



CONFERENCE SPECIAL REPORT

William Hague appeal

It was 37 years ago that I first stood on stage at Conference.

And over those four decades I have watched this Party, the Conservative Party, rescue our country from debt-fuelled Labour governments not once, but twice. I've



seen us give millions of people the chance to own their own homes and help small businesses to thrive.

In the last four years alone, we have capped benefits and brought net immigration down from its peak under Labour. We've cut income tax for over 25 million people, created nearly two million apprenticeships, helped 1.8 million more people into work, cut the European budget for the first time in history, and given Britain the fastest growth of any leading Western nation.

The coming election is therefore a choice: between more of this good progress or a lurch back to the days when Gordon Brown not only ran out of everybody else's money, but Ed Balls and Ed Miliband actually advised him on how to do it.

You can play your part - and help secure a better future for Britain - by joining Team 2015, our volunteer network, today.

The next election is also a straight choice between a referendum on Europe with the Conservatives or no say on Europe with Labour.

A Labour government doesn't just mean higher taxes and more debt than future generations can repay - it also means the people of this country would never get their say on Europe.

So in the coming months, I will be going all around the country, fighting for our excellent MPs and candidates and meeting every voter I can to help secure a Conservative majority at the next election - and help secure a better future for Britain.

From David Cameron's speech

Today I set out how we can secure a better future - and build a Britain that everyone is proud to call home.

A Britain where hard work is rewarded. Not a free-for-all, but a chance for all: the chance of a job, a home, a good start in life, whoever you are, wherever you are from.

I set out our Conservative commitment for the next five years.

If you want to provide for yourself and your family, you'll have the security of a job.

If you work hard and do the right thing, you will keep more of the money to spend as you choose.

We will cut income tax for 30 million hardworking taxpayers - increasing the tax-free personal allowance from £10,000 to £12,500, and raising the 40p

tax rate threshold from £41,900 to £50,000.

For those wanting to buy a home, we will help you get on the housing ladder - with 100,000 new homes, available to first-time buyers under 40 at a 20% discount.

We will make sure every child gets a great education so they can reach their potential.

And for those retiring, we will make sure you get a decent pension and real rewards for a life of work.

A good job, a nice home, more money at the end of the month, a decent education for your children, a safe and secure retirement.

A country where if you put in, you get out.

A Britain everyone is proud to call home - and a long-term plan to get there.

So let's finish what we have begun.

Let's secure a better future for you, your family and for everyone

George Osborne a better future

George Osborne set out plans to help build a better future:

- People who have worked and saved all their lives will be able to pass on their hard-earned pensions to their families tax free. I'm abolishing the punitive 55% death tax altogether.

- The Conservatives will take the difficult decisions to carry on getting the deficit down. So we will freeze benefits for two years from April 2016.

- We want to see low business taxes, but low taxes that are paid - not avoided. We'll put a stop to technology multinationals diverting profits offshore to avoid tax.

- We will abolish long-term youth unemployment so that we give young people the opportunity of a better, more secure future. Reducing the benefit cap will fund 3 million apprenticeships.

- We'll help young first-time buyers get their starter home with a permanent Help to Buy.

More examples of how Conservative are getting it right.

The new regional team

With the previous team having served their term a new team has been elected to serve the East Midlands Region.

Chairman is Kelly Smith who lives in Tealby in Lincolnshire.

Deputy Chairman Political is Adrian Pegg who is from Derby and Deputy chairman Membership and Finance is Hillary Fryer who comes from Barrow upon Soar in Derbyshire

PM's award

Well done Broxtowe's Stapleford community champion, Richard MacRae who has won the Prime Minister's "Point of Light" award for his work in organising jobs fairs in Stapleford. More than 200 people have found work because of Richard's efforts

Comment

So the Union flag stays intact and the decision that Scotland took in 1707 when the then Scottish Parliament voted itself out of existence and the country became subordinate to Westminster has been continued. Scotland found itself divided but a close on 10% more of its people decided, "better together".

Politics is a strange thing and strange things happen. None more strange than the defection of Douglas Carswell and Mark Reckless to Ukip. Strange in several ways, one of which is that in order to achieve what they would appear to want with regard to Europe cannot be given to them by Ukip. Despite their lack of loyalty, the defection and its consequences they did have the decency to resign their seats when they chose to leave the Conservative Party. Quite different to Bill Newton Dunn and Roger Helmer who took those who voted for them to the cleaners by ignoring the political party choice of those who elected them.

