



WE Party Conference

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Amendment title:

Clarifying the election process for Steering Committee representatives and the criteria for becoming a recognised Caucus

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Type of amendment: Amendment to Business motion

Title of motion you want to amend: Caucuses in the Women's Equality Party

Motion text you wish to amend:

1. A new article 7.5.12(iv) that reads: "The elected caucus representatives of recognised WE caucuses within the Party."

2. The addition of the following text to Article 7.5.4. "The SC is responsible in discussion with each caucus for specifying the rights available to it as a WE caucus and for approving its status."

Wording of amendment:

N.B. Text to be removed is ~~struck through~~. Text to be added is underlined.

- 1 1. A new article 7.5.12(iv) that reads: "~~The elected caucus~~ Representatives (or their
- 2 appointed Deputies) of recognised WE caucuses within the Party. The members of
- 3 each recognised caucus shall be responsible for electing their representatives (and
- 4 deputies)."

5 2. The addition of the following text to Article 7.5.4. “The SC is responsible in
6 discussion with ~~each caucus~~ groups for drawing up criteria for recognising official WE
7 Caucuses, for specifying their rights ~~available to it as a WE caucus~~ and for approving
8 its their status.”

Amendment rationale:

9 The caucuses should elect their representatives to sit on the Steering Committee.
10 They are best placed to judge the needs of their members and to decide who would
11 best represent those needs on the Steering Committee.

12 The requirement for the Steering Committee to draw up criteria for recognising a WE
13 Caucus will ensure that potential caucuses are all subject to the same criteria, to be
14 recognised by the party. This is necessary to maintain a fair, democratic process. The
15 Steering Committee should consult with groups who are hoping to become official WE
16 caucuses when drawing up the criteria. They should also consult with existing
17 caucuses if the need to make amendments to the criteria arises in the future.