

*"He who knows only his own side
of the case knows little of that"*
- John Stuart Mill



The opposition states its case during the debate on Roe Vs. Wade Tuesday 26th

Tuesday, August 9th: Should we abolish the Zero Carbon policy?

On Tuesday 9th Aug. at 6.45 for 7p.m. (UK time) the club meets for a Zoom-only debate on the hot issue of Zero Carbon policies. Kemi Badenoch, one of the contenders for the Tory leadership race, said she would look at them again if they made British people poorer. Would you?

The exact motion is: **This House Would Scrap the UK Zero Carbon policy.**

Join a team by contacting our VP of Education, David Sexton, through EasySpeak or on the club's **WhatsApp** group, and let him know you are willing to take a role.

Make it EasySpeak

Please use the club's [EasySpeak page](#) to let the VPE know that you're coming and to accept roles in the meeting.

Register for the Zoom meeting here



From left: Kristina Bhuller, Paul Carroll, William Hagerup, who made up the Proposition team. The Opposition was Bill Moss, Renata Bailey-Sokol and David Sexton.

Motion carried: Right to overturn Roe v Wade!

Abortion is a contentious issue and perhaps for that reason the Proposition decided not to make this debate about abortion. Instead they build their case on the legal and constitutional issues, arguing that Roe was poorly reasoned and that a democratic process of law-making was better, because in the countries that had confirmed abortion rights democratically, abortion rights are not presently threatened. The Opposition decided (perhaps for the same reason) to focus on abortion, saying that a woman is not free unless she can decide (cont.)

(continued) over her own body, and that the outcome is more important than the legal niceties. Debate Evaluator Lo Luong Lo pointed out the missing clash, as the teams argued two separate cases a lot of the time.

In the vote after the debate, the Opposition team held on to the 13 votes they got in the vote before the debate, but The Proposition added 8 votes to their tally and so won by 14 to 13 votes – the motion was carried.

34 people attended in total (20 in Russell Square and 14 on Zoom) and the engagement level was high, with many floor contributions.



In addition to regular members we had several guests joining us in the room and on the Zoom, where speaker 1 in the main debate joined from as well. Sergeant at Arms, Philip Corless (left), welcomed each one, who in turn introduced themselves – we had visitors from South Africa, The United States of America and Croydon.

New committee in full swing



Pictures taken at the post-debate pub visit to Queen's Larder pub

The new committee from 1st July is: William Hagerup, President (far left (for once)); David Sexton, VPE (with beard); Renata Bailey-Sokol, IPP and VP membership (to the left of beard); Li-shing Ng, VP PR (far right); Sasha Kovyazina, VP (behind beard). Next to William is Lo Luong Lo, former President and current Grand Evaluator. The other committee members not present in the picture are: Kamal Khan, Secretary; Paul Carrol, Treasurer; Philip Corless, SaA; , Ami Kotecha, VP Mentoring. Good luck!

Next debates:

9th August: Zoom only - Abolish Zero Carbon

23rd August: Hybrid - Table Topics Galore!

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New members welcome

Algy Bruce joined up last month and has already done his first debate. About why he joined, he says: "I joined 104 to become more comfortable and confident in disagreeing with others. It is also a chance to really get stuck into something, learn more about current topics and open yourself to new perspectives, as well of course as sticking up for what you decide to believe in. I am thoroughly excited to see what comes next after joining."



Rowan Moore also joined us last month and although he has not yet been in a prepared debate, he did give his Ice Breaker Speech on Tuesday 26th, telling us what brought him to London. About joining 104 he says, "I became a member of 104 to improve my public speaking skills while improving my ability to think on my feet. All the members are supportive and more than happy to offer advice and feedback. I can't wait to do my first formal debate."

As soon as the debate is over, it's off to the pub to remind us: after the debate there are no opponents



Former Club President Christopher Walker and seasoned debater Bill Moss in conversation with visitors

See more pictures and details on the website:
<https://104londondebaters.club/>