



WE Party Conference

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Amendment Title: An online education policy for disabled people across the UK

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Type of amendment: Amendment to Policy motion

Title of motion you wish to amend:

An online education policy for disabled children and young people

Motion text you wish to amend:

In lines 9 to 10 of the motion, delete 'Notes that education other than at school provided by councils has many gaps through which children and young people can fall.' and replace with 'Notes that 'education other than at school' (EOTAS) (England, Wales, Northern Ireland) and 'Education of children unable to attend school due to ill health' (Scotland) provided by councils has many gaps through which children and young people can fall.'

In line 17 of the motion, delete 'Include education beyond the age of 16, up to and including A-level standard.' and replace with 'Include education up to the standards reflected in schools around the UK – i.e. A-level, Scottish Highers – and make it accessible to persons of any age regardless of whether enrolled in an educational institution or not.'

Wording of amendment:

N.B. New text is in colour and underlined; black text ~~struck through~~ has been deleted.

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2 Notes that 'education other than at school' (EOTAS) (England, Wales, Northern Ireland)
3 and 'Education of children unable to attend school due to ill health' (Scotland) provided
4 by councils has many gaps through which children and young people can fall.



5 In line 17:

6 Include education beyond the age of 16, up to and including A-level standard up to the
7 standards reflected in schools around the UK – i.e. A-level, Scottish Highers – and make
8 it accessible to persons of any age regardless of whether enrolled in an educational
9 institution or not.

Amendment rationale:

10 This is a well thought through policy motion; however, as written it does not
11 acknowledge the separate education system in Scotland. This amendment ensures that
12 this policy motion is applicable to people in Scotland and accounts for the differences
13 between education systems.

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15 It has also been amended so that a disabled person of any age has the right to access
16 the online education curriculum proposed in the motion. This recognises that disabled
17 adults who struggled at school due to inappropriate provision may want to fill gaps in
18 their education.

19 It also ensures that the curriculum proposed would be available regardless of diagnosis
20 and whether the person is enrolled at an educational institution. This recognises that
21 children may not necessarily have a diagnosis nor be registered disabled, but may still be
22 unable to attend school. It also accounts for the fact that, in some cases, a disability may
23 prevent a parent/carer from considering school for their child and who may be electively
24 home educated and never enrolled at a school.