

Conference fringe Sunday 14th September

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At this year's Liberal Democrat Party conference, the Urban Hub will examine the economic, social and cultural opportunities and challenges our towns and cities face in an uncertain economic climate. Come along and join the debate.

Venue: Clifton Suite, Hermitage Hotel, Exeter Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 5AH - outside secure zone

Sunday 14 September



13:00 – 14:00

Skilling up Cities: Is the UK up to the job?

Chair: Dermot Finch, Director, Centre for Cities **Speakers to include:** Lord (Tom) McNally, Lib Dem Leader in the House of Lords; John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council; Tony Douglas, Chief Operating Officer, Laing O'Rourke



18:15 – 19:15

An estate of mind: Does new housing have to mean soulless neighbourhoods?

Speakers to include: Lembit Öpik MP, Shadow Housing Minister; Adrian Harvey, Head of Public Affairs, CABE; Stephen Stone, Chief Executive, Crest Nicholson; Joe Kerr, RCA



19:30 – 21:30

Urban Hub Launch reception: Cities, the UK's future - invite only

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Speakers to include: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Communities Secretary; John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council; Steven Hassel, Development Executive, Westfield

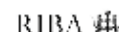
Monday 15 September



08:00 – 09:00

Hard Times: What will the changing economic climate mean for cities?

Chair: Will Hutton, The Work Foundation. **Speakers to include:** Simon Hughes MP, Liberal Democrat shadow leader and Party President; Alexandra Jones, The Work Foundation



13:00 – 14:00

The Built Environment: Can the state design happiness?

Speakers to include: Lembit Öpik MP, Shadow Housing Minister (invited); Richard Younger Ross MP, Shadow DCMS Minister; Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA; Catherine Fieschi, Senior Associate, DEMOS



18:15 – 19:15

Financing the future of cities: Who pays?

Chair: Cllr John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council **Speakers to include:** Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government spokesperson (invited)



19:30 – 20:30

Cities Question Time: flagship event on the political, economic, cultural and social issues facing cities.

Chair: Jeremy Vine, Editor, Times Public Agenda. **Speakers:** Simon Hughes MP, Liberal Democrat shadow leader and Party President; Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government spokesperson; Carl Minns, Leader, Hull City Council; Steven Hassel, Westfield



The Smith Institute at the Liberal Democrat Party Conference

| Date | Fringe | Speakers | Time and Venue |
|------------------|---|--|--|
| Sunday 14th Sept | Who Gives...? The role of philanthropy in funding civil society | Susan Kramer MP, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office; John Low, Chief Executive, Charities Aid Foundation; John Humphreys, Presenter, <i>The Today Programme</i> [TBC]; David Barrie, Director, The Art Fund; Susan Mackenzie, Director, Philanthropy UK | 1300-1400 Blandford Room, Marriott Highcliff Hotel |
| Sunday 14th Sept | Students or Business: Who are universities for and who pays in the knowledge economy? | Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Minister for Science; Pam Tatlow, Chief Executive, Million+; Professor Van Gore, Vice-Chancellor, Southampton Solent University; Polly Curtis, Education Editor, <i>The Guardian</i> ; Wes Streeting, President, NUS | 1300-1400 Old Harry's Room, Marriott Highcliff Hotel |
| Sunday 14th Sept | Paying for Social Care: Can the private sector raise the quality bar? | Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Stephen Haddrill, Director General, Association of British Insurers; Gordon Lishman, Director General, Age Concern England; Neil Churchill, Chief Executive, Asthma UK; David Brindle, Public Services Editor, <i>The Guardian</i> | 1830-1930 Bay View Lounge, Royal Bath Hotel |
| Monday 15th Sept | From Cradle to Grave: Effective welfare for young and old in the 21st century | Dr Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer; John Godfrey, Director of Corporate Communications, Legal & General; Andrew Haldenby, Director, REFORM | 0800-0900 Bay View Lounge, Royal Bath Hotel |
| Monday 15th Sept | Sport Matters: Are we fit for 2012? | Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State, DCMS; Darren Campbell, Olympic Gold Medallist; Steve Grainger MBE, Chief Executive, Youth Sport Trust; Jennie Price, Chief Executive, Sport England; John Steele, Chief Executive, UK Sport | 1300-1400 Blandford Syndicate 3, Marriott Highcliff Hotel |
| Monday 15th Sept | Dragons Den: Investing in enterprise and innovation | Lorely Burt MP, Shadow Minister, BERR; Will Hutton, Chief Executive, The Work Foundation [TBC]; Joop Tanis, Programme Manager, Health Launchpad, The Young Foundation; Jane Henderson, Chief Executive, South West of England Regional Development Agency | 1300-1400 Bay View Lounge, Royal Bath Hotel |
| Monday 15th Sept | Private Equity: Hero or villain? | Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Simon Walker, Chief Executive, BVCA; Andrew Haldenby, Director, REFORM | 1830-1930 Blandford Syndicate 3, Marriott Highcliff Hotel |
| Monday 15th Sept | Working for a Living: How healthy employees help the NHS | Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Dr David Batman, Head of Occupational Health and Safety and Chief Medical Officer, Nestlé UK; Professor Nick Bosanquet, Consultant Director, REFORM | 1830-1930 Old Harry's Room, Marriott Highcliff Hotel |



