



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 2023

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you intend to **attend in person at UJC**, you **must advise this to Hon. Secretary by 30 June 2023** giving your name and telephone number.

If you wish to **join the meeting via Video Conference**, you **must advise this to Hon. Secretary by 30 June 2023** 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 and you must advise this to Hon. Secretary by **30 June 2023** 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 **36th Annual General Meeting** of **PARITY** to be held on **Saturday 8th July 2023** at the **Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ** commencing at **13:00 hrs**

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Saturday 8th July 2023

12 noon DOORS OPEN – Buffet Lunch & Refreshments

13:00 hrs ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:45 hrs – 14:30 hrs OPEN MEETING

**Male Disadvantages & the Work of Both Parents
Matter Cymru**

Talk by Rick Bradford

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 – RICK BRADFORD

Rick Bradford is a retired engineer and theoretical physicist. He is married with two sons in their mid-30s. Rick is the author of the books *The Empathy Gap* (2019) and *The Destructivists* (2021), under the pseudonym Williams Collins. He has been writing and speaking about issues adversely affecting men and boys for the last ten years, and blogs on these issues on <http://empathygap.uk>. Rick continues to be active in the physical sciences, despite retirement, having published two books on maths and physics in the last three years. His work in this area can be found on <http://rickbradford.co.uk>.

2023 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 2023 now.** Please disregard this reminder if you have already renewed your membership for 2023 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).