

# The LGA at the Labour Party Conference

**21 September – 25 September 2019**  
Brighton

**#CouncilsCan**

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As leaders of place, councils support local communities to thrive by building homes, creating jobs and school places, providing dignified care for older and disabled people, and boosting economic growth. Our research shows that three quarters of council services have improved in the last 10 years and people trust their council and councillors to make the right decisions for them and their families. Giving councils the right powers and control over their finances would enable them to do much more.

They have the local knowledge and expertise to understand the needs of their areas and they have improved outcomes for residents through their children's services, public health, by building houses and creating green and open spaces. With the Queen's Speech, Budget and other important announcements upon us, we continue to work with the main parties to make the case for giving councils the powers, freedoms, flexibilities and funding to continue to deliver for communities.

This party conference season, we will be promoting our #CouncilsCan campaign, highlighting the need for financial certainty and a new localism settlement to empower councils as the democratically elected leaders closest to their communities, to take on greater responsibilities for their places. In partnership with Curtin&Co, we will be debating what is needed in the Queen's Speech to turn our Councils Can report into reality and reset the conversation on public service reform, thereby ensuring councils can continue to deliver for their residents.

Find more about our #CouncilsCan campaign and report

[www.local.gov.uk/councils-can](http://www.local.gov.uk/councils-can)

## Highlights

**The LGA debate, in partnership with Curtin&Co**

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**#CouncilsCan: Why is the Queen's Speech important for local government?**

Sunday 22 September, 1.00 pm-2.30 pm

**Venue:** Stanmer Room, Hilton Brighton Metropole

**Speakers:** Councillor Nick Forbes, Leader of the LGA Labour Group; Baroness Smith of Basildon, Shadow Leader of the House of Lords and LGA Vice President; Sachin Shah, Head of Local Government at Curtin&Co and former Leader, London Borough of Harrow; Gemma Tetlow, Chief Economist, Institute for Government; and Councillor Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Leader, LGA Labour Group (Chair)

Refreshments provided

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**The Association of Labour Councillors (ALC) Evening Reception**

Sunday 22 September, 8.00 pm-10.00 pm

**Venue:** Skyline Room, Brighton Centre

**Speaker:** Councillor Nick Forbes, Leader of the LGA Labour Group

Refreshments provided

**National Youth Agency, in partnership with Citadel**

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**Youth work in action: Investing in services and support for young people**

12.30 pm-1.45 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Stand 84, Brighton Centre

**Speakers:** Councillor Mete Coban, Hackney Council and Chief Executive, My Life My Say; Shadow Minister Cat Smith MP, Chair, APPG on Youth Affairs; Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP

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**Citadel**

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**Democracy 'crowdburst' session**

2.00 pm-3.00 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Stand 84, Brighton Centre

**Speaker:** Councillor Rachel Eden, LGA Children and Young People Board

**LGA Labour Group**

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**Rally for local government**

3.00 pm-4.00 pm

Venue: Durham Hall, Room 4, Hilton Brighton Metropole

**Speakers include:** Councillor Nick Forbes, Leader of the LGA Labour Group; Andrew Gwynne MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Angela Rayner MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; John Healey, Shadow Secretary of State for Housing; Sue Hayman, Shadow Secretary of State for Defra; Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe,

Leader, Bradford Council

**Oxfam, in partnership with Citadel**

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**Climate change discussion**

6.00 pm-7.00 pm

**Speaker:** Councillor Tom Hayes, Oxford City Council

Roundtable, invitation only

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Local Youth Partnerships

7.45 am-9.30 am

**Speaker:** Councillor Vince Maple, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board

Roundtable, invitation only

**StepChange**

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Tackling problem debt

8.30 am-9.45 am

**Speaker:** Councillor Sharon Taylor OBE, LGA Resources Board

Roundtable, invitation only

**New Statesman, sponsored by Age UK**

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What is life like for older private renters?

9.00 am-10.15 am

Roundtable, invitation only

**RICS, in partnership with Prospect**

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The demand for housing:  
How do we keep up?

12.45 pm-2.00 pm

**Speakers:** Stephanie Boland, Head of Digital, Prospect Magazine; Mayor Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney

Roundtable, invitation only

**NHS Confederation**

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Is now the time for a Nye Bevan moment in social care?

2.00 pm-3.00 pm

Venue: Renaissance Suite, Jurys Inn Waterfront

**Speaker:** Councillor Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Leader, LGA Labour Group

**Plan International, in partnership with Citadel**

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Girls Rights Matter: Top 5 ways to listen to girls locally

4.00 pm-5.15 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Stand 84, Brighton Centre

**Speaker:** Councillor Georgia Gould, LGA Children and Young People Board

**NAHT in partnership with TES and Policy Institute**

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Is choice in the education system good for pupils and good for raising standards?

