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Reply to Labour Party LGBT Network questions:

1. Do you accept that trans women are women, trans men are men, and non-binary people are non-binary - and will you commit to respecting trans people as their self-declared gender – if so, how will you integrate this approach to tackle the culture of entrenched transphobia, from the grassroots membership up to the leadership?
2. Will you defend the current Labour Party policy and principle of inclusion of Transgender women on All Women Shortlists?

"I have always held the view that everyone has the right to live their lives however they like, and to identify themselves however they choose, provided that they don't impinge in any way on the rights of others. That means that I fully support the rights of LGBT people and transsexuals and am opposed to any discrimination against them."

Reply to Labour Women's Declaration Working Group questions:

1. We would like to ask, firstly, whether you agree that women should have the right to expect female-only facilities to be available in places such as changing rooms, public toilets, hospital wards, care homes, refuges, hostels and prisons, as provided for through the single-sex exemptions in the Equality Act 2010?
2. Secondly, do you agree that women should have the right to organise themselves, as a sex, across a range of cultural, leisure, educational and political activities and have the right to discuss policies which affect them, without being abused, harassed or intimidated?
3. Lastly, we would like to ask how you think that the Labour Party should go about fulfilling the promise it made to women in the Manifesto within the Labour Party itself?

"Thank you for your message. For too long many women Labour members, apart from a privileged few, have been reduced to a secondary role in the Labour Party. And some even of those who have gained prominent positions have been subject to vile abuse and left vulnerable and unprotected. (One conspicuous example is Diane Abbott). For that reason I fully support your platform and wish you all success."