

Edinburgh Councillor Blogs – Councillor Norma Austin Hart Blogs from Brighton IV



Vice-Convener of
Culture & Leisure

Councillor Norma Austin Hart is the Labour Councillor for Liberton/Gilmerton. Councillor Hart is the Vice-Convenor for Culture and Sport and this weekend she is attending the Labour Party's National Women's Conference in Brighton.

She is keeping us up to date with her conference experience from Brighton where she is a delegate.

Yesterday's Labour Party conference was focused on jobs, the economy and the rising cost of living, not Damian McBride's book. I witnessed a funny moment in a conference cafe when a TV presenter being filmed said:- 'Here I am at the Labour Party conference where there is much distress about the McBride book.' From behind him three women jumped up gleefully to shout 'We're not distressed!' He tried three times before he gave up.

Douglas Alexander yesterday reminded us that Ed Miliband spoke for the nation when David Cameron wanted to rush the UK into war in Syria. 'We have learned the lessons of the past, the evidence must precede the decision'. A new diplomatic path has opened up and hopefully intervention avoided.

Chuka Umunna Shadow Business Secretary; a Labour government will invest in apprenticeships to level 3 qualifications, quality apprenticeships for quality jobs. It will outlaw zero hours contracts, and it will give councils the power to

enforce the law on the minimum wage.

Ed Balls Shadow Chancellor, committed a Labour government to a lower 10p starting rate for income tax. In addition to the introduction of 8am to 6pm childcare for school aged children he promised to increase free childcare places for 3 and 4 year olds from 15 to 25 hours per week.

We will also legislate for a statutory banking code of conduct and a decarbonisation target for 2030.

Today will be focused on Ed Miliband's speech this afternoon. (Councillor Austin Hart might have been on the platform...)

Her photos from Twitter include these...

Glorious Brighton late summer evening [#lab13](#) off to fringe meeting about [@UKLabour](#) relationship with unions pic.twitter.com/KjVNAbT2qi

– Norma Austin Hart (@normaaustinhart) [September 23, 2013](#)

Everyone wants the [#royal](#) mail to stay in public hands [@IanMurrayMP](#) [#savetheroyalmail](#) pic.twitter.com/Ux9ddUY7cm

– Norma Austin Hart (@normaaustinhart) [September 23, 2013](#)

Fantastic view from the stage for [@Ed_Miliband](#) speech in Brighton [#lab13](#) enjoying [@normaaustinhart](#) company pic.twitter.com/pK8iu1cLRH

– Jamie Ross (@opinionofjamie) [September 24, 2013](#)

Ken Livingstone giving his views on [@Ed_Miliband](#) speech [#lab13](#) pic.twitter.com/M4lud9aZn3

– Norma Austin Hart (@normaaustinhart) [September 24, 2013](#)

Ed Miliband Labour Conference RECAP: Watch again the party leader's keynote speech from Brighton <http://t.co/hZ9X1bxY5J>

– Daily Mirror (@DailyMirror) [September 24, 2013](#)