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LGBT+ Rights Our history as a party has always been anti-bigotry in all its forms, and we know the value of minority groups in strengthening our country's social fabric. It is vital that we take a firm stance and stay true to these roots in both our internal and external policies, in order to build a better future for everyone, with Labour, together.

Conference notes:

- Statistically, LGBT+ people are experiencing higher levels of persecution within society on a systematic and routine basis. Transgender people face substantial barriers and experience high levels of exclusion and violence through persistent transphobia.
- Intersex people experience erasure and harm through anti LGBT+ violence. Many LGBT+ people are unable to receive appropriate and timely health care services.
- Likewise, LGBT+ people have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conversion therapy refers to any form of treatment or psychotherapy which aims to reduce or stop same-sex attraction or to suppress a person's gender identity based on the premise that being: Lesbian, Gay, Bi or Trans is a mental illness that can be 'Cured'.
- In the UK, all major counselling and psychotherapy bodies as well as the NHS, have concluded that conversion therapy is dangerous and harmful; and have condemned it by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Conferences believes:

- Supporting LGBT+ people, specifically transgender and intersex people, ensures the liberation of all. The limited protections afforded to the LGBT+ community are persistently under threat.
- Campaigning to protect and improve healthcare access to all trans people is vital; including expanding Gender Identity Clinic services (many of which currently have waitlists for medical treatment exceeding five years), safeguarding trans youths' access to safe and recommended interventions by the medical community, and protecting free birth control for trans men and non-binary people.
- Conversion therapies are both unethical and harmful; and also promote hateful values in society that homosexuality/bisexuality and being transgender is an illness.
- That these - therapies- are damaging with no qualified scientific support.
- That the use of conversion therapy on persons under the age of 18 is a form of child abuse.

Conference resolves that the Labour Party must:

- Recognise the obstacles and growing violence LGBT+ people face within society.
- Put forward solid and tangible actions in terms of education and health care policy.
- Adopt policy to make Conversion Therapy illegal and its use on people under the age of 18 classified as a form of child abuse, punishable by law.
- assert trans people's same right for self-determination as anyone else, and fight for measures to improve protections and services.

- This should include safeguarding equal access to domestic abuse/rape support and shelters, with particular improvement needed for trans women and ensuring that steps to prevent violence against women includes all women. No one should be barred or limited from accessing support services for being trans or nonbinary.

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