

## Putting social justice at the heart of British politics



# THE SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB

The Conservative Party Conference 2023

#### SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

The Victoria Suite, The Midland Hotel

17.30 - 19.00

### **Left Behind?** Rebuilding our nation in the long shadow of lockdown

Host: The Centre for Social Justice

Chair: Andy Cook, Chief Executive, The Centre for Social Justice

Panelists: Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chairman, The Centre for Social Justice), Rt Hon Andy Burnham (Mayor, Greater Manchester), Miriam Cates MP (Member of Parliament, Penistone and Stocksbridge), Fraser Nelson (Editor, The Spectator)

#### MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

Central Room 7, The Manchester Central Convention Complex 08.30 - 09.30

### **Beyond the School Gates:** Overcoming the barriers children face to fully access education

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Fair Education Alliance, Magic Breakfast

Chair: Jessica Prestidge, Deputy Policy Director, The Centre for Social Justice Panelists: Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP (Secretary of State for Education), Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chairman, The Centre for Social Justice), Dr Lindsey Macdonald (CEO, Magic Breakfast), Elijah Denning (Fair Education Alliance, Youth Steering Group), Harriet Sergeant (Journalist)

#### 09.45 - 10.45

## **Left Out:** How to tackle the poverty premium and digital exclusion

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Virgin Money

Chair: Matthew Greenwood, Head of Debt, The Centre for Social Justice

Panelists: Paul Scully MP (Minister for London and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Science, Innovation, and Technology), Rt Hon John Redwood MP (Member of Parliament, Wokingham), Tamara Dewhirst (Head of Public Affairs, Virgin Money), Helen Milner OBE (Group Chief Executive, The Good Things Foundation)

#### 11.00 - 12.00

#### The Hidden Age: Tackling hardships in later life

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Independent Age

Chair: Jessica Prestidge, Deputy Policy Director, The Centre for Social Justice Panelists: Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chairman, The Centre for Social Justice), Alex Burghart MP (Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet Office), Joanna Elson (CEO, Independent Age), Catherine Foot (Director, Phoenix Insights), David Goodhart (Journalist)

#### 12.15 - 13.15

## Credit Where it's Due: Enabling vulnerable customers to access customer credit

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Fair4All Finance

Chair: Matthew Greenwood, Head of Debt, The Centre for Social Justice Panelists: Jo Gideon MP (Member of Parliament, Stoke-on-Trent Central), Sacha Romanovitch (CEO, Fair4All Finance), Rt Hon Baroness Evans of Bowes Park (Former leader of the House of Lords), David Maddox (Political Editor, The Daily Express)

## The Best Start: How we support families and children through the cost of living crisis

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, UNICEF UK

Chair: Cristina Odone, Head of Family, The Centre for Social Justice

Panelists: Dame Rachel de Souza DBE (The Children's Commissioner for England), Anna Firth MP (Member of Parliament for Southend West), Jon Sparkes OBE (Chief Executive, UNICEF UK), Denise Burke (Early Years & Childcare Industry Expert, Denise Burke Ltd.)

17.00 - 18.00

## **Beyond Bricks and Mortar:** How can social housing strengthen our social fabric?

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, The Guinness Partnership

Chair: Dr Sam Bruce, Head of Housing and Communities, The Centre for

Social Justice

Panelists: Rachel Maclean MP (Minister of State, Housing and Planning), Kevin Williams (Group Director of Development & Commercial Services, The Guinness Partnership), Liam Halligan (Economics and Business Editor, GB News; Economic Agenda Columnist, The Telegraph), CJ Bowry (Founder: Sal's Shoes)

#### TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

Cobden Room 2, The Manchester Central Convention Complex

08.30 - 9.30

#### Reigniting the Northern Engine

Host: The Centre for Social Justice, Yorkshire Building Society

Chair: Nathan Gamester, Managing Director, The Centre for Social Justice

Foundation

Panelists: Kevin Hollinrake MP (Minister for Enterprise, Markets, and Small Business), Esther McVey MP (Member of Parliament, Tatton), Tina Hughes (Director of Marketing, Digital, and External Affairs, Yorkshire Building Society), Jo Sanders-Potts (Chief Executive, The Hinge Centre)

9.45 - 10.45

## **Back to Work Britain:** What next in the fight against economic inactivity?

**Host:** The Centre for Social Justice **Chair:** Timothy Montgomerie, *Journalist* 

Panelists: Rt Hon Mel Stride MP (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions), Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Chairman, The Centre for Social Justice), Esther McVey MP (Member of Parliament, Tatton), Harry Quilter-Pinner (Director of Research and Engagement, IPPR), Szu Ping-Chan (Economics Editor, The Telegraph)

11.00 - 12.00

## **Evolution or Revolution?** Rebooting skills and opportunity

**Host:** The Centre for Social Justice, The Maths Anxiety Trust

Chair: Matthew Greenwood, Head of Debt, The Centre for Social Justice

Panelists: Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP (Minister of State for Skills, Apprenticeships, and Higher Education), Andy Carter MP (Member of Parliament, Warrington South), Jerome Mayhew MP (Member of Parliament, Broadland), Professor Margaret Brown OBE (Emeritus Professor of Mathematics Education, King's College London; President, The Maths Anxiety Trust), Laurance Hancock (Chief Executive, The Boathouse Youth)



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