

# Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September

## Work for those who can: can welfare reform deliver?

Monday 15 September, 8–9:30am, Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

- **Jenny Willott MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- **Diane Lightfoot**, Director of Communications & Fundraising, United Response
- **John Wright**, National Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses
- **Teresa Perchard**, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Advice

Breakfast provided



## Citizens Advice drinks reception

Monday 15 September, 8–9:15pm, Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome

- **Danny Alexander MP**, Vice-chair, Citizens Advice APPG *invited*
- **Teresa Perchard**, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Advice

Refreshments provided

## There's no place like home: is affordable housing now out of reach?

Tuesday 16 September, 1–2pm, Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Sherborne Suite

- **Lembit Öpik MP**, Shadow Minister for Housing
- **David Harker**, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice
- **Zenna Atkins**, Group Chair, Places for People
- **John Barker**, Head of Mortgage Lending, The Co-operative Bank

Refreshments provided

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## The Future of the North

The three northern Regional Development Agencies, Northwest Regional Development Agency, One NorthEast and Yorkshire Forward are working together to lead the growth of the economy across the north of England.

We work strategically with business, public and voluntary sectors to make a real difference to the prosperity of our regions.

To find out more about how we do this come and join us on Tuesday the 16th September for breakfast from 7.45am to 9am in Dorchester 1 at the Marriot Highcliff Hotel.

Speaker: Phil Willis MP



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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

### Citizens Advice

*Scrambled justice*

Sweeping changes to legal aid may affect your area – come and discuss over breakfast. Speakers: James Sandbach, Citizens Advice; Chris Huhne MP; Lord Thomas of Gresford, (tbc); Carol Storer, Legal Aid Practitioners Group.

**07.15 – 07.45**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Syndicate 3**

### The NYA / Duke of Edinburgh Awards / Children & Young People Now

*Community involvement: young people*

**Invitation-only breakfast.** What is being delivered locally to support positive activities for young people and their involvement in the community? Chaired by Children & Young People Now.

**07.15 – 08.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Priory 1**

### Northern RDAs

*The future of the North*

Join Phil Willis MP and the Northern Regional Development Agencies, North West Development Agency, One NorthEast and Yorkshire Forward, for breakfast to discuss the future of the North.

**07.30 – 09.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

### CentreForum and Microsoft

*Business schools*

What is the role for business in education? Speakers: Matt Lambert, Director of Corporate Affairs, Microsoft; David Laws MP. Chair: Paul Marshall, CentreForum. Breakfast served. **By invitation only.** Sponsor: Microsoft.

**07.45 – 09.00**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two**

### National Housing Federation

*Zero-carbon homes*

An answer to climate change or just more hot air? **MPs-only event.**

**08.00 – 09.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Syndicate 2**

### Social Market Foundation sponsored by AEGON

*Talking money*

Is financial advice for all a realisable vision? Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Alistair Matthews, Pfeg; Otto Thoresen, AEGON; Ann Rossiter, SMF. Chair: Alex Barker, *Financial Times* (tbc).

**08.00 – 09.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge**

## Lunchtime fringe

### Breast Cancer Care / Eye Health Alliance / Macmillan Cancer Support

*Quality care and quality life?*

Panellists, including an MP and a local cancer survivor, debate key challenges facing people with long-term conditions, including patient experience, financial support, employment, relationship issues, screening and information services.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 1**

### Help the Aged / Alzheimer's Society / Parkinson's Disease Society

*1 in 3: how should we respond to the dementia challenge?*

Speakers: Sandra Gidley MP; Kate Jopling, Help the Aged; Graham Browne, person with dementia; Valerie Rossiter, Carer. Chair: Christopher Manthorp, columnist, *The Guardian*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 2**

### LDEG

*Conflict resolution: an EU role?*

What should be the EU's role in conflict resolution, particularly in its own neighbourhood? Speakers: Fakhraddin Gurbanov, Ambassador to UK from Azerbaijan; Lord Wallace; Dr Julie Smith. Chair: Carol Weaver.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite**

### London Liberal Democrats

*Regional Electoral Commission*

London members are invited to receive an interim report on the response to the commission set up post-GLA elections 2008.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite**



JOIN THE DEBATE  
**CAN PERSONALISED SOCIAL CARE  
DELIVER FOR ALL?**  
A DEBATE ON THE KEY ISSUES ACROSS THE UK AND GENERATIONS

Chair **Mark Ivory**, Community Care

**Paul Burstow MP**, Liberal Democrat Chief Whip  
**Cllr David Rogers OBE**, Liberal Democrat LGA  
**Mike Wardle**, General Social Care Council (tbc)  
**Helga Pile**, UNISON  
**Mervyn Kohler**, UNISON

**Tuesday 16th September, 13.00-14.00**  
Shaftesbury Suite, Highcliff Hotel • Refreshments Served

# The F Word... Funding

Tuesday 16 September

1pm – 2pm

Bryanston Suite

Marriott Highcliff Hotel

Big Lottery Fund is committed to improving communities and the lives of people most in need. At least 60 – 70 per cent of our funding goes to the voluntary and community sector.

