LETTER TO BRANCHES

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To : All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

CWU Disability Conference – Date and Venue to be Confirmed

The CWU Disability Conference is planned to be held in January/early February 2019. In order for the Standing Orders Committee to meet the commitment of preparing an agenda for a planned conference we have taken the unusual step of issuing this LTB with the date and venue of the conference still to be confirmed.

Creche Facilities/Prayer Rooms/Seating

In order that we can cater for any delegate(s) with special needs such as seating, it is important that you advise us in writing of the name of the delegate(s) and the particular requirement by return but no later than **Tuesday 10th December 2018.**

Crèche facilities will be available to delegates during the Conference and Branches should advise the SDGS Department in writing, by return, but no later than **Tuesday 10th December 2018** if they require the use of this facility. Please ensure that the names and ages of the children, together with an appropriate address for sending the crèche form to for completion are included in this advice. It will not be possible to provide on the spot facilities to those delegates who have not informed us in advance.

Motions

Each Branch is entitled to submit one motion for consideration to be included on the agenda of the Conference. Motions should be submitted electronically to conferences@cwu.org using the template attached. Branches who do not have this facility may request paper motion forms by contacting Chris Tapper on 020 8971 7331.

The Disability Advisory Committee are entitled to submit up to three motions to the conference standing in their name.

Each Regional Equality Committee are entitled to submit one motion to the Disability Conference.

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Motion forms must be returned by midnight on **Tuesday 10th December 2018.** All sections of the form must be completed.

Branches and the Advisory Committee are reminded that the Standing Orders Committee will not alter or amend any of the motions submitted therefore it is important that motions are checked before they are submitted.

As with previous Equality Conferences, the agenda will be structured in such a way as to maximise debate and participation by delegates. There will be two sections to the agenda, one for motions which are eligible for consideration for submission to General Conference, and one for motions that in the view of the Standing Orders Committee would not be admissible to the General Conference agenda.

Branches will be aware that with the carriage of Composite Rule Amendment 126 at General Conference 2013, the Disability Conference has the entitlement under the rules of the union to submit two motions to stand in the name of the conference to General Conference and one motion to the Postal Group and Telecoms Industry Conferences. It is therefore important that if branches wish their motions to be considered for General Conference they must contain policy that is capable of being discharged by the NEC, as opposed to either of the Industrial Executives.

As with previous Equality Conferences, the motions for submission to the General Conference, Postal Group and Telecoms Industry agenda will be decided from amongst those motions adopted at the Conference. A ballot to select the motions will be held at the Conference and further information will be contained within the conference standing orders.

Please note that all correspondence must be sent to conferences@cwu.org and no other personal email address.

Any enquiries regarding this LTB should be addressed to Chris Tapper either by post to head office or by email to conferences@cwu.org

Yours sincerely,

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