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Party training

A range of free training events, for **party members only**, will take place between **09.15** and **17.30** in the **BIC** and **Connaught Hotel**. See *Training Brochure* for details.

Morning fringe

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning praise

Prayer and praise before conference. Andrew Stunell MP will be speaking as part of our theme 'conscience in the life of David' on David fleeing from his son. All welcome.

08.15 – 08.45

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite

Lunchtime fringe

Liz Lynne MEP / ALDE

Afraid to go to hospital?

UK is amongst the worst EU countries for healthcare-acquired infections. Speakers: Prof. Rossolini, Health First Europe; Martin Kiernan, UK expert; Derek Butler, MRSA Action UK. Chair: Liz Lynne MEP.

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 1

English Party and the Candidates' Office

New candidate approvals process launch

Speakers: Nick Clegg MP; Professor Jo Silvester, City University; Brian Orrell, Chair of the English Party. Chair: Sal Jarvis, Chair of the English Candidates' Committee. Hosted by the Candidates' Office.

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 2

Liberal Democrats in the Lords

Holding the government to account

Meet Liberal Democrats in the Lords and have the chance to question them about taking on the Government on 42 days and other issues. Refreshments provided.

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite

Lib Dem Muslim Forum

Sharia law within secular state?

Speakers from faith and Parliament discuss the dilemma for Liberals. Could our principle of 'decision-making at the lowest level' allow agreement for Muslims to decide and live by sharia law?

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite

Conference Service

The Conference Service will take place at 18.30, Sunday 14th September, after proceedings close in the Auditorium. At St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Richmond Hill. See page 16

ALDE Group

Curbing coal – burying CO₂

Tackling coal, the world's single greatest source of CO₂ emissions. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Jeff Chapman, CE, CCS Association; Steve Webb MP; Andrew Stamp, PPC Gillingham and Rainham.

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite

Federal Conference Committee / Conference Access Group

Conference Access Forum

This is your chance to help improve disability access at future conferences. Join in an informal discussion and tell us – what else can be done?

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite

The Smith Institute / Charities Aid Foundation

The role of philanthropy

Speakers: Susan Kramer MP, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office; John Low, Chief Executive, Charities Aid Foundation; John Humphreys, Presenter, *Today Programme* (bbc); David Barrie, Director, The Art Fund; Susan Mackenzie, Director, Philanthropy UK.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room

East of England Liberal Democrats

Management Committee meeting

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford-Syndicate 2

CentreForum and Fabian Society

Labour and Lib Dems: allies or enemies?