We will shortly be launching a consultation on our strategic plan.

**Join our panel to help us decide where we can make the biggest difference.**

## Speakers

- Don Foster MP, Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary
- Dr. Sarabajaya Kumar, University of Oxford
- Liz Atkins, Director of Public Policy, NCVO
- Sir Clive Booth, Chair, Big Lottery Fund

## Chair

- Anthony Rowlands, Director, CentreForum

Buffet and refreshments provided

For more information visit us at stand PS20



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## **British Heart Foundation / Diabetes UK / The Stroke Association**

*Hitting the targets?*

With the move from centralised control towards local decision-making, how can the NHS be accountable and capable of driving forward patient outcomes in heart disease, diabetes and stroke care?

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite**

## **Members of Haringey Liberal Democrats**

*Islam: threat or opportunity?*

Chaired by Cllr Fiyaz Mughal and featuring Jonathan Fryer, SOAS, among other speakers, this debate will examine the extent of cultural fault-lines currently developing in the UK.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar**

## **Northern and Yorkshire & the Humber Liberal Democrats**

*Well-being, health and the environment*

Sponsored by ANEC, North East Strategic Health Authority and Northumbrian Water. Sponsors will discuss how working in partnership can make a difference to diverse communities in the northern region and what opportunities exist to develop their partnership approach to different people.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite**

## **Beginnings**

*Retaining disabled people in employment*

Discussing roles for employers and policy-makers in promoting rehabilitation and retention leave, giving ill and disabled employees better chances of remaining in work. Panellists include Jenny Willott MP. Refreshments served.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room**

## **Big Lottery Fund**

*The f word... funding*

Where can we make the biggest difference? Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow CM&S Secretary; Dr. Sarabajaya Kumar, University of Oxford; Liz Atkins, NCVO; Clive Booth, Big Lottery Fund; Anthony Rowlands, CentreForum.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## **pteg**

*New act, new start?*

Will the new Transport Bill make a difference? Speakers: Mark Hunter MP; Neil Scales, Chair, pteg; Anthony Smith, Passenger Focus. Chair: Cllr John Shipley, Leader of Newcastle City Council. Refreshments served.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

Tuesday



## What does a Liberal vision for the economy look like?

Tuesday 16 September, 13:00 – 14:00 hrs (Refreshments available)

Venue: Gladstone Room, Royal Bath Hotel

Speakers:

Dr Vincent Cable MP, Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor  
Miles Templeman, Director General, Institute of Directors



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## The Games are coming to the UK.

This summer the Olympic and Paralympic Flags will be passed to London, the next Host City.

This is your chance to find out more about preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

## Ask 2012

1.00pm–2.00pm  
Dorchester 2  
Highcliff Hotel (Secure Area)

Speakers:

### Tom Brake MP

Liberal Democrat Spokesman for London and the Olympic Games

### Jonathan Edwards CBE

Olympian, London 2012  
Organising Committee Board  
Member and Chair of the  
Sports Advisory Group

### John Armitt

Chair, Olympic Delivery Authority

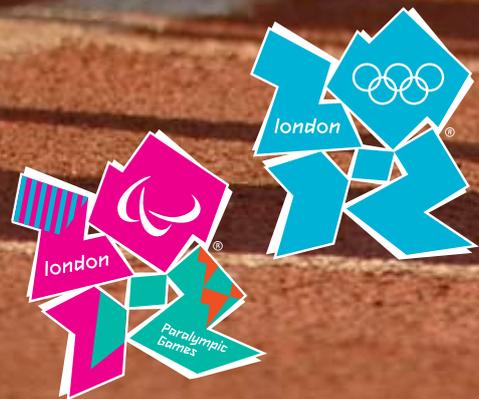
### Paul Deighton

Chief Executive, London  
Organising Committee for  
the Olympic Games and  
Paralympic Games

## Towards London 2012: Handing over to the UK

London 2012 Reception  
7pm–8.30pm  
Hermitage Hotel (Hardy Suite)  
By invitation only

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## London 2012

*Ask 2012*

Speakers: Tom Brake MP; Jonathan Edwards, Olympian; John Armit, ODA; Paul Deighton, LOCOG; take your questions on progress towards hosting the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2**

## Liberal Vision and The Free Society

*How liberal are the LibDems?*

A discussion on the Lib Dems' approach to lifestyle freedoms. A league table – ranking all 63 Lib Dem MPs from most to least liberal – will be released at the meeting.

