

Motion for Labour Left Alliance to accept the UK is leaving the European Union

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This conference notes:

- a high majority of Labour marginal seats voted leave in the 2016 EU referendum compared to a few Labour marginal seats that voted remain.
- the 2017 general election Labour manifesto committed to respect the outcome of the 2016 EU referendum which resulted in a net gain of 30 seats in the subsequent general election.
- in the 2019 general election of the 60 seats Labour lost, six were lost to the SNP. Of the 54 seats lost in the rest of the UK, 52 of them voted to leave in 2016 (including many Labour have held for generations, including Blyth Valley, Leigh, Rother Valley, Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Ashfield, Don Valley, Sedgefield, West Bromwich [East and West], Bishop Auckland, Stoke-on-Trent [Central and North], Wakefield and Wrexham): Two voted to remain - Stroud and Kensington which were both unexpected victories in 2017 along with Canterbury (which also voted remain) which we retained.
- that we have a first-past-the-post voting system therefore elections are won and lost based on swing votes in Labour-Conservative marginals, not winning or losing votes in safe seats.

We believe that a future Labour government could outside the European Union:

- fully renationalise mail, rail and utilities under the monopoly of state without the restrictions of competition law.
- use public spending to provide for our national investment bank and regeneration of ex-industrial and provincial towns without the restrictions on state aid.
- develop science, technology and green industries.

This conference resolves:

- that Labour Left Alliance accepts the UK is leaving the European Union.
- to build a socialist vision of the UK outside of the European Union.