

With apologies to the Labour Fringe

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I am aware that I am listed as speaking at a Labour Fringe event at lunchtime today. I have to offer my apologies. I have to be at a meeting with my family later today that means I cannot be in Liverpool.

This will be the first Labour Party conference I will have missed for some time. It also exudes the sense that it may be an important one. I hope so. The UK needs alternative thinking. And as [John Harris argues in the Guradian](#) this morning, that thinking needs to be both radical, and rooted in the possible. I believe that is possible. That is why I suggested a [range of tax policies](#) yesterday.