Speakers tbc.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Old Harry's Bar**

## Age Concern England / NEA / UNISON

*Low pay, fuel poverty and pensions: why is the choice still heat or eat?*

Speakers: Susan Kramer MP, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office; Jenny Saunders, NEA; Deborah Littman, UNISON; Patrick South, Age Concern England.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

Liberal Vision and The Free Society present

## How liberal are the Liberal Democrats?

Old Harry's Bar, Highcliff Marriott Hotel.  
Tuesday 16th September 2008, 1300-1400 hours

LIBERAL vision

the  
freesociety  
www.thefreesociety.org

## UNISON

*Can personalised social care deliver?*

Speakers: Paul Burstow, Liberal Democrat Chief Whip; Cllr David Rogers OBE, Lewes District Council and LGA Liberal Democrats; Mike Wardle, General Social Care Council (tbc); Helga Pile, UNISON; Mervyn Kohler, Help the Aged. Chair: Mark Ivory, Community Care.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite**

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**NASUWT**  
The Teachers' Union

*The largest UK-wide teachers' union*

## IS YOUR SCHOOL BREAKING THE LAW?

CRIME SCENE DO NOT ENTER • CRIME SCENE DO NOT ENTER • CRIME SCENE DO NOT ENTER

In the Children's Plan, the Government set out its ambition to achieve a world-class education system and to make the UK the best place in the world for a child to be educated.

A world-class workforce is central to the Government's agenda for raising educational standards, narrowing the achievement gap and improving the quality of life for all children.

**IS YOUR SCHOOL BREAKING THE LAW?** will support school governors and others in examining:

- whether their schools are implementing fully their statutory workforce duties;
- what more can be done to secure the enforcement of statutory provisions;
- the specific contribution governing bodies can make to maintaining a world-class workforce in schools.

**Tuesday 16 September 1pm – 2pm**  
**Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel, Bournemouth**  
**Hot buffet provided**

This event is sponsored by the NASUWT and the National Governors' Association

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## Citizens Advice with Places for People and Co-operative Financial Services

*There's no place like home*

Is affordable housing now out of reach? Question-time-style debate on housing affordability. Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP, Shadow Minister for Housing; David Harker, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

## Associate Parliamentary Flood Prevention Group

*Flooding: the future challenges*

Speakers: Dominic Clayden, Director of Claims, Norwich Union; Steve Webb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Environment Agency, tbc; Local Government Association, tbc. Chair: Norman Baker MP.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge**

## LGA

*Reducing violent youth crime in local areas: have we got the right balance between prevention and enforcement?*

Speaker: Lynne Featherstone MP, Liberal Democrat Youth and Equality Spokesperson (invited).

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli**

## Institute of Directors

*The Liberal Democrats' economy*

What does a liberal vision for the economy look like? With guest speaker Dr Vincent Cable MP, Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor. Refreshments available.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite**

## Social Market Foundation sponsored by Food Standards Agency

*Nanny knows best?*

Should the government do more to enforce healthier lifestyle choices? Speakers: Steve Webb MP (tbc); Martin Glenn, Bird's Eye (tbc); Tony Gilland, Institute of Ideas; Dame Deirdre Hutton, Food Standards Agency. Chair: Ann Rossiter, SMF.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite**

## NASUWT

*Is your school breaking the law?*

The meeting will support school governors and others in examining if schools are implementing fully their statutory workforce duties and the specific contribution governing bodies can make to maintain a world-class workforce in schools.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite**

## Is there such thing as a 'good death'?

At present, people's expectations on patient choice, control and access to services at the end of life are not being met. This meeting will seek to clarify whether it is possible to have a 'good death' - and the implications this has for decision makers, health professionals and patients.

**Tuesday 16 September at 1pm  
in the Connaught Hotel  
(to finish no later than 2pm)  
HOT LUNCH PROVIDED**

### Speakers

Baroness Tonge

Sarah Wootton,  
Chief Executive of  
Dignity in Dying

Paul Cann,  
Director of Policy for  
Help the Aged

**Dignity**  
in dying  
*your life, your choice*



## Britishness: Whose identity is it anyway?

The role of heritage in building a sense of belonging

**Tuesday 16 September**

1.00-2.00pm Beaumont Suite, Trouville Hotel

**Simon Hughes MP**  
**Baroness Bonham-Carter**  
**Jonathan Fryer** Writer and  
broadcaster

**Wesley Kerr** Broadcaster  
and Heritage Lottery Fund  
committee member

**Dr Richard Grayson** Academic  
and parliamentary candidate



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## Healthcare Commission / Patients' Association

*Is the Health Service listening?*

Is the Health Service really listening and is it learning?

