



Pregnant Then Screwed, in partnership with  
Parental Pay Equality, presents:

## **Pregnant Then Elected**

On the evening of **Thursday 25th October**, Pregnant Then Screwed will be running their first in a series of events to encourage more mothers to start a career in Politics.

In the wake of the '*Pairing Scandal*' (in which Jo Swinson MP was subjected to maternity discrimination by The Conservative Party Chief Whip), we are concerned that mothers are not being properly represented in Westminster. The most senior female politicians are childless - Theresa May, Nicola Sturgeon, Angela Merkel, and we know that specific barriers prevent mothers from starting a career in Politics. If mothers were properly represented in Parliament this would have an enormous impact on how the Government prioritises issues and how funding is allocated.

We believe that the protected characteristics of the equalities act need to be represented at the highest level to ensure legislation is appropriate for all citizens.

*"How can a legislature possibly make a society fit for the next generation, at the macro level, when the individuals most involved in preparing those who will comprise the next generation, at the micro level, are the people least likely to have a say in what that bigger picture should look like?"*

Guardian journalist, Deborah Orr

Mothers are facing enormous challenges under the current system. [54,000](#) women a year being forced out of their job for daring to procreate, (this figure has almost doubled in the last 10 years), a leaked NHS report has shown that only [2%](#) of mothers received treatment for postnatal depression yet research has shown that [81%](#) of pregnant women and new mums encounter at least one mental health issue, benefits are being slashed, and 75% of mothers are now in employment yet fathers have not increased their share of the domestic labour. The motherhood penalty is alive and well with the IFS stating that by the time a woman's first child is 12 years old, her hourly pay rate will be 33% behind a man's. The situation for mothers is deteriorating and without representation, it is difficult to see how things will improve.

Our plan is to give mothers the support they need to access the corridors of power. We will do this by: demystifying the process, conducting research into the barriers for mothers, working together to find solutions, and creating a robust and ongoing support network of mothers to pursue a Political career.

**Speakers at this first event include:**

- Tracy Brabin MP, Shadow Minister for Early Years
- Caroline Nokes MP, Minister of State for Immigration
- Sophie Walker, Leader of the Women's Equality Party
- Amelia Womak, Deputy Leader of the Green Party
- Baroness Sal Brinton, President of the Liberal Democrats
- Tulip Siddiq MP, Labour
- Rezina Chowdhury, Labour Councillor
- Kemi Badenoch MP, Vice Chair of the Conservative Party

- Frances Scott, Founder of 50:50 Parliament
- Plus spoken word artist and single mum, Amber Rose

Tickets for the event sold out in under 2 hours. 150 mothers will be in attendance.

We would be delighted if you could join us for the first Pregnant Then Elected event. Please let us know if you are able to attend by emailing [Joeli@pregnantthenscrewed.com](mailto:Joeli@pregnantthenscrewed.com) by Tuesday 2nd October.

**Venue:** Landsec offices, 100 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5JS.

**Time:** 18:00 - 21:30

**Accessibility:** The venue is fully accessible. The accessible entrance is 80 Victoria Street. If you have any specific questions about accessibility please email us on [hello@pregnantthenscrewed.com](mailto:hello@pregnantthenscrewed.com)