Speakers: Dr. Vince Cable MP; Charles Clarke MP; David Lammy MP; Stephen Williams MP. Chair: Michael White, *The Guardian*. Refreshments. Partner: Fabian Society.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite

The Co-operative Group

Responsible retailing: a contradiction in terms?

Is it retailers' responsibility to care for local communities and how can this be achieved? Speakers include an MP, journalist, trade association and a consumer champion.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1

Make Votes Count / Unlock Democracy / Electoral Reform Society

PR: why should we care?

Making the popular case for reform: a discussion on building grassroots activism. Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Amy Rodger, East Lothian PPC; Peter Facey, Unlock Democracy; Steve Richards, *The Independent*; Brian Eno.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester 2

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The Smith Institute / Reform / Million+

Who are universities for?

Speakers: Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Minister for Science; Pam Tatlow, Chief Executive, Million+; Professor Van Gore, Vice Chancellor, Southampton Solent University; Polly Curtis, Education Editor, *The Guardian*; Wes Streeting, President, NUS.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff, Old Harry's Bar

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What now for public services?

What is the right balance between central direction and local autonomy? What is the role for targets and professional autonomy, and where next for commissioning and contracting? Speaker: Norman Lamb MP.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite

TreeHouse / RNID / NUT

Improving inclusion: pupils with SEN

1 in 5 children has special educational needs (SEN). Is the education system meeting their needs? What is really meant by inclusion?

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

Reception for European parliamentary candidates and MEPs

By invitation only.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite

Liberal Democrats Online

Liberal Democrats Online AGM and meet up

Join us for a short AGM and then a general members meeting to discuss where LDO is going in the next few years.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Yeovil Suite

Citizens Advice

The heat is on ...

Should the fuel-poor expect more than cold comfort?

Speakers: Steve Richards, *The Independent* (invited); Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (invited); Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; John Clough, eaga.

13.00 – 14.00

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge

The Equality and Human Rights Commission

Equality for all

Equal rights in the 21st century – a conversation with Trevor Phillips and special guests.

13.00 – 14.00

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite

The Equality and Human Rights Commission, Liberal Democrats Party Conference 2008

Equality for All

A conversation with Trevor Phillips and special guests

Sunday 14 September 13:00–14:00 Mirabelle Suite, Royal Bath Hotel, Bath Road.

Rights for All

A reception to celebrate 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Monday 15 September 20:00–21:15 Gladstone Suite, Royal Bath Hotel, Bath Road.

Refreshments will be served

 **Equality and
Human Rights
Commission**

Playing to your strengths?



Hear the best and latest ideas...

Local Government and Business: Friend or Foe?

Co-hosted with British Chambers of Commerce
Sarah Teather MP, Paul Coen LGA, David Frost BCC
Sunday 14th, 1-2pm, Westcliff Brasserie

Local Government Question Time

Julia Goldsworthy MP, Cllr Richard Kemp, Paul Coen LGA,
and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown. Monday 15th, 6.15-7.30pm,
Dorchester Suite 2, Highcliff Hotel.

THE Local Government Reception

Supported by The Mersey Gateway
Monday 15th, 10pm to late
Dorchester Suite 1, Highcliff Hotel.

Tackling violent crime

Lynne Featherstone MP, Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Tuesday 16th, 1-2pm
Disraeli Room, Royal Bath Hotel

Taking Flood prevention seriously

Co-hosted with APPG for flooding
Norman Baker MP, Cllr Carl Minns
Tuesday 16th, 1-2pm
Bay View Room, Royal Bath Hotel



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Centre for Cities / Urban Hub

Skilling up cities

Speakers: Lord McNally, Lib Dem Leader in the House of Lords; John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council; Tony Douglas, Chief Operating Officer, Laing O'Rourke. Chair: Dermot Finch, Centre for Cities.

13.00 – 14.00

The Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite

British Chambers of Commerce and Local Government Association

Local government and business: friend or foe?

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Shadow BERR Secretary; David Frost, Director General, BCC; Paul Coen, Chief Executive, LGA. Chair: Karen Day, Editor, LGC.