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Claire Rayner, President, Patients' Association; Anna Walker, Chief Executive, Healthcare Commission. Chair: Michael White, *The Guardian*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Restaurant 1812**

## CentreForum and KPMG

*After the credit crunch*

Lessons learned, building a fairer, more robust system.

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP; Paul Marshall, CentreForum; John Willman, UK Business Editor, *Financial Times*. Chair: Neil Sherlock, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: KPMG.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite**

## Defence Industries Council (DIC)

*Ethics in the defence industry: fact or fiction?*

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One**

## RSPCA

*Dangerous dogs: the weapon of choice?*

Join the RSPCA for a lively debate about status dogs and gang culture. Speaker: Martin Horwood MP.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two**

## Oxford University

*Widening university participation: who's responsible?*

Speakers: Stephen Williams MP; Mike Nicholson, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Oxford University; Angela Milln, Director of Student Recruitment, Bristol University; Julian Astle, Director, Centre Forum. Chair: Dr Evan Harris MP.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught One**

## Childcare Coalition

*The childcare challenge*

This Childcare Coalition fringe will discuss the childcare challenge of flexibility, quality and affordability for all.

Speakers confirmed: Amy Griggs, *Child Care Magazine*; Annette Brooke MP. Chair: Denise Burke LDA.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Three**

## Counsel and Care

*VotingAge: older people's manifesto*

This session presents the findings of the VotingAge campaign, which gathered ideas and aspirations from older people to find out what they need from the next government. Speaker: Paul Burstow MP.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite**

## Dignity in Dying

*Is a 'good death' possible?*

Is a 'good death' possible – and what are the implications for decision-makers? Speakers: Baroness Tonge; Sarah Wootton, Chief Executive, Dignity in Dying; Paul Cann, Director of Policy, Help the Aged.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Priory 1**

## Federal Executive

*Presentation of North West review findings*

National Diversity Adviser will present findings from review into BME issues in North West following defection of Saj Karim MEP. Chair: Simon Hughes MP, Party President.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Priory 2**

## The Fawcett Society and UNISON

*Fairer workforce, fairer Britain*

What is the future for the female workforce? Speakers:

Dr Katherine Rake, Director, Fawcett Society; Bronwyn McKenna, Director, UNISON.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## Association of British Insurers

*Improving customer choices at retirement*

Speakers: Jenny Willott MP (tbc); Baroness Greengross (tbc); Stephen Hadrill, Director-General, ABI.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

## Climate Clinic – Micropower Council and Praseg

*Maxi power: meeting potential for microgeneration*

Speakers: Dave Sowden, Micropower Council; Lord Redesdale, Lib Dem Lords Energy Spokesman; Ron Bailey, Sustainable Energy Partnership. Chair: Baroness Maddock. Refreshments.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**



National Association of Local Councils

**It's your local...**

**Can urban parishes work for your community?**

Chair **Baroness Scott**

Local Government Spokesperson, House of Lords

**Julia Goldsworthy MP**

Shadow Local Government Spokesperson

**Jessica Prendergarst**, Social Market Foundation

**Chris Lesley**, New Local Government Network

**Cllr Hazel Williams**, NALC

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Deauville Suite, Trouville Hotel • Refreshments served

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## Climate Clinic

*Environment: hitting the poor hardest?*

Speakers: Michael Moore MP, Shadow International Development; Tara Rao, WWF Climate and Energy, India/East Africa; Alex Cobham, Policy Manager, Christian Aid; Laura Vickery, Int. Development Manager, Co-operative Group.  
Chair: Paul Brown, *The Guardian*. Refreshments.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## Climate Clinic

*Regional growth without airport expansion?*

Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Shadow Transport Secretary; David Norman, Director of Campaigns, WWF UK; Cllr Alan Dean, Uttlesford District Councillor for Stansted South; Riki Therivel, Sustainability Consultant, SEEDA (tbc).