So what of the future and how dangerous is Ukip to the balance of power when we come to the elections in May next year. In Nottinghamshire it could well be not too significant but it must not be ignored. Stranger things have happened and the electorate too can move in strange ways. The media does not help either as the smallest hint, from whatever pub Farage speaks from, may be brought up to headline status with public response echoing those headlines.

To other things and it was good to learn the ubiquitous Boris Johnson, or to give him his full name, Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson. is likely to return to Parliament as the MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip for with a majority of 11,000 in the 2010 election and with his personality it should be a done job!

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David Cameron on the NO vote

The people of Scotland have spoken, said David Cameron on the morning the result was announced. It is a clear result. They have kept our country of four nations together.



Like millions of other people, I'm delighted. It would have broken my heart to see our United Kingdom come to an end.

And that sentiment was shared by people not just across our country, but also around the world - because of what we've achieved together in the past and what we can do together in the future.

So now it is time for our United Kingdom to come together, and to move forward.

We have a chance - a great opportunity - to change the way the British people are governed, and change it for the better.

The area team



Area Chairman Debbie Mason



Deputy Political Tony Roberts MBE



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Conference snippets

● David Cameron. I am so proud to stand here today as Prime Minister of four nations in one United Kingdom. The lead-up to that referendum was the most nerve-racking week of my life.

● Olympic medalist Victoria Pendleton told the conference that sport was a vital part of a child's education because it teaches them how to win and lose. It can bridge the gap between socioeconomic status, race, gender, ethnicity and disability.

● Owen Patterson said immigration had become a huge recruiting agent for Ukip.

● Teachers unions praised Education Secretary Nicky Morgan when she promised to cut the workloads of "tired teachers" and that she would stand up for all types of schools, not just the Government's flagship free schools.

● During his swansong speech William Hague described the current Labour party as "You have to go back to Michael Foot and 1983 to find a Labour Party less well prepared to govern the country for this is the most left wing backward-looking, unreconstructed, divided, dysfunctional and unimaginative Labour leadership in 30 years.

● Philip Hammond said; "I've told our diplomats that it might be called "The Foreign Office", but I want them to think of it as "The British Office". Because their job is to bat for Britain... protecting our security... standing up for our values... pursuing our prosperity ...playing a vital role in the Conservative plan to secure a better future for Britain. And by the way, that includes securing the future of Britain's overseas territories.

● Defence Secretary Michael Fallon. Our military embody the best of British values – selflessness, courage, discipline, and respect.

● Home Secretary Theresa May. I know that the misuse of stop and search is still a real problem. So if those numbers do not keep falling, if stop and search does not become more targeted, if the stop-to-arrest ratios do not improve, we will legislate to make those things happen. Because I am determined to make sure that nobody should ever be stopped and searched because of the colour of their skin.

● Jeremy Hunt. Well I have a message for Mr Miliband. It's not a Labour Health Service or a Conservative Health Service... it is a National Health Service. So don't turn the National Health Service into a National Political Football and don't use the NHS to divide us when it's the fabric that unites our nation.

● Nicky Morgan, Education Secretary. just look what we have achieved. Standards - back. Discipline - restored. Expectations - high. An old culture of "can't" replaced with a new culture of "can". And more children being taught in good or outstanding schools than ever before. That's the story of this government.

● Iain Duncan Smith. When we took office, over half of the rise in employment under Labour had been accounted for by foreign nationals. Now, over the last year, three quarters of the surge in employment has been made up of UK nationals... 600,000 more British people in work. Each and every one of these a British life transformed.

● David Cameron in a warning to voters on Polling Day that voting for Ukip was a vote for Labour; "Don't go to bed with Nigel Farage and wake up with David Milliband"

● Boris Johnson. I genuinely think that this is a fantastic time to be a Conservative.

**LABOUR'S
PLAN FOR
YOUR FUTURE:**

MORE DEBT

85%

of Labour candidates standing to be MPs at the next election believe the last

Labour government didn't spend too much money - and **1 in 10** think they should have spent **even more**.

Source: ComRes survey, 21/09/14

M[£]ORE TAXES

42%

of Labour candidates say a Labour Government should **raise taxes** to reduce the deficit

WHILE ONLY 18% THINK THEY SHOULD CUT SPENDING.

Source: ComRes survey, 21/09/14

MORE INEFFICIENT SPENDING



Ed Balls' speech at Labour's Conference contained **£20.4bn** of spending promises, but only **£1.9bn** of tax rises and savings - an **£18.5bn** black hole.

(Full figures at sharethefacts.conservatives.com)



More inefficient spending, more taxes and more debt than our children could ever hope to repay.

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