13.00 – 14.00

Westcliff Brasserie, Westcliff Bar

Nuclear Dialogue Group

Nuclear – solutions for the future

13.00 – 14.00

The Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite

Climate Clinic

Climate change – adapting our landscape

Speakers: Dr Mark Avery, Director of Conservation, RSPB; Martin Horwood MP, Shadow Minister for Environment; Pam Gilder, Head of Wildlife and Marine, Environment Agency.

Chair: Mike McCarthy, *The Independent*. Free refreshments.

13.00 – 14.00

Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic

Climate Clinic

Energy? In my council chamber?

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Minister, CLG; Naomi Luhde-Thompson, Planning Coordinator, FOE; Ian Manders, Head of Development, CHPA. Free refreshments.

13.00 – 14.00

Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic

The Work Foundation and Creative Partnerships

Can creative learning transform education?

Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; Paul Collard, National Director, Creative Partnerships; Will Hutton, Executive Chair, The Work Foundation.

13.00 – 14.00

Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge

All-Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group

The importance of light rail

The importance of light rail for an integrated transport system. Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Councillor Keith Whitmore; Luke Albanese, UK Tram; Martin Petch, LRTA. Chair: Paul Rowen MP.

13.00 – 14.00

Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite

The heat is on: should the fuel poor expect more than cold comfort?

Sunday 14 September. 1–2pm, Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Room

- **Jeremy Browne MP**, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury
- **Steve Richards**, Chief Political Commentator, The Independent (chair) *invited*
- **Teresa Perchard**, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Advice
- **John Clough**, Chief Executive, eaga

Refreshments provided

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ISA? IVA? IFA? Are young consumers in the know about money?

Sunday 14 September, 6:15–7:30pm, Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Room

- **David Laws MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families *invited*
- **Stephen Moir**, Head of Community Investment, Royal Bank of Scotland
- **Teresa Perchard**, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Advice (chair)
- **Team from the Young Consumer of the Year competition**

Refreshments provided

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Environmental Services Association

Measuring environmental success

Examining climate and recycling policies: Speakers including: Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader; Dirk Hazell, Chief Executive ESA. Lunch provided.

13.20 – 14.20

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite

Evening fringe

EMLD reception with Nick Clegg MP

By invitation only.

18.00 – 19.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1

BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* and RSA

Lib Dems and the voters

Martha Kearney chairs a debate to discuss fresh data from MORI on what voters really stand for. Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Matthew Taylor, RSA; Ben Page, MORI. Highlights broadcast on Radio 4.

18.00 – 19.15

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite

CABE / Urban Hub

As estate of mind

Does new housing have to mean soulless neighbourhoods? Speakers to include: Lembit Öpik MP, Shadow Housing Minister; Adrian Harvey, CABE; Stephen Stone, Chief Executive, Crest Nicholson; Joe Kerr, RCA.

18.15 – 19.15

The Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Family lawyers: facilitators or saboteurs?

Speakers: Susan Kramer MP; Tim Dutton QC, Chairman of the Bar; Lucy Theis QC, Chair, Family Law Bar Association; Godfrey Freeman, Chair, Resolution. Chair: Alistair Webster QC. Refreshments.

18.15 – 19.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite

ALDES

AGM + talks

Following the AGM, members will give a series of short talks. For more details visit the ALDES stand, P93, in the Exhibition.

18.15 – 19.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite

The Power of Partnerships

BBC Stand

The BBC wants to use the power of partnerships to provide a secure future for Public Service Broadcasting.

Visit our stand at **Solent Hall 74, BIC** to see *The World at One* and *PM* broadcast live.

Find out more about our interactive portal that will enable audiences to connect and interact with their elected representatives and democratic institutions.

See demonstrations of the proposed BBC Local video and try exciting new ways of using BBC iPlayer.

Fringe event

BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* and RSA

Are the Liberal Democrats in tune with their voters?