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## Heritage Lottery Fund

*Britishness: whose identity is it anyway?*

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Baroness Bonham-Carter; Jonathan Fryer, writer and broadcaster; Dr Richard Grayson, academic and Parliamentary Candidate; Wesley Kerr, broadcaster and HLF committee member.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Beaumont Suite**

## The Work Foundation / CIPD / EMLD

*Managing the impacts of migration*

Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Home Secretary; Lord Dholakia OBE; John Philpott, Chief Economist, CIPD; David Coats, Associate Director, Work Foundation.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge**

## NALC (National Association of Local Councils)

*Urban parishes working for communities*

Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Local Government Spokesperson; Jessica Prendergrast, SMF; Chris Leslie, NLGN; Cllr Hazel Williams, NALC. Chair: Baroness Scott, Local Government Spokesperson, House of Lords.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite**

## New Statesman / UK Online Centres

*Connecting the disconnected*

Does digital equality matter? Speakers: Don Foster MP (tbc); Becky Hogge, Open Rights Group; Helen Milner, UK Online Centres; Andrew Pinder, BECTA. Chair: Ben Davies, *New Statesman*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Lounge**

## Too many cooks?

### Who knows best for vulnerable children?

#### Speakers:

**Annette Brooke MP**, Shadow Minister for Children  
**Hilary Fisher**, Director, End Child Poverty  
**Stephen Roe**, Strategic Director, NCH

#### Chair:

**Jackie Ashley**, *The Guardian*

**Tuesday 16 September**

6pm – 7pm. Oceanarium, Pier Approach, West Beach

[events@nch.org.uk](mailto:events@nch.org.uk)

Fish and chips supper will be provided

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the children's charity

## X-Change @ ERS and Votes at 16 Coalition

*Votes at 16: 1985 – 2009?*

Votes at 16: A liberal cause since 1985. With a new citizenship commission reporting next spring, could 2009 see success at last? Speakers: Stephen Williams MP; Elaine Bagshaw, Chair, Lib Dem Youth.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite**

## Evening fringe

### Social Market Foundation; sponsor: Independent Age

*Subsistence is not enough*

Subsistence is not enough: how should we fund fulfilling lives for older people? Speakers: Paul Burstow MP; Baroness Greengross; Christopher Manthorp, Epic Trust; Simon Bottery, IndependentAge. Chair: Dr Simon Griffiths, SMF.

**18.00 – 19.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite**

### Climate Clinic / New Economics Forum

*Food prices: higher and higher?*

Speakers: Roger Williams MP, Shadow Rural Affairs; Felicity Lawrence, author and columnist, *The Guardian*; Jeanette Longfield, Co-ordinator, Sustain. Chair: David Boyle, Fellow, New Economics Forum. Refreshments available.

**18.00 – 19.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY WATER GROUP

Planning for Future Water

### Who Pays the Bill?

Chair: Cllr Paul Bural

Liberal Democrats' Natural Environment Working Group

**Martin Horwood MP**  
Shadow Minister for Environment  
**Tony Smith**, CC Water

**Fiona Pethick**, Ofwat  
**David Arnold**, UNISON  
**Steve Ntifo**, Water UK

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Shaftesbury Suite, Highcliff Marriott • Refreshments Served



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## **NCH**

*Too many cooks? Who knows best for vulnerable children?*

Speakers: Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Minister for Children; Hilary Fisher, Director, End Child Poverty; Stephen Roe, Strategic Director, NCH. Chair: Jackie Ashley, *The Guardian*. Fish and chips supper will be provided.

**18.00 – 19.00**

**The Oceanarium, Offshore Café**

## **General Medical Council / Healthcare Commission / New Health Network**

*Changing NHS: what happens next?*

Speakers: Baroness Barker, Health Spokesperson; and fringe partner representatives. Chair: Michael White, *The Guardian*.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 1**

## **Cancer Research UK and British Dental Association**

*Stubbing it out*

Almost a quarter of adults still smoke, with smoking rates highest among socially disadvantaged and young people. The majority start before turning 18. Smoke-free workplaces were a start, what next?

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 2**

## **ALDC / Renewable Energy Association**

*Renewables – a manifesto for councils*

Best practice examples from across a range of council responsibilities to build a holistic approach for renewable energy. Speakers include Steve Webb MP. Refreshments.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite**

## **Liberal Democrats in the Lords**

*Why are nation-states still failing?*

Lords Ashdown and Wallace discuss the future of nation-states, why some keep failing and the help we can offer. Refreshments provided. Kindly supported by PRI.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite**

## **Breast Cancer Campaign and Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry**

*Breast cancer beaten!*

Responsible science reporting or sensationalising results?

