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**TO: ALL BRANCHES**

Dear Colleague,

## **POLITICAL FORUM - 6TH OF NOVEMBER 2025**

As branches may be aware, the CWU is planning to hold a Political Forum this year, to debate the future political strategy of the CWU. The briefing also represents an opportunity to reflect on our views on the first period of a Labour Government, the challenge posed from Reform and the far-right and the changes in our wider political environment.

We will also be discussing the merits of a new electoral voting system (proportional representation), in line with policy agreed at our last General Conference. The NEC will take a view from this debate and then prepare a policy paper to go forward to the next General Conference on this issue.

The political forum will be held in London on **Thursday the 6th of November**. The address is as follows:

Mahatma Gandhi Hall  
YMCA Indian Student Hostel  
41 Fitzroy Square  
London  
W1T 6AQ

The forum is a single day-event. Branches are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates, one of which should be the Political Officer. In light of the need to engage young trade unionists, any young member who wishes to attend, in addition to their delegation from their branch, should email [politics@cwu.org](mailto:politics@cwu.org) to express their interest.

An agenda and full details of the event will be shared with branches closer to the time. In the meantime, please email [politics@cwu.org](mailto:politics@cwu.org) to confirm your branch's attendance and the names of your delegates as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the General Secretary's Office at [dlynch@cwu.org](mailto:dlynch@cwu.org).

Yours Sincerely,



Dave Ward  
**General Secretary**