Chaired by *The World at One*'s Martha Kearney

Date: 14 September 2008, 18:00–19:15

Venue: De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel

Refreshments will be available.



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ALDC

How green is your council?

An achievable list of environmental proposals, best practise and campaigns to measure your council against – whether in control or opposition. Speakers: Environmental Services Association, urban and rural councillors. Refreshments.

18.15 – 19.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite

ALDE / LDEPP

Liberal Democrats MEPs' question time

Led by Andrew Duff MEP with the Liberal Democrat European Parliament Party. Your chance to quiz your Lib Dem MEPs on any issue.

18.15 – 19.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar

Liberal Democrats Training Task Group

Trainers' reception

A reception for the Liberal Democrats' accredited trainers, state and regional training coordinators and members of the Training Task Group. Wine and nibbles. **By invitation only.**

18.15 – 19.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite

Every Disabled Child Matters

Disabled children: part of everything

Join senior politicians, disabled young people, parents and campaigners to celebrate EDCM's progress and hear how Liberal Democrats would go further to get rights and justice for every disabled child.

18.15 – 19.30

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room

Nuclear Industry Association

Nuclear waste – whose backyard?

Government has started the process for disposing of the UK's nuclear waste. Is this the right way forward? Is there an alternative? Join us for lively discussion, buffet and wine.

18.15 – 19.30

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite

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NIA

Park Communications and Liberal Democrats' Campaigns Department

Printed literature – making an impact

A drinks reception hosted by Park Communications and the Campaigns Department. **By invitation only.** Please contact r.fingland@parkcom.co.uk

18.15 – 19.30

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Old Harry's Bar

Age Concern England / Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) / General Social Care Council (GSCC)

Personalisation – empowering older people?

Examining the challenges of personalising care: ensuring people are supported to make choices; balancing choice and control with high standards and protection; and integrating services around the individual's need.

18.15 – 19.30

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite

Reform / KPMG

Every child counts

Speaker: David Laws MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools & Families. Chair: Andrew Haldenby, Director, Reform.

18.15 – 19.30

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

The Northern Way

Northern lights – strengthening the economy of the North

Invited speakers include: Julia Goldsworthy MP; Cllr John Shipley OBE, Newcastle City Council; Andrew Lewis, The Northern Way; Sir Ian Wigglesworth.

18.15 – 19.30

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite

Northwest Development Agency

North West representatives' drinks reception

The NWDA is pleased to sponsor the NW representatives' drinks reception hosted by Lord Rennard, Party Chief Executive and NW Liberal Democrat Team. We hope to see you there.

18.15 – 19.30

The Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so

CentreForum and Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

How to make tax fair

Speakers: Dr. Vince Cable MP; Kate Green, Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group; Francesca Lagerberg, ICAEW. Chair: Steve Richards, *The Independent*. Refreshments. Sponsor: ICAEW.

18.15 – 19.30

Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One

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Lewisham Liberal Democrats / Anti-Slavery International

Ending modern slavery

Over 12 million people live in slavery today. Find out what Britain can do to end slavery for good. Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Klara Skrivankova, Anti-Slavery International.

18.15 – 19.30

Westcliff Brasserie, Westcliff Bar

Relate / One Plus One / Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships

Couple relationships – social policy's future?

Speakers: Annette Brooke MP; Claire Tyler, Relate; Penny Mansfield, One Plus One; Susanna Abse, TCCR.

18.15 – 19.30

The Connaught Hotel, Connaught One

Foreign Policy Centre and Coca-Cola Great Britain

Wealth creation: ending poverty?

Speakers: Michael Moore MP, Shadow International Development Secretary; Euan Wilmshurst, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, Coca-Cola; Duncan Green, Head of Research, Oxfam (tbc); Bronwen Maddox, Foreign Editor, *The Times* (tbc); Stephen Twigg.

18.15 – 19.30

The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Two

Campaign to Protect Rural England / ENCAMS

Litter: whose responsibility?