4.30 pm-5.15 pm

Venue: Queen's Room, Brighton Hilton Metropole

**Speaker:** Councillor Sharon Taylor OBE, LGA Resources Board

### **St Mungo's**

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Home for good: What a Labour government could do to help councils end rough sleeping

9.00 am-10.30 am

Venue: YHA Brighton, Old Steine

**Speakers:** Councillor Andrew Western, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board; Alex Cunningham MP, Shadow Minister for Housing

### **Centre for Progressive Policy**

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Keeping the NHS on track:  
Tackling social detriments

11.30 am-1.00 pm

**Speaker:** Councillor Andrew Western, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board  
Roundtable, invitation only

### **Centre for Progressive Policy**

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Implementing Augar: How to revitalise post-18 education

2.00 pm-3.30 pm

Venue: Holiday Inn, Brighton

### **Action for Children**

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Choosing childhood: How a Labour Government should prioritise children

2.30 pm-4.00 pm

Venue: Lancaster Suite, Hilton Brighton Metropole

**Speaker:** Councillor Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Leader, LGA Labour Group

### **Action on Addiction, in partnership with Citadel**

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Communities of recovery

4.00 pm-5.15 pm

**Speaker:** Councillor Johnson Situ, London Borough of Southwark  
Venue: Youth Zone, Stand 84, Brighton Centre

### **Crisis**

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Spending Review: Will investing in housing benefit help prevent Britain's homelessness crisis?

5.30 pm-7.00 pm

Venue: Durham Hall, Room 1, Hilton Brighton Metropole

**Speakers:** Councillor Sharon Taylor OBE, LGA Resources Board; Alex Cunningham MP, Shadow Housing Minister; Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham; Jon Sparkes, Crisis

### **Centrepoint, in partnership with Citadel**

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Young, employed and homeless

5.45 pm-7.00 pm

Roundtable, invitation only

Wednesday 25 September

## LGA Labour Group and ALC

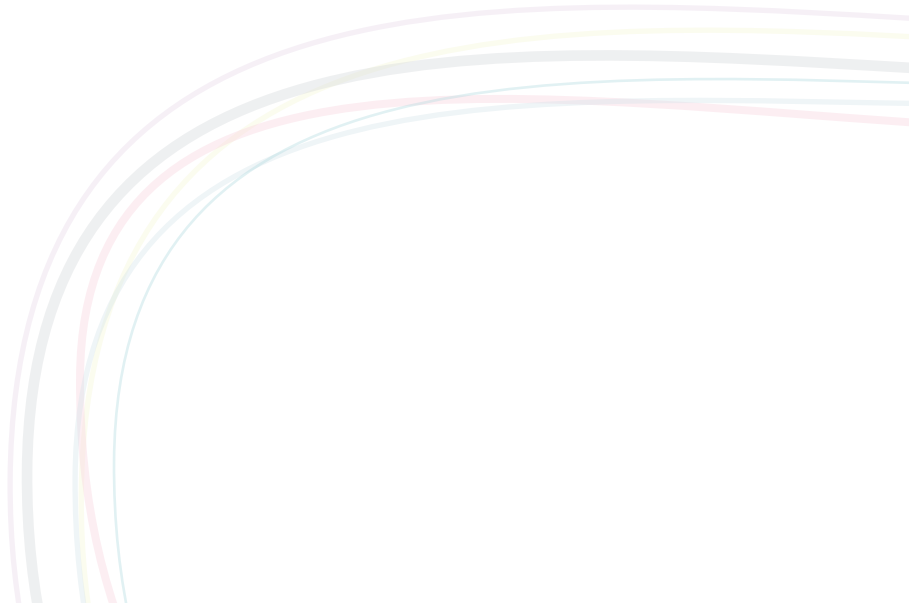
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### Be a Labour councillor

10.15 am-11.15 am

**Venue:** Thames Room, Hilton Brighton  
Metropole

**Speakers:** Councillor Michael Payne,  
Deputy Leader, LGA Labour Group;  
Councillor Judi Billing, LGA Improvement  
and Innovation Board; Martin Angus,  
Political Adviser, LGA Labour Group



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## About Curtin&Co

We bring together developers, politicians and the local community to design and deliver developments which help meet national housebuilding and infrastructure requirements and support local aspirations. Curtin&Co is founded on the principle of building better through conversation, consultation and engagement: all characteristics which reflect the LGA's guidance.

Our consultants include councillors, community campaigners, and former council officers so we understand planning from both sides of the fence.

We identify and meet shared goals to the benefit of everyone.

We would like to thank the following organisations for supporting us at this year's Labour Party Conference:



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