reform and Place-Based Leadership

A private roundtable bringing together PCCs, political leaders and cross-sector partners to discuss how devolution, police reform and local leadership can achieve better prevention outcomes for children. Hosted by Catch22 and SHiFT, with Conservative Group of Police and Crime Commissioners support.

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Fringe Events

09.30 RE:STATE with KPMG

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 8
Powering UK prosperity: a plan for growth



Gareth Davies MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow UK Financial Secretary to the Treasury); Yael Selfin (KPMG, Chief Economist and Vice Chair);

How can Britain get back to growth? The UK has huge strengths, but stagnant productivity, weak investment, skills shortages, high energy costs and slow infrastructure delivery are holding the economy back. With global competition intensifying, what practical reforms can unlock growth? Join us to explore the changes needed, and the roles government and business must play in delivering a more productive, competitive and prosperous Britain.

09.30 Higher Education Policy Institute

Unique Venues Birmingham, 6 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2EP, Room LOB 101,

Soft power in a hardening world: Is the UK making the most of its global educational assets?

Professor Duncan Ivison (The University of Manchester, President and Vice-Chancellor); Jamie Arrowsmith (Universities UK International, Director); Ángel Gurria-Quintana (Cambridge University Press & Assessment, Director of Stakeholder Relations); Dr Naimat Zafary (University of Sussex, Former Chevening Scholar); Chaired by Charlotte Armstrong (Policy Manager, Higher Education Policy Institute)

The UK has world-leading universities, research, science, culture and the English language. But in a more contested world, influence is no longer something the UK can take for granted. How can government, universities and cultural institutions turn these assets into stronger international partnerships, economic growth and national resilience? With support from Cambridge University Press & Assessment and The University of Manchester.



09.45 Youth Futures Foundation & Foundations

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Foundations for Success: What Works for Young People and Families'

Helen Whately MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Invited));

Drawing on sector and practical expertise, the panel will discuss implications of the DWP Milburn Review and reforms in the family support system for the futures of young people and families.



09.50 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

In Conversation with Helen Whately MP

Helen Whately MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions); Chaired by Liam Halligan (Centre for Policy Studies, Director)



Welfare spending is out of control, with the total bill on track to eclipse the entire defence budget while economic inactivity keeps climbing. For many, the system is no longer a safety net but a way of life - yet anyone calling for reform is accused of attacking the vulnerable. Helen Whately, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, joins CPS Director Liam Halligan, to ask whether a rational debate on welfare is possible.

09.50 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Business Day AM Sessions

In partnership with Bloomberg



Fringe Events

10.00 Onward and British American Tobacco

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Nudge, Ban or Tax? The policy playbook in the age of intervention

John Cooper MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury (Invited)); Jack Rankin MP (Conservative Party, Second PPS to the Leader); Alex Tiley (British American Tobacco, Government Affairs Manager); Cllr Philip Stephenson-Oliver; Chaired by Joanna Marchong (Onward, Head of Campaigns and Senior Analyst)

From Tobacco Bans, sugar levies to health warnings on alcohol, the UK never been more interventionist on choice. But should it be, and is it even working? While effective regulation plays an important role, the wrong type can fuel illicit markets and be overly draconian. This event asks which policy tools change behaviour and which simply push it underground.



10.00 Bright Blue in partnership with Postcode Lottery

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 9

Small state, big charities? The role of civil society in representing and supporting the vulnerable

Nigel Huddleston MP; Patrick Spencer MP (The Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich); Akiko Hart (Liberty, Director); Nick Cook (People's Postcode Lottery, Head of UK Public Affairs); Chaired by Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair)

This panel event will explore the right relationship between government and charities, especially with fears that charities have become too left-wing and too reliant on state funding. But since charities can provide effective local services, it is essential that they have diversified and stable funding. We will examine the proper role and funding for the civic sector in the UK.



10.00 Policy@Manchester - The University of Manchester

Leonardo Hotel, 245 Broad Street, B1 2HQ, Room 110,

Inside the Manosphere: What are young men watching online and why should we care?

Dr Alyssa Czerwinsky (The University of Manchester, Research Fellow in AI, Trust and Security); Damian Dallimore (Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit, Director); Chaired by Mark Russell OBE (The Children's Society, CEO)

Digital platforms increasingly expose young people, especially men and boys, to self-help content, identity advice and misogynistic messaging. Drawing on new University of Manchester research, this event explores the rise of the manosphere, its real-world impacts, and how policymakers can tackle algorithm-driven misogyny. *Further Speakers to be Announced*



10.30 Planning Futures in partnership with Vistry

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

A New Offer on Housing: How the Next Generation of Conservative Politicians Should Plan For New Homes

Hannah David (Planning Futures, Director); The Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (Braintree, Member of Parliament); Cllr Dan Swords (Harlow Council, Leader); Rachel Fisher (RTPI, Chief Executive); Fiona Fletcher-Smith (L&Q, Group Chief Executive, L&Q); Andrew Taylor (Vistry Group, Group Planning Director);

Bringing together a panel of senior politicians, key industry figures and leading policy experts, this panel will explore the steps that the Conservative Party will need take in order to put forward a credible offer on housing at the next general election.



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Fringe Events

10.30 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

Still special? The US-UK relationship in an age where might is right

The Rt Hon Mark Francois MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Defence); David Reed MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Defence and FCDO); Olivia O'Sullivan (Chatham House, Director of UK in the World Programme); Poppy Coburn (The Telegraph, Associate Comment Editor); Chaired by Harry Coulson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Chief of Staff)



The 'special relationship' is rooted in military, intelligence, diplomatic and economic partnership. President Trump has, however, introduced profound uncertainty to an increasingly transactional alliance, and the UK faces mounting pressure to recalibrate its approach in a world where might is right. How can the UK maintain strategic influence, economic stability, mitigate risks, and safeguard its alliances in an increasingly unstable world?

10.30 Countryside Alliance

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

"Can the Conservatives win again in the countryside?"

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs); Katie Lam MP (The Conservative Party, Member of Parliament for Weald of Kent (Invited)); Chaired by Tim Bonner (Countryside Alliance, Chief Executive)

The 2024 General Election saw a major shake up of the rural political landscape, with many traditionally Conservative seats going to both the Liberal Democrats and Labour. Reform UK is polling consistently highly in rural areas. With many in the countryside displeased with the current direction of government rural policy, the countryside is up for grabs. Can the Conservatives seize that opportunity, and regain the rural vote?

Fringe Events

10.30 International Team

Birmingham ICC, International Lounge

Partners in Democracy

Caroline Inge (Federal Vice-President of the Liberal Party, (Invited)); Stewart Harper (The Conservative Party, Vice President of the National Conservative Convention (Invited)); Jack Rankin (Member of Parliament, Second PPS to Party Leader (Invited)); The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Leader of the Conservative Party (Invited)); Chaired by Tim Smith (Former Liberal Party MP and Conservative Party Adviser (Invited))

Conservative Responses to Populism in Britain and Australia.

10.30 Health and Care Forum supported by ABPI

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

How can we Regain the UK's Competitive Edge in Life Sciences?

As global competition for life sciences investment grows, the ABPI is bringing together leaders from policy, healthcare and industry to discuss how the UK can accelerate patient access to new medicines and technologies, through innovation and strengthening its position as a global life sciences leader. The session will explore how Conservative policy can deliver growth, competitiveness and better outcomes for patients. Powered by Total Politics.



10.30 UK Music

Birmingham ICC, Sir David Amess Theatre

Manchesterism: What Will Devolution Mean for Music?

As power shifts from Westminster to our towns, cities and regions, how can music continue to drive growth and inspire the next generation? Join UK Music, policymakers and industry leaders to explore what devolution means for music, and how to ensure it unlocks the full economic potential of the UK's world-leading music industry.

10.30 More in Common in partnership with WWF, RSPB, Wildlife Trusts, Woodland Trust and National Trust

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

Nature - A winning Conservative issue?

Rt Hon Baroness Thérèse Coffey DBE (House of Lords, Peer); Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); Robbie Moore MP (, Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Invited)); Dr James Cooper (Woodland Trust, Head of External Affairs); Andy Beer (National Trust, Director of Strategy and Places);

As the Conservatives confront hard questions about their future we'll examine fresh polling to examine what it says about the party's coalition and how it can start rebuilding trust. With faith in politicians' ability to deliver at a critical low, could championing nature - one of the few issues that unites voters - offer a path back? And can any party credibly champion nature while stepping back from net zero?



10.30 The Spectator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

No Neet Solution: Unleashing Britain's Youth

Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Education Secretary);

Britain's young adults are entering one of the most competitive labour markets in a generation, and too many are being left behind. Skills shortages, higher education that prioritises academic theory over the trades, and a cultural drift downplaying hard work and personal responsibility have left many poorly equipped. We will discuss the practical solutions: expanding vocational routes, restoring emphasis on skills, sharpening employer incentives



Fringe Events

10.30 Conservative Environment Network and Scottish Power

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Our future, built here: Can clean energy actually deliver security and jobs?



Harriet Cross MP (Member of Parliament, Opposition Assistant Whip); Daisy Powell-Chandler (Public First, Head of Energy and Environment Practice);

With two energy crises in five years, building the UK's energy security and resilience through domestic energy is more important than ever. Successive governments have promised a green jobs bonanza from new infrastructure including electricity networks and renewables, but can these projects create well-paid jobs for British workers without pushing up prices? What is the Conservative approach to strengthening domestic energy supply chains?



10.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Nuclear Industry Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

Why nuclear energy is paramount to the UK's energy transition.



Andrew Bowie MP (Energy Security and Net Zero, Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland and Shadow Minister for Energy); Harriet Cross MP (Member of Parliament, Opposition Assistant Whip); Sam Dumitriu (Britain Remade, Head of Policy); Tom Greatrex (Nuclear Industry Association, CEO);

Delivering secure, affordable and reliable energy depends on backing home-grown power. This panel will explore how civil nuclear can strengthen energy security, support lower bills, and provide the reliable clean power needed to drive economic growth and support the UK's energy transition. Powered by Total Politics.



10.30 Tory Reform Group

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Drawing Room

Restoring One Nation: Growth, Fairness and the Future of Conservatism

Tom Turrell (London Assembly, Member); The Rt Hon Lord David Willetts (House of Lords, Peer);

Be among the first to hear the ideas from the TRG's major new publication on the future of One Nation Conservatism. Bringing together fresh thinking on growth, fairness and opportunity, this special Conference event will launch the publication, debate its big ideas and ask how they can shape a renewed, modern and winning Conservative offer.

10.30 Prosperity Institute

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

Protecting prosperity and sovereignty: Is the EU Reset Rejoin by stealth?

Matthew Elliott (The Jobs Foundation, President (Invited)); Sir Bernard Jenkin MP (House of Commons, MP for Harwich and North Essex (Invited)); Catherine McBride OBE (Economist, Free markets and international trade insights (Invited)); Fred de Fossard (Prosperity Institute, Director of Strategy (Invited));

The Government is handing British sovereignty and lawmaking power back to Brussels, just as the EU descends into financial, economic and diplomatic dysfunction. British taxpayers and British businesses will be worse off. How can we stop the "Reset"?

Join Prosperity Institute for a panel discussion featuring Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, Catherine McBride from the Great British Business Council. Chaired by Fred de Fossard from the Prosperity Institute

Fringe Events

11.00 City of Westminster Conservatives & Westminster Property Association

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce

Building communities: The role of development and partnership in delivering local benefit

Gareth Bacon MP (Shadow Minister for Housing and Planning, Shadow Minister for London); Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Leader of the Council); Cllr Paul Swaddle OBE (Westminster City Council, Leader of the Council); Professor Tony Travers CBE (LSE London, Director); Chaired by James Raynor (Grosvenor Property, Chief Executive & WPA Chair)

At a time of stagnant growth and pressure on the public finances, how can we unlock investment in the homes and infrastructure communities need? This seminar explores how Conservative-run councils and the private sector are working together in central London to invest in communities while delivering jobs, growth and prosperity - and what lessons this offers nationwide.



11.00 National Youth Agency

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Building Stronger Communities Through Great Youth Work - INVITE ONLY

Nigel Huddleston MP; Baroness Steadman-Scott OBE DL (Work and Pensions, Shadow Minister); Cllr George Perfect (Conservative Group at Medway Council and LGA Children and Young People Board Member, Leader);

Join the National Youth Agency for a private roundtable on strengthening and expanding high-quality youth provision nationally. Bringing together policymakers, sector leaders and young people, we'll explore emerging evidence and insights from the Local Youth Transformation pilots, highlighting youth work's role in building resilience, confidence, skills, and identifying practical steps to deliver inclusive, sustainable services in every community



11.00 Social Market Foundation, Pensions UK and LGPS Central

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Fortissimo

How can the UK harness the scale of its pension system to support long term economic growth while delivering the best outcomes for savers?

Mark Garnier MP (Shadow Treasury Minister); Rt Hon Baroness Coffey; Richard Law-Deeks (LGPS Central, Chief Executive Officer); Zoe Alexander (Pensions UK, Executive Director of Policy & Advocacy); Chaired by Gideon Salutin (Social Market Foundation, Chief Economist)

Debate around the Pension Schemes Act has reinforced the principle that investment decisions must be driven by trustees acting in members' financial interests, not by Government mandate. This panel will explore how reforms such as the Fit for the Future regime, consolidation, and initiatives such as the Mansion House Accord could reshape investment—and how to build a credible pipeline of UK opportunities that work for pension schemes.



11.00 Institute for Government

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Soprano

Should ministers have more power over public bodies?

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Invited)); The Rt. Hon Lord Francis Maude (The Conservative Party, former Minister for the Cabinet Office); Henry Hill (The Critic, Editor); Chaired by Dr Matthew Gill (Institute for Government, Programme Director)

Many politicians have expressed frustration that, when in power, there are no levers available for them to direct to the work of public bodies to help deliver their priorities.

But what levers do ministers already have and do they know what they can deliver? What more could be done to support ministers responsible for public bodies? And should the arm of control, from ministers to public bodies, just be shortened to avoid frustrations?



Fringe Events

11.00 Higher Education Policy Institute

Unique Venues Birmingham, 6 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2EP, Room LOB 101,

Higher Education Question Time

Professor Julie Sanders (Royal Holloway, University of London, Vice-Chancellor and Principal); Professor David Mba (Birmingham City University, Vice-Chancellor); Professor Nick Vaughan-Williams (University of Birmingham, Provost and Vice-Principal); Chaired by Nick Hillman OBE (Higher Education Policy Institute, Chief Executive)

Join HEPI for a Higher Education Question Time - pose your questions to our panel of higher education experts. With support from Royal Holloway, University of London, Birmingham City University and the University of Birmingham.



11.00 Heathrow Airport

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11.00 The Campaign Academy and Leadership Institute

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

Stories and the Hidden Engine of Persuasion

11.10 Centre for Policy Studies and LPDF

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

The Future of the Green Belt

Ben Hopkinson (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Housing and Infrastructure); Lee Rowley (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow); Sam Stafford (LPDF, Managing Director); Bradley Thomas MP (, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Business, Innovation, Science and Trade)); Chaired by Emma Revell (Centre for Policy Studies, External Affairs Director)



One of Labour's most striking planning reforms has been the introduction of the 'grey belt'. This has been welcomed by planning experts – but stoked predictable opposition in many communities and constituencies. So how is the 'grey belt' policy working? And how can the next government balance the desperate need for homes with protecting our green spaces?

11.15 Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

DofE at 70: Opportunity for every young person

Louie French MP (Conservative Party, Shadow DCMS Minister); Saqib Bhatti MP (House of Commons, Shadow Minister for Education (Invited)); Mims Davies MP, (Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Steve Kingstone (The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Executive Director of Strategy & Engagement); Chaired by Camilla Tominey (The Daily Telegraph, Associate Editor)

For 70 years, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has helped millions of young people build skills, confidence and community connections through volunteering, adventure and personal development. Join politicians, cross-sector leaders, young people and special guests to celebrate this legacy and explore how more young people can access meaningful enrichment opportunities.

Drinks and refreshments to be served.



Fringe Events

11.15 Onward and Microsoft

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Sovereignty of enterprise: a conservative approach



Julia Lopez MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); Chaired by Sir Simon Clarke (Onward, Director)

The AI sovereignty debate has mostly been about national infrastructure and models. But there's a bigger question for business: how do you avoid becoming dependent on a single AI provider? This panel looks at enterprise sovereignty - how real competition in the AI stack, including open-weight models, gives businesses more control over their own knowledge and the freedom to grow on their own terms.



11.30 Re:State with Amazon

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 8

Rethinking the regulatory state: a Conservative agenda for growth



Richard Fuller MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury);

Can Britain regulate its way to growth? The UK needs investment, innovation and enterprise to thrive, but is our regulatory system helping or holding them back? Join us to explore a Conservative vision for smarter, simpler and more proportionate regulation, and how we can build a State that enables businesses to take risks, innovate and grow.

