



Regional Women's Committee AGM
Saturday 1 October 2016
Croyde Bay

1. **Welcome** – delegates were welcomed to the event.
2. **Presentation of Annual Report** – The Annual Report was presented to the delegates, who had copies in their packs.
- 3/4. **Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 26 September 2015 and matters arising**
No matters arising
5. **National Women's Committee Representative, Hustings and Election**
Emilia Davies (Bath Health Branch) and Becky Brookman (Dorset County Branch) gave election addresses

6. **Regional Women's Committee Nominations**

Self-nomination forms received and duly elected:

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Jacqueline Bonas	Western Energy
Becky Brookman	Dorset County
Amanda Brown	Dorset County
Stella Crew	Dorset County
Tracy Cunningham	Devon and Cornwall Police and Justice
Emilia Davies	Bath University
Lesley Discombe	Torbay Local Government
Sharon Foster	Bristol
Linda Gardiner	Bath Health
Laura Hall	Dorset County
Hayley Kemp	Plymouth
Melinda Manickam	Somerset County
Jennifer Michell	Devon and Cornwall Police and Justice
Jill Mildon	Dorset County
Debbie Russell	Somerset Health

7. **Motions**

Regional Women's Conference Motion

This AGM notes with concern that there is no mention of the word 'feminism' in the Regional Women's Constitution.

Proposed by the Regional Women's Committee, carried with no opposition

National Women's Conference 2017 Motions

1. Istanbul Convention - Violence Against Women

Conference notes that on 7 April 2011, the Council of Europe adopted the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) and it was opened for signatures by member states on 11 May 2011. It entered into force on 1 April 2014. The Istanbul Convention was drafted in response to the growing recognition in the early years of the 21st century that member states had vastly differing approaches to matters of

domestic violence and violence against women. The document sets out a legal framework for protecting women and girls from all forms of gender-based violence. The UK government signed the Istanbul Convention on 8 June 2012 but has not yet ratified it and progress has stalled.

Conference calls on the National Women's Committee to work with the NEC, Labour Link and relevant organisations such as IC Change to:

1. lobby the UK government and all parties to take action to overcome the remaining obstacles to full ratification
2. work within UNISON structures to campaign for full ratification

Proposed by Sarah Connell, carried with no opposition

2. Unaffordable Housing – Hidden Homelessness

Proposed by Emilia Davies, spirit of motion agreed.

Regional Women's Committee to draft

8. Any other business – None

Meeting closed at 12:30