



PARITY

Equal Rights for Men and Women

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PARITY AGM 2026

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you intend to **attend in person at UJC**, you **must advise this to Hon. Secretary by 9 June 2026** giving your name and telephone number.

If you wish to **join the meeting via Video Conference**, you **must advise this to Hon. Secretary by 9 June 2026** 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 if in person by prior agreement with Hon. Secretary by **9 June 2026** 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 **39th Annual General Meeting** of **PARITY** to be held on **Saturday 20th June 2026** at the **Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ** commencing at **13:00 hrs**

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Saturday 20th June 2026

12 noon DOORS OPEN – Buffet Lunch & Refreshments

13:00 hrs ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:45 hrs – 15:00 hrs OPEN MEETING SESSION 1

What we Currently Know About Male Victims of Domestic Violence: Prevalence, Impacts and Experiences of Abuse Followed by Q&A

Talk by Dr. Elizabeth Bates

15:00 hrs – 16:15 hrs OPEN MEETING SESSION 2

How Males are Deliberately Denied a Democratic Voice Followed by Q&A

Talk by Wayne Opie

**Union Jack Club
Ghika Room, UJC, Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ**

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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 – ELIZABETH BATES

Elizabeth started working at the University of Cumbria in 2011 as a lecturer in psychology and progressed to senior lecturer and is now Principal Lecturer in Psychology and Psychological Therapies.

She currently manages the subject group which include Psychology, Counselling and Psychotherapy and CBT. In August 2023, she also became an Associate Professor of Family Violence and Abuse.

She completed her PhD in 2012 and have since specialised in working with male victims of domestic violence and abuse and is also a trustee of the

ManKind Initiative, a UK male victims' charity. Her work has explored the men's experiences of abuse, the barriers that exist to help-seeking, and the ways in which this can impact them as fathers and their children.

AGM SPEAKER PROFILE – WAYNE OPIE

Whilst at Aberystwyth University Wayne was the sole male member of the incipient Women's Liberation Movement (1973). He has been the Equal Opportunities Officer at Bath Spa University.

Wayne was Adviser to Bob Geldof for his work on Marriage, Family and Divorce and 'briefing' him for his regular meetings with Government Ministers. He has a wide experience in the education system and has lectured in Gender, Sociology, Philosophy and Politics.

Wayne is an experienced speaker and lives with his partner in the Cotswolds.

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).