12.00 The Spectator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Coffee House Shots Live



James Heale (The Spectator, Deputy Political Editor); Noa Hoffman (The Spectator, political correspondent); Chaired by Tim Shipman (The Spectator, Political Editor)

Join Tim Shipman, James Heale and Noa Hoffman for a live recording of The Spectator's flagship politics podcast.



12.00 Health and Care Forum supported by Alzheimer's Society

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

From innovation to delivery: is the UK ready for the future of dementia care?



Lord Bethell (BARBARA Alliance, Chair); Jennifer Keen (Alzheimer's Society, Associate Director of Evidence); Paresh Malhotra (Imperial College London, Clinical Neurologist);

Dementia is the greatest health and social care challenge of our time. With the UK on the cusp of scientific breakthroughs that were previously unimaginable, there is real hope on the horizon. Join Alzheimer's Society to ask if the UK is ready to turn scientific progress into real change for people affected by dementia. Powered by Total Politics.



Fringe Events

12.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with Trussell

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

From Food Banks to Financial Security: Building Routes Out of Hardship



Join Trussell for a key discussion exploring the link between food bank need and financial security. This event will highlight the role of advice services and wraparound support, while showcasing how local partnerships and financial inclusion can help people move beyond emergency food by tackling its root causes and building lasting stability.

12.00 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

In Conversation with The Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP

Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chingford and Woodford Green, Member of Parliament); Chaired by Ryan Henson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Chief Executive)



CGP will host an In Conversation with Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, former Leader of the Conservative Party, on the tensions shaping international affairs and what they mean for Britain's place in the world. A long-standing advocate for a firmer, more comprehensive British foreign policy, Sir Iain will share his reflections on the changing security environment, the future of our alliances, and the threat from authoritarian states.

12.00 Bright Blue in partnership with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 9

Standing tall? A better safety net for the self-employed

Joe Robertson MP (Health and Social Care Committee, Member); Chaired by Bartek Staniszewski (Bright Blue, Head of Research)

The self-employed have access to a poorer safety net than employees. The tax benefits of being self-employed relative to being an employee outstrip the loss of publicly funded benefits. Employees pay more to fund a system which the self-employed themselves dislike. This private roundtable assesses the benefits and challenges of increased self-employment, and what policies the centre right should pursue.

Contact omar@brightblue.org.uk to attend.



12.00 Conservative Environment Network and RWE

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Unleashing the market: what is the Conservative approach to financing new energy infrastructure?



Sam Richards (Britain Remade, Campaign Director); Alice Barrs (RWE, Head of Corporate Affairs);

The Iran War and our sky-high energy prices have shown the need for more domestic energy generation and radical action to lower bills. The Conservatives have pledged to scrap policies like the Emissions Trading Scheme and the Renewables Obligation, but this could unsettle the investors needed to build new energy generation. How can a future Conservative government keep bills low while keeping investors onside and the cost of capital low?

Fringe Events

12.00 Education Policy Institute in partnership with the Association of School and College Leaders

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

What are the key challenges facing the education sector and how do we solve them?

Pepe Di'lasio (ASCL, General Secretary); The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited)); Sinead McBrearty (Education Support, CEO); Susannah Hardyman MBE (Impetus, Chief Executive (Invited)); Frank Young (Parentkind, Chief Executive); Chaired by Julie McCulloch (Education Policy Institute, Chief Executive)

The number of teachers reporting that they have an unmanageable workload is increasing year on year – and the expectations on the sector are only set to increase as a result of the Milburn Review and the government's extensive reform agenda. This EPI-ASCL panel will bring together policymakers, education leaders, and sector experts to consider the key challenges facing the education sector and how policymakers should respond to them.



12.15 Conservative Young Women

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Conservative Young Women Annual General Meeting

Samia Hersi (Conservative Young Women, National Chairman);

Come and join Conservative Young Women for our Annual General Meeting, hear about our plans for the next year and meet fellow members.

12.30 Centre for Policy Studies and City of London Corporation

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Breaking down barriers to growth

James Cowling (LSEG, Manager, Government Relations & Regulatory Strategy); Chris Hayward (City of London Corporation, Policy Chairman); Anna Macdonald (Hargreaves Lansdown, Investment Strategy Director); Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell (The Jobs Foundation, President & Co-Founder); Chaired by Dr Gerard Lyons (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow)

Britain needs investment and businesses want to invest but there are too many barriers are holding both back. Regulatory constraints, poor capital allocation, and tax disincentives all play a role. Join us to discuss how financial services can drive growth and what a future Conservative government could do to keep the UK a top destination for domestic and international capital.



12.30 Marine Society and Sea Cadets

Birmingham ICC, Sir David Amess Theatre

Ending the NEET crisis: why uniformed youth groups are a ready-made public policy solution

Daisy . (MSSC, Sea Cadet); Yatin . (MSSC, Sea Cadet); William . (MSSC, Sea Cadet); Aidan Noaman (MSSC, ASO Cadet Voice (Volunteer) Northern Area); Ellie Tucker (MSSC, National Staff Officer (volunteer) Cadet Voice); Lily . (MSSC, Sea Cadet); Andrew Weston (MSSC, Head of Policy and Insight);

Hear why Sea Cadets leavers are almost seven times less likely to face unemployment than the UK average. Then take part in an interactive, cadet-led session (delivered by 14- to 17-year-olds) to discover how uniformed youth work prepares them to thrive in the workplace and lead communities. You'll gather relevant insights on how public policy can help young people gain life skills needed to shape their own futures and boost the wider economy.

Fringe Events

12.30 Antisemitism Policy Trust

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

Generation Swipe: Social Media, Algorithms, and the Rise of Youth Antisemitism

Nigel Huddleston MP ((Invited)); Danny Stone MBE (Antisemitism Policy Trust, Chief Executive); Jacob Davey (Institute for Strategic Dialogue, Director of Policy & Research for Counter-Hate);

Since 7 October, antisemitism has surged online, with social media algorithms exposing young people to anti-Jewish hate, conspiracy theories and extremist narratives disguised as memes, banter and gaming culture. Our panel explores how algorithms amplify youth antisemitism, evade parental controls, and the regulatory reforms needed to protect the next generation.



12.30 Conservative Policy Forum

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

Going for growth: how can Conservative policy on tax and investment enable business growth?

George Carter (CPF Member Expert Group - Pensions and Investment, Chairman (Invited)); Chaired by John Penrose (Conservative Policy Forum, Chairman)

Thinking about all SMEs, not just startups and scaleups, how can tax and investment policy create the right conditions for growth? Join a workshop with the Conservative Policy Forum, the Conservative Party's official in-house thinktank, which takes the best policy solutions to the Leader and Shadow Cabinet. Come along, and bring your ideas.

12.30 Kings Trust

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Mind the Million - How do we turn the tide on youth unemployment and inactivity?

With the Milburn Review sharpening the debate on opportunities for young people, this panel discussion explores how to drive meaningful reductions in the more than one million young people not in education, employment or training, lowering UK NEET rates for good.



12.30 The Conservative Party

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Symphony Ballroom

Business Lunch

In partnership with Bloomberg



12.30 International Team

Birmingham ICC, International Lounge

Technology and the New Politics of Sovereignty panel

Tobias Winkler MdB (German Bundestag, Member (Invited)); Dr Wiebke Winter (MdB (Invited)); Rt Hon Sir Greg Hands (Former UK Minister (Invited)); Ian Liddell-Grainger (Chairman of Sovereign Strategy and The Carbon Company. (Invited)); Chaired by David Landsman OBE (British Foreign Policy Group. (Invited))

In partnership with Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung

12.30 Onward and Cadent Gas

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Dig for Victory: Backing essential infrastructure maintenance

Cllr Tim Barnes (City of Westminster, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth and Planning); Laura Weldon (Cadent, Head of External Affairs - North West); Chaired by Sir Simon Clarke (Onward, Director)



Network upgrades disrupt, and when constituents complain, the temptation to delay essential work is real. But deferred maintenance means ageing pipes leak, supply is disrupted, and safety risks grow. This event brings together councillors, delivery partners and gas network leaders to explore how to see critical projects through and win public buy-in.



Fringe Events

13.00 Social Market Foundation and Google

Hyatt Regency
Birmingham, Fortissimo
Bridging the UK's AI skills gap



Michaela Neild (Google, Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager); Rachel Wolf (Public First, Founding Partner); Julia Lopez MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); The Rt. Hon. Kit Malthouse MP (Chairman, The Conservative Middle East Council, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Chaired by Theo Bertram (Social Market Foundation, Director)

AI adoption at work has doubled in the last year, yet only 15% use it in advanced ways, highlighting a skills and training challenge that could be a barrier to workplace progression. Women feel less confident in using AI tools and are less likely to take part in training to develop AI skills. Join us to explore how we widen access to AI skills, training and workplace progression, while boosting productivity and growth.



13.00 Local Authority Pension Fund Forum

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Drawing Room
Are we ready for climate change?

Greg Smith MP (MP, Shadow Transport Minister and Shadow DESNZ Minister (Invited)); John Flesher (Conservative Environment Network, Deputy Director); Cllr George Jabbour (LAPFF, LAPFF Executive Member); Daisy Powell-Chandler (Public First, Head of Energy and Environment Practice); Gareth Davies MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow UK Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Invited));

Is the UK prepared for the impact of climate change? Extreme weather is already having tangible effects, not least on the economy, infrastructure, farming and health. Are we doing enough to adapt to a hotter and more volatile climate, and how can we best mitigate the effects while continuing to reduce emissions?



13.00 Conservative Middle East Council

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Concerto
Iran's hold on Hormuz: What are the implications for the UK, the MENA region, and the world?

John Sfakianakis (The Gulf Research Center, Chief Economist and Director of Economic Research); Nicholas Hopton (The Middle East Association, Director

General (Former UK Ambassador)); Con Coughlin (The Daily Telegraph, Executive Defence Editor); Chaired by The Rt. Hon. Kit Malthouse MP (Chairman, The Conservative Middle East Council, Member of Parliament)

The US's launch of "Operation Epic Fury" in February 2026 has resulted (at time of print), not in the toppling of the Iranian Regime, but Iran's strangle-hold over the Strait of Hormuz, and the world economy. What are the implications for the UK's security and economy? And why should foreign policy even matter to our domestically-focussed UK political system?

13.00 LAPG/APPG

Birmingham ICC, Jane How
Justice on the Front line: Prison reform and Access to Justice.

Sarah Bool MP (Chair); Dr Kieran Mullan MP; Rohini Jana, Director of Policy, LAPG; Tyrone Steele, Director of Strategy and Impact, JUSTICE

Law and order is a foundational conservative principle, yet the entire criminal justice system is gridlocked and advise deserts are spreading. With prisons critically overcrowded and the legal aid sector bleeding practitioners, the pipeline from arrest to trial to sentencing is failing.



13.00 The Conservative Councillors' Association & The Conservative Policy Forum

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce
The Conservative Vision for Local and Regional Government

Local government is at the forefront of people's lives and must be central to the Conservative Party's renewal. Join the CCA and CPF for a joint Policy Commission session exploring the role of local government in the priorities of the next Conservative Government. Hear from expert speakers, join group discussions and help shape the Party's future policy.

13.00 The Telegraph

Birmingham ICC, Hall 9
The Daily T: On the Road

Camilla Tominey (The Daily Telegraph, Associate Editor); Tim Stanley (The Telegraph, Columnist); Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg (Conservative Party, Former Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade);

Fringe Events

Join a live recording of The Daily T podcast with special guest, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg. Watch as our hosts unpack the day's key talking points and have the chance to put your questions to our panel.



13.00 The Angling Trust & The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The Waters Edge, Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HL, Slug and Lettuce,

The Rural Reception

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs);

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



13.00 Essex & Suffolk Water

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 6

Essex & Suffolk Water Reception

Essex & Suffolk Water will host a lunch reception to engage with local representatives, policymakers, business leaders and key stakeholders. The event will provide an opportunity to discuss regional priorities, including water resilience, environmental protection, infrastructure investment and support for communities, while strengthening relationships and encouraging open dialogue on issues affecting the region.



13.00 Prosperity Institute

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

Choice, competition and incentives: it is time to fix the health service

Dr Caroline Johnson MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Health Minister (Invited)); Dr Nick White (NHS, NHS leader and surgeon (Invited)); Stephen Childs (Palantir, Special Adviser (Invited)); Fred de Fossard (Prosperity Institute, Director of Strategy (Invited));

Britain's health service is a dysfunctional mess and the public believes it is in urgent need of reform. A new model is required and it is time for politicians to

grasp the nettle and try something new after years of throwing public money at a broken system.

Join the Prosperity Institute for a panel discussion featuring Shadow Secretary of State for Health Damian Hinds (invited), Dr Nick White, an NHS leader and surgeon, and Stephen Childs, Palantir. Chaired by Fred de Fossard from the Prosperity Institute.

13.15 Create Streets Foundation sponsored by the London School of Economics and Political Science

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Beyond Levelling Up: restitching neighbourhoods and restoring British prosperity

Neil O'Brien MP (UK Parliament, Shadow Minister for Policy Renewal and Development); David Simmonds MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities); Nicholas Boys Smith (Create Streets, Founder and Chairman); Cllr Charlotte Vernon (Conservative Councillors' Association, Deputy Chairman); Professor Neil Lee (London School of Economics and Political Science, Professor of Economic Geography); Chaired by Kitty Thompson (Create Streets Foundation, Head of Policy and Campaigns)

Low growth, stark regional inequality, and frustrated pride in place are perennial problems of our time. Years of top-down regeneration funding have only been fitfully effective. Government vision rarely leaves London. Many towns and cities still struggle. Is there a new model in which local government restitches neighbourhoods, enables growth, and acts as stewards not bureaucrats? Join us to discuss how to plot the path to local prosperity.



Fringe Events

13.30 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

Is Britain's prosperity under threat? Economic security in an age of geopolitical instability

The Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office); Peter Bedford MP (Work and Pensions Committee, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Work and Pensions), and Shadow Minister (Treasury).); Brendan Vickers (International Chambers of Commerce UK, Policy Director); Dr Roli Asthana (UK in the World Programme at Chatham House, Associate Fellow); Chaired by Louise Abraham (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Head of Public Affairs)



As geopolitical tensions shape the global economy, this panel will explore why economic security is central to the UK's foreign policy agenda. Panellists will discuss the global events that have threatened the UK's prosperity and what a Conservative government's approach would be to economic security.

13.30 Re:State with PwC

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 8

Reactivating young Britain: a Conservative vision to end youth inactivity

Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions); Harriet Cross MP (Member of Parliament, Opposition Assistant Whip); Fraser Nelson (The Times, Columnist); Phillipa O'Connor (PwC, Chief People Officer);



How do we get Britain's young people back into work? Almost a million young people are now not in education, employment or training. With youth unemployment rising and more young people becoming economically inactive, we need to rethink how we connect them with opportunity. Join us to explore practical reforms across skills, welfare and employment that can help young people enter, stay in and progress through work.

13.30 The Spectator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Quite right! Live

Chaired by Michael Gove (The Spectator, Editor)



Join The Spectator's Quite right! team for a live podcast recording. Michael Gove and a special guest will entertain, amuse and inform in an hour-long chat on day two of conference. Please see the online listing for more information.



13.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

Saved Enough, Spent Wrong? Rethinking Retirement in Britain



Saving enough is only half the pensions story. This panel explores how policy, advice, and innovation can help savers make the most of retirement choices, from drawdown and annuities to tax-free cash, while preserving the freedom and flexibility at the heart of the UK's pension system.

13.30 City & Guilds

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Skills and growth: Turning ambition into delivery

This session will bring together senior leaders and policymakers to consider how skills policy can better support growth, productivity and opportunity across the economy, and help turn economic ambition into practical delivery. Invite only, Contact: jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk

Fringe Events

13.30 Conservative Environment Network and RenewableUK

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Should Britain still aspire to be the Saudi Arabia of wind? The role of renewables in Conservative energy policy



The last Conservative government made huge strides on renewables. But for some, renewables are to blame for the UK's high electricity prices, with Labour's Clean Power target further increasing bills. The Iran crisis has proven again the cost of gas dependency and the value of homegrown energy in an era of volatile geopolitics. So what is the future for renewables in Conservative energy policy? Can costs be reduced without undermining investment?



13.30 Health and Care Forum supported by UCB

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

The UK Innovation Choice: Can the UK Become the World's Next Life Sciences Powerhouse?

Emma Greenwood (Academy of Medical Sciences, Policy Director); Nick Meade (Genetic Alliance UK, CEO); Daniel Lightwood (UCB, VP, Head of Antibody Discovery and Optimisation); Chaired by Noah Vickers (The House Magazine, Reporter)



Can the UK lead global life sciences against US and China? This session explores strengthening UK biotech, R&D, and regulation in key growth areas like women's health. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics.

