

Labour's National Policy Forum

THE BASICS

WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE PART

On 4 June, the Labour Party launched a policy consultation. Each of the eight policy commissions has published a consultation – a brief document which poses some questions to be considered. **The policy consultation closes on 30 June**, after which time each of the commission will consider the submissions made.

You can submit an individual response. You should also consider organising an online discussion in your ward or constituency. A summary of the discussion and responses could be submitted to the consultation

The eight commissions are:

Economy, business, and trade	International
Health and social care	Early years, education, and skills
Justice and home affairs	Housing, local government, and transport
Work, pensions, and equality	Environment, energy, and culture

The NPF website remains open throughout the year. You can make more than one submission, and you can continue to make your views known after the consultation closes. Say for example:

- the murder of George Floyd had taken place outside Labour's policy consultation. You, your ward, or your CLP might want to suggest what Labour's response should be; or
- if there's a second wave of the Covid epidemic, over the summer you might want to call on the Labour leadership to adopt a strong stance on track and trace; or if you're associated with a medical body with some expertise on this, you might want to submit a paper that your institute has produced.

Labour's National Policy Forum is a vehicle for policy development between annual conferences. It operates on a four-year cycle, contributing to the process of drawing up a general election manifesto – in theory at least!

Many party members would consider that there are some significant flaws in the NPF process. But in a year when there's no annual conference, this is one of the few ways in which local parties, affiliates and individual members can make their view known. Please contribute and encourage others to do so.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

First find your way to the NPF website

google Labour Policy Forum, or
enter <https://www.policyforum.labour.org.uk/> in your browser

Each policy commission has its own page where you can read submissions, comment and vote on them, and submit your own view.

Using the drop-down menu, you can access

a searchable list of NPF reps
consultation documents
policy statements by the Labour Party, and
a postal address for sending submissions for those without internet access

You don't have to be a party member or organisation to take part. Individual members of the public or outside organisations can also read the material and make submissions. Anyone can navigate around the NPF sight. However, to contribute you must register or log in.

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