Speakers: Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Science Minister; Professor Barry Furr, Breast Cancer Campaign; Ellen Raphael, Sense about Science; Jackie Thornton, journalist. Chair: Baroness Northover.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room**

## **The Work Foundation and BT**

*Diversity and skills at work*

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Business; Tim O'Sullivan, Director of Public Affairs, BT; Nick Isles, The Work Foundation; Stephen Alambritis, Federation

of Small Businesses.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## **Leadership Centre for local government**

*The Local Parliament*

The launch of the Local Parliament campaign. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Shadow Transport Secretary (invited); Baroness Ros Scott, Shadow DCLG Minister; Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA Lib Dem Group Leader. Buffet available.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

## **National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children**

*Hidden victims of domestic violence?*

Speakers: Annette Brooke, Spokesperson for Children, Young People and Families; Phillip Noyes, Director of Public Policy, NSPCC; Dr Ravinder Thiara, Senior Research Fellow, Warwick University. Chair: Baroness Walmsley, NSPCC Ambassador.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Old Harry's Bar**

## **Social Market Foundation, sponsored by Institution of Engineering and Technology**

*Science fiction or economic reality?*

Will innovation deliver a globally competitive future?

Speakers: Stephen Williams MP; Robin McGill, Institution of Engineering and Technology (tbc). Chair: Ian Mulheirn, SMF.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

## **All-Party Parliamentary Water Group**

*Future water – who pays?*

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Liberal Democrat Environment Spokesperson; Tony Smith, CE, Consumer Council for Water; Fiona Pethick, Ofwat; Steve Bloomfield, UNISON (tbc). Chair: Stephen Hale, Green Alliance.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite**

## **The Holocaust Educational Trust**

*The Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) annual fringe event*

The fringe meeting will take the form of a panel-style discussion around the Holocaust and related issues such as Holocaust denial, racism, contemporary genocide, the history curriculum and citizenship education. Speakers tbc.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

## **CentreForum / Fabian Society / Oxfam / Webb Memorial Trust**

*Climbing the ladder: can social mobility end child poverty?*

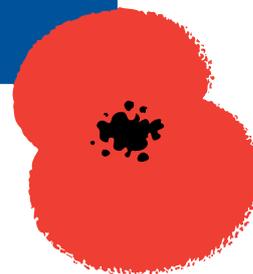
Speakers: Tim Horton, Fabian Society; David Laws MP; Martin Narey, Chief Executive, Barnardo's; Kate Wareing, Oxfam. Refreshments. Sponsors: Webb Memorial Trust and Oxfam.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite**

# Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



Tuesday



## COPING WITH CONFLICT

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 6.15PM TO 7.30PM

FRANKLYN ROOM, CONNAUGHT HOTEL

Recent research from Kings has revealed links between increasing length and frequency of deployments, alcohol use and mental health problems. The nature of conflict has changed and we need a new strategy to ensure our troops can cope with the pressures of modern warfare. Come and discuss this with The Royal British Legion and guests. Open to all. Food and drinks available.

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## South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)

*The organic businesswoman's bible*

Come and learn how-to from co-founder of Green&Black, Jo Fairley. Successful at combining business with lifestyle, she lives in Hastings and is committed to the town's regeneration too.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two**

## Carers UK / Counsel and Care / Help the Aged

*Right care, right deal*

Join us to discuss brave and innovative solutions to the crisis in social care. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Stephen Burke, Counsel and Care. Chair: David Brindle, *The Guardian* (invited).

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Westcliff Bar**

## Foreign Policy Centre and KPMG

*The credit crunch and EU regulation*

Speakers: Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor (tbc); John Griffith-Jones, UK CEO, KPMG; Sharon Bowles MEP, European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (tbc); Hugh Pym, BBC Economics Editor (tbc). Chair: Stephen Twigg, FPC.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Two**

## NLGN

*Safe as houses? Can local government solve the housing crisis?*

Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP; Cllr John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council; representative, National Housing Federation (invited). Chair: Anna Turley, Deputy Director, NLGN. Refreshments available.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Three**

## The Royal British Legion

*Return to rationing?*

We are campaigning to increase the incomes of older people living in poverty. 38% of ex-Service pensioners report an income below the minimum required for healthy living.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite**

## Scope / Age Concern / Mencap

*Social care – rights not write-off*

What do older people and disabled people want from social care? Join Paul Burstow MP for a debate between the country's leading authorities on social care, chaired by Dame Denise Platt.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Priory 1**

## European Movement

*Europe and the World*

The Lisbon Treaty and beyond: why is it crucial for Europe? Speakers: Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP, President, European Movement; Peter Luff, Chairman, European Movement; other speaker to be confirmed.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## Freight Transport Association (FTA)

*The BIG debate – green taxation*

Invited speakers include: Tony Juniper, Friends of the Earth; Michelle Di Leo, Flying Matters.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

## New Statesman / Police Federation

*Can social cohesion be policed?*

Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Martin Bright, *New Statesman*; Paul McKeever, Police Federation; Suzanne Moore, *Mail on Sunday* (tbc); Harry Fletcher, NAPO.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge**

## Commission for Rural Communities

*Affordable housing in rural areas*

Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP, Shadow Minister for Housing (invited); Matthew Taylor MP; Stuart Burgess, CRC; Ben Stafford, Head of Campaigns, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Chair: Elinor Goodman, CRC.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite**

Join the  Commission for Rural Communities **Debate**  
Tackling rural disadvantage

**Old, rich and exclusive  
VS**

**Young, poor and excluded:**

Who will win the battle for a house in the country?