13.45 AQA

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

From TikTok to Tech Skills: What Students Feel they Really Need from Digital Literacy

Chaired by Clare Fraser (AQA, Head of External Affairs)

Private roundtable, invitation only. Contact policy@aqa.org.uk for more information



13.45 Onward and Social Investment Business

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Common Ground: How to save the spaces that hold Britain together

Rebecca Paul MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (Invited)); Nick Temple (Social Investment Business, Chief Executive Officer); Christabel Fashola (Community, Leader); Nicola Bacon (Social Life, Founding Director & CIC Director (Invited)); Chaired by Sir Simon Clarke (Onward, Director)



Community spaces and social sector organisations are a cornerstone of British life. They build pride, belonging and resilience, delivering vital public services and acting as a key local pillar of national renewal. But high energy bills, a lack of access to public finance and the rapid disposal of local authority assets are threatening their survival. Join us to discuss how we can maintain this collective inheritance.



13.50 Centre for Policy Studies and Juul Labs Inc

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Policies for a healthier Britain

Jim Bligh (British Retail Consortium, Corporate Affairs Director); Dr. Leyla Hannbeck (Independent Pharmacies Association, Chief Executive Officer); The Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care); Karen King (Juul Labs Inc, Director of UK Public Affairs); Chaired by Emma Revell (Centre for Policy Studies, External Affairs Director)

Despite the billions being ploughed into it each year, the NHS is still struggling to keep up with demand. Britain, like most developed nations, is seeing people living longer but rates of strokes, heart attacks and cancer are not declining. How should the Conservative Party approach public health policy in a way that is focused on outcomes and enables people to live well?



14.00 Bright Blue in partnership with the National Centre for Social Research

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 9

The future of welfare: what does the public want?

Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Invited)); Baroness Amanda Spielman (House of Lords, Shadow Minister (Work and Pensions) and former HM Chief inspector of Education); Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair); Dr Stephen Brien (Social Security Advisory Committee, Chair (Invited)); Helen Barnard (Trussell, Director of Policy and Research); Alex Scholes (Attitudinal Surveys and NatCen Opinion Panel, Research Director); Tali Fraser (The Spectator, Commissioning Editor (Invited));

Economic inactivity has risen sharply since the pandemic. The cost of the state pension is set to rise significantly with public debt to reach eye-watering levels. What do the public think about the purpose, sustainability and fairness of the welfare system? Drawing on new analysis from the BSA survey, this panel explores the features of a centre-right approach to welfare reform that could win back voters, reduce expenditure and grow the economy.



14.00 Ladywood Conservative Association

Exchange Building, 3 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2DR, Dhambi Prem and Mary Sturge,

Panel on Regeneration and Gentrification

Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg (Conservative Party, Former Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade); Jo Tanner (Rud Pederson, Political Strategist and former Advisor to Boris Johnson); Andrew Pierce (GB News, Presenter & Journalist); Kevin Foster (Conservative Party, Former Minister of State for Transport); Chaired by Sir Andy Street CBE (Conservative Party, Businessman and Former Mayor of West Midlands)

This panel will explore regeneration and gentrification, examining how these urban transformations reshape communities, impact businesses, and challenge policymakers.



15.00 Onward and National Grid

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Unlocking Energy Innovation: Powering the UK's Future

nationalgrid

Ben Houchen; Steve Smith (Chief UK Strategy and Policy Officer); Mark Garnier MP (Shadow Treasury Minister (Invited)); Laura Sandys CBE, (Chair, Energy Networks Innovation Taskforce (invited)); Sir Simon Clarke (Chair)

The UK's energy system transformation is at the forefront of cutting-edge technology and world class innovation. Join industry leaders, policymakers and innovators to explore how the UK can become a global magnet for energy investment and innovation, and the critical role grid infrastructure plays in powering a secure, resilient, and affordable energy future.



Fringe Events

15.00 Street Games

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Opportunity, Stronger Communities and Safer Futures: The Role of Sport in Supporting Young People

Nigel Huddleston MP (Droitwich and Evesham, Member of Parliament (Invited)); The Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (Braintree, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Andy Cook (The Centre for Social Justice, Chief Executive (Invited)); Mark Lawrie (Street Games, Chief Executive); Chaired by Dame Caroline Dinenage MP (Conservative Party, Chair Culture, Media and Sports committee (Invited))

How can sport help create stronger communities and better opportunities for disadvantaged young people? This session will explore how investment in sport can support social mobility, improve wellbeing, prevent anti-social behaviour and strengthen community cohesion. Panellists will discuss how joined-up policy, early intervention and local delivery can maximise sport's contribution to safer communities and long-term social and economic outcomes.



15.00 PoliticsHome

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

PoliticsHome Presents: The Rundown Live

PoliticsHome

Join us for a live recording of 'The Rundown' podcast, featuring a top Conservative MP guest speaker with an afternoon of networking, lively political chat and drinks as Conference gets into full swing.

15.00 Conservative Environment Network and Energy UK

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Powering Britain's comeback: How can we have cheap electricity?



Andrew Bowie MP (Energy Security and Net Zero, Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland and Shadow Minister for Energy); Harriet Cross MP (Member of Parliament, Opposition Assistant Whip); Daisy Powell-Chandler (Public First, Head of Energy and Environment Practice); Dhara Vyas (Energy UK, CEO);

The UK has some of the most expensive electricity in the world. If we don't electrify, we will become more reliant on imports, global competitors will overtake us, and we will fail to see much needed economic growth. But with volatile gas setting electricity prices, and legacy levies and network costs driving up costs, how can we afford to electrify? Could bold reforms to our energy markets help lower the cost of electricity?



15.00 AQA

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Solving the NEET challenge: How can we better join up qualifications and pathways for young people?

Chaired by Anna Trethewey (AQA, Chief Strategy and Vocational Officer)

Private roundtable, invitation only. Contact policy@aqa.org.uk for more information



15.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Business Day PM sessions



Fringe Events

15.00 Holocaust Educational Trust

Birmingham ICC, Sir David Amess Theatre

Holocaust Educational Trust: Hear Eyewitness Testimony from a Holocaust Survivor

Janine Webber BEM (Holocaust Educational Trust, Holocaust survivor); Karen Pollock CBE (Holocaust Educational Trust, Chief Executive);

Hearing a Holocaust survivor is often described as a life-changing experience. Join us for the rare opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor share their powerful, moving testimony you will remember for years to come. Joined by a Shadow Cabinet Minister.



15.00 Health and Care Forum supported by Daiichi Sankyo

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

The National Cancer Plan: Delivering on Ambition

Naser Turabi (Cancer Research UK, Director of Health Policy and Evidence); James Hargrave (Daiichi Sankyo, Director of Government Affairs); Dr Stephen Harden (Royal College of Radiologists, President); Chaired by Adam Payne (PoliticsHome, Editor)

With the National Cancer Plan now published, focus turns to delivery. This panel brings together policymakers, patient groups and industry to explore how it will deliver for patients in the near term and how it will need to build a system of the future. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics.



15.00 The Spectator in association with the Post Office

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

The Future of Britain's High Streets: From Decline to Renewal

Dame Harriett Baldwin MP (Shadow Minister, Business & Trade); Charlotte Cool (Post Office, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer); Chaired by Michael Gove (The Spectator, Editor)

High streets are where people feel economic and social change most acutely. From bank closures and declining footfall to the loss of local services, they have become a symbol of the challenges facing communities. As high street renewal climbs the political agenda, our panel will ask: what should the high street of the future look like, and how can trusted local institutions help bring people, services and economic activity back to communities?



15.00 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

Engaged or entangled? The UK in the Middle East

David Reed MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Defence and FCDO); Ameer Kotecha (Centre for Government Reform, CEO); Zia Salik (Islamic Relief UK, Interim Director); Geneva Abdul (The Guardian, Reporter); Chaired by Harry Coulson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Chief of Staff)

The Middle East is both a region with huge potential and a nexus of global instability - a duality governments have long struggled to navigate. From Iran's regional influence and Gulf security considerations to ongoing humanitarian crises, the region's complex dynamics are being heightened by capricious US engagement, creeping authoritarian influences, and evolving regional alignments. Against this backdrop, is the UK's approach the right one?



15.10 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

From Boriswave to brain drain: how can we fix migration?

Poppy Coburn (*The Telegraph*, Associate Comment Editor); Fred de Fossard (*Prosperity Institute*, Director of Strategy); Rt Hon Esther McVey MP (,); Jasper Ostle (*Adam Smith Institute*, Head of Research and Education); Blake Stephenson MP (, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Home Office)); Chaired by Rachel Wolf (*Public First*, Founding Partner)



Immigration has topped the political agenda in recent years, with record numbers coming to our shores. But what about those leaving? Whether it's young and aspirational workers who despair at the apparent lack of opportunity or highly productive entrepreneurs being driven overseas by punitive taxation, emigration is becoming a problem too.

15.30 Centre for European Reform Kindly supported by the Delegation of the EU to the UK

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Europe in the world: building international partnerships

Kitty Donaldson (*The i Paper*, Chief Political Commentator); Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP (*Conservative Party*, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons); Jukka Salovaara (*Delegation of the EU to the UK*, Ambassador); Tobias Winkler MdB (*German Bundestag*, Member (Invited)); Chaired by Charles Grant (*Centre for European Reform*, Director)

Speakers TBC

Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom

Kitty Donaldson, Chief Political Commentator, *The i Paper*

Chair: Charles Grant, Director, Centre for European Reform



15.30 Conservative European Forum

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce

Towards a New European Security Architecture

Rt Hon Sir David Lidington (CEF, former MP); Chaired by Mr Stephen Hammond (CEF, Chair)

Rt Hon Sir David Lidington (former de facto deputy PM, recent chair of RUSI and CEF President) will speak about the implications of Russian aggression and the shifts in US strategy for Britain's defence and security and CEF's new proposals for a structure to safeguard the security and defence of the European nations.

Chair: Stephen Hammond (CEF Chair)

www.conservativeeuropeanforum.com



15.45 Education Policy Institute in partnership with the National Education Union

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2
[Private roundtable] How can we ensure AI implementation supports the educational experiences that help all children flourish?



Ros McNeil (*National Education Union*, Assistant General Secretary); The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (*Conservative Party*, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited)); Rebecca Paul MP (*Reigate*, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Dr Caroline Johnson MP (*MP for Sleaford and North Hykeham*, Shadow Minister of State for Health and Social Care (Invited)); Professor Rebecca Eynon (*University of Oxford*, Oxford Internet Institute); Liz Robinson (*Big Education*, CEO (Invited)); Sam Evans (*Chartered College of Teaching*, EdTech Evidence Lead); Renate Samson (*Oxford University Press*, UK Policy Director); Emily Verow (*Three Spires Trust*, Chief Executive); Chaired by Julie McCulloch (*Education Policy Institute*, Chief Executive)

To ensure AI implementation supports students' learning rather than undermining it, a clear roadmap is needed to shape and leverage AI for transformational educational benefits. This EPI-NEU roundtable will discuss how we can optimise the benefits while minimising the risks, which stakeholders are critical for determining what good looks like, and how we can effectively monitor its impact.

This is a private invitation-only event.



15.45 Institute for Government & Trussell

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Soprano

Social security, disability and health-related inactivity: What is the Conservative case for reform?

Helen Whately MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Invited)); Helen Barnard (Trussell, Director of Policy and Research); Fraser Nelson (The Times, Columnist); Dr Ben Paxton (Institute for Government, Senior Researcher); Chaired by Tom Pope (Institute for Government, Deputy Chief Economist)

Reforming health and disability benefits has been one of the thorniest issues faced by this and former governments.

The Conservatives have set out proposals to save £23bn as part of its “Get Britain Working Again” pledge and has begun a major review of the system.

So how should Kemi Badenoch’s party set about reforming employment support and social security for disabled people and people with long-term health conditions?



16.00 Bright Blue in partnership with Accenture UKI

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 9

A smarter state: can AI improve public services?

Julia Lopez MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); The Rt. Hon Lord Francis Maude (The Conservative Party, former Minister for the Cabinet Office (Invited)); Lauren Crowley (The FDA, Assistant General Secretary); Hacer Evans (Accenture UKI, Managing Director Health & Public Service (Invited)); Ryan Shorthouse (Bright Blue, Executive Chair (Invited)); James Wise (Sovereign AI Unit, Chair);

From Sunak’s Frontier AI Taskforce to Burnham’s Digital Devolution, governments recognise AI’s role in reforming public services. What can we learn

from previous waves of Whitehall transformation, and how can a Conservative Party committed to efficiency balance innovation, trust and accountability in delivering public services? This panel will examine the opportunities and challenges of the AI revolution, and how to overcome barriers to adoption.



16.00 CF Armed Forces

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Concerto

CF Armed Forces Panel Discussion

Sir Jeremy Quin (Boeing UK & Ireland, President (Invited));

Join CF Armed Forces and Boeing for a defence panel discussion featuring former Minister for Defence Procurement and Defence Select Committee Chair, Sir Jeremy Quin.

16.00 Resolution Foundation and Prosper UK

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

How would the Conservatives future-proof welfare reform?

David Gauke (Prosper UK, Vice Chair); Stephen Bush (Financial Times, Associate editor and columnist); Charlotte Pickles (Re:State, Director); Chaired by Rt Hon Lord David Willetts (Resolution Foundation, President)

From disability benefits, to work incentives in Universal Credit, to the Triple Lock, there are a lot of questions to be asked around the future of Britain’s welfare system. In this panel event hosted by the Resolution Foundation and Prosper UK, we will be joined by leading experts to discuss future of welfare reform and how the Conservative party can best approach this.

16.00 CFI and the Jewish Chronicle

Birmingham ICC, Jane How

Israel’s Elections: A New Dawn for UK-Israel Relations?

Rt Hon Sir Andrew Mitchell MP (Member of Parliament, MP for Sutton Coldfield (Invited)); Richard Pater (BICOM, Chief Executive (Invited)); Tali Fraser (The Spectator, Commissioning Editor and Writer-At-Large (Invited)); Lorin Bell-Cross (The Jewish Chronicle, Political Editor (Invited));

Join Conservative Friends of Israel and the Jewish Chronicle for a discussion on Israel’s forthcoming elections, one of the most momentous in the country’s history, and the impact they could have on the future of UK-Israel relations.



Fringe Events

16.00 Social Market Foundation and Policy@Manchester

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Fortissimo

Tackling the NEET crisis: young people, mental health and the path into work

Professor Neil Humphrey (The University of Manchester, Professor of Psychology of Education); Dr Luke Evans MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Health and Social Care) (Invited)); Chaired by Dr Rebecca Montacute (Social Market Foundation, Research Director)

Over one million 16-24-year-olds are not in education, employment or training in the UK. At the same time, adolescent wellbeing has been decreasing. In 2009-10, 30% of 16-24-year-olds who were NEET were likely to have a mental health condition. In 2023-24, this figure doubled to 60%. Join us as we discuss how to break the cycle of poor mental health and get more young people into jobs, education and training.



16.15 More in Common

Can Badenoch turn the Conservatives around?

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs); The Lord Daniel Finkelstein OBE (House of Lords, Peer); Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); Nick Timothy MP (, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice (Invited)); Chaired by Emily Maitlis (The News Agents, Host)

Join us for More in Common's flagship deep dive into public opinion, asking why Kemi Badenoch's popularity isn't translating into a recovery for the Conservatives. Using exclusive polling, Luke Tryl, joined by senior politicians and journalists, will explore where the party is making inroads, where it's still struggling, and what it would take to close the gap.



16.15 Onward

No country for young workers: what's next for the next generation?

Joe Robertson MP (Department for Work and Pensions, Shadow Minister); Poppy Coburn (The Telegraph, Associate Comment Editor (Invited)); John Cope (, Education & Skills Policy Expert (Invited)); Caroline Elsom (Onward, Research Director); Chaired by Joanna Marchong (Onward, Senior Policy Analyst and Head of Campaigns)

While overall UK unemployment has fallen over the past year, youth unemployment has hit its highest level in over a decade. Why are young workers bearing the brunt? Vacancies are drying up, employers are warier of graduate CVs, more are claiming welfare, and a degree no longer guarantees the opportunities it once did. Young people are in the midst of a crisis. How do we get them back on track and can Britain afford to ignore it?



Fringe Events

16.15 UK Youth & Youth Futures Foundation

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Unlocking Opportunity: The role of trained and trusted adults in supporting young people's outcomes'

A policy roundtable by invitation only. Contact: jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk



16.15 Young Conservatives

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

YC Young Entrepreneur Panel

Gareth Davies MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow UK Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Invited)); Lord Dominic Johnson (Conservative Party, Former Chairman (Invited));

A panel bringing together government and industry perspectives on young entrepreneurship, alongside two young business owners speaking from direct experience. The panel will discuss the barriers and opportunities facing young people starting and growing a business today, and what the Party can do to back them.

16.30 The Spectator in association Chartered Institute of Export & International Trade

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Competing in a Changing World: How Can UK Businesses Stay Ahead?

