

EQUITY CONFERENCE 2026

January – 1 March	Branches and committees meet to decide on motions.
Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 February	Emails giving notice of national/regional meetings are sent to all members. <i>Note: 28 days' notice required.</i>
Monday 2 March	Closing date for receipt of motions from branches and committees (12 noon).
Monday 9 March	Conference Business Committee (CBC) meets to review motions, make corrections and provide advice.
Tuesday 10 March	Council decides whether any motions are out of order.
Wednesday 11 March	Motions circulated to national/regional meetings for selection.
Friday 13 March	Closing date for fringe event applications. From this year onwards, applications may only come from branches, committees, Councillors, networks or staff, and should be sent to Gareth Forest gforest@equity.org.uk
Wednesday 18 March – Wednesday 1 April	National/regional meetings select motions from branches/national committees.
Thursday 2 April	Closing date for receipt of motions from national/regional meetings (12 noon).
Friday 10 April	Closing date for representative names from branches and committees (12 noon).
Saturday 11 April	Closing date for member applications (23:59).
Tuesday 14 April	Council meets to decide its attitude to motions, motions and amendments in the Council's name, Council speakers and to finalise the substance of the agenda.
Wednesday 15 April	CBC meets to finalise the agenda. Agenda goes to print.
Monday 27 April – Friday 1 May	Agenda and other documents sent to representatives.
Saturday 9 – Monday 11 May	Equity Conference takes place in Durham.

Bank holidays 2026: England and Wales: 1 January; 3, 6 April; 4, 25 May; 31 August; 25, 28 December.
Scotland: 1, 2 January; 3, 6 April; 4, 25 May; 2 August; 30 November; 25, 28 December.
Northern Ireland: 1 January; 17 March; 3, 6 April; 4, 25 May; 13 July; 31 August; 25, 28 December.

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