Chair **Elinor Goodman, CRC**

**Lembit Opik MP**, Shadow Minister for Housing (invited)

**Matthew Taylor MP**

**Stuart Burgess**, Chair, CRC

**Ben Stafford**, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

**Tuesday 16th September, 18.15-19.30**

**Deauville Suite, Trouville Hotel**

Refreshments served

 Passengerfocus  
putting rail passengers first

**WHEN WILL PASSENGERS GET THE WORLD CLASS  
RAIL AND BUS SYSTEM THEY DESERVE?**

Chair **Colin Foxall, Passenger Focus**

**Norman Baker MP**

Shadow Secretary for Transport (invited)

**Richard Bowker**, National Express Group (invited)

**Anthony Smith**, Passenger Focus

**Tuesday 16th September, 18.15 - 19.30**

**Granville Suite, Trouville Hotel**

Refreshments served

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## **New Statesman / Network Rail**

*Licensed to skill*

Speakers: Phil Willis MP; Peter Bennett, Network Rail. Chair: Ben Davies, *New Statesman*.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Lounge**

## **Passenger Focus**

*World-class rail and bus system*

Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Shadow Secretary for Transport; Richard Bowker, National Express Group (tbc); Anthony Smith, Passenger Focus. Chair: Colin Foxall, Passenger Focus.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite**

## **Liberal Democrat Friends of India**

*Liberal Democrat Friends of India dinner*

Chief Guest: His Excellency Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, the High Commissioner of India; in the presence of Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

**18.15 – 22.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite**

## **The British Library and Liberty**

*Freedoms and rights, common values*

A debate on the struggle for rights in Britain. Chair: Tim Hames, columnist and Chief Leader Writer, *The Times*.

**18.30 – 19.30**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One**

## **The Observer**

*Andrew Rawnsley interviews Dr Vince Cable MP*

Andrew Rawnsley, Britain's leading political commentator will host the annual *Observer* interview, a key event of the party conference. Refreshments provided.

**18.30 – 20.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite**

RIBA 

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Institute of Civil Engineers

## **Security and resilience: defending our built environment**

Tuesday 16 September, 18.30  
Connaught One, Best Western Connaught Hotel  
30 West Hill Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5PH  
Food and drinks will be served.

**Speakers** Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Home Secretary  
Mike Tuffrey AM, Leader, GLA Liberal Democrats  
Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA  
Prof. Paul Jowitt, Vice President, ICE (Chair)

## Observer Interview

# Andrew Rawnsley interviews Dr Vince Cable MP

**Date and time: Tuesday 16 September, 6.30-8pm**

**Venue: De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel**

Andrew Rawnsley, Britain's leading political commentator, will be hosting the annual *Observer* interview, one of the key events of the party conference. This year Andrew will be going head to head with Dr Vince Cable MP for a highly personal and thought-provoking discussion.

Visit [observer.co.uk/politics](http://observer.co.uk/politics) for full party conference coverage and online debates

Refreshments provided.

**TheObserver**

# Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September

## Institution of Civil Engineers and Royal Institute of British Architects

*Defending our built environment*

Principal speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Home Secretary; Mike Tuffrey AM, Leader of the GLA Liberal Democrat Group; Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA. Chair: Prof. Paul Jowitt, Vice President, ICE. Food and drinks will be served.

**18.30 – 20.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught One**

## Coalition for Young People

*Celebration of young people*

Putting young people first. Join us to launch a coalition of leading charities to help make young people a number one priority. Contributions from Children's Commissioner (England) and young people.

**19.00 – 20.30**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so**

## London 2012

*Towards London 2012 reception*

As the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games come to a close, London 2012 hosts a reception to celebrate the handover to London and the UK. **By invitation only.**

**19.00 – 21.00**

**The Hermitage Hotel, The Hardy Suite**

## ALDE Group

*Time for a population policy?*

Promoting a population policy for a sustainable world. Speakers: Rosamund McDougall, Advisor, OPT; an international expert from the OPT. Chair: Chris Davies MEP.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 1**

## Liberal Democrat Friends of Pakistan

*Pakistan High Commission annual reception*

Speakers: His Excellency Wajid Shamsul Hasan; Nick Clegg MP, Lib Dem Leader (tbc); Simon Hughes MP, Party President; Lord Tom McNally, Lords Leader. Chair: Qassim Afzal, Federal Executive. Invitations: Qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com / 07956873046. Buffet.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite**