Marco Forgiione (The Chartered Institute of Export and International Trade, Director General); Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor, Shadow Chancellor); Nick Clark (NatWest, Trade and Transaction Banking business lead); Bolaji Sofoluwe MBE (ETK Group, Founder and Managing Director); Chaired by Noa Hoffman (The Spectator, political correspondent)

UK businesses face an increasingly complex landscape shaped by shifting trade relationships, changing regulations, technological developments and security challenges. What do companies need to remain competitive at home and abroad? We will consider how government and industry can work effectively to reduce barriers to trade, build resilience in the face of geopolitical threats, and support businesses to adapt competitively in the global economy.



16.30 Conservative Environment Network and RSPB

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Private v Public: who should fund nature restoration?

Dr. Neil Hudson (Conservative Party MP, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary DEFRA); Maxwell Marlow (Adam Smith Institute, Director of Public Affairs);



Conservatives have long believed in being responsible stewards of our natural heritage, ensuring it continues to support farming, businesses, and communities for generations to come. But to fund nature conservation properly, we need to unlock significantly more private investment. How do we drive best value for money from limited taxpayer funding? How will recovering nature support our future prosperity? Does it have to mean taxes and red tape?



16.30 Railway Industry Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The Big Rail Conversation



With the creation of Great British Railways, what will be needed for the railways to facilitate investment by the public and private sector, and create an agile and resilient railway that acts as a catalyst for economic growth and housing? In partnership with Alstom, Angel Trains, AtkinsRéalis, Buckland Rail, Siemens Mobility and VolkerRail.

16.30 National Convention

Birmingham ICC, Hall 9

Update on changes to the Party Constitution

Julian Ellacott and Stewart Harper

An opportunity for National Convention members, MPs and Peers to hear and ask questions about the proposed changes.

Fringe Events

16.30 Centre for Policy Studies and Pernod Ricard

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

High Streets, Heavy Burdens: Building a Better Business Environment

Jim Bligh (British Retail Consortium, Corporate Affairs Director); Steve Carpenter (Pernod Richard,); Kate Nicholls OBE (UKHospitality, Chair); James Wild MP (Shadow Exchequer Secretary (Treasury)); Chaired by Nick King (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow)



From alcohol duties and waste recycling taxes to changes in employer National Insurance contributions and the ongoing challenge of business rates reform, high street businesses and the broader consumer-facing economy are struggling under ever increasing cost and regulatory pressures. Join our expert panel to discuss what policy changes businesses want to see and how government and industry can work collaboratively to keep high streets thriving.

17.00 Enterprise Forum, ABI, ACCA, ACS, ADS, CIOB, FMB, HTA, ICAEW, Make UK, UK Private Capital

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Symphony Ballroom

The Enterprise Forum's Business Reception in partnership with ABI, ACCA, ACS, ADS, CIOB, FMB, HTA, ICAEW, Make UK, UK Private Capital

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer); Chaired by Rt Hon Lord Eric Pickles (The Enterprise Forum, President)

Join senior business leaders, policymakers, and industry professionals for an evening of networking and insightful discussion. Meet representatives from ABI, ACCA, ACS, ADS, CIOB, FMB, HTA, ICAEW, Make UK, and UK Private Capital and explore the vital role they play in the UK economy. We are pleased to serve beer provided by SIBA, featuring award-winning beer from Utopian Brewing, based in the Shadow Chancellor's constituency.



17.30 Education Policy Institute in partnership with AQA

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

Building a digitally skilled generation: what do we need for the future workforce?



Natalie Perera (AQA, Chief External Affairs and Communications Officer); The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited)); Pepe Di'lasio (ASCL, General Secretary); Pat Carvalho (Birmingham Metropolitan College, Principal and CEO); Chaired by Julie McCulloch (Education Policy Institute, Chief Executive)

Digital capability is essential for success in education, work and everyday life, yet evidence shows that digital skills and confidence remain uneven. Further, there are wider debates about what the education system needs to ensure young people are prepared for a rapidly changing labour market. This EPI-AQA panel will consider what is needed from curriculum, assessment and wider education policy to build a digitally skilled generation.

17.30 Scouts

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Ready to Vote? What do young people need to participate in democracy, and be active citizens?

Abbee McLatchie (National Youth Agency, Acting CEO (Invited)); Dame Rachel de Souza (for England, Children's Commissioner (Invited)); Matteo Bergamini MBE (Shout Out UK, CEO and Founder (Invited));

This panel discussion, hosted by Scouts, will bring together some key voices to ask what young people today really need to fully participate in democracy. It will look at:

- The current barriers to democratic engagement.
- The possible opportunities that votes at 16 could create for further youth engagement.
- The support that young people need and what's already being done to help.
- The role of youth group

Fringe Events

17.30 Conservative Friends of Ukraine

Birmingham ICC, Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space

Defence First: Britain, Ukraine and the Fight for Freedom

Jack Lopresti (former MP, Azov Brigade (Invited)); Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chingford and Woodford Green, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Rt Hon Tom Tugendhat MBE VR MP (House of Commons, Shadow Foreign Secretary (Invited)); The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Leader of the Conservative Party (Invited)); HE General Valerii Zaluzhnyi (Ambassador of Ukraine to the UK (Invited)); Mykhailo "Q", Malkush (12th Special Forces Brigade "Azov" (Invited)); Maria Tymofienko (Founder and CEO, CFU (Invited));

Britain's First Priority should be Defence, Deterrence and the Strategic Alliance with Ukraine. Europe is entering the most dangerous security environment in generations. Russia's war against Ukraine has demonstrated the reality of modern warfare, while the growing threats from Russia, China and Iran are challenging the security of Britain and its allies. As Kemi Badenoch has argued, in these dangerous times, national defence must be the UK Government's No. 1 priority. But spending more on defence is only part of the answer. Britain must also ensure that its defence investment delivers greater capability, resilience and deterrence. Ukraine is at the centre of that effort. Ukraine possesses unparalleled recent battlefield experience, a rapidly evolving defence-industrial base and expertise in drones, electronic warfare, AI and modern warfare that Britain cannot afford to ignore. This CFU event will ask how Britain can move beyond being a supporter of Ukraine to becoming its closest strategic defence partner — accelerating joint weapons production, defence technology partnerships, intelligence and training cooperation, and integrating Ukrainian battlefield innovation into Britain's own defence planning. If defence is Britain's No. 1 priority, then a strategic defence alliance with Ukraine must be at the heart of it.

The event will bring together senior Conservative politicians, British and Ukrainian military leaders, defence industry figures and experts to consider how the UK can rearm Britain, strengthen Ukraine and make both countries safer.



17.30 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11 Foyer

Business Day Drinks

In partnership with UK Private Capital



17.30 Onward

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Home Truths: Fixing Cheshire and Warrington's Housing Crisis



In Cheshire and Warrington, the average home now costs eight times the average salary - three times what it would if prices had simply tracked inflation since 1970 - leaving a generation locked out of the aspiration their parents took for granted. In this one-on-one conversation, Ben Fletcher, Conservative candidate for Mayor of Cheshire and Warrington, joins Onward Director Simon Clarke to set out his plan to build 50,000 new homes, revive declining towns like Crewe, Warrington and Ellesmere Port through new Mayoral Development Corporations, restore public confidence in a planning system that too often delivers the wrong homes in the wrong places, and put beauty and design back at the heart of British housebuilding.



17.45 The Campaign Academy and Leadership Institute

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

AI as a Campaign Force Multiplier

17.45 Introduced by Richard Fuller MP; moderated by Chiara Aylett, South West YC Coordinator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 5

YC National Chair Hustings

The candidates for YC National Chair make their case directly to members ahead of the vote. Each candidate will set out their priorities for the role before taking questions from Chiara Aylett and from the floor. Richard Fuller MP will open the session.

Party members only.

Fringe Events

18.00 Conservatives For Business and the Institute of Directors

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Backing Britain's SMEs Reception

The Rt Hon Sir Mel Stride MP (Central Devon, Member of Parliament); Anna Leach (Institute of Directors, Chief Economist); Danielle Dunfield-Prayero (Conservatives For Business, Co-Founder and Chairman);



CFB and the IoD have come together to give a stronger voice to SMEs. Our family-owned and privately run businesses are a force for good - driving growth, creating jobs, and supporting communities across the UK. Join us as we celebrate responsible business leadership and the positive impact firms make today and for generations to come. This event is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please email us: info@tories4business.org



18.00 Conservative Environment Network and Octopus Energy

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

CEN's big pub quiz



Join us for this light-hearted social event bringing together all groups within our network, from supporters to MPs. Beginning with a short introductory speech, the quiz rounds will cover topics including politics, general knowledge, and energy, with each round being hosted by a different political figure.



18.00 CF Armed Forces

Birmingham ICC, Justham Family Room

CF Armed Forces Big Reception

James Cartlidge MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Defence (Invited));

Join Shadow Secretary of State for Defence James Cartlidge MP and the Conservative Parliamentary Defence team for drinks and discussion along with members and industry representatives. This event is organised by Conservative Friends of the Armed Forces and kindly supported by Capita.



18.00 Animal Free Research UK

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 3

Cheers to Change for Herbie's Law: Animal Free Research UK drinks reception

Join Animal Free Research UK for a drink and to hear about the inspiring potential of animal-free, human-specific medical research. Learn more about Herbie's Law, the campaign to phase out animal testing over the next decade, working in collaboration with scientists. Collect a goody bag and enjoy some fun beagle-themed photo opportunities.



18.00 The Society of Conservative Lawyers, The Bar Council and The Law Society

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Justice prevails: Britain's strength in access to justice, the rule of law and economic growth

Dana Denis-Smith OBE (The Law Society, Deputy Vice President); Harpreet Sandhu KC (The Bar Council, Leader of the Midland Circuit); Rt Hon Baroness Prentis of Banbury KC (House of Lords, Former Attorney General); Nick Timothy MP (House of Commons, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice (Invited)); Chaired by Sarah Bool MP (Chair, Executive Committee, Society of Conservative Lawyers, Member of Parliament)

The UK legal sector is a national economic asset. This event will consider how government can ensure it continues to thrive. Join legal leaders and policymakers to consider the necessary policy frameworks that support courts, digital infrastructure maintaining the UK's reputation as a trusted legal centre, safeguarding access to justice. The UK's justice system should be recognised as national infrastructure with a vital role in growth and trade.



Fringe Events

18.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with New West End Company

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

Open for Growth: Powering the West End for the Nation

Cllr Paul Swaddle OBE (City of Westminster, Councillor);



The West End is one of the UK's greatest economic successes, generating billions for the economy and supporting hundreds of thousands of Jobs. Join the New West End Company and the Leader of Westminster City Council for drinks and to hear how we can boost growth, competitiveness, and the UK's flagship destination.



18.00 Demos

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

Protecting the Ballot Box: Foreign interference, LLM poisoning and the rise of bots in British politics

From coordinated bot networks, to the deliberate poisoning of large language models, hostile states are finding new ways to undermine trust in our democracy. This panel examines the scale of the threat and asks what needs to be done to defend the integrity of Britain's democracy before the next election.



18.00 ConservativeHome in partnership with LGBT+ Conservatives

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

The Pride Reception

Emma Best AM (City Hall Conservatives, Deputy Leader); Mims Davies MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales); Marc Goldfinger (LGBT+ Conservatives, Deputy Chairman); Angus Parsad-Wyatt (Total Politics, Director, Political Engagement);



Join the LGBT+ Conservatives to their annual Pride Reception for an evening of networking and celebrating. Past guests at this event include: Dr Ben Spencer, Emma Best, and Jamie Mulhall.



18.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Symphony Hall

Southern Reception

Ticketed Guests Only



18.15 More in Common in partnership with UCL Policy Lab

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

Strong community and prosperous economy: Can a Conservative communitarianism renew Britain?

The Rt Hon Lord David Willetts (House of Lords, Peer); Joe Robertson MP (MP, Health and Social Care Select Committee); Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); Prof. John Tomaney (UCL, Pro-Vost (Regional Communities)); The Rt Hon. Baroness Ruth Davidson (House of Lords, Peer (Invited));



How can conservative political thought rebuild the economy and strengthen our communities? Building on the UCL Policy Lab's recent essay collection in partnership with Andrew O'Brien, this panel brings together voices from across politics, academia and civil society to examine how a renewed vision of conservatism, grounded in place and belonging, might reshape and strengthen Britain.



18.30 The Spectator in association with Visa

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Private drinks reception: The Spectator x Visa

Chaired by Michael Gove (The Spectator, Editor)

Join us for the launch of Let's Celebrate Towns 2026, a national competition run by Visa and Nationwide Building Society, recognising the towns that are helping local businesses, communities and residents thrive. By invitation only.



Fringe Events

18.30 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Business Dinner

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19.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Blue Room

Exhibitor's Drinks

Invited Guests Only



19.30 Conservative Environment Network and the coalition of energy trade associations

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

CEN energy drinks reception

Dhara Vyas (Energy UK, CEO);

The last Conservative Party Conference saw the party announce its Cheap Power Plan and its intention to repeal the Climate Change Act. One year on, how has their strategy on climate and energy been developing? With Labour, Greens and Reform all taking highly ideological (but diametrically opposed) approaches to energy, how can the Conservatives promote a fiscally responsible, market-led approach to protect our environment and to cut energy bills?



19.30 Education Policy Institute in partnership with AQA

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

[Invite-only reception] Raising education standards in a digital age



Julie McCulloch (Education Policy Institute, Chief Executive); Natalie Perera (AQA, Chief External Affairs and Communications Officer); The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited));

We invite you to join EPI and AQA for an evening of conversation with colleagues across the education and skills sector, considering how to ensure young people develop the digital knowledge and capabilities they need to thrive in a modern, technology-driven society.

This event is by invitation only, to request a ticket please get in touch on: reception@epi.org.uk.



19.30 Onward

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Onward Reception

Alex Burghart MP (MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland);

This event is invite-only.



19.30 Young Conservatives

Barbara's Bier Haus, Broad St, Birmingham B15 1SU

YC Reception

Open bar | Special guests | DJing | MPs | Photo booth & arcade games

Limited Capacity! This is a ticketed event and will be in high demand. For information on tickets come to the YC stand.



Fringe Events

19.45 More in Common

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

More in Common Conservative Conference Reception



Join us for More in Common's annual drinks reception, bringing together MPs, journalists, and supporters for an evening of conversation and connection. Please note this event is invitation only.



19.45 Port of Dover

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The Great British Trade Exchange

Doug Bannister (Port of Dover, CEO);



Join the Port of Dover to explore how driving smart, seamless and sustainable trade through decarbonisation, investing in smart infrastructure, and leveraging technology can overcome barriers, drive growth, and secure Britain's future as a global trading powerhouse.



19.45 Health and Care Forum supported by UCB

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

The Health and Care Reception

The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care);

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



20.00 College Green Group

9f Brindley Pl, The Waters Edge, B1 2HL, Cosy Club,

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20.30 Conservative Friends of Israel

Birmingham ICC, Hall 9

Conservative Friends of Israel Reception

CFI's ever popular Conference Reception returns with a series of high-profile speakers and surprise guests.



Fringe Events

20.30 Hanover Communications

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce

Health Charity Showcase - Harnessing the patient voice and charity expertise in healthcare system transformation

Add Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP (MP for East Hampshire);

Drinks reception with leading health charities, showcasing the invaluable role of the patient voice and charity expertise in the delivery of health system transformation and establishing a productive collaborative relationship between policy makers and patient groups.

Invitation only. If you have not received an invite and wish to attend, please email healthcharityshowcase@hanovercomms.com



20.30 Prosper UK

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Prosper UK reception

Andy Street (Prosper UK, Co-chair); Ruth Davidson (Prosper UK, Co-chair); David Gauke (Prosper UK, Vice Chair); Margot James (Prosper UK, Board member);

Join Prosper UK for our reception at Conservative Party Conference, with co-chairs Andy Street and Ruth Davidson, alongside Vice Chair David Gauke and board member Margot James. Come and hear what the movement has built in its first year, from our policy work to a growing supporter base, and where we go next in the fight to win back the centre ground for the Conservatives. Drinks, conversation and a chance to meet the people behind Prosper UK.



20.30 The CBI in partnership with HSBC UK and National Grid

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

The CBI Business Reception

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor);

Join the CBI, HSBC UK and National Grid for an evening networking reception bringing together senior business leaders and political influencers. A senior shadow minister will deliver remarks on what it will take for the UK to unlock growth through investment, improve competitiveness and business confidence, and raise living standards. By invitation only.



20.30 NI Conservatives

Birmingham ICC, Justham Family Room

Northern Ireland Conservative Party Reception

Invited Guests Only. RSVP: office@niconservatives.com



21.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Symphony Hall

London Reception

Ticketed Guests Only



21.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

Silent Disco

Ticketed Guests Only



21.15 Total Politics supported by Allwyn, Family Business UK, University of Chester and Vuelio

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The Total Politics Reception

Mark Wallace (Total Politics, CEO);

Join Total Politics - home of The House magazine, ConservativeHome, PoliticsHome and more - for drinks and networking with MPs, business leaders and journalists. Kindly supported by Allwyn, Family Business UK, the University of Chester and Vuelio.



