



Speech by Lucy Masoud Labour Women's Declaration #Expel Me Rally London, 9th March 2020

I would first like to thank LWD for helping to arrange this rally, all the speakers who have agreed to volunteer their time, and of course all of you for braving the weather, coronavirus to be here.

This meeting was put together at very short notice but it was done so, because we felt we had to send a clear message to the Labour Party that you will not silence us, we will not go away quietly and we will not allow OUR party to be hijacked by the cult of identity politics.

Of course, many of you here may well be Labour party voters, Labour party members. And those of you who are members may well be feeling uncertain about the future of the party given its recent descent into what can only be described as political lunacy.

Given recent events you may even be feeling uncertain about what your very attendance at this meeting will mean for your membership in the party.

As you know we have barely recovered from an utterly disastrous (yet totally predictable) election result that has left us with a 70 plus Tory majority. Our NHS is under threat like never before, our emergency services are at breaking point, we have more food banks than ever before. Yet, what do the Labour party think the electorate need to hear about? Their 12 point pledge threatening to expel anyone who questions the trans ideology.

Of course when I first saw the Labour Trans 12 point pledge, I assumed it must have been the work of some young over eager work experience chap who had been let loose on the crayons and twitter account. I didn't for a second think that anyone, let alone any serious politician would take the pledge seriously.

Surely no one would label WPUK a hate group - simply for trying to protect female only spaces. No one would accuse LGB Alliance of being bigots for defending same sex attraction. And no one would seriously suggest that Labour members should be expelled just for supporting these two groups.

Well, imagine my horror, as one by one, the Labour leadership candidates and deputy candidates lined up to sign their names to that pledge. One by one these same candidates went on TV to justify their decision of signing the pledge and throwing women under the bus.

And as the fallout of the pledge became clear, and Labour members across the country spoke out in defence of WPUK and LGB Alliance, so the candidates doubled down on their positions and continued to drag Labour into disarray.

In one week, we heard Rebecca Long Bailey say that female refugees must accept trans women. We heard Dawn Butler say that babies are not born with a sex. We heard Lisa Nandy say that a male child rapist who self-IDs as a woman should be placed in a female prison.

So what has this shown us? It's shown us that the Labour Party has learned absolutely nothing from the last General Election, and is willing to consign itself to electoral oblivion simply to indulge the gender identity mafia.

It also shows us that Labour really does have a problem with women.

The idea that the likes of Kiri Tunks and Ruth Serwotka, giants of the trade union movement, socialists, women who have spent their whole lives fighting for the rights of others, are now somehow bigots simply because they do not subscribe to the mantra that 'trans women are women' (TWAW) is nothing short of lunacy.

Bev Jackson and Kate Harris, veteran campaigners for lesbians and gays, being accused of being part of a hate group is nothing more than a cynical attempt to silence women.

It should be remembered, the Labour party was founded by the trade union movement to represent the working class and it has a proud tradition and history of debate and challenging ideas.

The Labour party was not founded, however, so we could fight for the right of a male child rapist to be placed into a female prison.

The Labour Party needs to remember, it was the Kiri Tunks, Bev Jackson, the people on the panel, many of you in the audience who took to the streets in the 70s to fight for rights of the LGBT community, we were the ones who were gay bashed in the 80s, fought against Section 28 in 90s, and we did it, all so the LGBT generation after us could walk down Old Compton Street or any street holding their boyfriend's or girlfriend's hand without fear of abusive of attack. The Labour Party should remember this before they dare label us bigots.

And of course The Labour Party now tell us that sex doesn't matter, they demand that we accept trans women are women and trans men are men without question. We are told that same sex attraction is transphobic and we are told that men can be lesbians.

Well let me say this, for the avoidance of doubt: I am a proud lesbian, I am same sex attracted, I do not date people who have penises and I WILL NOT BE BULLIED back into the closet by the Labour party.

And finally before I go. Let me say this, the Labour Party needs to start listening to us.

We are Labour party members, we are trade unionists, we are mothers, we are fathers, we are JK Rowling, we are Martina Navratilova we are WPUK, we are LGB Alliance, and you will Defend me or Expel me - but you will not silence me.