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**Refounding Labour - have your say**

As part of Peter Hain's review of Labour Party structures, we want to ensure that the voice of women members is included as we refound our party. All members are able to make submissions on a range of issues, and you can find out more [here](#). However we wanted to make sure that women members have a dedicated opportunity to feed in ideas about our women's structures and representation at every level.

Currently each CLP should have a Women's Officer who can set up a Women's Forum which exists to promote the involvement of women members in every aspect of the CLP's work. Is this the best way to increase participation? Are you part of a really great Women's Forum in your area? Can you share best practice or ideas for how local parties can build bigger and better forums for women members? We are asking for your ideas.

**Come to a meeting with women across the party to discuss these questions**

Friday 3 June from 5pm in Central London (venue information to follow once you have registered). Please note there is no charge for this event. To attend you must register to attend by emailing [equalities@new.labour.org.uk](mailto:equalities@new.labour.org.uk). Please add 'event registration' in the subject line.

**Join us for a phone conference to share ideas and best practice**

Thursday 2 June from 6 - 7pm. Call in for the chance to share best practice and your ideas for moving forward. To attend, please register at:

<https://cossprereg.btci.com/prereg/key.process?key=PARFLKTEP>

Once you have registered, you will be provided with the information you need to join the conference, including dial-in numbers and passcodes.

### **You can also email in any ideas or suggestions you have**

Please email [equalities@new.labour.org.uk](mailto:equalities@new.labour.org.uk) with any best practice or ideas you would like to have considered if you can't make the phone conference or the meeting. Please email them in before Wednesday 1 June.

### **Harriet Harman's open letter to Ken Clarke over his comments on rape**

Harriet Harman MP, Labour's Deputy Leader and Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, today wrote an open letter to Ken Clarke following his recent comments over rape sentencing. You can read the full content of the letter [here](#)

Sadiq Khan MP, Shadow Justice Secretary, also responded to Ken Clarke's comments. Read the press release [here](#)

### **Labour Women's Network Annual Dinner - last tickets remaining**

LWN is hosting a fundraising dinner on Tuesday 7th June 2011 in central London, 6pm for 6.30 start.

Come and celebrate the anniversary of Margaret Bondfield MP becoming the first woman Cabinet Minister, and help raise money to support Labour women. With special guest speaker, **Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP**, Shadow Home Secretary and Shadow Minister for Women and auction conducted by **Baroness Oona King**.

Delicious three course meal, £40 per person or £400 for a table of ten. The venue is Ev restaurant, **97-99 Isabella Street, London SE1 8DA** (next to Southwark tube).

To book tickets, please email [fundraising@lwn.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@lwn.org.uk)

This event is kindly supported by TULO, Labour's unions together.

### **Labour Party Annual Conference**

Last year's Women's Summit was the highlight of Conference for many women. This year we are going one step further and starting Annual Conference with a two day Women's Conference taking place Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 September. This event will be open to delegates attending Annual Conference, as well as visitors who only wish to attend the women's conference. Details about how to register will be released shortly, but in the meantime we want to hear your ideas about what should be included in the programme. Send your ideas and suggestions for speakers, sessions, training and workshops that you would like to see included to [equalities@new.labour.org.uk](mailto:equalities@new.labour.org.uk) and help be part of a really great event.

**Women's Resource Centre - log on NOW!**

Are you a Women's Officer? The role of CLP Women's Officer is an important one. A wealth of resources to support you with your work locally is available on Membersnet. Here, the Women's Resource Centre is your 'one-stop' shop, providing you with all the information you will need to be a successful women's officer.

Labour Women's Resources can be accessed by logging on to [labour.org.uk/membersnet](http://labour.org.uk/membersnet). If you are not yet registered to use Membersnet, you will need your Labour Party membership number. Once in the secure area, under the Campaigns tab, you will find the Labour Women Resources section.

If there are any extra resources you would like to see, either on Membersnet, or provided to you in your role, please let us know by emailing [equalities@new.labour.org.uk](mailto:equalities@new.labour.org.uk). Thank you for carrying out such a vital role for the party.



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