Fringe Events

21.30 AQA

The Distillery, Gin Parlour,

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22.00 Green Alliance

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Green Groups Reception

Join Chester Zoo, CPRE, Green Alliance, National Trust, RSPB, Woodland Trust and WWF for an evening reception at this pivotal juncture for climate and nature. All welcome.



23.00 TaxPayers' Alliance

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

TaxPayers' Alliance Drinks Reception

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor);

Join the TaxPayers' Alliance for an evening of drinks, conversation and good company at Conservative Party Conference. Come and raise a glass to lower taxes, leaner government, and a better deal for taxpayers.



23.00 Tory Reform Group

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce & Fortissimo combined

TRG Midnight Reception

Andrew Bowie MP (Energy Security and Net Zero, Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland and Shadow Minister for Energy);

When the speeches are finished, the receptions are winding down and most of Conference is calling it a night, TRG is only just getting started. The TRG Midnight Reception returns for CPC26: our late night, members only gathering bringing together MPs, parliamentarians, activists and friends of the Tory Reform Group for one of Conference's most distinctive after hours events.



23.00 LGA Conservative Group. Cllr Kevin Bentley & Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader & Deputy Leader of the LGA Conservative Group

Birmingham ICC, Justham Family Room

LGA Conservatives Councillors' & Mayors Late Night Reception

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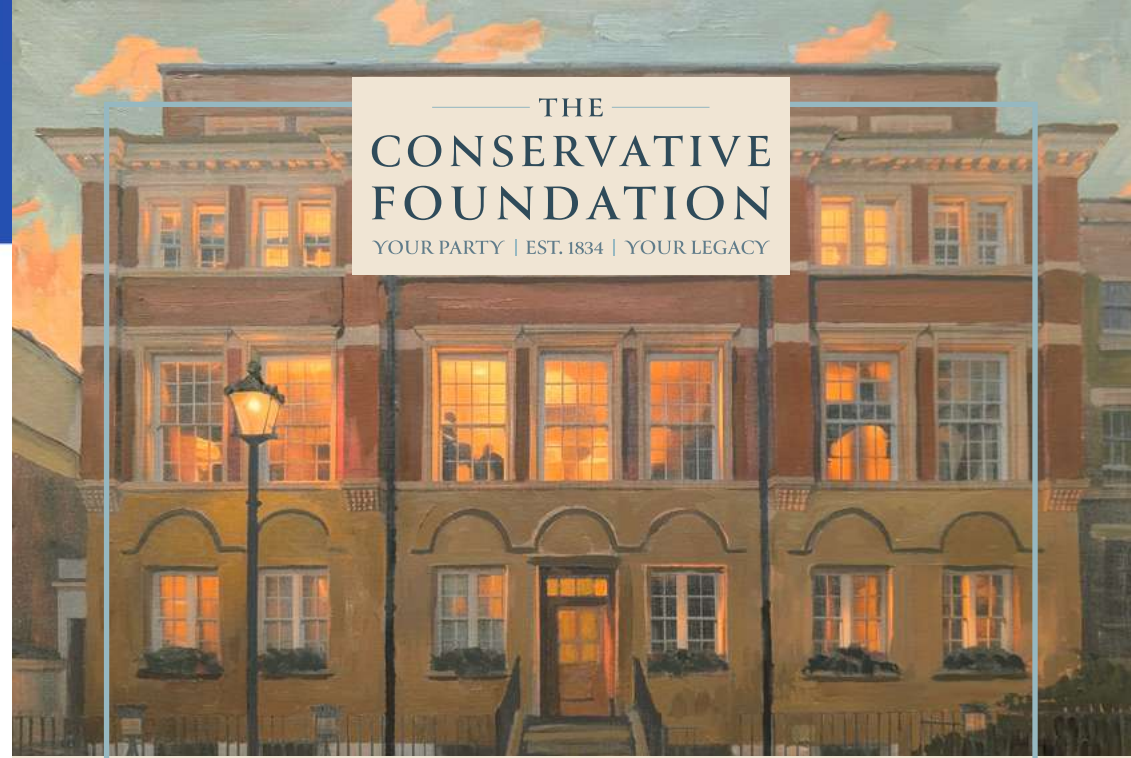
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Fringe Events

07.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship, Aid to Church in Need and Open Doors

Novotel Birmingham Centre B1 2HT, Novotel

Policy and Prayer Breakfast - Why Freedom of Religion and Belief Must Remain a Central Focus

Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs); David Burrowes (Conservative Christian Fellowship, Director); Chaired by Juliet Donoghue (Conservative Christian Fellowship, Director)

Join MPs and Shadow Ministers for a cooked breakfast and discussion which will focus on why freedom of religion or belief must remain a central concern in UK and international public policy, particularly in light of the continued persecution of religious minorities around the world.

We will then follow with prayer for the persecuted Church.



07.30 CCF, Aid to the Church in Need & Open Doors

Novotel, 70 Broad St, Birmingham B1 2HT

Why Freedom of Religion and Belief Must Remain a Central Focus

A discussion on the continuing importance of freedom of religion or belief, religious persecution and freedom of speech. Contributors include:

- Aid to the Church in Need
- Open Doors
- David Burrowes, Adviser to Article 18

08.00 LGB Alliance

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Soprano

Transing Away The Gay: What's behind the conversion practices lobby?

Join LGB Alliance at 8am on Tuesday 6 October in the Soprano Room for a panel discussion on the Government's proposed Conversion Practices Ban. Our expert speakers will explore its true purpose and the dangers it poses for gay young people, parents, ethical therapists & free speech. We will be serving tea, coffee & breakfast at our friendly and welcoming event & chatting about all of our work, throughout the Conference, at Stand 60 / ICC Hall 3.



08.00 British Berry Growers

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

Growing more British berries: strengthening Britain's food security

Anthea McIntyre CBE (British Berry Growers, Director of Policy Development); Ali Capper (British Berry Growers, Executive Chair); Robbie Moore MP (Conservative Party, MP for Keighley and Ilkley. Shadow Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs);

Join British Berry Growers to explore how reliable access to water and a planning system that supports investment can help growers increase British berry production, reduce reliance on imports and strengthen food security. Hear what government and industry can do to unlock sustainable growth, support healthier diets and create jobs in rural communities.



08.30 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Solving Britain's energy crisis

Andrew Bowie MP (, Shadow Minister (Energy Security and Net Zero)); Jack Pardo (Octopus Energy, Head of Policy); Kathryn Porter (Watt-Logic, Energy Consultant); Sean Ridley (Centre for Policy Studies, Energy and Environment Researcher); Chaired by Liam Halligan (Centre for Policy Studies, Director)



Energy prices are crippling Britain, as heavy industry is driven overseas and families worry about their heating bills. Labour remain ideologically blind to opportunities in the North Sea, new nuclear is tied up in planning red-tape, fracking myths are holding back exploration and renewables are viewed as too reliant on public subsidy. So how can we fix things?

Fringe Events

08.45 Be the Business

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Good Growth: Backing Business

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor (Invited)); Katy Bourne OBE (Conservative, Mayoral Candidate for Sussex);

Join us for a morning debate on the economy, investment, innovation and technology, which leads into SME Day at conference. A panel of business leaders and party representatives



09.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Backing Business: Your Voice for Small Business

Panel 1 - Getting Britain Growing: Small Business as an Engine of Growth
Panel plus Q&A – Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, Andrew Griffith MP (Chair) - Louise Hill (GoHenry) & Chris Hulatt (Octopus Group)

Panel 2 – Sponsored by Barclays PLC
National Defence and technological resilience in an increasingly uncertain world.
Panel plus Q&A – Jimmy McLoughlin (Chair) – Shadow Secretary of State for Defence, James Cartlidge MP, Stuart Foster (Barclays) & Tess Butler (Ruddy Nice Ltd)

Policy Roundtables with members of the Shadow Cabinet & Conservative MPs.
Including: Deputy-Leader of the Conservative Party, Alex Burghart MP Shadow Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs, Rt Hon. Victoria Atkins MP



09.30 St Martin's Group and Youth Futures Foundation

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

Creating Opportunities for Young People

Private breakfast roundtable in partnership with Youth Futures Foundation focused on how employers can be supported to create more opportunities for young people. A policy roundtable by invitation only. Contact: emily@smartinsgroup.org



09.30 The Campaign Academy and Leadership Institute

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

Core to Crowd

09.50 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

A Nation of Shopkeepers: Supporting Britain's Small Businesses

Georgiana Bristol (The Jobs Foundation, Chief Executive); James Crouch (Opinium, Head of Policy & Public Affairs); Marco Forgone (The Chartered Institute of Export and International Trade, Director General); Tina McKenzie MBE (Federation of Small Businesses, Interim National Chair); Chaired by Robert Colvile (Centre for Policy Studies, Former Director)



99% of all UK businesses are small businesses, employing over 13 million people. But since 2024, more of them have seen their revenue shrink than grow. Supporting small business is key not just to our prosperity, but to remaining a country in which hard work pays off. Join us to discuss what a Conservative agenda for small businesses should look like, from rewarding risk-taking to a tax and regulation regime that supports instead of stifling.

10.00 Incumbency

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 10

Connect Calling Session

Want to help us win by-elections all while enjoying Conference? We are running Connect Calling sessions this year, allowing for members to help Conservative candidates across the country. Come join us - help elect the Conservatives of tomorrow!

Fringe Events

10.30 165,000 reasons

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce

165,000 Reasons: Ending Children Living in Temporary Accommodation

Fiona Fletcher-Smith (L&Q, Group Chief Executive, L&Q (Invited)); Lucy Pond (Clarion, Head of Public Affairs (Invited)); Sam Pratt (Shared Health, Policy and Communications Lead (Invited)); Nicola Richards (Cratus Group, Director of Government Engagement and former MP for West Bromwich East (Invited));

No child should grow up without a safe, stable place to call home. Join the 165,000 Reasons campaign at Conservative Party Conference to explore how we can tackle the temporary accommodation crisis, protect children's futures and ease the pressure on council budgets. Our panel will focus on practical solutions, from preventing homelessness to delivering the homes families need, and the role Conservatives can play locally and nationally.

10.30 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

From tanks to trolls: How can Europe deter Russian aggression?

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst MP (Conservative Party, Solihull West and Shirley MP); Jack Lopresti (former MP, Azov Brigade); Aliona Hlivco (St. James's Foreign Policy Group, Founder & Chief Executive Officer); Dr Bob Seely MBE (former Member of Parliament for the Isle of Wight and author of 'The New Total War'); Chaired by Thomas Nurcombe (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Research Manager)

Almost five years after the start of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Russia finds itself ground-down, raising fears in Europe that Moscow could escalate the conflict horizontally. This panel will explore the nature of Russian strategy, ways for Europe to effectively deter Russian aggression, and how we can continue to support Ukraine throughout this conflict and beyond.



10.30 Prosper UK

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

Andy Street and Ruth Davidson in Conversation

Ruth Davidson (Prosper UK, Co-chair); Andy Street (Prosper UK, Co-chair);

As Labour governs from the left, the centre ground that decides UK elections is opening up. Prosper UK's co-chairs, Andy Street and Ruth Davidson, sit down together to make the case that this is the opportunity for the Conservative Party to win it back, and how the party takes it. They discuss why they set up Prosper UK, what they are trying to build, and why the fastest route back to power runs through the centre.

10.30 Conservative Environment Network and Energy Networks Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Electrifying growth: How do we unlock energy abundance in Britain?

The Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP (MP for Beverley and Holderness, Former UK Minister of Energy); Greg Hands (EP Group, Strategic Adviser for UK and Germany); Julia Willemyns (Centre for British Progress, Co-founder);

We are stuck with some of the highest electricity prices in the developed world. If we are serious about economic growth, unlocking cheap power is essential. But we should aim higher - to a world of higher demand and true energy abundance - not hairshirt environmentalism that lectures us to use less. How do we enable this brighter future, and what role do energy networks have to play in getting bills down and usage up?



10.30 The Spectator in association with the Institute for Government

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Leaders of Tomorrow: How Can the UK Develop Politicians Fit for the Future?

Michael Gove (*The Spectator*, Editor); Heather Blundell (UK CEO, Grayling); Chaired by Vicky Elliott (IfG Academy, Director)



Good government requires good political leadership. This means it is vital to find and support the political leaders of the future. But while many sectors have career development pathways, there is less focus on helping future political leaders develop the skills and knowledge they need to do their jobs well. How can the UK build a pipeline of future talent? What support do future leaders need? And who should provide this training and support?



10.30 BBC World Service

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Allegro

Media freedom under attack: adapting to global media security threats

Richard Colebourn (BBC, Regional Director for Europe); Judy King (BBC, Editorial Director, BBC Monitoring); Chaired by Fiona Crack (BBC, Interim Global Director of BBC News and Director of the World Service)

Press freedom is at a 25-year low. Today the BBC World Service faces blocking, jamming, internet shutdowns, disinformation and harassment of journalists – playbook tactics from authoritarian states. Join us for a private roundtable to discuss how the BBC counters these threats and reaches over half a billion people globally every week.

This event is invite only - please email lois.toole@bbc.co.uk to attend.



10.30 Conservative Women's Organisation

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

Our Party Needs You! Why You Should Stand for Parliament and Take the Next Step

Thinking about standing for Parliament? Join Clare Hambro, Chair of the Candidates' Committee, Fleur Butler, CWO Director of Development and Mims Davies MP for an inspiring discussion on becoming the best possible candidate, navigating the selection process and building a successful campaign. Discover the support, networking opportunities and skills development available to help you take your next step into public life.

10.30 Conservative Rural Forum & English Rural

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Concerto

Securing the Future of Rural Housing

The Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (MP, Braintree); James, Wright (Conservative Rural Forum, Policy Director); Martin Collett (Chief Executive, English Rural); Chaired by James Heale (The Spectator, Deputy Political Editor (Invited))

Without affordable homes, rural Britain faces a demographic decline, turning once vibrant villages into childless 'baby deserts'. How do we deliver high-quality rural housing while protecting the countryside? The panel will discuss these issues and answer your questions on securing the future of rural housing.

10.30 ConservativeHome in partnership with Home Builders Federation

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The viability crunch: Enabling SME home builders and small sites to thrive



SME home builders have a key role to play in delivering the homes the country needs. However, regulatory burdens and policy costs are putting the viability of development under increasing pressure. Join the Home Builders Federation (HBF), industry representatives and policymakers to discuss the changes needed to unlock small and medium-sized sites.

10.30 Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys

Birmingham ICC, Sir David Amess Theatre

What's happening to young men and boys' education?

Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Lord Michael Farmer (House of Lords, Life Peer); Matthew Barber (Conservative Party, Police and Crimes Commissioner for Thames Valley); Peter Hyman (Boys' Education Commission, Chair); Chaired by Mark Brooks OBE (Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys, Director of Policy)

From boys' lack of attainment to high numbers of young male NEETs; high school exclusions to concerns about boys' engagement; these are just some issues facing young men and boys. This panel discussion with Conservative parliamentarians and experts will explore the policies needed to address these challenges, including the UK's first ever Boys' Education Commission.

10.30 King's College London

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

The future of the workforce: what should the Conservative plan be for tertiary education?

Baroness Amanda Spielman (House of Lords, Shadow Minister (Work and Pensions) and former HM Chief inspector of Education (Invited)); Rt Hon Lord David Willetts (House of Lords, former Universities Minister and President of the Resolution Foundation (Invited)); Professor Bobby Duffy (The Policy Institute at King's College London, Director (Invited)); Professor Dame Alison Wolf DBE (crossbench peer in the UK House of Lords and former adviser on skills and workforce to the UK Prime Minister (Invited)); Jess Lister (Public First, Director (Education) (Invited));

The UK economy is changing fast – automation, AI, and shifting industries are reshaping the skills people need and the pattern of working lives. Higher and further education and apprenticeship sit at the heart of any effective response. What should the Conservative plan be for a tertiary education and training system that actually delivers what we need?

Join the Policy Institute at King's College London and a panel of experts as we examine how our tertiary education, training and skills system can prepare the workforce for the challenges ahead.

10.30 International Team

Birmingham ICC, International Lounge

How Can the UK Leverage Post-Brexit Trade? panel

Julia Lopez MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Invited)); Jonathan Brenton (Pernod Ricard, Director of Public Affairs (Invited)); Chaired by Allie Renison (SEC Newgate, Senior Counsel (Invited))

In partnership with Pernod Ricard

10.45 Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Centre for the Analysis of Taxation (CenTax)

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

Does the British tax system back entrepreneurs?

James Wild MP (, Shadow Exchequer Secretary (Treasury)); Paul Aplin (Chartered Institute of Taxation, President); Andy Summers (CenTax, Director); Alice Jeffries (CBI, Head of Tax Policy); Chaired by Helen Whiteman (Chartered Institute of Taxation, Chief Executive)

The UK wants to be a great place to start and grow a business, but is the tax system helping or getting in the way? Ahead of Budget 2026, our panel brings together the shadow tax minister, tax experts and business to ask what the UK gets right, where it falls short, and what should change. Refreshments provided.

