



The Labour Party Conference  
**Energy Fringe Guide**

## 2015 Labour Party Conference: Your energy guide

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## 1 The 2015 Labour Party Conference

Political Intelligence will be attending this year's Labour Party Conference in what will be the most insightful opportunity to date to see how Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party will operate.

Much in-fighting, briefing and counter-briefing has already taken place but will Corbyn's speech on Tuesday 29th September bring together a divided party or be the seed that pushes the Parliamentary Labour Party into open revolt? This will be much clearer once the leader's speech concludes on Tuesday afternoon and his party colleagues react.

Political Intelligence has put together this guide of energy fringe events you should look out for (including a few must-attend events) together with a reminder of Jeremy Corbyn's 10-point energy plan as outlined during his leadership campaign.

## 2 Jeremy Corbyn's 10 Point Energy Plan

Corbyn was never meant to be Ed Miliband's successor as Labour leader - he was nominated initially by his parliamentary colleagues to simply widen the debate. Corbyn's preference for greater state control in the energy sector should not be dismissed entirely - whilst renationalisation is unlikely to become official government policy any time soon, the populist calls for greater state control are likely to gain traction and put pressure on the government.

All eyes will be on Lisa Nandy, appointed as Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. With very little energy policy experience, Nandy will be keen to stamp her authority and bat away accusations of inexperience.



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**During his leadership campaign, Jeremy Corbyn published his 'Protecting our Planet Manifesto' which included a 10 point energy plan:**

1. Make Britain take the lead in developing the clean energy economy of the future
2. Establish an Energy Commission to draft a fundamental shift in UK energy thinking
3. Produce a route-map into tomorrow's 'smart energy' systems
4. Bring new partners into policy making - local authorities, communities, energy co-operatives and 'smart' technology companies
5. Conduct a root and branch review of energy market subsidies
6. Ensure that energy industry, not the public, meet the costs of their own clean-up
7. Re-define the roles of Ofgem, National Grid and the Competition and Markets Authority
8. Allow communities to be owners of local energy systems
9. Examine the role of the state as guarantor of last resort; with more direct responsibility for the nation's back-up generation, high voltage grid and interconnectors
10. Commit Britain to binding international climate change commitments; making national and local targets.

## **3 The Fringe Listings: What to look out for**

### **3.1 Monday 28th September 2015**

#### **8.30am - A Connected Future: UK Infrastructure in the 21st Century**

Chair: Anne Ashworth, Assistant Editor and Property Editor, The Times

Speakers: Seema Malhotra MP (invited); Nigel Milton, Director of External Affairs, Heathrow Airport; Andrew Carter, Deputy Chief Executive, Centre for Cities

Location: Durham Hall - Sherwood, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel



### **12.30pm - Paying Less For Energy**

Chair: Damian Carrington, the Guardian

Speakers: Peter Smith, National Energy Action; Pete Moorey, Which?; Jonathan Reynolds (invited); Huw-Irranca Davies MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee

Location: Hall 7 - Avon, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

### **12.45pm - Developing a Vision for Energy in Buildings**

Chair: Dave Sowden, CEO, Sustainable Energy Association

Speakers: Jonathan Reynolds (invited); Trevor Hutchings, Head of Advocacy, WWF UK; Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Chair, PRASEG

Location: The Grand Hotel, 97-99 King's Rd, Brighton. BN1 2FW, GB1 Terrace

### **5.30pm - The Coalfields Regeneration Trust Fringe Event**

Chair: Peter McNestry

Location: Room: Hall 7 - Avon, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

### **6.00pm - Winter is Coming: What can Labour Offer People Struggling with the Costs of Heating Their Homes?**

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

Speakers: Caroline Flint MP (invited); Richard Davies, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Newcastle University; Phil Taylor, Director, Newcastle University Institute for Sustainability; Jenny Saunders, Chief Executive, National Energy Action (invited)

Location: Surrey Suite 2, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

### **7.30pm - Sustainability Hub Reception with SER**

Speakers: Karen Potter, sustainability hub; Jonathan Reynolds MP

Location: Osborne Room, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

### **7.45pm - EDF Energy Reception**

Speakers: Lisa Nandy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (invited)

Location: Durham Hall - Kielder, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

### **9.30pm - The Energy Reception**

Chair: Lawrence Slade, CEO, Energy UK

Speaker: Baroness Worthington

Location: Albert Room, The Grand Hotel

*Please note that fringe events are subject to change.*



## 3.2 Tuesday 29th September 2015

**\*\*\* Not to miss - Our top pick from the Energy fringe programme \*\*\***

### **12.30pm - Beyond the Price Freeze: Where Next for Labour and Energy Policy?**

Chair: Jon Bernstein, Former Deputy Editor, New Statesman

Speakers: Jonathan Reynolds MP; Gary Smith, National Secretary for Energy, GMB; Lawrence Slade, Chief Executive, Energy UK; Audrey Gallacher, Director of Energy, Citizens Advice; Sacha Desmukh, Chief Executive, Smart Energy GB.

Location: Tennyson, Waterfront Hotel (Thistle)

### **5.30pm - Constructing a More Sustainable Future**

Chair: Michael Stott, UK News Editor, Financial Times

Speakers: Clive Betts MP, Chair of the Communities and Local Government Committee; Andrew Minson, Executive Director, The Concrete Centre, Tarmac; Cllr Jim McMahon, Chief Executive, UK Green Building Council; Professor Jacqueline Glass, Architecture and Sustainable Construction, Loughborough University

Location: Hall 7 - Trent; Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

### **5.30pm - Putting Nothing to Waste: A Cleaner, Greener Economy**

Chair: Joss Garman, Associate Director for Climate Change, Energy and Transport, IPPR

Speakers: Barry Gardiner MP; Cllr Gill Mitchell, Deputy Leader and Chair, Environment, Sustainability & Transport, Brighton & Hove City Council; Dr Liz Goodwin, Chief Executive, WRAP; Charlotte Carroll, Director of Sustainable Business and Communications, Unilever UKI; Trewin Restorick, Chief Executive, Hubbub

Location: Coast View 1, Mercure Hotel

### **5.30pm - The Nuclear Industry: Lord John Hutton interviews Julie Elliott MP (invited)**

Speakers: Lord Hutton, Nuclear Industry Association; Julie Elliott MP (invited)

Location: The Victoria Terrace, Grand Hotel

### **6.00pm - Utility Week: Building Trust in Energy and Water**

Chair: Ellen Bennett, Editor, Utility Week

Speakers: Audrey Gallacher, Director of Energy, Citizens Advice Bureau; Matthew Wright, CEO, Southern Water; Basil Scarsella, CEO, UK Power Networks (invited); Alan Whitehead MP

Location: Preston Room, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel

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