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

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
Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September

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
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: Fakhreddin 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

UNISON
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
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
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
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.
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

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**Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September**

**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

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**Associate Parliamentary Flood Prevention Group**

*Floods: 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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

**Speakers**
Simon Hughes MP
Baroness Bonham-Carter
Jonathan Fryer Writer and broadcaster
Dr Richard Grayson Academic and parliamentary candidate

Wesley Kerr Broadcaster and Heritage Lottery Fund committee member
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*Is the Health Service listening?*  
Is the Health Service really listening and is it learning?  
13.00 – 14.00  
The Royal Exeter Hotel, Restaurant 1812 | **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 |
| CentreForum and KPMG  
*After the credit crunch*  
Lessons learned, building a fairer, more robust system.  
13.00 – 14.00  
Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite | **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 |
| Defence Industries Council (DIC)  
*Ethics in the defence industry: fact or fiction?*  
13.00 – 14.00  
Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One | **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 |
| 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 | **Association of British Insurers**  
*Improving customer choices at retirement*  
Speakers: Jenny Willott MP (tbc); Baroness Greengross (tbc); Stephen Haddrill, Director-General, ABI.  
13.00 – 14.00  
The Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite |
| 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 | **Climate Clinic – Micropower Council and Praseg**  
*Maxi power: meeting potential for microgeneration*  
13.00 – 14.00  
Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic |
| 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 |  
**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 Prendergast**, Social Market Foundation  
**Chris Lesley**, New Local Government Network  
**Cllr Hazel Williams**, NALC  
**Tuesday 16th September, 13.00-14.00**  
Deauville Suite, Trouville Hotel • Refreshments served |
| 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 |
### Conference fringe Tuesday 16th September

#### 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.
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
Fish and chips supper will be provided

### 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, Independent Age. 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: 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.
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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 Alambris, 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, Sherborne 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, Purbeck 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, Shaftesbury 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

Tuesday
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.
**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
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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

**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**
The Deauville Suite, Trouville Hotel

**Passengerfocus**
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
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**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.
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### 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.
Fringe Guide

Tuesday

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

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

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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
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

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.

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
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

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. Registration forms will be sent out after the autumn conference.