



## How we can help you at constituency level

### Speaker – Tracey Smith

#### SPEAKING AT CLP/WOMEN'S FORUM & S&P STORY

*We were recently disinvented from addressing a CLP meeting as has been alluded to by a previous speaker. Our talk was cancelled, following a complaint by someone who did not know us, but claimed it would create a hostile atmosphere for trans members. We were also accused of being a transphobic, right wing, misogynist and homophobic group, and were never given the chance to refute any of these claims. Sadly, two female members of the executive committee at this particular CLP have resigned from their officer positions over this and related issues. We know that this is not an isolated incident. In fact, we know that many of you have experienced similar, and even worse - including campaigns leading to your prevention from standing as candidates or smearing when you are standing for election; sustained personalised social media attacks; hacking; threats of violence; no-platforming; malicious and badly handled complaints; refusal or suspension of membership; even expulsion, as well as being shouted down in real and online meetings and forums and called transphobes and TERFS. We are collecting evidence about all of this to present to the Party in early November. Contact us if you have evidence to share.*

*We believe the only way to win hearts and minds is to talk; social media just doesn't cut it as a medium for real dialogue and the sort of discourse we think Keir Starmer is calling for when he says more light, less heat. We are hoping that today's event becomes a marker for engagement of LWD with local groups, and that you will encourage your CLPs to invite us to talk to them about the campaign. We also hope that the embryonic local networks will bolster members in branches to propose free speech and sex-based rights motions of which we have exemplars passed in some of the London CLPs which we can share with you. If you do want us to talk at one of your meetings, or help you to prepare your own presentation, then contact us.*