## Liberal International British Group

*Mideast: what two-state solution?*

Discussion on whether a two-state solution for Israel / Palestine is still viable. Speakers: Willie Rennie MP; Ran Gidor, Israeli Embassy; Jeff Halper, ICHD; Palestinian academic. Chair: William Wallace.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar**

## The King's Fund

*Health question time*

A question-time-style debate on the state of the health service. Audience members can pose their questions to a panel of politicians, commentators and health and social care experts.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## The Refugee Council

*Let them work*

Why won't the government allow asylum-seekers to contribute to society? Refreshments available. Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Donna Covey, Chief Executive, Refugee Council; Zimbabwean asylum-seeker.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

## ippr / Oracle

*Home-coming*

Will we get the housing we need or the housing we deserve? Can planning ease the housing crisis? Speakers: Peter Hetherington; Lembit Öpik MP.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Yeovil Suite**

## NWDA and Manchester Enterprises

*The future of Manchester*

**20.00 – 21.15**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli**

**Coalition for Young People**  
Putting young people first

**Speakers:**  
**David Laws MP**  
Shadow Children, Schools and Families Secretary  
**Simon Hughes MP**  
Liberal Democrat Party President  
**Sir Al Aynsley-Green**  
Children's Commissioner for England  
**with contributions from young people including v volunteers**

**Celebration with Young People**  
7pm Tuesday 16th September, Bar-So-Dome, Royal Exeter Hotel, Exeter Road, Bournemouth

Join us to mark the launch reception of a coalition committed to making young people a number one priority.

# Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September

## CRU Investments

*Joined-up thinking to resolve global food security*

**20.00 – 21.15**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite**

## Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

*Humanism – a European perspective*

On 'humanism v religion in Europe'. Speakers: Sharon Bowles MEP South East Region; David Pollock, President of the European Humanist Federation. Chair: Arnie Gibbons. All welcome.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite**

## Electoral Reform Society

*Annual malt whisky reception*

Hosted by Liberal Democrat Chief Executive, Lord Rennard.

**Attendance by invitation only.**

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One**

## Leadership Centre for local government

*Empowerment*

How can Liberal Democrats enhance democracy in local government? Speakers: David Howarth MP, Shadow Solicitor-General; Cllr Cathy Bakewell, former Leader, Somerset; Cllr Erica Kemp, Political Director, Leadership Centre. Wine and nibbles.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two**

## Liberal Democrats Online

*Showing on a PC near you*

Been there, done it, got the tee-shirt. But have you filmed it and put it on a website? We'll show you benefits and how to use video in campaign websites.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**The Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## Climate Clinic

*Climate clinic drinks reception*

Come and share a drink or two with the UK's leading environment and development NGOs, think tanks and green businesses. Free refreshments.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## National Union of Teachers

*NUT fish and chips reception*

All Liberal Democrat representatives and conference visitors are invited to the NUT's fish and chip supper reception. A vegetarian option is available. Music provided by Music for Youth.

**20.00 – 23.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester Suite**

## The Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new. Pick up the *Liberator* songbook so you can raise the roof, with songs from the days of Gladstone and Lloyd George to satirical songs from 20 years of the Liberal Revue.

**22.00 'til late**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite**

# Conference fringe Wednesday 17th September

## Morning fringe

### Fabian Society / Chartered Institute of Housing / Groundwork

*Building sustainable communities*

Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP; Anabel Palmer, Southern Housing Foundation; Kevin Browne, Reed in Partnership. **By invitation only.**

**07.30 – 09.00**

**(Venue not listed)**

### Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

*Morning praise*

Prayer and praise before conference. Rev Simon Wilson will be speaking as part of our theme 'conscience in the life of David' on Nathan's rebuke of David's affair. All welcome.

**08.15 – 08.45**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite**

## Creating a Progressive Society

### Lib Dem One-Day Conference

**Saturday 17 January 2009, Central London**

**Keynote speech by Nick Clegg MP**

The Liberal Democrats are now the only hope for a progressive future in Britain. Labour has failed to correct the grossly unfair society that Conservative governments created. Come to this meeting and help us develop our policies to:

- open up opportunities for all,
- help struggling households,
- and meet Britain's environmental commitments without burdening the poor.

We can build a fair society that offers opportunities for everyone, addresses the stresses that modern families are under and gives young people hope for a better future

Places at the last one-day conference were fully booked well in advance. Party members wishing to register their interest in this event should email [onedayconference@libdems.org.uk](mailto:onedayconference@libdems.org.uk). Registration forms will be sent out after the autumn conference.