



Women's Equality Party Conference

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Title: **Gender self ID and single sex spaces**

Proposed by: **Mandu Reid, Leader of the Women's Equality Party**

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Type of motion: **Policy motion**

Motion text:

- 1 The Women's Equality Party reaffirms its commitment to being an inclusive movement and to
2 fighting for the liberation of all women, including trans women.
- 3 WE supports the right of transgender people to self determine their gender and to obtain gender
4 recognition certificates, including recognition for non-binary people, on that basis.
- 5 WE also reaffirms its support for services - such as domestic abuse refuges - to provide single-sex
6 spaces as allowed by exemptions under the Equality Act,³ as long as they do so lawfully.
- 7 Further to this, the Women's Equality Party reaffirms its commitment to ensuring sustainable and
8 sufficient funding for specialist support services to ensure that all women are able to access specialist
9 services when they need them.
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Motion rationale:

- 10 The Women's Equality Party was founded to fight for all women, including trans women. We are
11 committed to being an inclusive party and to resisting the growing division in the feminist movement.
- 12 In the last year hate crime against transgender people has increased by over 50%. It is now more
13 important than ever to stand with our transgender sisters and fight back against hatred and
14 discrimination in all forms.
- 15 Currently transgender people must receive a medical diagnosis by a specialist and one other doctor,
16 obtain a detailed medical report, prove they have lived 'in role' of their 'acquired gender' for two years
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17 and to navigate a costly and complex bureaucracy in order to legally transition their gender.² This is
18 dehumanising, stigmatising and intrusive.

19 We recognise the concern about the impact that these changes could have on single-sex spaces, and
20 therefore also reaffirm our support for the principle of providing single-sex services when necessary,
21 which is lawful under the Equality Act.

22 The recommendations of the Women's Equality Party's members assembly did not find significant
23 conflict between the party's existing policies and gender self ID, beyond the need to uphold single-
24 sex spaces lawfully in the EVAWG sector.¹

25 Fundamentally we do not believe that gender self ID has to be at odds with the protections that women
26 have fought so hard for. The single biggest threat to women's services and women's spaces is one
27 of funding. Therefore, the party reaffirms its ongoing support for sustainable and sufficient funding to
28 the women's sector and EVAWG services, including trans-led, and single-sex provision, and all other
29 specialist services, ensuring that every woman can get the support they need.

Note: EVAWG = Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

References

1 [Women's Equality Party members assembly findings](#)

2 [The Gender Recognition Act sections 2 and 3](#)

3 [The Equality Act part 14](#)
