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RISING TO THE CHALLENGE: THE LEFT'S AMBITION FOR THE UK AND EUROPE

Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ and
ONLINE, Saturday 15 January 2022

9.30	Registration
10.00	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Martin Edobor chair, Fabian Society • Ania Skrzypek director of research and training, FEPS • Andrew Harrop general secretary, Fabian Society
The Light	
10.15	Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keir Starmer MP Labour party leader • Chair: Aletha Adu political correspondent, Daily Mirror
The Light	
	Followed by Q&A
11.00	Morning plenary Challenge 1: A strong economy for all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Reynolds MP shadow secretary for state for business & industrial strategy • Vaughan Gething MS Minister for economy, Welsh Government • Ann Pettifor PRIME Economics • Prof Peter Bofinger former member, German council of economic experts • Polly Billington chief executive, UK100 • Chair: Andrew Harrop general secretary, Fabian Society
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12.15-13.15	Morning parallel sessions Challenge 2: The climate emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivia Blake MP shadow climate change minister • Kerry McCarthy MP • Laura Cunliffe-Hall chair, Young Fabians • Sakina Sheikh member, London Assembly • Chair: Andreas Dimmelmeir policy analyst for climate and environment, FEPS
George Fox	
	Challenge 3: Populism, Nationalism, and Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Johnson MSP finance and economy spokesperson, Scottish Labour • Andras Biro-Nagy director, Policy Solutions, Hungary • Prof Daphne Halikiopoulou professor of comparative politics, University of Reading • Kirsty McNeill author, Counter Culture • Sunder Katwala director, British Future • Chair: Lord Roy Kennedy treasurer, Fabian Society
Sarah Fell	
	Challenge 4: Unequal income, wealth, and power <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam Byrne MP • Frances O'Grady general secretary, TUC • David Rinaldi director of policy and studies, FEPS • Ayesha Hazarika presenter, Times Radio • Stewart Lansley author, 'The richer, the poorer' • Chair: Luke Raikes research director, Fabian Society
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<p>13.30-14.30</p> <p>The Light</p> <p>Sarah Fell</p> <p>George Fox</p> <p>William Penn</p>	<p>Lunchtime parallel sessions</p> <p>Challenge 6: Shared good health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wes Streeting MP shadow secretary of state for health & social care • Sara Cerdas MEP European parliament S&D group • Vytenis Andriukaitis former EU Commissioner for health & food safety • Sarina Kiayani communications officer, Young Fabians • Chair: Dr Tom Gardiner Fabian Society executive committee <p>Challenge 7: Technology transforming society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chi Onwurah MP shadow minister for science, research and innovation • Darren Jones MP Chair, House of Commons business, energy and industrial strategy committee • Miapetra Kumpula Natri MEP European Parliament S&D group • Paul Nemitz principal advisor, justice policy, European Commission • Tom Adeyoola co-founder, Extend Ventures • Chair: Dr Martin Ebodor chair, Fabian Society <p>Challenge 8: Global risks and relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Lammy MP shadow foreign secretary • Arancha Gonzalez Laya Former Spanish foreign minister • Jessica Toale Co-chair, Labour foreign policy group • Peter Apps Global affairs columnist, Reuters • Chair: Mark Storm Fabian defence and security policy group <p>Challenge 9: Supporting family and care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karin Smyth MP shadow minister for social care • Polly Toynbee columnist, the Guardian • Ben Cooper senior researcher, Fabian Society • Katie Ghose chief executive, KIDS • Chair: Laeticia Thissen policy analyst for gender equality, FEPS
<p>14.45-15.45</p> <p>George Fox</p> <p>Sarah Fell</p>	<p>Afternoon parallel sessions</p> <p>Challenge 10: Good work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Madders MP shadow minister for the future of work • Mikael Leyi secretary general, SOLIDAR • Shavanah Taj general secretary, Wales TUC • Josh Abey senior researcher, Fabian Society <p>Challenge 11: Discrimination and structural inequality <i>In partnership with Fabian Women's Network</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anneliese Dodds MP shadow secretary of state for women and equalities • Cllr Shaista Aziz Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities, Oxford city council & FWN Vice-Chair • Cllr Lucy Caldicott founder, Change Out • Chair: Cllr Marianna Masters FWN Vice-Chair

William Penn	<p>Challenge 12: Fairness and solidarity across generations <i>In partnership with the Young Fabians</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Ashworth MP shadow secretary of state for work and pensions • Catherine Foot director, Phoenix Insights • Jeevun Sandher economist, Kings' College London • Stella Tsantekidou Senior public affairs and campaigns officer, Crisis • Chair: Victoria Parrett treasurer & events officer, Young Fabians
The Light	<p>Challenge 13: Managing migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bambos Charalambous MP shadow minister for foreign, commonwealth and development affairs • Amreen Qureshi researcher, IPPR North • Prof Thom Brooks professor of law & government, Durham University • Heather Staff specialist policy advisor, RAMP • Chair: Kate Green MP Fabian Society executive committee
15.45-16.30 The Light	<p>In Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Reeves MP shadow chancellor • Chair: Polly Toynbee columnist, The Guardian <p><i>Including Q&A</i></p>
16.30-17.30 The Light	<p>Afternoon plenary</p> <p>Challenge 14: How the left wins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anneliese Dodds MP Labour Party chair • Anas Sarwar MSP leader, Scottish Labour • Andreas Schieder MEP chair, Next Left Research Program, FEPS • Paula Surridge senior lecturer in political sociology, University of Bristol • Chair: Cllr Sara Hyde chair, Fabian Women's Network
17.30	<p>Close - we hope you will join us for post-conference drinks at The Rocket, 120 Euston Road, London, NW1 2AL</p>

For over a decade the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and the Fabian Society have started the year with a new year conference examining critical political issues facing the British and European left. With the UK no longer a member of the EU this joint dialogue is now more important than ever.

The 2022 edition of the conference examines the shared challenges facing the UK and countries across Europe. It will debate the left's ambitions, as we seek to rebuild our societies and economies after the pandemic and prepare for green transition and digital transformation.

Each of the conference's sessions will focus on a big challenge facing both the UK and other European countries – in all we have identified fourteen. The day will also include a keynote speech from Labour leader Keir Starmer MP and a conversation with Labour shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves MP.

The conference is kindly supported by the European Parliament.