**WE Party Conference**15 – 18 October 2020

**Form for Policy Motions and Emergency Motions**

Thank you for submitting your policy motion to the Women’s Equality Party’s third Party Conference. Please use this form and ensure you include all the information requested. Submissions that don't adhere to these rules will be rejected automatically. Please see the drafting tips below.

Policy motions and emergency motions for debate may be proposed by a local WE branch (or branches) or by not less than 20 WE members working together. The Party Leader, the Policy Committee and the Steering Committee can also put forward policy motions.

Policy motions need to be sent by email to [agenda@womensequality.org.uk](mailto:agenda@womensequality.org.uk) with the subject ‘Party Conference Motion’ at the latest by 12 noon on 14 August 2020.

Emergency Motions on issues or circumstances that have arisen since 14 August 2020 should be sent in at the latest by 12 noon on 24 September 2020. There will be a chance to submit emergency motions at Conference itself, but such motions will only be accepted if they concern matters that have arisen between 15 August 2020 and the end of Conference.

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| **Title:**  [A brief title that sums up the intent of the motion] |
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| **Proposed by:**  [Please provide a full name and email address registered with the Party for all signatories to the motion and/or your Branch name and contact details, as appropriate. Motions proposed by a Branch (or branches) must be submitted by a branch email address.  Please also state name and contact details for the proposer of the motion, who will be contacted if the motion is accepted for debate at Conference.] |
| **Type of motion:**  [Policy motion, Emergency motion\*] |
| **Motion text:**  [A maximum of 300 words explaining what the policy or emergency motion is calling for. The wording should be precise and the desired outcome should be stated in the motion, with any suggested action to achieve it. Any cited material should be brought by the Proposer to Conference, if the motion is accepted for debate. If the Motion is approved by Party Conference, this text will be published as WE’s official stand on the issue.  PLEASE NOTE: For any motion to be considered for voting at Conference, the entire motion must be presented to Conference in the precise form it was accepted. If Conference does not accept the motion, it may either refer it back for further editing and possible presentation to the next Conference, or reject it.] |
| **Motion rationale:**  [A maximum of 500 words explaining the rationale behind the policy or emergency motion, the issue it is addressing, the solutions it proposes and links to WE’s existing policies. Please include references for any statistics, research or quotes you refer to. For help with drafting, please see the drafting tips in the Motions Guidelines and the Sample Motions documents.] |

**Motion Guidelines**

Please see the guidelines for submitting motions and amendments and the 2020 sample motion documents that you can refer to when you are writing your motion. You can access these documents at <https://www.womensequality.org.uk/conference_2020_motions_timeline>.

**Drafting tips:**

1. Please use succinct and precise language.
2. Your motion, if passed, will become the official policy of the Women’s Equality Party.
3. Because of this, you should word the motion as if you are speaking as the Women’s Equality Party, not as someone asking the Women’s Equality Party to change something.
4. If your motion is calling for something to change, and you believe a specific body (e.g. the Government, the Advertising Standards Authority etc.) can achieve that change by e.g. revising a law, you should call upon that body to do or agree to the specific thing you believe is necessary to create the change you want.
5. Please refer to the way in which WE’s existing policies relate to your motion, giving specific details.
6. Please back up your case with examples and, where possible, references to existing research or press on the issue, which the Agenda Committee and Policy Committee may read.

**\*Glossary**

A **Motion** is a proposal for discussion and possible adoption as a resolution.

A **Policy Motion** is a proposal to reaffirm the policy of the Party or adopt a new policy.

A **Business Motion** is a proposal about the internal work of the Party.

An **Emergency Motion** is a proposal put forward after the deadline for standard motions is past to address an issue that has come up in the meantime[[1]](#footnote-1).

A **Special Debate** is a proposal for an in-depth debate for clarification about a subject you believe the Party should consider. It will not be voted on, nor become Party policy.

1. Updated 08/06/2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)