



Registered Charity No. 1107795

Equal Rights for Men and Women

Patrons:

Sir Peter Bottomley MP

Mr Mark Brooks OBE

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PARITY AGM 2024

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you intend to **attend in person at UJC**, you **must advise this to Hon. Secretary by 10 May 2024** giving your name and telephone number.

If you wish to **join the meeting via Video Conference**, you **must advise this to Hon. Secretary by 10 May 2024** giving your name, telephone number and email address.

If you wish to **invite non-PARITY members** to the AGM Open Session, this will only be via Video Conference or in person by prior agreement with Hon. Secretary by **10 May 2024** giving your name, telephone number and email address and guest name(s) and email address(es).

Contact details: (secretary@parity-uk.org) or mail (39 Cotton Road, Potters Bar. EN6 5JT) or Mob: 07966 742 512

Notice is hereby given of the **37th Annual General Meeting** of **PARITY** to be held on **Saturday 18th May 2024** at the **Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ** commencing at **13:00 hrs**

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Saturday 18th May 2024

12 noon DOORS OPEN – Buffet Lunch & Refreshments

13:00 hrs ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:45 hrs – 14:30 hrs OPEN MEETING

The Importance of a Male Centred Approach to Mental Health

Talk by Dr John Barry

Union Jack Club

Ghika Room, UJC, Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ

PARITY OBJECTIVES

The Objects of PARITY are in accordance with those set out in the current PARITY Constitution:

(1) To promote and protect the equal rights of men and women to the enjoyment of all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights under the law.

(2) To institute proceedings in the UK or appropriate European Courts for the purpose of establishing or protecting any such equal rights

Current PARITY objectives

- a.** all law to be gender neutral unless relating to pregnancy and childbirth;
- b.** equal application of laws to men and women with only individual considerations, not gender or other grouping, in all stages of implementation;
- c.** equal provisions for men and women in all statutory and public policies and benefits;
- d.** equal treatment of victims of domestic violence, both male and female, and their children;
- e.** substantially equal public funding for medical research into and treatment of male and female specific diseases;
- f.** equal status for separated parents and more rigorous enforcement of child contact and of maintenance orders;
- g.** effective Government policies to improve the academic performance of boys and to encourage a more even balance between men and women in primary school teaching;

- h.** funding for research into the reasons for and means of reducing the persistent difference in life expectancy between men and women;
- i.** equal anonymity for defendants and complainants in sex offence cases unless a particular case, with specific court agreement, may demonstrably benefit from releasing the name of the defendant.

AGM SPEAKER PROFILE – DR JOHN BARRY

Dr John A. Barry is a Chartered Psychologist and Professional Researcher. He is a leading expert in the areas of male psychology including men's mental health and the psychological aspects of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS). He is an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, Clinical Hypnotherapist and Honorary Lecturer in Psychology at University College London. His Ph.D. was awarded by City University London, on the topic of the psychological aspects of PCOS. In addition to blogs and media articles, John is the author and amount editor of 3 books and around 80 peer-reviewed publications on a variety of topics in psychology and health. His specialist areas of expertise are research (methodology - mainly survey methods and meta-analyses), male psychology, polycystic ovary syndrome (women's health), clinical hypnosis (or 'hypnotherapy'), colour blindness research. As a professional researcher, John has also taken an interest in improving the teaching of research methods and statistics. John offers a number of professional services with regards to his specialist areas.

John has collaborated with organisations such as Harry's Inc. as well as joining forces with experts such as Dr Warren Farrell and receiving praise from Dr Jordan Peterson (for his blog on the APA guidelines on working with men and boys). He has advised organisations such as CALM and The Royal Foundation. His work has been

featured in various media outlets such as the Metro and The Telegraph, The Sun and The Daily Mail. He has also presented his work at the Houses of Parliament, various universities - including University College London - and spoken at conferences for various organisations, including the British Psychological Society.

2024 PARITY MEMBERSHIP

PARITY is one of few charities in the UK whose sole constitutional remit is to try to protect the equal rights of both men and women in our society. Our work is important despite ever more equality legislation which often creates unfairly new losers as well as winners.

PARITY is run entirely by volunteers and is wholly dependent on subscriptions and donations to fund its work. **Our subscription rate remains at minimum of £10 per annum. (Concessionary rates for younger members in Education and those in hardship).**

We hope therefore that you will join us or continue to support us, either by sending a cheque or completing a Standing Order Form. Please use the loose form enclosed and complete accordingly. Alternatively, you may pay online via DONATE button on our website <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12864#!/DonationDetails> with your Reference Number: your surname/ post code/ initials (if more than one member at the address).

If you are a tax-payer, please do consider also signing the Gift Aid form. **Please therefore send in your renewal subscriptions for 2024 now.** Please disregard this reminder if you have already renewed your membership for 2024 or pay by Standing Order.

In order to ease record keeping, it is hoped that members will agree to renew their subscriptions in future at the beginning of each calendar year rather than on their anniversary of joining.

WAYS OF REACHING THE UNION JACK CLUB

STRICT SECURITY OPERATES AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING. MEMBERS ATTENDING SHOULD THEREFORE HAVE READY FOR INSPECTION ON ENTERING THE BUILDING SOME FORM OF PARITY IDENTITY SUCH AS THIS NOTICE.

MAIN LINE Train stations shown in bold, *Underground in italics*

Waterloo and **Waterloo East**: go to the main concourse of Waterloo Station and look for the exit to Waterloo Road. Sandell Street is on the opposite side of the road.

Paddington and **Marylebone**: take the *Bakerloo line to Waterloo*, exit to the Main Line Station and follow above directions.

Euston: take the *Northern Line (Charing Cross branch)* to Waterloo, exit to Main Line Station and follow above directions. See below for buses.

Kings Cross and **St Pancras**: exit Station on to Euston Road, turn right and walk short distance to **Euston** Station and follow directions from there. See below for buses.

Liverpool Street and **Victoria**: in each case take the *Circle line to Embankment* and change to *Bakerloo or Northern line to Waterloo*, exit to Main Line Station and follow above directions.

BY UNDERGROUND: aim for **Waterloo**, which is on the following lines: *Bakerloo, Jubilee, and Northern (Charing Cross branch)*. Once at Waterloo, exit to the Main Line Station and follow above directions. Useful changing stations are *Embankment, Leicester Square, Oxford Circus, and Euston*.

BY BUS:

Generally, take any bus going to **Waterloo Station** - alight at Station: Sandell Street is on left hand of Waterloo Road going south.

From **Euston Station**: take 59 or 68 bus direct to Waterloo Station from Bay B, Euston Bus Station at left front of main station

From **Kings Cross** and **St Pancras**: turn right and walk as far as and then left into Upper Woburn Place to stop M for buses 59, 68 and 168 direct to Waterloo Station.

Note: For those who live outside London, a National bus pass is valid in London throughout the week except for morning peak hours before 9.30 am on Mondays to Fridays (no restriction Bank Holiday Mondays).