

Think TENT

1st – 4th October

Conservative Party Conference 2017

Events listing | Manchester Central (inside the secure zone)

2:30pm | 1st Oct

Energy policy and the industrial strategy

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance and Offshore Wind Industry Council

Speakers:

- **John O'Connell**, Chief Executive, TaxPayers' Alliance (Chair)
- **Nirj Deva** MEP
- **David Morris MP** (invited)
- **Benj Sykes**, Head of Programme Asset Management, DONG Energy Wind Power
- **Alex Wild**, Research Director, TaxPayers' Alliance

4:15pm | 1st Oct

How should the Conservative Party tackle intergenerational unfairness

hosted by: IEA

Speakers:

- **Andy Silvester**, Head of PR and Leader Writer, *The Sun* (Chair)
- **Kate Andrews**, News Editor, Institute of Economic Affairs
- **George Freeman MP**, Chair of the Prime Minister's Policy Board
- **Richard Graham MP**
- **Owen Jones**, Journalist and Commentator

6pm | 1st Oct

TPA question time

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance

Speakers:

- **Jonathan Isaby**, Editor, Brexit Central (Chair)
- **Peter Bone MP**
- **James Price**, Campaign Manager, TaxPayers' Alliance
- **Alex Wickham**, Guido Fawkes Development

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Sunday
1st October



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7.30am | 2nd Oct

The City: Post-Brexit (Breakfast roundtable*)

hosted by: IEA and City of London

Speakers:

- **Julian Jessop**, Chief Economist, IEA (Chair)
- **Catherine McGuinness**, Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee, City of London
- **The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP**, Chief Secretary to the Treasury

**This event is strictly invite-only.*

If you would like to attend, please email cmingay@iea.org.uk

9:15am | 2nd Oct

What are the chances for Tax Reform?

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance

Speakers:

- **John O'Connell**, Chief Executive, TaxPayers' Alliance (Chair)
- **Charlie Elphicke MP**
- **Stephen Herring**, Head of Taxation, Institute of Directors
- **Warwick Lightfoot**, Head of Economics, Policy Exchange
- **Heather Self**, Partner, Pinsent Masons
- **Alex Wild**, Research Director, TaxPayers' Alliance

11am | 2nd Oct

Vaping: Could Brexit be good for our health?

hosted by: IEA

Speakers:

- **Mark Littlewood**, Director General, IEA (Chair)
- **Clive Bates, Director**, Counterfactual Consulting Limited
- **Bob Blackman MP**
- **Nigel Evans MP** (invited)
- **Dan Marchant**, Board Member, UK Vaping Association
- **Christopher Snowdon**, Head of Lifestyle Economics, IEA

12:45pm | 2nd Oct

Defence after Brexit

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance and Veterans for Britain

Speakers:

- **Alex Wild**, Research Director, TaxPayers' Alliance (Chair)
- **Mark Francois MP**
- **Rear Admiral Roger Lane-Nott, CB**
- **Professor Gwythian Prins**
- **Dr Lee Rotherham**

2:30pm | 2nd Oct

Should the European Court of Justice have a post-Brexit remit in the U.K.?

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance and The Federalist Society

Speakers:

- **Alex Deane**, Managing Director, FTI Consulting (Chair)
- **Nirj Diva MEP**
- **Lord Faulks QC**
- **Daniel Hannan MEP** (invited)
- **Martin Howe QC**

4:15pm | 2nd Oct

Solving the housing shortage – how can we ensure housing stock keeps pace with demand?

hosted by: IEA and McCarthy & Stone

Speakers:

- **Dr Jamie Whyte**, Research Director, IEA (Chair)
- **Peter Aldous MP**, Chair – APPG, Housing and Care for Older People
- **Bob Blackman MP**, Secretary of the 1922 Committee
- **Kevin Hollinrake MP**, PPS to Environment Secretary Michael Gove
- **Paul Swinney**, Principal Economist, Centre for Cities
- **Paul Teverson**, Director of Communications, McCarthy and Stone

6pm | 2nd Oct

A manifesto for change – free market ideas for Conservative renewal (Followed by drinks reception)

hosted by: IEA and Free Enterprise Group

Speakers:

- **Mark Littlewood**, Director General, IEA (Chair)
- **Kevin Hollinrake MP**
- **Dr Philip Lee MP**
- **The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP**, Secretary of State for International Development

8.30pm | 2nd Oct

ThinkTent drinks reception with senior cabinet minister (Invite-only)

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance, IEA and Curtin & Co

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Monday
2nd October



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9:15am | 3rd Oct

A Brexit that works for consumers

hosted by: IEA and Tate & Lyle Sugars

Speakers:

- **Mark Littlewood**, Director General, IEA (Chair)
- **Helen Dickinson**, CEO, British Retail Consortium
- **Vicky Ford MP**, Chair of 1922 backbench committee on Exiting the EU
- **Gerald Mason**, Senior Vice President, Tate & Lyle Sugars
- **Isabel Oakeshott**, journalist and commentator

11am | 3rd Oct

How do we future proof the NHS?

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance and IEA

Speakers:

- **Kate Andrews**, News Editor, Institute of Economic Affairs (Chair)
- **James Bartholomew**, Author of *The Welfare of Nations*
- **Sam Collins**, Director, Age Endeavour Fellowship
- **Alex Wild**, Research Director, TaxPayers' Alliance

12:45pm | 3rd Oct

Alcohol policies – how much is too much?

hosted by: IEA and Pernod Ricard UK

Speakers:

- **John O'Connell**, Chief Executive, TaxPayers' Alliance (Chair)
- **Stephen Carpenter**, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Pernod Ricard UK
- **Byron Davies AM**, Director, Drinkers Voice
- **Lord Ian Duncan**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland and Wales
- **Christopher Snowden**, Head of Lifestyle Economics, IEA

2:30pm | 3rd Oct

Gig Economy – Seeing the wood for the trees

hosted by: IEA

Speakers:

- **Christian May**, Editor, *City AM* (Chair)
- **Charlie Elphicke MP**
- **Patrick Gallagher**, CEO, CitySprint
- **Giles Watling MP**
- **Carole Woodhead**, CEO, Hermes

4:15pm | 3rd Oct

How do we make the moral case for free markets?

hosted by: TaxPayers' Alliance

Speakers:

- **Christian May**, Editor, *City AM* (Chair)
- **James Cleverly MP**
- **John O'Connell**, Chief Executive, TaxPayers' Alliance
- **Jacob Rees-Mogg MP**
- **Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP** (invited)
- **Dr Jamie Whyte**, Research Director, Institute of Economic Affairs

7:30pm | 3rd Oct

Standing up for the British beer industry

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Speakers:

- **John O'Connell**, Chief Executive, TaxPayers' Alliance
- **Nigel Evans MP**, Conservative MP for Ribble Valley and former Deputy Speaker

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11am | 4th Oct

Leader's speech viewing

Tuesday
3rd October