Should individuals, government or others take responsibility for the growing level of litter in our towns and countryside? Speakers: Lord Teverson, Lords Efra Spokesman (invited); Phil Scriven, Leader, Southwark Council (invited).

18.15 – 19.30

The Connaught Hotel, Priory 1

Citizens Advice (supported by Experian)

ISA? IVA? IFA?

Are young consumers in the know about money? Speakers: David Laws MP, Shadow Children Secretary (invited); Trading Standards Institute Young Consumer of the Year team. Chair: Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice.

18.15 – 20.00

The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite

RSPCA

RSPCA beer and curry night

Join the RSPCA for their beer and curry night (free-range meat and vegetarian options) to discuss animal welfare issues. Speaker: Roger Williams MP.

18.15 – 21.15

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite

Reinventing the State: Social Liberalism for the 21st Century

Policy priorities for tackling inequality

Debate Liberal Democrat priorities for tackling Britain's unequal society. With: Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Stuart Weir, author, *Unequal Britain*; Richard Reeves, Demos. Chair: Iain Dale. Sponsored by *Total Politics*.

18.15 – 19.30

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite

The Smith Institute / Reform / Association of British Insurers / Age Concern

Paying for 'quality' social care

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Stephen Hadrill, Director General, ABI; Gordon Lishman, Director General, ACE; Neil Churchill, Chief Executive, Asthma UK; David Brindle, Public Services Editor, *The Guardian*.

18.30 – 19.30

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge

Conference Service

LDCF and Richmond Hill St. Andrew's United Reformed Church invite you to join us for the first evening conference service, after proceedings close in the Auditorium. All welcome.

18.30

St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Richmond Hill

Urban Hub

Urban Hub launch reception

Cities, the UK's future. **By invitation only.** Speakers to include: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Communities Secretary; John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council; Steven Hassel, Development Executive, Westfield.

19.30 – 21.30

The Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite

Liberal Democrat History Group

Founding the welfare state

Why did Asquith's Liberal government introduce pensions in 1908 – genuine belief in New Liberalism, or fear of Labour? Speakers: Dr Ian Packer, Lincoln University; Joe Harris, National Pensioners' Convention. Chair: Lady Bonham-Carter.

20.00 – 21.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 2

Penhaligon Award

Penhaligon Award – short-listed parties' presentations

Local parties short-listed for the Award will each give a presentation. This Award is for the Local Party that does most to increase and involve its members in its activities.

20.00 – 21.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite

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Inspiring Liberal Democrat local government

Join the Leadership Centre's fringe events:

Next Generation 2008 drinks reception

The fast track programme for high flying Liberal Democrat councillors

Speakers:

Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Tim Farron MP, Westmorland and Lonsdale

Date: Sunday 14 September 2008

Time: 20.00 – 21.15

Venue: DeVere Royal Bath, Mezzanine

With wine and nibbles

The Local Parliament

The launch of the Local Parliament campaign

Speakers:

Norman Baker MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (invited)

Baroness Ros Scott, Shadow Minister, Communities and Local Government

Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Date: Tuesday 16 September 2008

Time: 18.15 – 19.30

Venue: Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester 1

Buffet available

Empowerment

How can Liberal Democrats enhance democracy in local government?

Speakers:

David Howarth MP, Shadow Solicitor-General (invited)

Cllr Cathy Bakewell, former Leader, Somerset County Council

Cllr Erica Kemp, Liberal Democrat Political Director, Leadership Centre

Date: Tuesday 16 September 2008

Time: 20.00 – 21.15

Venue: Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two

With wine and nibbles



LibDemFORUM21

The English question – the union!

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Andrew George MP; Professor Curtice, Strathclyde University; David Wildgoose, CEP; Canon Wright, Scottish Convention; Guy Lodge, Director, IPPR; speaking on this very serious threat to Union. Chair: Brian Friend.

20.00 – 21.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite

ALDC

ALDC's annual general meeting

Have your say at ALDC's annual general meeting followed by the launch of Bernard Greaves' *The Theory and Practice of Community Economics*.