10.45 More in Common in partnership with UCL Policy Lab

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

The Big Tax Debate: Our expert panel discuss where Conservative should go next with JRF, UCL Policy Lab and Stone Centre

Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); Baroness Lucy Jeanne Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG (Conservative Party, Shadow Treasury Minister); The Rt Hon Sir Mel Stride MP (Central Devon, Member of Parliament (Invited)); UCL Policy Lab Speaker to be announced

We bring together leading experts and the latest analysis on taxation to explore what a conservative agenda for reforming the UK tax system might look like. From capital gains tax to tax on investment income, and from tax cliff edges to inheritance tax, we'll explore how reform can deliver fairer and more progressive outcomes while also driving growth and productivity.



Fringe Events

11.00 St Martin's Group

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom
Apprentice Voices: Meet & Greet with Young Apprentices

Meet apprentices from across the country and hear directly about their experiences of work, training and opportunity. This informal networking session offers party members the chance to discuss the barriers young people face and what politics can do to support skills, employment and social mobility. Hosted by The St Martin's Group. Located in the Youth Zone/Skills Hub on the Mezzanine Floor, ICC. INVITE ONLY



11.00 City & Guilds

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre
Employability, Opportunity and the NEETs Crisis

Peter Bedford MP (Work and Pensions Committee, Member); Dominic Collyer (City & Guilds, Senior Public Affairs & Engagement Manager); Vicki Jones (Youth Futures Foundation, Head of Public Affairs & Stakeholder Relations); Beatrice Barleon (Engineering UK, Head of Public Affairs and Policy); John Cope (-, Education & Skills Policy Expert);

This panel discussion will explore City & Guilds' report findings from the Employability Report. The discussion will focus on practical ways to strengthen employability skills, improve transitions into work, and ensure more young people can access the support and opportunities they need to build their futures.



11.00 Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Fortissimo
Levelling Up 2.0?

Chief Economist (Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Chief Economist); Baroness Simone Finn (Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office);

Levelling up promised to spread opportunity, investment and good jobs across the UK. Today, the government is pursuing devolution as a route to stronger regional growth. This panel asks whether giving places more power can create good jobs, attract investment and support reindustrialisation, and what else is needed to make it work.

11.00 Heathrow Airport

Box Office Foyer, Heathrow Lounge,
Heathrow Lounge



Heathrow's exclusive airport-style lounge offers the perfect escape from the usual hustle and bustle of conference and is an ideal meeting space. Space is limited but can be reserved, and senior Heathrow representatives will also be on hand throughout.



11.10 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7
Transforming Higher Education

Baroness Cash (Shadow Education Minister); Dame Rachel de Souza (for England, Children's Commissioner); Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP (Shadow Leader of the House of Commons); Meg Powell-Chandler (New Schools Network, Director); Chaired by Mark Lehain (Centre for Policy Studies, Former Head of Education)



From phonics to free schools, the Conservative Party has been at the forefront of education reforms which have driven up standards across the board. But the jobs market is changing - how can educational leaders adapt, developing models that work across vocational and academic pathways to prepare young people for the evolving world of work?

Fringe Events

11.30 Onward and LCCI

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee
London at a crossroads: Compete or Decline



Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (Braintree, Member of Parliament); Karim Fatehi OBE (London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chief Executive Officer); Harry Quilter Pinner (IPPR, Executive Director); Juliet Samuel (invited); Chaired by Sir Simon Clarke (Onward, Director)

London's status as a global business hub is no longer guaranteed. New York, Paris and Dubai now compete for the same firms, capital and talent, as UK productivity stalls and investment lags. Yet London retains world-class universities, deep capital markets and unmatched connectivity. This event asks what it will take to stay competitive and drive UK growth.



12.00 Conservative Environment Network

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a
Is climate change or a Labour government the biggest threat to British food security?



2026 has been a brutal year for farmers. An extraordinarily wet winter has been followed by a record-breaking summer of sweltering heat and drought driven by climate change. Many farmers were already struggling to make ends meet against a backdrop of ever higher taxes and regulation and funding uncertainty from this Labour government. How can we best support farmers as they wrestle with unparalleled threats to our food security?



12.00 London Councils

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6
No Growth Without London: Is Britain backing its economic engine



Hear from London politicians and business leaders about what is holding the capital back, what it needs to succeed and why London's success matters nationally.

12.00 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1
In Conversation with The Rt Hon Dame Priti Patel DBE MP



The Rt Hon Dame Priti Patel (MP); Chaired by Ryan Henson (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Chief Executive)

The Coalition for Global Prosperity will host an 'In Conversation' with Dame Priti Patel in her new role as International Secretary, examining the future of the centre-right globally at a time of significant political volatility and polarisation. Amidst the rise of the populist and far-right, this discussion will explore how conservatives are responding across the globe, what sister parties can learn from one another's successes and setbacks, and which common principles continue to bind the centre-right in an increasingly fractured world.

12.00 The Spectator in association with the Computer & Communications Industry Association

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b
UK Tech Sovereignty: Competing and Thriving in a Global Digital Economy



Matthew Sinclair (Senior Director, CCIA UK); Matthew Lesh (Freshwater Strategy, Country Manager);

Should Britain support UK tech by protecting domestic markets, or remaining open to global investment, infrastructure and expertise? The panel will discuss how the UK can support its tech sector without drifting into protectionism; the role of regulatory reform in enabling growth and innovation; and whether the investment and infrastructure provided by global tech is an obstacle to UK tech or an essential part of the solution.



Fringe Events

12.15 More in Common in partnership with UCL Policy Lab

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7

Shared Institutions: The role of universities in national and local life

Saqib Bhatti MP (Shadow Minister for Education); The Rt Hon Lord David Willetts (House of Lords, Peer); Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); The Rt Hon Laura Trott MP (, Shadow Secretary of State for Education (Invited)); Jennie Shaw (UCL, Vice-Provost (Education and Student Experience)); Charlotte Armstrong (Policy Manager, Higher Education Policy Institute);

From developing the skills to disagree well, to adapting to the changes in the job market driven by AI, universities remain central to the success or failure of our economic and civic life. How can conservatives ensure these remain shared institutions, rooted in the life of communities and the nation?



12.30 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 9

Small Business Day Lunch

In partnership with Arthington Ventures



12.30 The Growth Commission

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

How To Get Britain Growing Again

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor); Chaired by Shanker Singham (The Growth Commission, Chairman)

What policies need to be pursued for the UK to escape lethargic growth figures and see sustainable economic growth once again? Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade Andrew Griffith MP discusses this and more with Shanker Singham, Chairman of The Growth Commission.

12.30 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

In Conversation with Sir James Cleverly MP

Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (Braintree, Member of Parliament); Chaired by Liam Halligan (Centre for Policy Studies, Director)



The Centre for Policy Studies and Lloyds Banking Group are delighted to host a fireside discussion with Sir James Cleverly MP. The conversation will cover James' ministerial brief, including how to increase the supply of homes, supporting first-time buyers and the Conservatives' proposals for reforming stamp duty.

12.30 Conservatives in the City

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

Making Britain Investible

BlackRock

Antony Manchester (BlackRock UK, Managing Director, Co-Head, EMEA Region, Global Public Policy Group); Miles Celic OBE (TheCityUK, CEO); Greg Hands (EP Group, Strategic Adviser for UK and Germany); Catherine McBride OBE (Economist, Free markets and international trade insights); Chaired by Ed McGuinness (Conservatives in the City, President)

Capital is voting with its feet, and it should vote for Britain. Join us and our panel of industry experts to ask what it would take to Make Britain Investible again under a renewed Conservative Party: tax, planning, pensions, regulation and the reforms that would actually move money. Sponsored by BlackRock. Drinks and refreshments will be served, so bring your questions and your appetite for a proper argument.



12.30 Conservative Women's Organisation

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

Campaigning Tools for Success: From Surveys to Socials

Aphra Brandreth MP (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Invited)); Laura Evans (Conservative Women's Organisation, Treasurer (Invited)); David McNeillage (Conservative Party, Regional Campaign Manager (Invited)); Liv Lever (CWO, Campaign (Invited)); Jane MacBean (CWO, Campaign (Invited)); Chaired by Tracy Stones (Conservative Women's Organisation, Deputy National Chairman (Invited))

A practical Q&A session with CWO experts on how to mobilise a grassroots campaign.

12.30 Youth Futures Foundation

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

The Big Youth Unemployment Debate - What Next for Young People?

Chaired by Seyi Obakin (Youth Futures Foundation, Chair)

Join us for a panel debate with senior party representatives on the road ahead for young people not in education, employment and training (NEETs).

12.30 International Team

Birmingham ICC, International Lounge

AUKUS at Five: What's Next?

David Reed MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Defence and FCDO (Invited)); Hon George Brandis KC (Former Attorney-General and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (Invited)); Simon Blagden CBE (advisor to UK MoD and a member of the Digital Advisory Board at BIST (Invited)); Chaired by David Landsman OBE (British Foreign Policy Group (Invited))

Panel Session

12.30 Express

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Scherzo

How does the Right unite to defeat Labour?

In conversation with Martyn Brown (Express) and special guest speakers

12.45 Onward and Conservatives for Women

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Beyond EDI: The future of the Equality Act



Joy Morrissey MP (Women and Equalities, Shadow Minister); Baroness Cash (House of Lords, Member); Lara Brown (The Spectator, Commissioning Editor); Maeve Halligan (Cambridge University Society of Women, Founder); Chaired by Caroline Elsom (Onward, Research Director)

In the last few years, sex-based rights have made progress, but companies and public services are still struggling to change. Continuing "EDI" practices are facing increasing scrutiny in many British institutions. Our panel explores why resistance runs so deep, what steps councillors and companies should take to meet the new EHRC code and what we should do next about the Equality Act - reform, repeal or replace?

12.45 Conservative Policy Forum

Birmingham ICC, Sir David Amess Theatre

Policies for Opportunity

Aarti Joshi (CPF Member Expert Group - Taxation, Chairman (Invited)); Chaired by Mark Garnier MP (Shadow Treasury Minister)

How can taxation and other types of policy support the aspirational, including families and high earners who are not rich yet? Join a workshop with the Conservative Policy Forum, the Conservative Party's official in-house thinktank, which takes the best policy solutions to the Leader and Shadow Cabinet. Come along, and bring your ideas.

13.00 Incumbency

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 10

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Fringe Events

13.00 Digital Poverty Alliance

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Concerto

Empowering young people through tech access

Margot James (Prosper UK, Board member (Invited)); Tatiana Raikes (Currys, Senior External Communications Manager (Invited)); Chaired by Elizabeth Anderson (Digital Poverty Alliance, Chief Executive Officer (Invited))

Join this session to debate why digital access and confidence are the key to empowering young people. Our focus will be on education and employment, with a special case study looking at our Tech4Young Carers project. Sponsored by Currys plc. Speakers including Margot James; Elizabeth Anderson, DPA; Tatiana Raikes, Currys plc; Amy Low, AbilityNet; and Kathy Olsson, E2BN.



13.00 Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

EU Ambassador's Reception

Reception hosted by the Ambassador of the European Union to the United Kingdom. Speaker: Priti Patel MP (invited). For information and to register, please email delegation-united-kingdom-political@eeas.europa.eu



13.00 The Telegraph

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, DFS

The Daily T: On the Road

Camilla Tominey (The Daily Telegraph, Associate Editor); Tim Stanley (The Telegraph, Columnist); Allister Heath (The Sunday Telegraph, Editor); Annabel Denham (The Telegraph, Columnist and Senior Political Commentator);

Join four of Britain's foremost journalists for a live recording of The Daily T podcast. Watch as they unpack the day's key talking points and ask what Kemi must do to attract more Conservative voters.



13.00 The NHS Alliance

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 2

The front door to the NHS: The role of primary care in delivering a healthier nation

Dr Luke Evans MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Health and Social Care) (Invited)); Giles Edmonds (Specsavers, Director of Clinical Services); Chaired by Daniel Reynolds (The NHS Alliance, Director of Communications)

As the NHS shifts towards prevention and neighbourhood health, primary care has a critical role to play in improving outcomes, reducing health inequalities and delivering sustainable reform. Join The NHS Alliance and a panel of expert speakers to discuss how primary care providers can lead the prevention agenda and work with partners across the health and care system to deliver more joined-up, patient-centred services.



13.00 University of Surrey and National Centre for Universities and Businesses

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 9

Who delivers growth? Turning local strengths into investment opportunities

Devolution is redrawing how England is governed, but what should places actually do with the powers? This private roundtable at Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham, co-hosted by the University of Surrey and the National Centre for Universities and Business, brings together politicians, business and universities to discuss turning investment, research and skills into growth. Register your interest: beth@inflect.co.uk



13.00 Prosper UK

The Exchange, Dhani Prem and Mary Sturge rooms

Andy Street in conversation

Andy Street (Prosper UK, Co-chair);

Small businesses are the backbone of the UK economy, yet too many are held back by barriers that make it harder to grow than it should be. Andy Street sits down to talk about what it really takes to help SMEs prosper, from cutting the cost of doing business to easing regulation and opening up access to investment, and what a Conservative Party serious about enterprise should be offering them.



Fringe Events

13.00 HSBC Innovation Banking and UK BioIndustry Association (BIA)

HSBC UK, 1 Centenary Square

From Lab to Listing: Financing Britain's Innovative Businesses (By invitation only)

The money to scale British innovation is finally moving - the pension reforms the Conservatives began now nudging capital into private markets and the PuFins handed new firepower. But will it reach the firms that need it, without crowding out private investors or resorting to mandation? Join us to ask how the Conservatives would get growth capital to Britain's innovators and keep them scaling, and listing, here.



13.00 Next Gen Tories

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Drawing Room

How to be a Yimby Councillor

The last set of local elections saw a new generation of young councillors elected across the country. If you want to be a councillor who says yes to new homes, thriving high streets, pubs, restaurants and businesses that bring communities together? Join us for a practical discussion with an expert panel on how to be a proactive YIMBY councillor.

13.30 APPG Future Homes and Skills

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Boardroom

FUTURE HOMES AND SKILLS HUB FRINGE: CAN WE FUTURE PROOF 1.5 MILLION HOMES WITHOUT BRIDGING THE SKILLS GAP?

With the housing sector facing severe skills shortages how do we bridge the skills gap and create clear pathways into the quality jobs and training needed to build homes fit for the future? Invitation only, email taya@devoagency.co.uk.



13.30 Conservative Environment Network and Velux

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

The Great British heatwave: are our homes fit for purpose?



Britain has been sweltering in record-breaking temperatures, driven by our changing climate. Given this will only get worse, we need to adapt our homes to ensure our health, quality of life, and economy don't suffer. What role should aircon and measures like opening roof windows play in cooling our homes? And how can we make them more attractive to consumers? Join us to discuss a conservative approach to make our homes fit for the future.



13.30 Nationwide

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

Unlocking SME Growth: Expanding Competition and Choice in Business Banking



SMEs are the backbone of the UK economy. Giving them greater access to choice in banking is key to driving investment, & growth. Join expert panellists to explore how targeted regulatory reform can level the playing field, increase competition and choice, & enable mutuals to play a role in supporting enterprise & economic growth across the UK.

Fringe Events

13.30 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

Plague-proof Britain: Sovereignty, health security and the race to stay ahead

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst MP (Conservative Party, Solihull West and Shirley MP); Steve Brine (former MP for Winchester, and PUS for Public Health and Prevention); Paul Nuki (Telegraph, Global Health Security Editor); James Hedgeland (Flint Global, Special Advisor to the Health Secretary); Chaired by Zoe Swanwick (Coalition for Global Prosperity, Senior Researcher)



“Plague-proof Britain: sovereignty, health security and the race to stay ahead” will spotlight the UK’s expertise and reputation as a global health leader in health R&D. The panel will explore how this competitive advantage strengthens our own domestic health systems and how it supports our influence overseas.

13.45 Engineering UK

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

How to deliver the right engineering skills to drive economic growth in every corner of the UK

The promise of well-paid jobs and broad-based economic growth is constrained by a persistent skills gaps and workforce shortages, leaving people and regions behind. Join the National Engineering Policy Centre to discuss place-based solutions that ensure every Briton gains the skills needed to succeed in the future economy.



13.50 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Is Britain going bust?

Simon French (Panmure Liberum, Chief Economist and Head of Research); Daniel Herring (Centre for Policy Studies, Head of Economic and Fiscal Policy); Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG (, Shadow Minister (Treasury)); Jack Rankin MP (Member of Parliament, Windsor); Chaired by Emma Taggart (The Telegraph, Economics Reporter)



Everyone agrees the public finances are on unstable footing, with spending on everything from welfare to defence, health to debt set to rise. The Conservatives’ ‘golden economic rule’ mandates that for every pound in savings, at least 50% must be used to lower our debt. But where are those savings going to come from? Join our panel to discuss how we can tackle public spending and stop Britain going bust.

14.00 Onward and Hallam Land

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Building on Solid Ground: Land Use, Planning Reform, and the Future of Housing Delivery

Katie Lam MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government); Paul Burton (Hallam Land, Executive Director); Myles Wild-Smith (Lichfields, Planning Director, Birmingham); Zack Simons KC (Landmark Chambers, Planning Barrister (Invited)); Chaired by Sir Simon Clarke (Onward, Director)



England’s housing crisis is one of confidence, not just numbers. Permissions are granted but homes are not delivered quickly, many brownfield sites sit idle, and squeezed housebuilders pull back from unviable schemes. This event brings together planning, development and policy voices to ask what it takes to unlock land, deliver homes at scale, and build lasting policy stability.



Fringe Events

14.00 The Spectator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

The Spectator in conversation with a shadow cabinet minister

Chaired by Michael Gove (*The Spectator*, Editor)

Join The Spectator's editor Michael Gove and a shadow cabinet minister. Please see the online listing for more information.



15.00 Conservative Environment Network and Green Gas Taskforce

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10a

Energy independence: Can domestic gas production deliver energy security?

Andrew Bowie MP (*Energy Security and Net Zero*, Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland and Shadow Minister for Energy); Tara Singh (*RenewableUK*, CEO); Nic Crowe (*Green Gas Taskforce*, Co-Chair);

The Iran-US war shows how vulnerable the UK's energy supply is to global events. Expanding domestic energy production can deliver energy security. But how much additional oil and gas is viable to be extracted in the North Sea or via fracking? What role could greener gases such as biomethane or hydrogen play? Can we bolster gas production and balance climate concerns? Long term, is the route to energy security via oil and gas or electrification?



15.00 St Martin's Group

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

The Apprentice Voice: What Young Talent Needs from Politics

Richard Turner (*Network Rail*, .); Chaired by Peter Bedford MP (*Work and Pensions Committee*, Member)

Join us for a panel Q&A with young apprentices and senior party representatives.



15.00 Coalition for Global Prosperity

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 1

Red flags: How should the UK approach China?

The Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (*The Conservative Party*, Member of Parliament for Chingford and Woodford Green); Fiona Hamilton (*The Times*, Chief Reporter); Dr John Hemmings (*Henry Jackson Society*, Director of the National Security Centre); Chaired by Luke de Pulford (*Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China* Founder and Executive Director)



The UK's National Security Strategy described China's rapid economic, military and technological modernisation as unprecedented in scale. Yet a fundamental question remains: what does China represent to Britain — an opportunity, a challenge or a threat? This panel will examine how the UK should approach its relationship with China, identifying the priorities and principles that should underpin a coherent long-term strategy.

15.00 The Cornerstone Group

Novotel Hotel, 70 Broad Street, B1 2HT, Burne Jones Room

Assisted Suicide and Beyond – The Battle for Morality in Politics

The Baroness Grey-Thompson DBE DL (*House of Lords*, Peer); Rebecca Paul MP (*House of Commons*, Member of Parliament); Rupert Evans (*Right To Life UK*, Director of Public Affairs); Nikki da Costa (*Fix Britain*, Director of Legislative Affairs); Chaired by Rt Hon Sir John Hayes CBE MP (*House of Commons*, Member of Parliament)

Join the Cornerstone Group for their annual panel discussion. This year the battle against assisted suicide, in the context of other moral issues, will be discussed with guest speakers. Coffees, teas, and light snacks provided.



Fringe Events

15.10 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

Making Whitehall Work

Neil O'Brien (Shadow Minister for Policy Renewal); Ameer Kotecha (Centre for Government Reform, CEO); Lee Rowley (Centre for Policy Studies, Research Fellow); Alex Thomas (Institute for Government, Executive Director - Impact and Influence); Chaired by Annabel Denham (The Telegraph, Columnist and Senior Political Commentator)



Successive ministers have complained they struggled to implement change once in government because the levers of Whitehall seem disconnected. Is the problem bad ministers or bad civil servants? Too many arms-length bodies or not enough devolved power? Join our panel to discuss what needs to change to ensure the next Conservative government can make an impact from day one.

15.15 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Backing Business: Your Voice for Small Business

Policy Roundtables with members of the Shadow Cabinet & Conservative MPs. Including: Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Katie Lam MP and Shadow Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, Rt Hon. Damian Hinds MP

Panel 3- Scaling Up: From start-up to National Champion

Panel plus Q&A – Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Julia Lopez MP (Chair) – Sir Richard Harpin (HomeServe), Luke Johnson (Gail's) & Tom Beahon (Castore)

15.30 Telegraph

Birmingham ICC, Jane How

Bytes, Bots or Bayonets: Has the war in Ukraine shown the future of warfare - and is Britain ready?

Chaired by Dominic Nicholls (The Telegraph, Associate Editor, Defence)

A special event hosted by Dominic Nicholls, former British Army Officer and now The Telegraph's Associate Editor, Defence, as well as co-host of the award-winning podcast, Ukraine: The Latest. Join Dominic and his distinguished guests as they examine whether the UK's armed forces are ready to face the challenges of the modern world. You'll also be invited to put your questions to the panel.



15.30 Onward

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

Parks and prosperity: how to create, protect and restore access to nature

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The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs); Meg Tretheway (Onward, Policy Fellow); John Flesher (Conservative Environment Network, Deputy Director); Kitty Thompson (Create Streets Foundation, Head of Policy and Campaigns); Chaired by Caroline Elsom (Onward, Research Director)

Britain's wild and natural spaces are often a source of great pride in people's local areas. But too often, measures to protect and improve green space have come at the expense of building and growth. Our panel explore the opportunities for better investment in nature that improves access for urban and rural communities alike.



15.30 The Spectator

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

The War on Fun: Are Adult Freedoms Under Threat?

Jack Rankin (Member of Parliament, Windsor); Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales); Jonathan Brenton (Pernod Ricard, Director of Public Affairs); Chaired by Michael Simmons (The Spectator, Economics Editor)

From a drink at the pub and a day at the races to the products adults choose to buy, everyday pleasures face an expanding web of tax and regulation. Measures intended to improve public health or raise revenue can carry wider consequences for consumer choice, personal responsibility and business. We will consider policies affecting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, hospitality and the high street – and ask how the Tories can protect individual freedom.



15.30 All For Ukraine

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8a

How NOT to Flee a War

How NOT to Flee a War is a first-hand talk by Ukrainian journalist Maria Romanenko, co-presented with her partner Jez Myers, telling the story of their attempt to escape Kyiv as Russia launched its full-scale invasion on 24 February 2022.

Rather than a polished narrative of survival, Maria and Jez describe the experience with blunt honesty and dark humour – the endless traffic, exhaustion, panic, misinformation, and the reality of borders under pressure. Through Maria's perspective as a Ukrainian, and Jez's as a British partner caught inside the unfolding disaster, the talk becomes both a gripping personal account and a wider reflection on displacement, resilience, and what it means to lose your home overnight.

16.00 Conservative Friends of Overseas Territories

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Dolce

Conservative Friends of Overseas Territories Drinks Reception

Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs); Dr Tasha Ebanks-Garcia (Cayman Islands Government, Representative); Alex Burghart MP (MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Invited)); The Rt Hon Dame Priti Patel MP (Witham, Member of Parliament (Invited));

Join us for our annual drinks reception at Party Conference. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be served as we bring together parliamentarians, Overseas Territories representatives and members to discuss how we can strengthen the relationship between the United Kingdom and the Overseas Territories in the decades ahead.

The reception is generously sponsored by Lord Ashcroft.



16.00 LGA Conservative Group

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

Local Government Act 2029: the basis of the next Conservative Governments vision for English local government post LGR

David Simmonds MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Minister (Housing, Communities and Local Government)); Prof Colin Copus (De Montfort University, Emeritus Professor of Local Politics); Paul Bristow (Mayor, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (Invited)); Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen (LGA Conservative Group, Deputy Leader of the LGA Conservative Group); Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (London Councils, Councillor); Cllr Richard Wright (Local Councils' Network, Chairman of the Local Councils' Network); Cllr Steven Broadbent (County Councils' Network, Vice Chairman of the County Councils' Network); Chaired by Cllr Kevin Bentley (LGA Conservative Group, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group)

Join us for the LGA Conservative Group annual CPC Fringe Debate to discuss the next Conservative Governments vision for English local government post LGR and the basis of a future Local Government Act. All Conservative Councillors and party members are welcome.



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16.00 The Conservative Middle East Council

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Drawing Room

Making Peace Impossible? The West Bank E1 Development and its implications for regional peace

Professor Yossi Mekelberg (Chatham House, Senior Consulting Fellow, MENA Programme); Zizette Darkazally (Chatham House, Associate Fellow MENA programme); Chaired by The Rt. Hon. Kit Malthouse MP (Chairman, The Conservative Middle East Council, Member of Parliament)

The E1 development, deemed illegal under international law, effectively makes a two state solution in Israel-Palestine impossible. What are the implications of this for regional peace, and the security of both Palestinian and Israeli people? What will the elections in Israel hold for Netanyahu, and will this change the trajectory of an ever-more territorially ambitious Israel?

16.00 Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys

Birmingham ICC, Sir David Amess Theatre

What's happening to men and boys' health?

Mims Davies MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Dr Luke Evans MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Health and Social Care) (Invited)); Lord Roger Evans (The Conservative Party, House of Lords); Emma Best AM (City Hall Conservatives, Deputy Leader); Chaired by Mark Brooks OBE (Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys, Director of Policy)

From record rates of male suicide, obesity and alcohol deaths to large gaps in life expectancy based on where you live and work; these are just some of the health issues facing men.

This panel discussion with leading Conservative parliamentarians and experts will discuss the impact of the men's health strategy and what more policies are needed to address these challenges.

16.00 Tony Blair Institute for Global Change and Prosper UK

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Soprano

Who Builds the State of the Future?

David Gauke (Prosper UK, Vice Chair); Dr Elizabeth Seger (Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Senior Policy Advisor); Chaired by Josh Glancy (The Sunday Times, Associate Editor)

Technology offers governments the opportunity to deliver better, faster public services and transform how the state works. But much of that technology is developed and controlled overseas. How should governments balance using the best technology available with building their own capabilities and retaining control over the systems they depend on?

16.15 More in Common in partnership with Prosper UK

Birmingham ICC, Executive Room 7



Can the Conservatives be the tactical choice for both left and right?

Luke Tryl (More in Common, Executive Director); Sir Andy Street CBE (Prosper UK, Co-Chair);

In today's multi-party Britain, seats are increasingly being decided on smaller margins, with more voters lending support tactically rather than backing their first-choice party. Could the Conservatives win that tactical vote from both flanks - those tempted by Reform, and those wanting to stop it? Using exclusive polling, we examine how big that opportunity is, the barriers in the way, and issues that could cut across the political spectrum.



16.15 Be the Business & City and Guilds

Birmingham ICC, Youth Zone & Skills Hub - Theatre

Skills & Growth Reception

The Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons (Invited));

Join us for an end of session reception with party representatives and special guests.



Fringe Events

16.15 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

The Power of the Voluntary Party

Elizabeth Hall (West Midlands Regional Chairman (Invited)); Mims Davies MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Cllr Jo Barker (West Midlands DCMF (Invited)); Hannah Campbell (West Midlands DCP (Invited));

A look at the power of the voluntary party to shape the future of Westminster and beyond!

16.30 Conservative Friends of Pakistan

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Scherzo

Conservative Friends of Pakistan Reception

The Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly MP (Braintree, Member of Parliament (Invited)); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party (Invited)); Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs (Invited)); Mims Davies MP (The Conservative Party, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (Invited)); Saqib Bhatti MP (House of Commons, Shadow Minister for Education (Invited)); Richard Fuller MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Invited)); Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chingford and Woodford Green, Member of Parliament (Invited)); The Rt Hon Richard Holden MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (Invited));

Lord Choudrey CBE SI Pk & CFoP Board invite you to a Drinks Reception at the Conservative Party Conference to celebrate British Pakistani contributions & the Party's pro-business legacy. Rooted in economic liberalism, deregulation & personal responsibility, we invite business leaders, Shadow Ministers, MPs & Peers to champion growth & build a stronger Britain.



16.30 Centre for Policy Studies

Birmingham ICC, Hall 7

In Conversation with Andrew Griffith MP

Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer); Chaired by Liam Halligan (Centre for Policy Studies, Director)



CPS Director Liam Halligan sits down with Shadow Business Secretary Andrew Griffith to discuss the Conservatives' plans to support business, boost growth and get the country back on a path to prosperity. The discussion, followed by a Q&A, will touch on Andrew's campaigning against Labour's Employment Rights Bill, how a future Tory government will help a new generation of entrepreneurs as well as support more people into work.

17.00 The Conservative Councillors' Association

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

Different Chambers, Same Goals: The CCA/Shadow MHCLG Q&A

Get inside the latest policy battles shaping local government. Join the Shadow MHCLG team for a lively Q&A on planning, housebuilding, devolution, council finances, local government reform and the fight for Britain's towns and high streets. This is your opportunity to put your questions directly to the Shadow team, and help shape the Party's local government fightback.

17.00 Onward

Birmingham ICC, Onward Marquee

In conversation with Neil O'Brien OBE MP

Neil O'Brien OBE MP (Policy Renewal and Development, Shadow Minister); Chaired by Sir Simon Clarke (Onward, Director)



Onward will host a series of one-to-one conversations with members of the Shadow Cabinet. Each event will offer a rare chance to hear directly about their priorities, strategies, and vision as they set out how they plan to hold the Government to account and shape the future of the country.

17.00 Prospect Policy Insights in association with OEUK

Hyatt Regency Birmingham,
Andante

Securing Britain's Energy Future, Prioritising the North Sea



Explore how the North Sea can drive energy security, economic growth and industrial renewal. With volatility reshaping oil markets and supply routes, the discussion will explore the policy environment needed to attract long-term investment and support both supply resilience and decarbonisation.



17.00 Good Growth Foundation

Birmingham ICC, Hall 8b

Stadiums as Civic Anchors: how major sports venues can unlock good growth in towns and cities.



How can stadium regeneration unlock new jobs, homes, transport links and revitalise communities? Join Good Growth Foundation and the Premier League to discuss the role of football in place-based regeneration. Please see the online listing for more information.



17.30 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11 Foyer

Small Business Day Drinks Reception

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17.45 Young Conservatives

Birmingham ICC, Castle Lane Theatre

Got a Policy Idea That Could Change the World?

Two minutes, one mic, your big idea. Whatever keeps you up at night, whatever you're fed up with, whatever policy you reckon could go down in history, this is where you pitch it. Special guests will throw their own ideas into the ring, and the audience decides the winner. Glory, bragging rights, and the top idea gets sent straight to the Policy Renewal Team.

18.00 The Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation hosted by The Rt Hon Mark Francois MP Shadow Minister for Defence

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Concerto

Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation Reception (CAWF)

The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs); Dr. Neil Hudson (Conservative Party MP, Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary DEFRA); Chris Platt (Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation (CAWF), Co-Founder); Lorraine Platt (Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation (CAWF), Co-Founder); Chaired by The Rt Hon Mark Francois (MP Conservative Party, Shadow Minister for Defence)

Join the Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation for a special reception celebrating our 10th anniversary.

Speaker 1: Chris Platt Co- Founder CAWF. Speaker 2: Rt Hon Mark Francois MP Shadow Minister for Defence. Speaker 3: Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP Shadow Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs. Speaker 4: Lorraine Platt Co-Founder CAWF



18.00 Big Brother Watch

Birmingham ICC, Disraeli Theatre

Free Speech in a "papers, please" society

Sir Andrew Mitchell MP (Conservative Party, MP (Invited)); Lord Kempson (Conservative Party, Life Peer (Invited)); Ella Whelan (Battle of Ideas, Co-convenor and Journalist (Invited)); Silkie Carlo (Big Brother Watch, Director (Invited));

Free speech is in crisis. We ask: what needs to change? Our latest report, Britain's Free Speech Problem, reveals a postcode lottery for speech arrests, the harmful impact of online regulations, and a stream of laws clamping down on peaceful protest. Polling shows a majority of the public does not trust the Government to defend free expression. Join us to discuss the legal, cultural, and political answers to reviving this British tradition.

Fringe Events

18.00 BAE Systems

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

Future Challenges in Defence

*James Cartledge MP (Member of Parliament, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence);
Chaired by Mark Wallace (Total Politics, CEO)*

A one-to-one interview with the Shadow Secretary of State to discuss priorities and challenges in defence and security. Powered by Total Politics.

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18.00 Terrence Higgins Trust

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

Terrence Higgins Trust and LGBT+ Conservatives Reception

Join Terrence Higgins Trust, LGBT+ Conservatives and special guests for drinks and speeches on the mission to end new HIV cases in England by 2030. This event is sponsored by ViiV Healthcare.



18.00 Blue Collar Conservatism

Box, 1-2 The Waters Edge Brindley Pl, Birmingham B1 2HL, 1st Floor,

Towards a Majority: Winning Back the Trust of Reform Voters

*Rt Hon Esther McVey MP (Co-Founder Blue Collar Conservatism, MP for Tatton);
Lewis Cocking MP (Parliamentary Chairman, Blue Collar Conservatism, MP for
Bromborough); Chaired by Clark Vasey (Blue Collar Conservatism, Co-Founder &
Director)*

To secure a majority, the Conservatives must once again be seen as the party best placed to defeat Labour and deliver for working people.

Join Esther McVey and special guests over a pint as Blue Collar Conservatism explores how our Party can rebuild trust with voters currently supporting Reform, broaden its appeal to working Britain and chart a credible route back to government.



18.00 Embassy of Ireland

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Allegro

Embassy of Ireland Reception

Embassy of Ireland Reception. Invited Guests Only.



18.00 The Conservative Party

Birmingham ICC, Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space

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19.00 Conservative Friends of India

Birmingham ICC, Hall 11

Conservative Friends of India Reception

*The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary);
Rt. Hon Sir Oliver Dowden CBE MP (Conservative Friends of India, Co-
Chairman); The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP (Conservative Party, Leader of the
Conservative Party (Invited)); Kumaran Periasamy (India High Commission, High
Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom);*

The CF India Reception is a highlight of Conference. Guests will enjoy a vibrant Indian buffet and drinks while hearing from a distinguished panel including Shadow Home Secretary of State The Rt. Hon. Chris Philp MP, Former Deputy PM The Rt. Hon. Sir Oliver Dowden MP and Indian High Commissioner Mr. Kumaran Periasamy. The evening offers unparalleled networking with Members of the Shadow Cabinet and Parliamentarians from both Houses. Kindly sponsored by the High Commission of India.



Fringe Events

19.30 The House supported by Lloyds Banking Group

Birmingham ICC, Hall 6

The Reception for Change: Building a Safer Future for Women and Girls

Rebecca Smith MP (South West Devon, Member of Parliament);

The Reception for Change will explore how a future Conservative government could help build better futures for women and girls, from safer streets and online spaces to a system which delivers the protection they deserve from economic and domestic abuse.



20.00 Adam Smith Institute

Birmingham ICC, Justham Family Room

The Rally for Liberty

The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP (Conservative Party, Shadow Home Secretary (Invited)); Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor, Shadow Chancellor (Invited)); Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative Party, Chairman of the Conservative Party (Invited)); Jack Rankin MP (Education PP, MP for Windsor (Invited)); Cllr Festus Akinbusoye (Westminster City Council, Westminster City Councillor and Former Police and Crime Commissioner (Invited));

Join us at the Conservative Party Conference to take a stand for liberty.

Whether it's your right to speak freely, enjoy a cigarette or just have a quiet pint at your local, the UK's long-established civil liberties are under threat. With the Government doubling down on its nanny-state agenda and introducing digital IDs via the back door, the fightback couldn't be more urgent.

After all, it was the titanic Conservative Prime Minister George Canning who became the first British politician to describe themselves as a "liberal." It's time to reclaim that radical tradition.

Join us for a drink at this year's Rally For Liberty to hear leading Conservative MPs make the case for freedom.



20.30 The 92 Group

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, DFS

A Conservative Defence of Free Speech

David Starkey CBE (Historian, Author, and Presenter); Allison Pearson (Author, Columnist, Commentator); Nick Timothy CBE MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament); Andrew Griffith MP (Shadow Chancellor); Chaired by Rt Hon Sir John Hayes CBE MP (House of Commons, Member of Parliament)

Join the 92 Group of Conservative MPs and Peers for our annual drinks and nibbles reception where we will discuss the Conservative defence of free speech, with notable speaker contributions.



20.30 Kurdistan Regional Government UK Representation

Birmingham ICC, Hall 10b

Conservative Friends of Kurdistan Region Drinks Reception

Join us for drinks and canapés as we celebrate the historic friendship between the Conservative Party and the Kurdistan Region.



20.30 The Westminster Foundation for Democracy, in partnership with the Conservative Party

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata

Diplomatic Reception

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy, in partnership with the Conservative Party are putting on the Diplomatic Reception for our international guests. Hosted by Rt Hon Dame Priti Patel MP (Conservative Member of Parliament for Witham). Strictly invitation only.



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Rt. Hon Victoria Atkins MP, Shadow
Secretary of State for Defra

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Fringe Events

07.30 CCF & Right to Life

Novotel, 70 Broad St, Birmingham B1 2HT

Life, Dignity and Compassion: What Kind of Society Do We Want to Be?

A discussion exploring the value and dignity of human life, compassion for the vulnerable and the important public-policy questions surrounding proposed abortion decriminalisation and assisted dying.

Contributors include:

- Right to Life
- Further parliamentary contributors

07.30 Conservative Christian Fellowship and Right to Life

Novotel Birmingham Centre B1 2HT, Novotel

Policy and Prayer Breakfast: Right to Life - Reflecting on the dignity and value of every human life.

Martin Vickers MP (Brigg and Immingham, MP); Rupert Evans (Right to Life, Director); Sir Desmond Swayne MP (New Forest, MP (Invited)); Chaired by David Burrowes (Conservative Christian Fellowship, Director)

Join MPs for a cooked breakfast and discussion which will focus on current life issues, including the Assisted Dying Bill and the proposed decriminalisation of abortion.

The discussion will consider the implications of current legislative developments and the importance of protecting vulnerable people and maintaining appropriate safeguards within public policy.

We will then follow with a time of prayer around life issues.



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Stand 28

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cancerresearchuk.org

Stand 24

Conservative Christian Fellowship



Since 1990, we have served as bridge between the Party and the Church, as well as been the non-denominational Christian Fellowship in the Conservative Party. We inspire Christians to go into public life and support them when they get there. Our regular prayer and policy events in Parliament and at Party Conference are a vital part of building engagement between Christian Charities and Churches and the Party in its renewal. Stand with us!

theccf.co.uk

Stand F02

Conservative Environment Network



The Conservative Environment Network is the home for conservatives who support responsible environmental leadership. We are a broad network, bringing people together and giving people a shared identity around conservative environmentalism. We convene conservatives to debate environmental issues in a trusted setting, and find common ground.

cen.uk.com

Stand 26

Conservative Friends of Israel



CFI works to promote its twin aims of supporting Israel and promoting Conservatism in the UK. CFI organises events in Westminster, takes Conservative parliamentarians and candidates on delegations to Israel, campaigns hard for Conservative candidates in target seats, and works to ensure that Israel's case is fairly represented in Parliament.

cfoi.co.uk

Stand F01

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Conservative Friends of Pakistan - CFoP



Conservative Friends of Pakistan (CFoP) seeks to build a stronger, and deeper relationship between the Conservative Party, Pakistan and the British Pakistani community.

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cfop.org.uk

Stand F07

Conservative Party Archive



The official archive of the Conservative Party preserves and facilitates research into the central and national records of the Conservative Party. The collection dates back to 1867 and has been housed at the Bodleian Libraries in Oxford since 1978. The collection has been continuously added to up to the present day.

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Stand 42

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Dementia UK



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dementiauk.org

Stand 18

Electrical Safety First



Electrical Safety First is the UK's leading charity on electrical safety. They work with the government, businesses, media and the electrical industry to provide expert advice, resources and campaigns to promote electrical safety in the home, including the safe use of e-bikes and e-scooters.

electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk

Stand 27

Epilepsy Society



For many people with epilepsy, missing even a single dose of time-critical medication can be life-threatening. An Epilepsy Society survey found almost two thirds of people were unable to get their medication in the past year.

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Stand 41

Falkland Islands Government



Visit our stand to learn more about the Falkland Islands, a modern, diverse, and self-governing UK Overseas Territory. Discover how we protect our unique environment and biodiversity, including one million penguins, and learn more about our world leading work in science and the Falkland Islands strategic importance to the UK and her allies.

[gov.fk](https://www.gov.fk)

Stand 30

Food and Drink Federation



The Food and Drink Federation represents UK food and drink manufacturers, the country's largest manufacturing sector. FDF advocates on behalf of its members on issues including nutrition, sustainability, international trade, packaging, employment, skills, food law and safety.

[fdf.org.uk](https://www.fdf.org.uk)

Stand 31

GB News



GB News is Britain's number one news channel, marking 12 consecutive months in top spot in August 2026, ahead of Sky News and the BBC News Channel. In five years since launch, it has set new growth records across TV, radio, digital and social platforms, reaching millions weekly and becoming an established global media brand. The People's Channel delivers bold, fearless, award-winning journalism that challenges orthodoxy and champions free speech.

[gbnews.com](https://www.gbnews.com)

Stand 121

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 help people with sight loss to live actively, independently and well. Come along to hear about our campaign to ensure all streets are accessible so that every street is for everyone.

[guidedogs.org.uk](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

Stand 35

His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar



His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is happy to again support the Conservative Party Conference.

Government officials will be at the Gibraltar stand to meet as many friends as possible.

[gibraltar.gov.gi](https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi)

Stand 34

Exhibitor Listings

Incumbency.AI



Take part in our AI training game for a chance to get your hands on some goodies, and ask how we can give your incumbency consciousness with our AI built for Parliament.

Incumbency.AI is more than a CRM for your emails, it is purpose built to enable MPs to deliver better democratic services to their constituents using Human-In-Loop AI and unique data insights.

incumbency.ai

Stand 58

LGB ALLIANCE



LGB Alliance provides support, advice, information and community to same-sex attracted people.

We highlight injustice, tackle discrimination and are proponents of respectful free speech.

We lift up LGB people by preserving our history, celebrating our achievements and by working to create the conditions for LGB people to thrive.

lgballiance.org.uk

Stand 60

LGBT+ Conservatives



LGBT+ Conservatives is the Conservative LGBT+ group and affiliated national organisation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans Conservatives, and those who wish to support them. We provide an LGBT+ voice within the Party, and a Conservative voice in the LGBT+ community.

lgbtconservatives.org.uk

Stand F09

Marie Curie



Marie Curie is the UK's leading end of life charity. We are here for anyone with an illness they're likely to die from, and those close to them. We bring 75 years of experience and leading research to the care we give at home, in our hospices and over the phone. And we push for a better end of life for all by campaigning and sharing research to change the system.

mariecurie.org.uk

Stand 23

MND Association



The MND Association is the UK's leading motor neurone disease (MND) charity.

Every day we support people with MND, campaign for better care and fund ground-breaking research. Because with MND, every day matters.

Drop by our stand to find out how you can support the Government's commitment to fast-tracking care and support for people with MND.

mndassociation.org

Stand 61

MotorSport Vision



The MotorSport Vision-run GB3 Championship is a leading showcase for British motorsport and a proven launchpad for ambitious young drivers targeting FIA Formula 3, Formula 2 and ultimately Formula 1. Alumni include Grand Prix stars George Russell and Lando Norris, alongside countless drivers now competing worldwide. With F1-inspired aerodynamics, the latest GB3 single-seater embodies the innovation, performance, and ambition of British motor racing.

msv.com

Stand 43

Exhibitor Listings

MyConservatives & Campaign Academy



Your first look at MyConservatives. Explore the new Officer space, and get an early look at the Supporter space ahead of its arrival early 2027. Campaign Academy has a new home, and the Campaign Toolkit has been refreshed. See how the Party's digital tools are coming together, and come and try it at our stand.

conservatives.com

Stand 56

National Education Union



The National Education Union brings together more than half a million teachers, support staff and leaders, to form the largest education union in Europe. Visit the NEU's stand to find out why we need to invest in education and our children's futures, and about the need to Save Education from the crisis in schools and colleges.

neu.org.uk

Stand 29

National Gas



National Gas is the backbone of Britain's energy system. We transport gas across Great Britain through nearly 5,000 miles of pipes, repair and maintain gas pipelines, and manage the meters that allow power stations, businesses and millions of homes to access the energy they need. We are responsible for transporting gas to more than 30 power stations, major industries, storage facilities, interconnectors supplying the island of Ireland and connecting with continental Europe, and to the Gas Distribution Networks that take gas into more than half a million businesses and around 24 million homes. Gas is an essential part of a secure energy supply in Britain, and will continue to play a vital role for decades to come. More than ever, we need the security that gas brings to keep the lights on, businesses running, and homes warm. National Gas provides that security.

nationalgas.com

Stand 54

OpenMedical



Open Medical is a UK-based, clinician-led healthcare technology partner delivering digital transformation across the NHS and international health systems. Powered by our cloud-based platform, Pathpoint, we optimise clinical workflows to increase capacity, cut elective backlogs, and drive cost-efficiencies while improving care delivery. Pathpoint also serves as a model-agnostic AI orchestrator, seamlessly integrating existing AI tools and smart automations directly into clinical workflows to unlock the true value of existing technology investments. Trusted by over 200 public and private healthcare organisations, including national providers such as NHS England, Ireland's HSE, and Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Health, we are a proven partner for achieving data-driven, enterprise-wide digital excellence in healthcare.

openmedical.co.uk

Stand 25

Exhibitor Listings

Oxford Dynamics



Oxford Dynamics is a British deep-tech company building AI and autonomous systems for high-stakes environments, like defence, critical infrastructure and biotech. We build the layer between data and consequential action, quantifying uncertainty so operators can be confident in their decisions. Explainable, accountable and built in the UK.

oxdynamics.com

Stand 16

Policy Renewal Programme



Through our Policy Renewal Programme, the Conservative Party is undertaking the biggest policy review process in a generation. We are building a new and enduring centre-right policy prospectus for Government in the UK.

As in the 1970s, or the 2000s, the Conservative Party cannot shortcut our way back into office with easy answers. We must use our time in Opposition as an opportunity to take a clear-eyed look at the state of the nation and the economy.

Come and hear how our work is getting to the foundations of the challenges ahead, and our approach for delivering credible plans that reflect our shared Conservative values.

policy.conservatives.com

Stand 55

PolicyMogul



PolicyMogul provides an all-in-one political monitoring and public affairs platform, used by thousands of policymakers and public affairs professionals. It combines the UK's most comprehensive coverage with powerful stakeholder mapping, analytics and stakeholder management, and connects to Claude, Copilot, ChatGPT and other AI tools.

policymogul.com

Stand 40

Postcode Lottery



Players of Postcode Lottery have raised over £1.8 billion for good causes across Britain. Visit our stand to find out what our players have funded in your constituency.

postcodelottery.co.uk

Stand 33

Sky News



We aim to be the best and most trusted place for news. Made by people who dare to challenge. Made for people who want clarity in an uncertain world. We take you to the heart of the stories that shape our world.

- We are bold.
- We are rebellious.
- We have a competitive spirit that drives us to be first and best.
- We earn trust by behaving with integrity.
- We are pioneers and innovators.
- We celebrate success together.
- We put people at the centre of everything.

news.sky.com

Stand 19

Exhibitor Listings

Specsavers



Specsavers changes lives through better sight and hearing. Each practice is owned and run by experts who care for communities throughout the UK. As the leading provider of optometry services for NHS Primary Care and the largest provider of community audiology services, Specsavers is an engine of change in healthcare.

[specsavers.co.uk](https://www.specsavers.co.uk)

Stand 39

Syrian British Consortium (SBC)



The Syrian British Consortium (SBC) is a UK-based Syrian advocacy organisation that brings together Syrian professionals and community leaders to amplify Syrian voices and engage with UK and international policymakers

[syrianbritish.org](https://www.syrianbritish.org)

Stand 62

TaxPayers' Alliance



The TaxPayers' Alliance (TPA) is Britain's independent grassroots campaign for lower taxes. Come along and meet the team, discover our latest research and campaigns, find out how you can get involved, and join us in making sure taxpayers' voices are heard in Westminster and beyond.

[taxpayersalliance.com](https://www.taxpayersalliance.com)

Stand 17

Times Radio



At Times Radio we broadcast live programmes day and night, delivering intelligent, informed news coverage in a way that we believe is fresher, warmer and more enjoyable than other news shows out there. Since launching in June 2020 we have brought together the peerless journalistic expertise of The Times and The Sunday Times, allowing us to respond to breaking news events nationally and internationally, and set the news agenda.

[thetimes.com/radio](https://www.thetimes.com/radio)

Stand 22

Young Conservatives



We're the official youth wing of the Conservative Party. We operate as a grassroots movement bringing together young people from across the country who want to engage in politics, shape the future of the party, and make a real difference in their communities. We come from all backgrounds, and we believe in opportunity, personal responsibility, and getting things done.

[conservatives.com](https://www.conservatives.com)

Stand 57

Exhibitor Listings

Youth Zone & Skills Hub



The Youth Zone is backed by Youth Futures Foundation with a host of charity-partners supporting children, young people and families, meeting the challenges of today and for tomorrow.

The Skills Hub is supported by City & Guilds, with a range of partner organisations on the economy and across education, employment, training and skills for productivity, technology and inclusive growth.

Visit our stand to hear more about our events programme with our partners and charities which will take place in our dedicated Theatre and boardroom near the exhibition hall off the main concourse .

Hosted by Citadel and supported by Kennedy Events.

citadelcomms.co.uk

Stand 122