20.00 – 21.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite

South Central and South East Regions

Regional reception

Your opportunity to meet MPs, MEPs and members from around the South East European region. Cash bar and raffle.

20.00 – 21.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar

John Stuart Mill Institute

The EU and Russia: after cold war – cold peace?

Alan Butt Philip, lead candidate for Wales in next year's European elections, will lead a discussion on how EU relations with Russia should be developed.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room

ALTER

Taxation, housing and social mobility

Dr Adrian Wrigley outlines 'Systemic Fiscal Reform' combining key liberal economic concepts in a radical rethink of taxation and welfare. Addresses poverty, housing and environmental crises. Vince Cable MP responds.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite

CentreForum / Policy Exchange / Shelter

Making homes more affordable

Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP; Adam Sampson, Director, Shelter; Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford. Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: Shelter.

20.00 – 21.15

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The Work Foundation and City & Guilds

Beyond Leitch – world class skills

Speakers: Stephen Williams MP, Shadow Secretary of State, Innovation and Skills; Keith Brooker, Director, Group Policy, City & Guilds; Nick Isles, The Work Foundation.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2

CentreForum / Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Conflict or coexistence?

Sustaining the natural environment and delivering renewable energy. Speakers: Mark Avery, Director of Conservation RSPB; Steve Webb MP. Chair: Lord Wallace of Saltaire. Refreshments. Sponsor: RSPB.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

The Work Foundation and FDA

Making public service managers accountable

Speakers: Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (tbc); Jonathan Baume, General Secretary, FDA; David Coates, Associate Director Policy, The Work Foundation.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite

Leadership Centre for local government

Next Generation 2008 drinks reception

Launch of Next Generation 2008, the fast-track programme for high-flying Liberal Democrat councillors. Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow DCLG Secretary; Tim Farron MP. With wine and nibbles.

20.00 – 21.15

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite

2008: Women and the Vote

Women and the vote reception

Join us in our celebrations of 90 years of women's suffrage. Free drink on arrival. Speaker: Lynne Featherstone MP, Spokesperson for Youth and Equality.

20.00 – 21.15

The Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so

Oxfam and The Times

Climate change: a major foreign policy challenge?

Speakers: Ed Davey MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Ed Cairns, Senior Policy Adviser, Oxfam. Chair: Bronwen Maddox, Chief Foreign Commentator, *The Times*. Refreshments will be provided.

20.00 – 21.15

Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One

Shaw Trust

Working for a better life

Invited speakers include: Danny Alexander MP; Jenny Willott MP; Adrian Bagg, The Papworth Trust; Stuart Knowles, The Shaw Trust. Chair: Mary O'Hara, *The Guardian*.

20.00 – 21.15

The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Two

One Parent Families / Gingerbread and Resolution

Parenting after parting

Speakers: Fiona Weir, One Parent Families / Gingerbread; James Pirrie, Resolution.

20.00 – 21.15

The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Three

Police Federation of England and Wales

Policing in the 21st century

Speakers: Paul McKeever, Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales; Chris Huhne MP; Sir Ronnie Flanagan, HMIC (tbc). Chair: tbc.

20.00 – 21.15

The Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite

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A fair chance for every child

How can we improve life chances for all children, regardless of their background? Speakers: David Laws MP; David Collins, AOC; Anushka Asthana, *The Observer*.

20.15 – 21.45

The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite

Campaign for Gender Balance

Campaign for Gender Balance auction!

Now a favourite Conference event – come along and bid for wonderful and bizarre prizes in support of the CGB. With Don Foster MP and Jo Swinson MP. Wine provided!

20.30 – 21.45

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite

Climate Clinic / New Economics Forum

Towards a green New Deal

Speakers: David Boyle, Fellow, New Economics Forum; Steve Webb MP, Shadow DEFRA; Jeremy Leggett, Founder and Chairman, Solar Century. Sponsored by the Co-operative. Refreshments available.

20.30 – 22.00

Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic