

autumn conference

# directory

brighton 22nd–26th september 2012



**fairer tax in tough times**

**Sunday 23 September**

**Joint Health Hotel and Care & Support Alliance Reception**

20.00 - 21.15 Balmoral, Hilton Hotel

Address by: **Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services**

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**Monday 24 September**

**Health professionals on trial: for failing to support and deliver public health**

13.00 - 14.00 Buckingham, Hilton Hotel

Speaker: **Baroness Jolly, Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Party Committee on Health and Social Care**



**In it for the long term; living well with a health condition**

13.00 - 14.00 Sandringham, Hilton Hotel

Speaker: **Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services**



**The New NHS: shaping the future of health services in the community**

18.15 - 19.30 Buckingham, Hilton Hotel

Speaker: **Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services**



**Patient safety and quality improvement: making a leap forward?**

18.15 - 19.30 Sandringham, Hilton Hotel

Speaker: **Baroness Jolly (invited), Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Party Committee on Health and Social Care**



**The DEBATE  
Health and Social Care 2022: how will today's decisions shape tomorrow's services?**

20.00 - 21.15 Balmoral, Hilton Hotel

Chair: **Cathy Newman, Channel 4 News** Speakers: **Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services** and **Roy Lilley, Commentator & Analyst**

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**Tuesday 25 September**

**How to challenge the UK's drinking culture?**

13.00 - 14.00 Buckingham, Hilton Hotel

Speaker: **Baroness Northover, Government Whip on Health, Justice and Women and Equalities**



**Keeping social care reform at the top of the political agenda**

13.00 - 14.00 Sandringham, Hilton Hotel

Speaker: **Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services**



**Additional Health Hotel Members**



Welcome to the *Directory* for the Liberal Democrat autumn 2012 federal conference.

## conference venue

The Brighton Centre  
Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2GR  
[www.brightoncentre.co.uk](http://www.brightoncentre.co.uk)

The Brighton Centre will open at 13.00 on Saturday 22nd September.

## conference hotel

The Grand  
97–99 King's Road, Brighton, BN1 2FW  
[www.grandhotelbrighton.info](http://www.grandhotelbrighton.info)

## fringe and training venue

Hilton Metropole  
Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU  
[www.hilton.co.uk/brightonmet](http://www.hilton.co.uk/brightonmet)

Both the Brighton Centre and The Grand are within the secure zone and access to them will only be possible with a valid conference photo pass.

For locations of venues, see *map of Brighton city centre* on the **back cover**.

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# £1.9 billion invested in the Pupil Premium



For campaign materials on how the Liberal Democrats' Pupil Premium is making a difference to children visit [www.libdems.huddle.net](http://www.libdems.huddle.net).

## giving all children a fair start in life

**T**he Pupil Premium is a policy which every Liberal Democrat should be proud of.

### A fair start in life

The Lib Dem Pupil Premium has invested £1.9 billion in schools across England with more money set to be invested in future years.

This money equates to £600 a year extra for every disadvantaged pupil - helping schools give a good start for

every child regardless of their background

The Pupil Premium allows head teachers to spend the extra funding in the best possible way for their school, for example on one-to-one tuition or Saturday schools.

### free early years education

Ensuring that children get the best start in life doesn't stop with the Pupil Premium.

Lib Dems in government have also made huge strides in helping children develop before they even start school.

### unlocking children's potential

Thanks to the Liberal Democrats two and three year olds will have better access to early years education, which will allow those children to better unlock their potential when they start school.



# a £546 tax cut for 20 million people



For campaign materials on how the Liberal Democrats in government are delivering fairer taxes in tough times visit [www.libdems.huddle.net](http://www.libdems.huddle.net).

## real help for hard working families

**A**t the last General Election the Liberal Democrats' top priority was to cut the Income Tax bills of hard working people.

### fairer taxes

Now in government Lib Dems are delivering on that priority.

By April 2013 we will have raised the level at which you start paying Income Tax to £9,205.

That's a £546 tax cut for almost 20 million people across the country and 2 million people taken out of tax altogether.

This latest increase has put us within touching distance of the £10,000 Income Tax threshold we are determined to reach by 2015.

But cutting the tax bill of hard working families isn't the only way we are making taxes fairer.

### making the wealthiest pay their fair share

In government Liberal Democrats have raised Capital Gains Tax by 10%, from 18% to 28%, so a millionaire no longer pays a lower tax rate than their cleaner.

And we've clamped down on tax avoidance by the rich which is on track to raise more than £7 billion by 2015.

# a £1 billion

# “Youth Contract”



For campaign materials on Nick Clegg’s “Youth Contract” and how the Liberal Democrats are working to create jobs visit [www.libdems.huddle.net](http://www.libdems.huddle.net).

## tackling youth unemployment

**R**ising youth unemployment was one of the worst parts of Labour’s economic legacy.

What is especially concerning is that research shows us that when someone is out of work it affects their job prospects years later.

### a fair start in life

That’s why the Lib Dems in government are rightly taking this

issue very seriously.

And as a result over 500,000 young people across the country have started apprenticeships since the last General Election.

### investing in young people

But it doesn’t stop there. Nick Clegg’s “Youth Contract” will invest £1 billion to tackle youth unemployment.

By guaranteeing every 18 - 24 year old who wants it, a job, training place or work placement, the Lib Dems really are giving our young people a fair start in life.

### accessing the youth contract

If a young person in your area wants to access the “Youth Contract” they can visit their local Job Centre or go online to [www.dwp.gov.uk/youthcontract](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/youthcontract).



# a Green Deal to insulate millions of homes



For campaign materials on the Green Deal and the Liberal Democrats' other green achievements visit [www.libdems.huddle.net](http://www.libdems.huddle.net).

## building a greener Britain

**T**hanks to the Liberal Democrats in government the Coalition really is taking environmental issues seriously.

Under Labour only Malta and Luxembourg had a worse record in Europe for renewable energy.

But now Liberal Democrat Ministers are changing that. They have made climate change and other green issues a top priority.

### a Green Deal

Our Green Deal will create 60,000 new green jobs in the insulation sector by improving the energy efficiency of millions of homes and offices across the UK by 2015.

Under the Green Deal home owners will be able to improve their homes' energy efficiency without paying up front. Instead the cost will be paid through savings made in future

energy bills.

### Green Investment Bank

While the Government's new Green Investment Bank will invest around £3 billion to deliver a greener Britain.

It will help businesses invest in projects like off shore wind farms to dramatically increase the amount of renewable energy generated in the UK.

# 50% off coach travel

## to the Liberal Democrat Conference in Brighton



National Express, Britain's only national coach network, is offering all delegates to this year's Liberal Democrat Party Conference in Brighton a 50% discount on travel. The discount is available for coach travel to Brighton, between Thursday 20 September and Monday 1 October 2012.

To book your tickets simply visit [nationalexpress.com/libdems](http://nationalexpress.com/libdems)

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[www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com)



# celebrate our achievements!

by Sharon Bowles MEP

Welcome to Brighton, the South coast and the South East region.

It's been five years since conference was in this wonderful city, and how things have changed. We last met here amidst bank runs on Northern Rock, and the first signs of the financial crisis. Vince Cable and the Liberal Democrat conference were warning of what may lie ahead. But even we probably didn't anticipate the severity of the long-lasting economic damage that was to come.

As Liberal Democrats, we are used to being accused by other parties of being irrelevant. But today, as we work to clean up the mess, Liberal Democrat policies are more important than ever.

As chair of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, I am at the coalface of efforts to resolve the Eurozone, financial and banking crisis. I am putting Liberal Democrat ideas for reforming our banking and financial systems into European legislation – the level of capital in banks, interventions in financial markets and action on bankers' bonuses – and promoting them on the international stage, from the US Treasury to the Hong Kong Legislative Council. We are part of the UK Government for the first time in more than 70 years. Our Leader is Deputy Prime Minister and Lib Dem Ministers are shaping UK policy across the board on a daily basis.

So whether in Westminster or Brussels, Liberal Democrats are centre stage in all the main political battlegrounds and driving the economic recovery. It is a major

challenge, and one that conference should relish.

Having you in Brighton gives me a fantastic opportunity to celebrate this wonderful region.

Brighton has a strong and proud tradition of hosting political conferences and I have always enjoyed the ones we have held here. If you haven't been before, welcome! Brighton is a city famed for beaches, diversity and nightlife; an unrivalled culture ranging from the bohemian to the decidedly quirky; and as a wonderful haven for visiting families, and of course, conference delegates.

The South East is home to the dreaming spires of Oxford, the luscious countryside of the Chilterns and South Downs and the Garden of England. But the region is also renowned for packing a punch economically as a hub for high technology, the film industry, pharmaceuticals, and for living life in the fast lane as the HQ for four grand prix teams.

As I write this, I am still in awe of the pride that swept through the country during the Olympic Games. I'm sure, like me, you have been uplifted and inspired by the efforts of our Great British athletes. It has been the perfect illustration of how tireless hard work and dedication, often unnoticed at first, can deliver the most wonderful and exciting results.

And as our conference opens, I hope that all members will feel that same sense of pride in what our party is fighting for in the UK, across Europe and around the world.

So go out there, enjoy yourself and celebrate our Liberal Democrat achievements with pride!



**Sharon Bowles is a Member of the European Parliament for South East England and Liberal Democrat Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee**

# confounding the pundits is what we do

by Tim Farron MP

While the world of British politics seems to be stuck reliving the events of May 2010 and their aftermath its time that we Liberal Democrats broke ranks from the navel contemplation of the rest of the political world and started to look forward to 2015 and the future of our country and this party.

As Liberal Democrats we have a huge challenge ahead of us as we seek to substantially increase the amount of public support we have in the second half of this Parliament. We are in the fight of our lives, and there are some hapless commentators (or opponents guilty of wishful thinking) who have written us off already.

Confounding the pundits is what we do, remember? But we won't do it by accident, only by a concerted effort to build our party's membership, organisation and campaigning know-how. By wise targeting of resources and a single minded determination to win. It is also essential that we state our different vision with absolute clarity. Subtlety won't do. We are Britain's radical, free-thinking, progressive party.

We are in Government with a bunch of Tories, and they will from time to time behave like a bunch of Tories which is their right – but that doesn't change who we are. Let's be proud of who we are, and let's make it blindingly clear what we stand for. We believe in a just distribution of opportunity and wealth towards the

powerless and the un-privileged, we are internationalists, we are against vested interests, we are greens, we are public sector defenders, we are pro fair markets that reward enterprise, hard work, integrity, inspiration but not greed or incompetence. We are social and economic Liberals and we are astonishingly different to the Tory-Labour duopoly.

And what better time to demonstrate that difference than at our party conference?

If you were to head to Birmingham or Manchester over the next few weeks to the Tory and Labour conferences you would have the opportunity to experience a heavily choreographed, stage-managed, smoothly-run PR exercise masquerading as a conference. Attendees can schmooze with business leaders and trade union barons, but they don't stand a chance of actually influencing anything.



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## confounding the pundits continued

That won't be the case in Brighton! Liberal Democrat conferences make policy, discuss strategy and can change the entire direction of the party. We don't have much choreography, but we do have the odd bit of chaos. You can be absolutely sure that it will be you, the members, who run this conference and decide its direction and its outcomes. It's not up to me, or Nick or anyone at HQ, this is your conference.

As a party of government, the debates that we have over our week in Brighton will have a direct and tangible impact on Government policy and will impact on the lives of the people across our country. It's quite a responsibility – something that

members of other parties could only dream of.

So whilst there has rarely been a tougher time to be a Liberal Democrat, there has also never been a better or more important time to be a Liberal Democrat. 2015 will be here sooner than you think – this is the week where we face the future and begin convincing the people that the Liberal Democrats are the radical movement they hoped that we were, and that we have a passionate and progressive vision for our country that is lifted high above the hopelessness of the rhetoric of other parties. Have a fantastic week at conference, enjoy Brighton and I'll see you in the bar!



**Tim Farron is MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale and is President of the Liberal Democrats**



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# Dods Parliamentary Events

## Covering the Political Spectrum

All Dods events will be taking place in the Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton.



### Connecting Britain: Bringing regional transport to the attention of Westminster

Sunday 23rd September  
13.00 - 14.00 – *The Osborne*



### US Election: The countdown

Sunday 23rd September  
20.00 - 21.15 – *The Osborne*



### Funding our universities, is business the answer?

Sunday 23rd September  
13.00 - 14.00 – *The Ambassador*



### “Transforming Business, Transforming Communities” Late night reception

Sunday 23rd September  
21.45 - Late – *The Ambassador*  
*Invitation only – liberaldemocratfringes@dods.co.uk*



### Rethinking Fossil Fuels

Sunday 23rd September  
18.15 - 19.30 – *The Ambassador*



### We Made It! Manufacturing for growth

Monday 24th September  
08.00 - 09.00 – *The Osborne*



### VAT, an outmoded tax?

Monday 24th September  
08.00 - 09.00 – *The Ambassador*



### Green or Growth – Can we have both?

Monday 24th September  
13.00 - 14.00 – *The Osborne*





Talking to voters: Three arguments Liberal Democrats must make in 2015

Monday 24th September  
13.00 - 14.00 – The Ambassador



Getting the Best Deal from the Green Deal: How do we protect local business & consumers?

Tuesday 25th September  
08.00 - 09.00 – The Ambassador



Railways: Public Service or Private Profit?

Monday 24th September  
18.15 - 19.30 – The Osborne



Chips with everything: More Europe for more digital growth in the UK

Tuesday 25th September  
13.00 - 14.00 – The Ambassador



Cocktails, Cake and Conversation: Celebrate 50 years of achievement for autism

Monday 24th September  
18.15 - 19.30 – The Ambassador



Where the wind blows: Harvesting the power of wind

Tuesday 25th September  
13.00 - 14.00 – The Osborne



Launch of the Legion's Community Covenant Best Practice Guide

Monday 24th September  
20.30 - 21.45 – The Osborne



The Big Growth Debate: How can we get UK growth back on track?

Tuesday 25th September  
18.15 - 19.30 – The Ambassador



Saving the high street? Boosting Britain's economy

Tuesday 25th September  
08.00 - 09.00 – The Osborne



Tweet Up Reception

Tuesday 25th September  
21.45 - Late – The Ambassador  
#PHTweetup

For further information on all our events please visit [www.dods-parliamentary-events.co.uk](http://www.dods-parliamentary-events.co.uk)

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @dodsengagement and join the conversation #ldconf



# conference information

General information about this year's autumn conference is listed here in alphabetical order.

If you have any questions at conference, please ask a conference steward or go to the conference Information Desk located on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre.

**Please note that both the Brighton Centre and The Grand are within the secure zone and that access to them will only be possible with a valid conference photo pass.**

For a plan of the Brighton Centre, see *plan of venue and exhibition* on **page 19**.

Information concerning the main conference sessions in the auditorium and the conduct of the business of conference can be found in the separate *Agenda*.

## accommodation

Accommodation can be booked via our local partner, Visit Brighton; go to:

[www.libdems.org.uk/autumnaccommodation](http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumnaccommodation)  
01273 292626

## banking facilities

Post Office Ltd is kindly providing a free ATM for the convenience of conference attendees, at stand number 108, on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre.

## cloakroom

**Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the Brighton Centre secure zone.**

There is a cloakroom located at the rear of the ground floor of the Brighton Centre. There is a nominal £1 charge per item.

## conference extra and conference daily

*Conference Extra* will contain updates and changes to the information contained in the *Agenda*, including timings of sessions, amendments to motions, topical issues, emergency motions,



questions to reports, and changes to movers. *Conference Extra* will be available at conference on Saturday 22nd September and online at [www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers](http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers).

*Conference Daily* will include last-minute changes to the order of business, movers, amendments, emergency motions, etc. Collect your copy of *Conference Daily* from the Information Desk on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre from the start of each morning session.

The information in *Conference Extra* and *Conference Daily* will be vital to your understanding of each day's business.

## disabled access

If you need assistance at the venue, please contact a conference steward via the Information Desk or our disabled access steward Robert Littlehales on 07712 667702 or [rlittlehales@aol.com](mailto:rlittlehales@aol.com).

For information about disabled facilities in the auditorium see page 5 of the *Agenda*.

## distribution of literature

Distribution of literature is not allowed inside or directly outside the Brighton Centre. Excessive distribution of promotional literature is not in line with the party's environmental policies.

Any persons attempting to bring a large number of fliers into the conference centre may be prohibited from entering and a dilapidation charge will be levied against any organisation or individual responsible for 'fly-posting'.



# conference information continued

## fcc helpdesk

Members of the Federal Conference Committee will be available to give advice at the Information Desk at the following times:

Saturday	22nd September	13.00–15.00
Sunday	23rd September	10.30–12.30
Monday	24th September	10.30–13.30
Tuesday	25th September	10.30–12.30

## first aid

In the event of needing First Aid assistance, please approach a conference steward or go to the Information Desk. The stewards will arrange for First Aiders to attend and/or request a paramedic.

## information desk

The Information Desk, where members of the Conference Team can answer your questions, is located on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre (see *plan of venue and exhibition* on **page 19**) and is open as follows:

Saturday	22nd September	13.00–18.30
Sunday	23rd September	08.30–18.30
Monday	24th September	08.30–18.30
Tuesday	25th September	08.30–18.30
Wednesday	26th September	08.30–16.00

email: [conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk](mailto:conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk)  
telephone: 01273 292647

## internet access

There will be an Internet café located in the 2Bar on the first floor of the Brighton Centre (see *plan of venue and exhibition* on **page 19**). There will be a fee of £1 per half hour; vouchers are available from the Information Desk on the ground floor.

Please note the Internet Café does not have printing or copying facilities. The Brighton Centre Information Desk, located on the ground floor (see *plan of venue and exhibition* on **page 19**), offers printing and copying services; charges apply.

Wifi is available in all public areas of the Brighton Centre and is free of charge for conference attendees. To log on, use the password: sealion.

## left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at Brighton Seafront Office, Arch 137, 141 King's Road Arches, Lower Esplanade, Brighton, BN1 2FN (across the road in front of the Brighton Centre – see *map of Brighton city centre* on the **back cover**) between 08.00 and 18.00 on Wednesday 26th September. Please note that capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. A charge of £1 per item will apply.

## prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre – please be respectful of others using the room.

## recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans have been kindly provided by SITA throughout the Brighton Centre. Please make use of the collection bins.

## refreshments

Hot and cold snacks and a wide variety of beverages are available in Auditorium 2, the East Café and East Bar on the first floor of the Brighton Centre, and from the Feed Café on the ground floor (see *plan of venue and exhibition* on **page 19**). The Conference Office has worked closely with the professional catering team at the Brighton Centre to ensure that representatives can enjoy a wide variety of good food at reasonable prices.

## registration on-site

On-site registration is available for those who have yet to register or need to query their registration. It is located in the Viscount Suite of the Hilton Metropole (see *map of Brighton city centre* on the **back cover** and *conference hotel plans* on **page 15**), and is open at the following times:

Saturday	22nd September	10.00–18.00
Sunday	23rd September	08.30–17.30
Monday	24th September	08.30–17.30
Tuesday	25th September	08.30–17.30
Wednesday	26th September	08.30–12.30

## conference information continued

At busy times you may experience queues at on-site registration and we strongly advise all those wishing to attend conference to pre-register via [www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference).

If you have lost your conference photo pass, visit on-site registration to arrange a re-print. A replacement fee of £25 applies and photo passes are reissued at the discretion of the Registration Manager.

### security and safety

**Access to the secure zone, that covers both the Brighton Centre and The Grand, is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard.** Conference photo passes must be worn visibly at all times within the secure zone – anyone found in the secure zone without a valid pass will be escorted from the area.

Everyone will be subject to an ‘airport type’ search process at the entry point. This will include metal detecting archways and physical search by security staff of bags and packages. Boxes and packages should be unsealed wherever possible.

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the secure zone. Any bag left unattended will be brought to the attention of the police and may be removed and/or destroyed.

In order to ensure your process through the security measures is as quick as possible please only bring essential items with you into the conference venue. Please allow time for security check queues during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

The Liberal Democrat Party has received and accepted advice from Sussex Police regarding security measures for autumn conference 2012. These measures have been agreed and put into place to ensure, as fully as possible, the safety of everyone attending the conference, as well as the residents and employees surrounding the venue.

Sussex Police thank you for your patience and co-operation.

### transport and travel

The Brighton Centre is 10 minutes walk from Brighton train station or a short taxi ride. A taxi rank

is available near to the Brighton Centre on West Street, outside the Odeon Cinema.

#### Taxi discounts

Exclusive discounts for conference representatives have been negotiated with Brighton & Hove Taxis. There is a 10% discount in all city-wide taxi journeys, and reductions for airport transfers to Heathrow and Gatwick.

Pre-book your taxi and mention at the time of booking that you are attending this conference. To obtain the discount you will need to show your conference pass to the driver at the end of your journey. Contact:

Brighton & Hove Taxis – 01273 205205

#### Parking

Regency Square Car Park is located a short walk from the Brighton Centre (see *map of Brighton city centre* on the **back cover**). Disabled bays are available in this car park, but Blue Badge holders cannot park free of charge. A height restriction of 2m applies in this car park.

Alternatively, 1600 parking spaces are available at the Churchill Square car parks (shown on the *map*) – open 24 hours; contact 01273 749612.

### voting status and voting / non-voting passes

In order to be sent a voting pass for this conference an officer of your local party must have informed Membership Services that you had been elected as a voting or substitute representative by your local party.

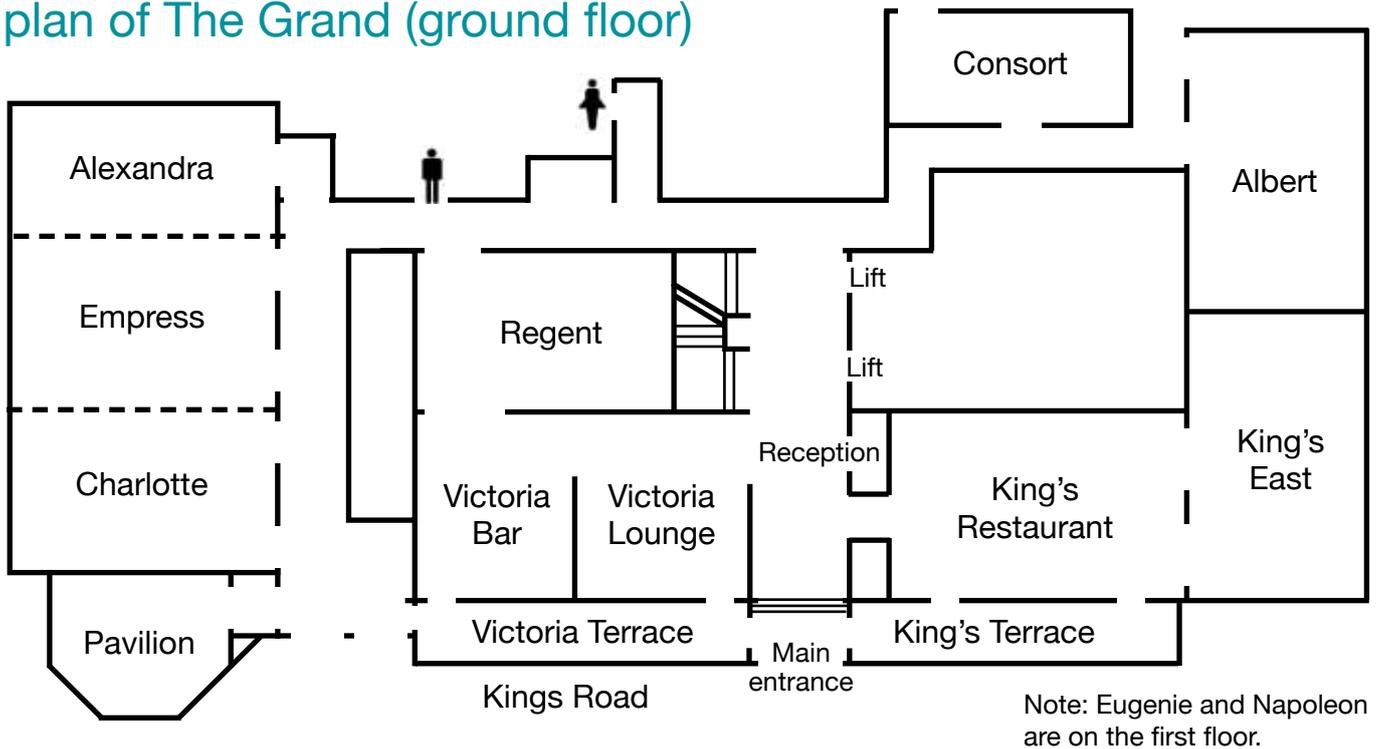
The deadline for notifications for this conference was 31st July 2012. If you have a query over your voting status please contact the local party officer who submitted the original list of voting representatives.

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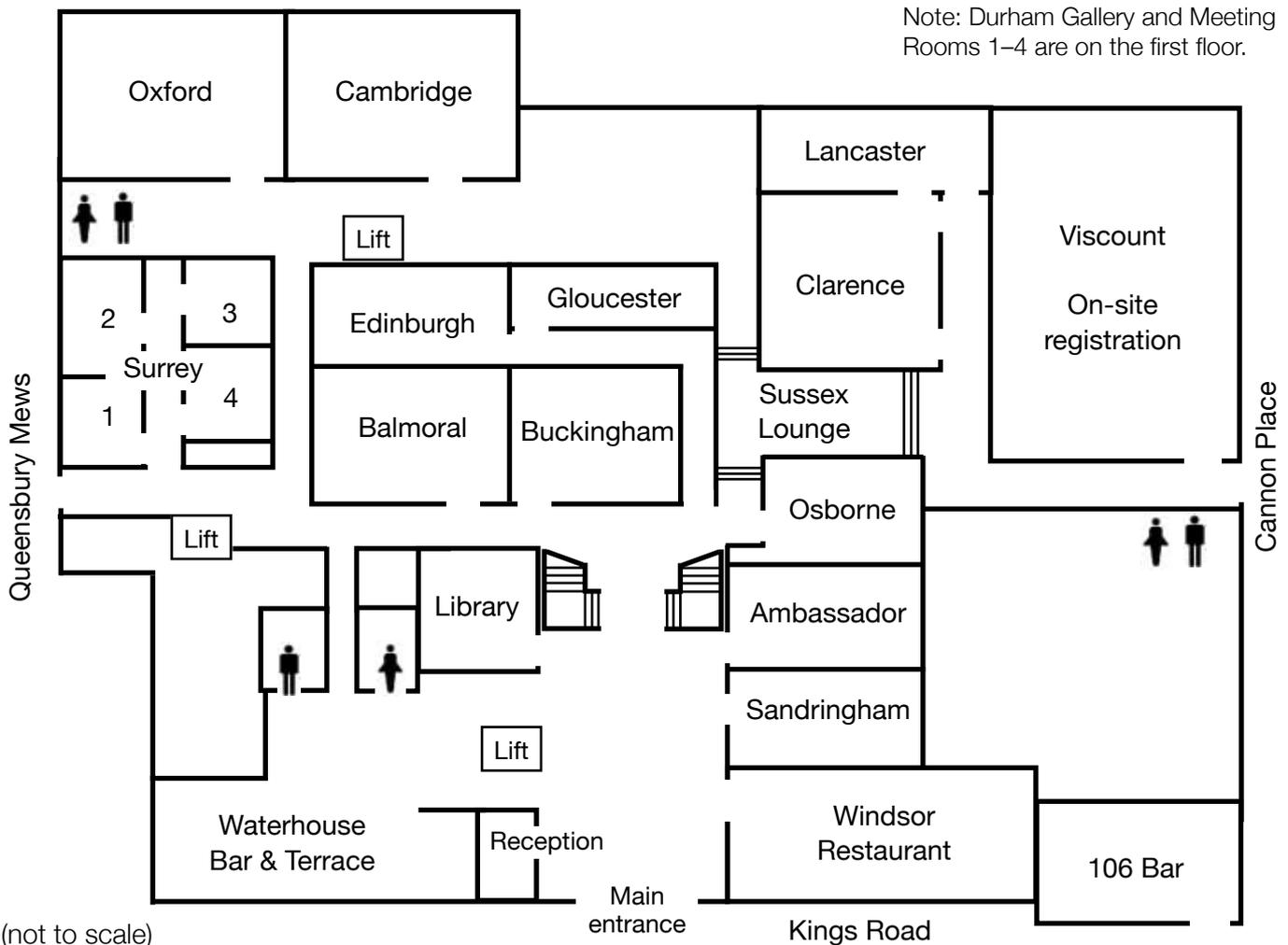


# conference hotel plans

## plan of The Grand (ground floor)



## plan of the Hilton Metropole (ground floor)



# “When will energy companies stop telling me to save energy and start helping me do it?”



As a breed, energy companies can be quick to say you should save energy. But saving energy is often difficult and our customers tell us we haven't given them enough help to do it. So, at E.ON, we're doing something about it. We're giving all our customer teams energy efficiency training so they'll be able to give you straightforward, practical advice on how to save energy.

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# Conference Catering

Head to Auditorium 2, East Café, East Bar and feed



**Breakfast 8.00am - 11.30am**

Serving local sausage and bacon sandwiches, home baked croissants, Danish pastries, fruit and fresh coffee

**Lunch 11.30am - 3.00pm**

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Why not pre order a packed lunch for Wednesday? These can be ordered up until Tuesday afternoon for collection on Wednesday.



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# the exhibition

The exhibition is located throughout the ground floor and in Auditorium 2 on the first floor of the Brighton Centre, see *plan of venue and exhibition* on **page 19**. For a key to stand numbers see *exhibitors listed by stand number* below.

Exhibition opening times:

Saturday	22nd September	13.00–18.15
Sunday	23rd September	08.30–18.15
Monday	24th September	08.30–18.15
Tuesday	25th September	08.30–18.15
Wednesday	26th September	08.30–15.00

## exhibitors listed by stand number

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C6	Prater Raines Ltd

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### First floor (Auditorium 2)

#### Stand Exhibitor

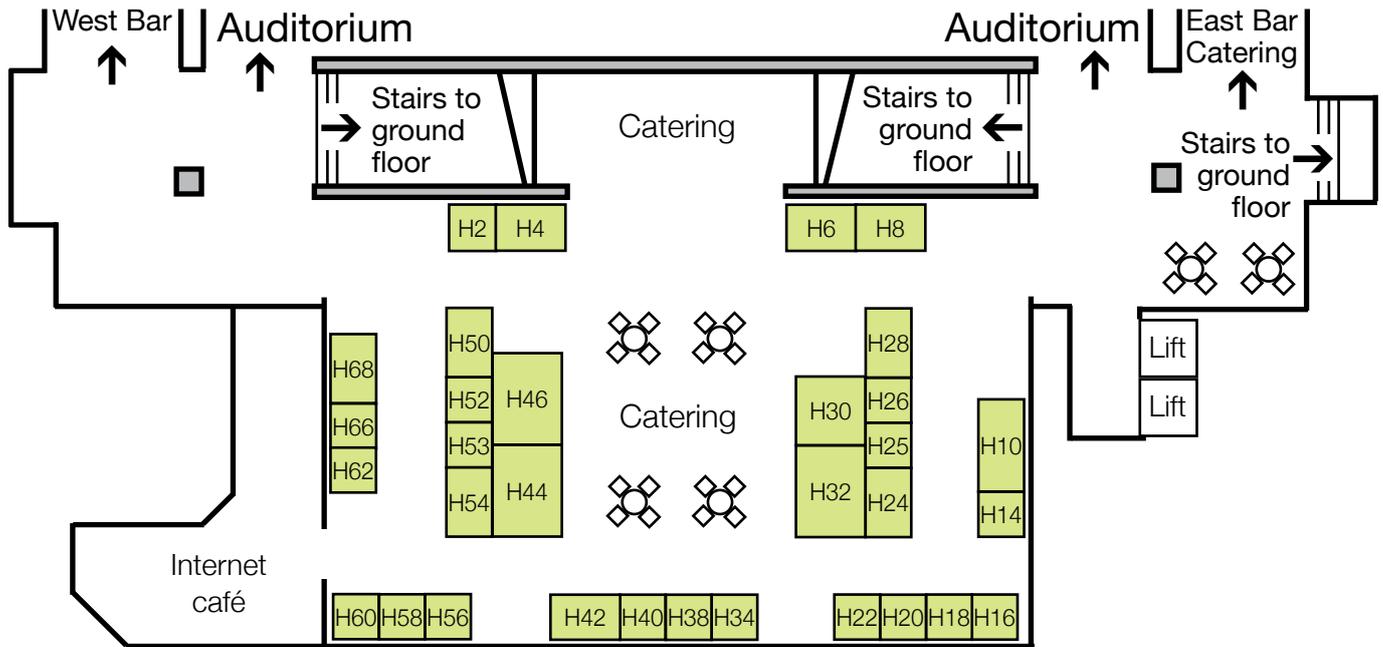
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H10	LIBG (Liberal International British Group)
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**External** – between Brighton Centre and The Grand  
R1 RNIB

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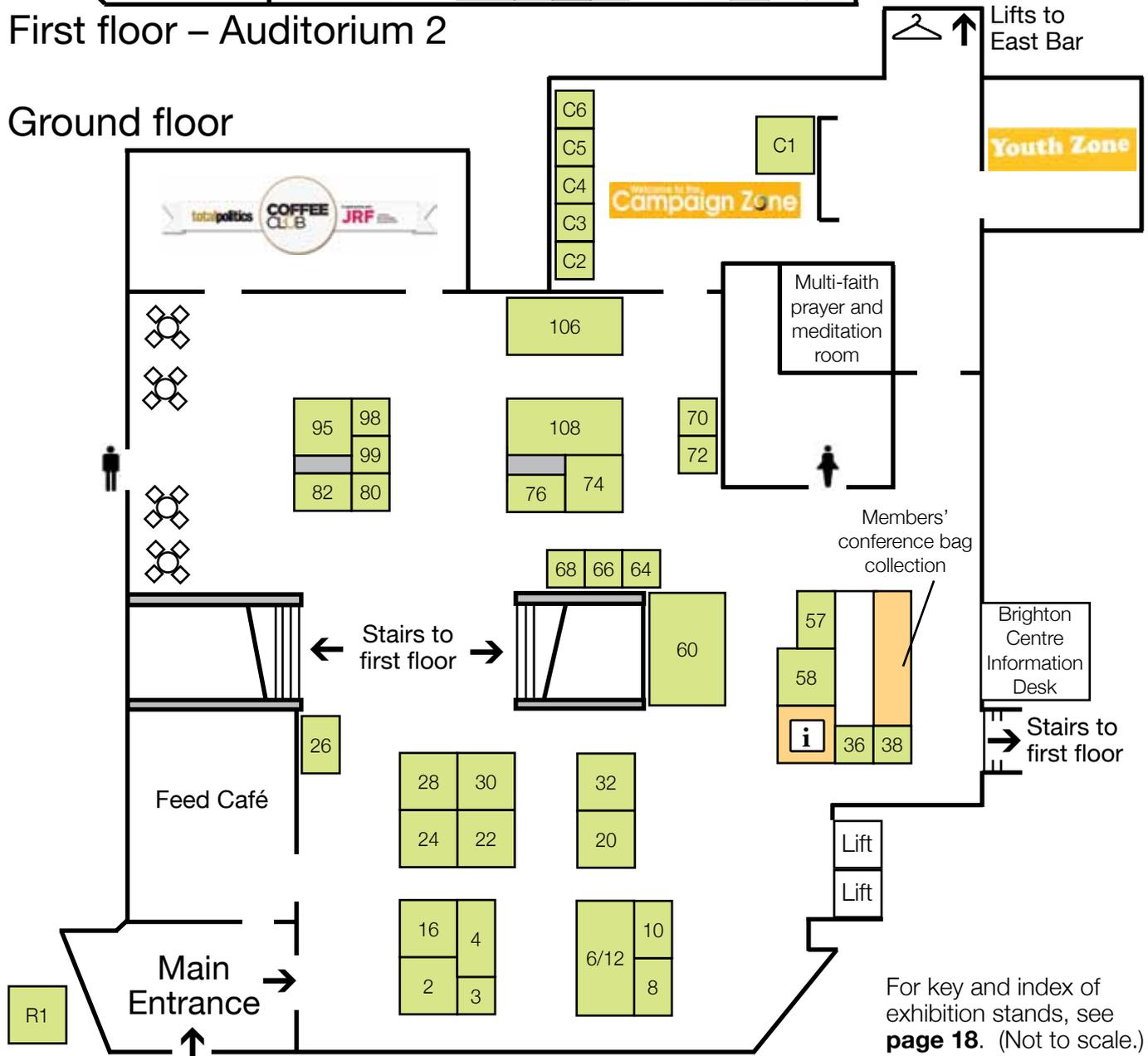
 Exhibition stand	 Seating area
 Information Desk	 Female toilets
 Cloakroom	 Male toilets

# plan of venue and exhibition



First floor – Auditorium 2

Ground floor



For key and index of exhibition stands, see **page 18**. (Not to scale.)

# directory of exhibitors

## Stand H2

### Age UK

Age UK is working for a better later life today and tomorrow. Visit the Age UK stand to find out more about our work locally, nationally and internationally.

[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)



## Stand H44

### BBC

Visit the stand to hear about BBC services and how we aim to deliver value to licence-fee payers. You can also watch the *Today* programme and *World at One* broadcast live.

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)



## Stand H60

### Agents and Organisers Association

Advice, support and advocacy for all election agents and organisers. Come and meet us, get your questions answered, and get your hands on an *Agents' Manual!*



## Stand C3

### Bishops Printers

Bishops Printers of Portsmouth is one of the largest commercial printing firms in the South of England, offering a full service solution for all your print needs.

[www.bishops.co.uk](http://www.bishops.co.uk)



## Stand H18

### ALDES – Engineers and Scientists

Information on technical issues from windfarms to hydrogen. We're a network of scientists, engineers and technicians within the Liberal Democrats. Any interested party member can join.

[www.aldes.org.uk](http://www.aldes.org.uk)



## Stand 36

### Brighton and Hove Liberal Democrats

Proving a liberal voice in a liberal city. Come and find out about our plans for raising the Lib Dem profile in Brighton and in Hove.

[www.liberalbrighton.org](http://www.liberalbrighton.org)

## Stand H54

### ALTER

ALTER, the party's economic special interest group, focusing on radical reform of taxation to both stimulate the economy and create a fairer distribution of the wealth it creates.

Twitter: @LibDemsALTER

[www.libdemsalter.org.uk](http://www.libdemsalter.org.uk)



## Stand H34

### British Humanist Association

The national charity working on behalf of non-religious people who seek to live ethical and fulfilling lives on the basis of reason and humanity.

[www.humanism.org.uk](http://www.humanism.org.uk)



## Stand 4

### Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

ALDC represents councillors and provides advice, information and resources for all councillors, candidates and activists. Visit us for resources, advice, publications and to join if you're not yet a member.

[www.aldc.org](http://www.aldc.org)



## Stand H38

### The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)

CND aims to help rid the world of all nuclear weapons. Our chief campaigning focus is the scrapping of Trident – Britain's nuclear weapons system – and the cancellation of its replacement.

[www.cnduk.org](http://www.cnduk.org)



## Stand H52

### Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists

If you are or have been a member of a trade union then ALDTU is for you.

## Stand H8

### CAMRA, Campaign for Real Ale

CAMRA is an independent, voluntary consumer organisation campaigning for real ale and community pubs. Visit our stand to find out about our current campaigns. Real ale samples are available.

[www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)



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Stand H50

### Carillion

Employing over 45,000 people throughout the UK, Canada, the

Middle East and North Africa, Carillion is a leading support services and infrastructure company providing integrated solutions for complex projects.

[www.carillionplc.com](http://www.carillionplc.com)



Stand 30

### E.ON

We'll be on hand throughout conference

to help you with all your energy questions. Come and meet our experts to learn more.

[www.eon-uk.com](http://www.eon-uk.com)



Stand H68

### CentreForum CENTREFORUM

CentreForum

is the liberal think tank. It provides an independent, free thinking forum for new ideas and progressive debate.

[www.centreforum.org](http://www.centreforum.org)



Stand H14

### EMLD

An SAO established to develop the education, participation and representation of ethnic minorities within the party.

<http://ethnic-minority.libdems.org/en>

Stand 68

### Charities Aid Foundation



The Charities Aid Foundation, which led the campaign against the government's proposed charity tax earlier this year, exists to promote giving and improve the environment for charities and their donors.

[www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org)

Stand H30

### Falkland Islands Government

Visit the Falkland Islands stand and meet members

of the Falkland Islands Government who can update you on current developments affecting the Islands and our plans for the future.

[www.falklands.gov.fk](http://www.falklands.gov.fk)



Stand 72

### Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice is a registered charity which promotes equality and challenges discrimination. Citizens Advice Bureaux deliver free, independent, confidential and impartial advice from over 3500 locations in England and Wales.

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



Stand H28

### Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Gibraltar's Liberal Party is a sister party to the Liberal Democrats in the United Kingdom. Present will be the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Albert Poggio, the UK Representative.

[www.gibraltar.gov.uk](http://www.gibraltar.gov.uk)



Stand H40

### The Corporate IT Forum

The Forum represents the UK's largest employers and helps them educate national and international government bodies on issues including Cloud Computing at European Parliament level, CyberCrime and UK ICT Literacy.

[www.corporateitforum.com](http://www.corporateitforum.com)



Stand 58

### Glasgow City Marketing Bureau

Glasgow is the host city for the Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference 2013. Please visit our stand for all information about Glasgow including booking your accommodation.

<http://conventions.seeglasgow.com>



Stand 32

### Countryside Alliance Foundation

Countryside Alliance Foundation represents rural communities. Our campaign – *Rural Crime Matters* – ensures Police and Crime Commissioner Candidates recognise that tackling crime is a priority for electors in the countryside.

[www.countryside-alliance.org](http://www.countryside-alliance.org)



Stand 10

### The Green Liberal Democrats

The Green Liberal Democrats (GLD) are one of the party's largest membership organisations and its voice for environmental sustainability since 1977. This year's stand theme is *Feeding the Future*.

[www.greenlibdems.org.uk](http://www.greenlibdems.org.uk)

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### Stand H6

#### **Greenwire Energy Ltd.**



Power-sharing infrastructure development by Element Power transmitting 3,000MW of onshore wind energy generated in the Irish Midlands directly to the UK National Grid via two independent subsea cables.

[www.greenwire.ie](http://www.greenwire.ie)

### Stand 76

#### **IOSH**

The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) is the worlds largest professional health and safety organisation with more than 41,000 members in 85 countries.

[www.iosh.co.uk](http://www.iosh.co.uk)



### Stand 2

#### **Guide Dogs**

Blind and partially sighted people rely on being able to hear cars and other vehicles to get about safely. Come and find out why Guide Dogs want electric vehicles to be 'Safe and Sound' and test your racing skills with our own electric car racetrack!

[www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)



### Stand H62

#### **John Muir Trust**

The John Muir Trust campaigns for improved statutory protection for the UK's fast disappearing wild land and advocates a national energy strategy that avoids development on unspoilt landscape.

[www.johnmuirtrust.org](http://www.johnmuirtrust.org)



### Stand 26

#### **Holyrood magazine**

According to IPSOS MORI, 64% of MSPs read Holyrood magazine regularly. Pick up a free copy at stand 26 and follow its editor Mandy Rhodes at party conference on @holyroodmandy

[www.holyrood.com](http://www.holyrood.com)



### Stand H4

#### **Langley House Trust**

A Christian charity providing services to 1000 people annually, including ex-offenders. We operate from 100 sites across 19 local authorities, 98% of our service users live crime free whilst with us.

[www.langleyhoustrust.org](http://www.langleyhoustrust.org)



### Stand 38

#### **The Howard League for Penal Reform**

The Howard League for Penal Reform is an independent charity working for less crime, safer communities and fewer people in prison. We campaign, influence debate and achieve meaningful change.

[www.howardleague.org](http://www.howardleague.org)



### Stand H26

#### **LDEG (Liberal Democrat European Group)**

LDEG keeps members informed about what happens in Europe, campaigning to maintain Liberal Democrats' strong pro-European tradition and organise meetings, debates and trips. If you believe in Europe join us.

[www.ldeg.org](http://www.ldeg.org)



### Stand 80

#### **HS2 Action Alliance**

HS2 Action Alliance is a not-for-profit organisation working with over 70 local community groups to challenge the case for HS2 and to promote greener, more cost-effective alternatives.

[www.hs2actionalliance.org](http://www.hs2actionalliance.org)



### Stand 22

#### **LGA Liberal Democrat Group**

We work with Liberal Democrat councillors, parliamentarians and ministers to provide a national voice for Lib Dems with an interest in local government. Visit us at Stand 22.

[www.lga.gov.uk/libdemgroup](http://www.lga.gov.uk/libdemgroup)



### Stand 70

#### **Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats**

The organisation for Liberal Democrats who think that humanism and secularism need a strong voice within the party and across the UK. Come to our meetings here in Brighton.



## Stand H25

### **LGBT+ Liberal Democrats**

Actively campaigning on Equal Marriage and other issues, we are the party's body for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans equality. Learn about our policy and campaign work, and conference events!

[www.delga.org.uk](http://www.delga.org.uk)



## Stand H20

### **Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine**

News, briefings and reports on the current situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Come and ask questions and discuss your views.

[www.ldfp.eu](http://www.ldfp.eu)



## Stand 99

### **Liberal Democrat Christian Forum**

The Christian voice in the party, and the voice of liberal democracy among Christians. Come and meet us and find out more – all welcome!

[www.ldcf.net](http://www.ldcf.net)

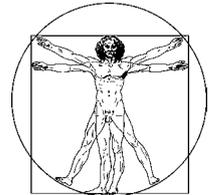
## **Liberal Democrat Christian Forum**

## Stand 98

### **Liberal Democrat History Group**

The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the *Journal of Liberal History*. Buy our new book, *Peace, Reform and Liberation: A History of Liberal Politics in Britain 1687–2011*.

[www.liberalhistory.org.uk](http://www.liberalhistory.org.uk)



## Stand H22

### **Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw**

Collect pre-ordered Christmas Draw tickets from Stand H22 or place new orders. See how to maximise your income from the Draw.



## Stand 60

### **Liberal Democrat Image**

Visit the Liberal Democrat Image stand for all your campaign and election materials. Including personalised products for your local areas campaigns. You can also order online at [www.libdemimage.co.uk](http://www.libdemimage.co.uk)



## Stand H16

### **Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)**

Raising awareness, understanding and support of people with disabilities, within and outside the Liberal Democrats. Championing disabled and able-bodied advocates' opinions and the positive opportunities available to the party and society. RECRUITING MEMBERS!! All supporters and carers welcome.

[disabilitylibdems.org.uk](http://disabilitylibdems.org.uk)



## Stand 95

### **Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association**

Visit us! Our membership is open to all interested in justice and law reform (not just lawyers). Our stand has briefing notes and updates for our five exciting fringe meetings.

[www.LibDemLawyers.org.uk](http://www.LibDemLawyers.org.uk)



## Stand H58

### **Liberal Democrat Education Association**

Publications and information available. Visit our stand to exchange and share ideas concerning education issues with members, who will be on hand to provide information about the LDEA.



## Stand 8

### **Liberal Democrat Legacy Fundraising**

We are launching the Legacy Fund campaign to ensure the Party can continue working to deliver a fair and just society. Sign up and help secure the party's future here. Contact: [legacyfund@libdems.org.uk](mailto:legacyfund@libdems.org.uk)

[www.libdems.org.uk/legacyfund](http://www.libdems.org.uk/legacyfund)



## Stand H53

### **Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel**

LDFI works to develop a relationship of mutual trust and respect between Liberal Democrats and the Jewish community, developing policies leading to peace and security in the Middle East

[www.ldfi.org.uk](http://www.ldfi.org.uk)



## Stand H66

### **Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform**

We're the new proactive group for electoral reformers. We aim to inject some strategic thinking, to avoid repeating the AV Referendum fiasco. Join us and help make electoral reform happen.

[www.facebook.com/LibDemsForElectoralReform](http://www.facebook.com/LibDemsForElectoralReform)



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### Stand H42

#### **Liberal Democrats in England**

Coordinating the work of the 11 regional parties in England. Building our party through membership recruitment and development, supporting local parties and candidates. We also have training all week.



### Stand 3

#### **Liberal Youth**

Liberal Youth is the Student and Youth wing of the Liberal Democrats. Find out about our campaigns and policy work!

[www.liberalyouth.org](http://www.liberalyouth.org)



### Stand H24

#### **Liberator**

*Liberator* continues to report on the realities of coalition. Read the latest from the party's leading thinkers. As ever *RB* shines light on the dark corners of the party.

[www.liberator.org.uk](http://www.liberator.org.uk)

### Stand H10

#### **LIBG (Liberal International British Group)**

LIBG supports Liberal policy and views across the world. We email weekly bulletin to members, organise debates and events. If you believe in being internationalist and liberal join us.

[www.libg.co.uk](http://www.libg.co.uk)



### Stand 6/12

#### **NASUWT**

The NASUWT is the largest teachers' union in the UK, representing teachers and headteachers. Our current campaign is *Standing Up For Standards*; find out more at our conference stand 6/12.

[www.nasuwt.org.uk](http://www.nasuwt.org.uk)



### Stand 28

#### **National Union of Teachers**

The NUT, the largest teachers' union, campaigns for good, properly supported local schools for all children; quality CPD; proper pay, pensions and conditions; and respect for teachers' professional judgement.

[www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)



### Stand H32

#### **Nuclear Industry Association**

The NIA is the trade association for the civil nuclear industry in the UK. We promote a better understanding of nuclear energy and its role within a low-carbon energy mix.

[www.niauk.org](http://www.niauk.org)



### Stand C2

#### **ONEPOST**

ONEPOST is the UK's leading provider of independent postal advice and management – using expert knowledge and specialist software to offer cost savings for direct mail.

[www.onepost.co.uk](http://www.onepost.co.uk)



### Stand C4

#### **Park Communications**

Provider of printing communications exclusively to the Liberal Democrats. Please visit us in the Campaign Zone.

[www.parkcom.co.uk](http://www.parkcom.co.uk)



### Stand 82

#### **Parkinson's UK**

We're the Parkinson's support and research charity. Help us find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's.

[parkinsons.org.uk](http://parkinsons.org.uk)



### Stand 74

#### **PCA (Parliamentary Candidates Association)**

The PCA stand offers candidates and would-be candidates the opportunity to catch up on the latest news and gossip about the selection process. Membership forms and *Who's Who* are available!

[www.libdempca.org.uk](http://www.libdempca.org.uk)



### Stand 108

#### **Post Office Ltd**

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[www.prateraines.co.uk](http://www.prateraines.co.uk)

### Stand C5

**Print & Digital Associates Ltd**   
Print & Digital Associates Ltd produce the weekly *Lib Dem News* and vast quantities of campaign tabloid newspapers, plus DL and C6 Envelopes. Visit our stand C5 for a quotation.  
[printanddigitalassociates.co.uk](http://printanddigitalassociates.co.uk)

### Stand 16

**pteg**   
pteg the Passenger Transport Executive Group brings together and promotes the interests of the six Passenger Transport Executives in England. We aim to raise awareness nationally about key transport challenges.  
[www.pteg.net](http://www.pteg.net)

### Stand C1

**Riso / Midshire Business Systems**   
Latest Riso printer options on display for production of party documentation in single, two and full colour at lowest possible print costs and fastest possible turnaround times.  
[www.riso.co.uk](http://www.riso.co.uk)

### Stand R1

**RNIB**   
RNIB's Eye Pod simulates the most common sight loss conditions. What services and treatment to prevent avoidable sight loss should there be in your area? What can you do?  
[www.rnib.org.uk/campaigns](http://www.rnib.org.uk/campaigns)

### Stand 106

**Royal Mail Group**   
Visit the Royal Mail stand and create your own personalised stamps in support of our Charity of the Year. Daily postal collection from the stand.  
[www.royalmailgroup.com](http://www.royalmailgroup.com)

### Stand H46

**Sky News**   
The Sky News political team, led by Adam Boulton, will be presenting throughout the party conference providing regular updates throughout the day.  
[www.skynews.com](http://www.skynews.com)

### Stand 66

**South East & South Central Liberal Democrats**   
South East Liberal Democrats are the proud host region for conference. With our friends in South Central our big regional priority is to get 3 MEPs elected in 2014.  
[www.southeastmeps.com](http://www.southeastmeps.com)

### Stand 64

**Sustainable Aviation**   
Sustainable Aviation is a unique alliance of airports, airlines, engine and airframe manufacturers, and air traffic management committed to delivering a cleaner, quieter and smarter aviation sector.  
[www.sustainableaviation.co.uk](http://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk)

### Stand 24

**Tobacco Retailers Alliance**   
The Tobacco Retailers Alliance is a coalition of 26,000 shopkeepers who all sell tobacco products. Visit our stand to hear from our shopkeepers how tobacco regulation impacts on small businesses.  
[www.the-tra.org.uk](http://www.the-tra.org.uk)

### Stand H56

**University of Salford**   
The University of Salford invites you to join us for a conversation about how our internationally recognised research on real-world issues provides constructive solutions relevant to policy makers' needs today.  
[www.salford.ac.uk](http://www.salford.ac.uk)

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### Stand 57

#### VisitBrighton

Would you like to book your accommodation for next year's Spring Conference? Do you need advice on where to eat, drink or shop? Want to know what's on & where to go in the city? Come and meet the resident experts on the VisitBrighton stand.

[www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com)



### Stand Y1

#### Youth Zone

Welcome to the Youth Zone! A dedicated fringe area for meetings and display materials by 17 organisations supporting young people. Check listings for events. For details, contact organiser [jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk)

[www.citadelcomms.co.uk](http://www.citadelcomms.co.uk)

**Youth Zone**

### Stand 20

#### Women Liberal Democrats and Campaign for Gender Balance

Come and welcome the new Liberal Democrat women's organisation! Together we'll campaign to achieve higher profile for women in the party and the issues we believe in and care about.

[womenlibdems.org.uk](http://womenlibdems.org.uk)

[genderbalance.org.uk](http://genderbalance.org.uk)



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CentreForum is the liberal think tank. It provides an independent, free-thinking forum for new ideas and progressive debate.



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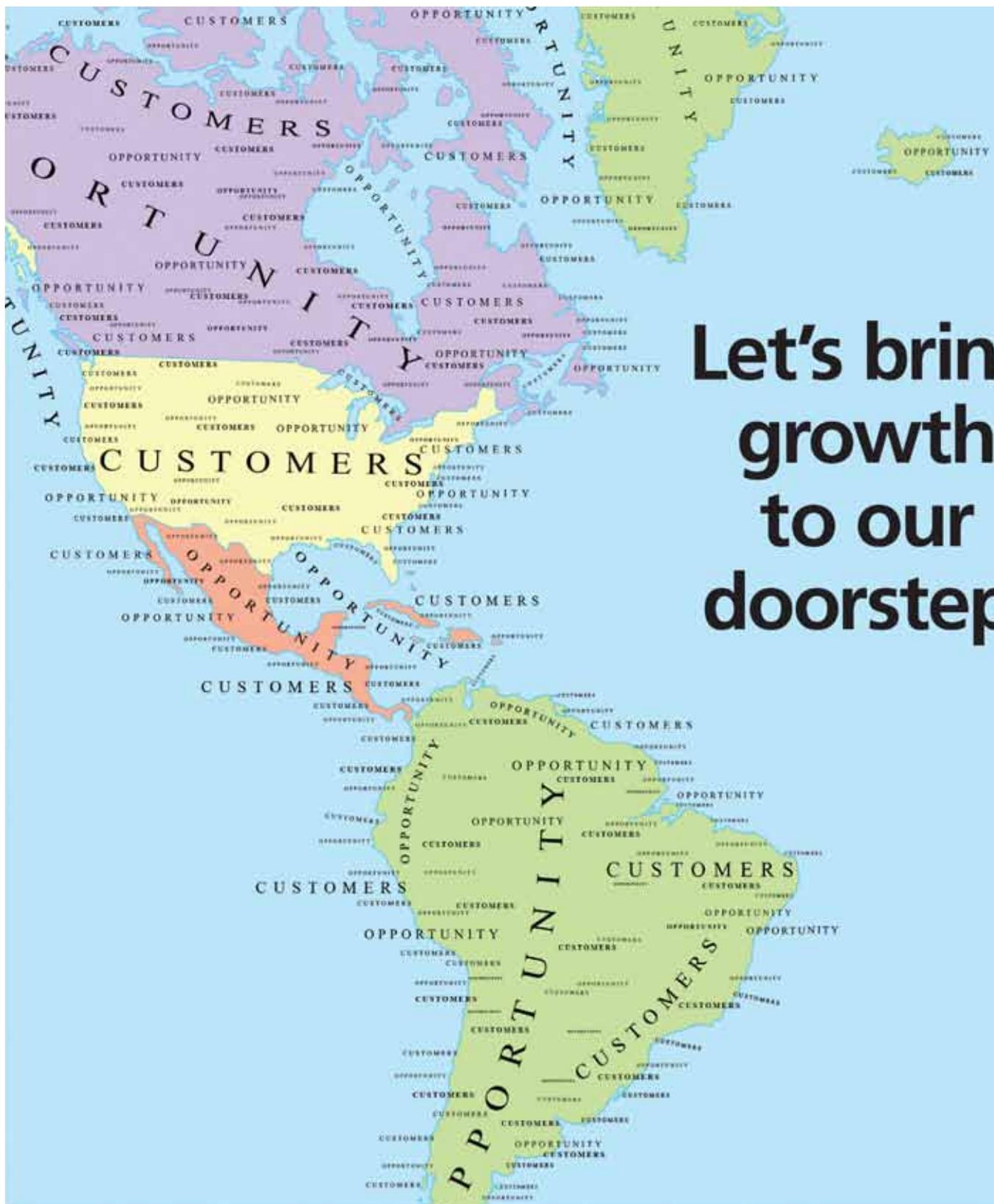
Total Politics has teamed up with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to offer an exclusive space for parliamentarians, journalists and key conference figures to catch-up, work and relax. Access to the Coffee Club is complimentary for those who qualify for membership. For more information visit [www.totalpoliticscoffeeclub.com](http://www.totalpoliticscoffeeclub.com) Membership is strictly limited so please apply early to avoid disappointment.



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# fringe guide

## fringe meeting venues

The official fringe meeting venues are the Brighton Centre, The Grand and the Hilton Metropole (see **page 1** for addresses and contact details). For locations of all venues, see the *map of Brighton city centre* on the **back cover**. For location of rooms within The Grand and the Hilton Metropole, see *conference hotel plans* on **page 15**.

Other fringe venues are:

Best Western Hotel  
143-145 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2PQ

Brighton Media Centre  
17 Middle Street, Brighton, BN1 1AL

Britannia Hotel  
35 Old Steine, Brighton, BN1 1NT

The Cricketers  
Black Lion Street, Brighton, BN1 1ND

DMH Stallard LLP  
98 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3YB

Friends Meeting House  
Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AF

Holiday Inn  
137 King's Road, Brighton, BN1 2JF

Hotel Du Vin  
2 Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AD

The Kings Hotel  
139-141 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2NA

The Old Ship Hotel  
Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 1NR

Queens Hotel  
3 King's Road, Brighton, BN1 1NS

Regency Restaurant  
131 King's Road, Brighton, BN1 2HH

Regency Tavern  
32-34 Russell Square, Brighton, BN1 2EF

Revolution Vodka Bar  
77 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RA

Saint Pauls Parish Church  
West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE

Thistle Hotel  
King's Road, Brighton, BN1 2GS

## key to fringe listings



Refreshments provided



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By invitation only



## access to fringe meetings

**Access to fringe meetings in the Brighton Centre and The Grand is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard.**

If you are attending a fringe elsewhere, conference photo passes are not necessary unless you are attending a party training session, where you may be asked to show a valid photo pass or party membership card.

All fringe events listed in the official venues are wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible. If you experience access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.



**Saturday 22nd September (The Grand, 97–99 Kings Road, Brighton, Essex, BN1 2FW)**

**Half-Time Oranges (and Blues): How to renew the Coalition while preparing for the next election**

**CHAIR:** Peter Riddell, Director, Institute for Government

**SPEAKERS:** Jeremy Browne MP; Tim Farron MP; Akash Paun, Senior Researcher, Institute for Government;

Stephen Tall, Research Associate, CentreForum

13.00 | Consort Room



**Monday 24th September (The Old Ship Hotel, Kings Road, Brighton BN1 1NR)**

**How can we secure real green growth?**

**CHAIR:** James Murray, Editor, BusinessGreen

**SPEAKERS:** Lord Teverson; Professor Paul Ekins, Professor of Energy & Environment Policy, UCL Energy Institute;

Simon Moore, Environment & Energy Research Fellow, Policy Exchange;

David Palmer-Jones, Chief Executive, SITA UK; Professor George Yarrow, Chairman, Regulatory Policy Institute

13.00 | Gresham Suite



**Delivering a Pipe Dream: Making responsible business a reality**

**CHAIR:** John Gapper, Associate Editor & Chief Business Commentator, The Financial Times

**SPEAKERS:** Norman Lamb MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills;

James Barty, Senior Consultant – Financial Policy, Policy Exchange;

Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy & External Affairs, British Chamber of Commerce

13.00 | Tudor Suite



**Who's Following? Politics in the age of social media**

**CHAIR:** James Forsyth, Political Editor, The Spectator

**SPEAKERS:** Julian Huppert MP; Simon Milner, Public Policy Director, Facebook, Inc; Alberto Nardelli, Founder & CEO, Tweetminster;

Mark Pack, Co-Editor, Lib Dem Voice; Chris Yiu, Head of Digital Government, Policy Exchange

18.15 | Gresham Suite

**Joining up Energy Efficiency Policy: The Green Deal and better buildings**

**CHAIR:** Geoffrey Lean, Contributing Editor – Environment & Energy, The Daily Telegraph

**SPEAKERS:** Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities & Local Government;

Thomas Heldgaard, Managing Director, Rockwool;

Guy Newey, Head of Environment & Energy, Policy Exchange; Matthew Spencer, Director, Green Alliance

19.30 | Tudor Suite



**Tuesday 25th September (The Old Ship Hotel, Kings Road, Brighton BN1 1NR)**

**Why aren't we building more and better homes?**

**CHAIR:** Alex Morton, Senior Research Fellow – Housing & Planning, Policy Exchange

**SPEAKERS:** Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities & Local Government;

Mark Henderson, Chief Executive, Home Group; Dr Tim Leunig, Chief Economist, CentreForum;

John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, House Builders Federation

13.00 | Gresham Suite



**Low Carbon and Lower Bills: Can the circle be squared?**

**CHAIR:** Damian Carrington, Head of Environment, The Guardian

**SPEAKERS:** Duncan Hames MP, PPS to Ed Davey as Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change;

Guy Johnson, Director of Regulation, RWE npower; Simon Moore, Environment & Energy Research Fellow, Policy Exchange;

Dr Michael Pollitt, Assistant Director, Electricity Policy Research Group

13.00 | Tudor Suite



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**Poverty: From treating the symptoms to dealing with the root causes**

**CHAIR:** John Rentoul, Chief Political Commentator, The Independent

**SPEAKERS:** Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children & Families;

Rt Hon Alan Milburn, Independent Reviewer on Social Mobility and Child Poverty; Chris Goulden, Policy & Research Manager,

Joseph Rowntree Foundation; Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange; Polly Toynbee, Columnist, The Guardian

18.15 | Gresham Suite

**Costing the Earth: How can we bring the cost of childcare under control?**

**CHAIR:** Eleanor Mills, Associate Editor, The Sunday Times

**SPEAKERS:** Annette Brooke MP; Lucy Lee, Head of Education, Policy Exchange;

Professor Helen Penn, Professor of Early Childhood, University of East London;

Anand Shukla, Chief Executive, Daycare Trust

18.15 | Tudor Suite

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saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

## **CentreForum, Institute for Government and Policy Exchange**

*Half-Time Oranges (and Blues): How to renew the coalition*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP; Tim Farron MP; Akash Paun, Senior Researcher, Institute for Government; Stephen Tall, Research Associate, CentreForum. Chair: Peter Riddell, Director, Institute for Government.  
The Grand, Consort



## **Internet EARS and Casework Manager**

*EARS v9 – See how EARS is still the best campaign tool*

Training and Demonstrations of EARS and Hands campaign software and Casework Manager. Q&A session on how to campaign with EARS and run Casework Manager. (NB We have no stand this year.)  
The Grand, Eugenie

## **CentreForum and Open Europe**

*Civil liberties and EU control over crime and policing: a compatible arrangement?*

Speakers: Stephen Booth, Open Europe; Tom Brake MP; Sarah Ludford MEP. Chair: Chris Paterson, CentreForum.

The Grand, Kings Terrace



## **Liberal Left**

*What next for the centre-left?*

What should be the long-term policy and strategy goals for the centre-left across parties? Speakers: Neal Lawson, Compass; Linda Jack, Liberal Left. Chair: Prof Richard Grayson, Liberal Left.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace

## **Jobs, Education, Environment, Tax MEMBERS' RALLY**



Saturday 22nd  
September

18.30–19.30

Main Auditorium



This year's Rally focuses on how we can campaign on Liberal Democrat delivery in Government



Speakers include:

Nick Clegg,  
Tim Farron,  
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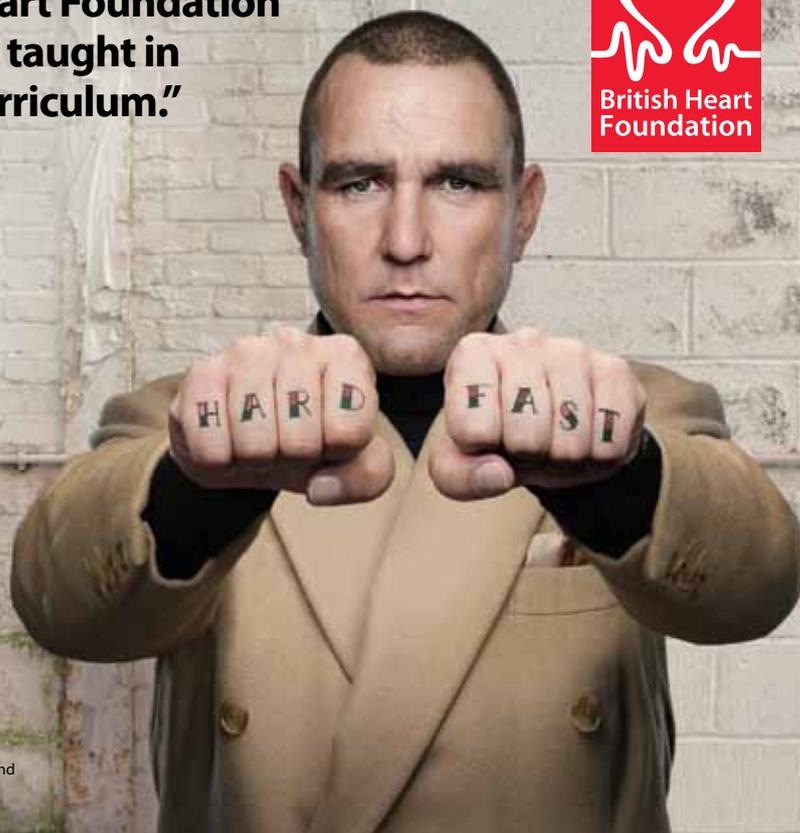
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saturday early evening 18.30–19.30

**Conference Rally**

*Jobs, Education, Environment, Tax*

This year's Rally focuses on how we can campaign on Liberal Democrat delivery in Government.

Speakers include: Nick Clegg, Tim Farron, Simon Hughes, Jo Swinson, Stephen Lloyd and Layla Moran.

*Brighton Centre, main auditorium*

**(Photo pass required for entry)**

**party training**



**Free training sessions for party members** are taking place at conference, on **Saturday 22nd September in The Grand** (within the secure zone) and on **Sunday 23rd to Tuesday 25th September in the Hilton Metropole**.

For details, see the *conference training programme*, mailed to all registered party members and also available at the Information Desk and online at [www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers](http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers)

saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

**The Green Liberal Democrats**

*The Green Book Sessions: Can Growth Be Green?*

A free-ranging discussion to inspire ideas to make Liberal Democrat economic policy even more ambitious in progressing the sustainability agenda. Principal Speaker: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP.

The Grand, Albert

**Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**

*ALDC's AGM and Campaigner Awards*

Have your say at ALDC's annual general meeting followed by the Campaigner Awards for local campaign success. First prize £500. Presented by Martin Horwood MP. Drinks sponsored by Midshires and RISO.

The Grand, Alexandra



**Social Liberal Forum**

*Disengaging from the Tories before May 2015: Why, When and How!*

Lord Chris Rennard; Tim Farron MP; Green MP Caroline Lucas; Neal Lawson, Chair, Compass; Stuart Weir, former Director, Democratic Audit; Naomi Smith, SLF. Supported by *Liberator*.

The Grand, Charlotte

**CentreForum, Fabian Society and ResPublica**

*Can parties reconnect people and politics?*

Speakers: Cllr Abi Bell, Hull City Council; Andrew Harrop, General Secretary, Fabian Society; Caroline Julian, Senior Researcher, ResPublica; Andrew Stunell MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DCLG.

The Grand, Regent

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

*Challenges to Democracy: from the Arab Spring to evolutions closer to home*

A Discussion with Edward McMillan-Scott MEP, European Parliament Vice-President for Democracy & Human Rights; Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; and Robert Woodthorpe-Browne, Chair, Liberal Democrat International Relations Committee.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



**Friends of the Earth**

*Fracking and the second dash for gas*

For some, shale gas is a panacea for Britain's energy challenges. But another dash for gas would bust our climate targets, and wreak havoc on local landscapes. Speakers: Mark Williams MP (invited); Friends of the Earth; Ribble Estuary Against Fracking.

**Note: this event will end at 21.15**

Holiday Inn, Ashdowne Suite



**Campaign for Gender Balance, Women Liberal Democrats and Electoral Reform Society**

*'Women Working Together' Drinks Reception*

Come and welcome the new Liberal Democrat women's organisation! Together we'll campaign to achieve a higher profile for women in the Party and the issues we believe in. With Jo Swinson MP and Katie Ghose, Chief Executive of ERS.

Kings Hotel, Conference Room



# Welcome to the Campaign Zone

## Supporting your campaigns

- Learn top tips for your campaigning from the experts
- Meet campaign suppliers with a record of working with Lib Dems
- Ask your Connect questions - drop-in: Sun-Tues, 10am - 6pm.

### Get the inside track from industry experts

#### Mail-merge and Focus printing

- Presented by Midshires, leading supplier of Risographs to Liberal Democrat campaigns
- Sat: 3pm, 5pm; Sun-Tues: 10.30am, 1.30pm, 5pm; Wed: 10am.



#### Producing your direct mail campaigns more efficiently, and cutting the cost of your postage

- Presented by OnePost: provider of low cost postal solutions used by Lib Dem campaigns
- Sat: 3.30pm, 5.30pm; Sun-Tues: 12pm, 2pm, 4.30pm; Wed: 10.30am.



#### Election literature production made easier: a guide to digital, litho and mailing

- Presented by Park Communications: leading supplier of full-colour printing for Lib Dems
- Sat: 4pm; Sun-Tues: 11.30am, 3pm



#### 4-page tabloid and general procurement: how we can help you make the most of your budget

- Presented by Print and Digital Associates: leading supplier of tabloid-style leaflets.
- Sat: 2.30pm, 4.30pm; Sun-Tues: 10am, 12.30pm, 4pm; Wed: 9.30am.



#### Serving your print needs

- Presented by Bishops Printers: leading supplier of full-colour printing for Lib Dems
- Sun-Tues: 11am.



### Campaign Top Tips

Sunday - Tuesday

15 minute bite-size campaigns sessions to help you win

- 9.30am: Email
- 1pm: Direct Mail
- 2.30pm: Action Days
- 3.30pm: Social Media
- 5.30pm: Leaflets

There's also a full programme of campaign training available in the Grand Hotel on Saturday and the Metropole Hotel Sunday to Tuesday.

Find us in Meeting Room 1 on the Ground Floor of the Conference Centre

Organised by the Department of Elections & Skills



saturday late evening 22.00–23.15

**Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform**

*Making a List, Checking it Twice: Party Lists, EU and Lords Reform*

The Lords Reform Bill proposes 'semi-open' lists. EU elections use closed lists. Are we sacrificing voters' right to choose their representatives for the sake of proportionality? Join our late night debate with Darren Hughes, ERS; Lord Teverson; and Lord Tyler.  
The Grand, Consort

**Liberal Democrat Forum for Africa**

*Proud of Africa, from Africa, love Africa...*

This is the networking event for all who have African Heritage, and who know and love Africa. Hosted by Cllr Michael Bukola, music, entertainment, discussion. Come along get involved – join the Forum on facebook: Liberal Democrat Forum for Africa.  
The Grand, Victoria Terrace

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# State education – delivering excellence for all

**Speakers** Lord Storey of Childwall CBE  
Chris Keates, *NASUWT General Secretary*  
Christine Blower, *NUT General Secretary*

**Chair** Mick Lyons, *NASUWT Senior Vice President*

**Date** Sunday 23 September  
**Time** 13.00-14.00  
**Venue** Albert Room, The Grand Hotel



Refreshments Provided





# Welcome to the Youth Zone

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## Programme of events in the Youth Zone (Brighton Conference Centre)

### Sunday

**1.00pm:** Crime Prevention - More Trouble Than It's Worth? (Nacro)

### Monday

**1.00pm:** All In This Together? Supporting young people at a time of austerity (Scouts)

**6.15pm:** A Good Education? Paying a premium for young people to succeed (National Youth Agency)

### Tuesday

**1.00pm:** Counting The Cost - violent crime, wasted lives and the justice system (Kids Count)

**6.15pm:** Digital Skills: A New Approach (Microsoft)

## What's Youth Got To Do With It?

Supported by:



**Sunday 23rd September,**  
at Thisle Brighton Hotel  
(Kings Road, BN1)

**Joint reception** at 6.00pm

**Join the debate** from 6.30pm  
with Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP

## Policy roundtable events

By invitation:

- Transforming local services for young people (National Youth Agency)
- Responding to the emotional needs of young people in schools (Young Minds)
- Parenting interventions (Centre for Mental Health)

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## Liberal Democrats Party Conference 2012

### Sunday 23rd September

#### Rt. Hon Danny Alexander MP in conversation with New Statesman

Speaker: **Rt. Hon Danny Alexander MP**, Chief Secretary to the Treasury  
1-2pm, Renaissance South room, The Thistle Hotel



#### Teacher knows best. Who should we trust to educate our children?

Speaker: **Sarah Teather MP**, Minister of State for Children and Families, Department for Education  
1-2pm, Keats/Shelley room, The Thistle Hotel



#### Building a green economy: The case for new energy infrastructure

Speaker: **Rt. Hon Edward Davey MP**, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change  
6.15-7.15pm, Renaissance South room, The Thistle Hotel



#### Catch 32: Saving towards retirement in 2050

Speaker: **Jo Swinson MP**, PPS to Nick Clegg as Deputy Prime Minister, Lord President of the Council  
6.15-7.15pm, Wordsworth room, The Thistle Hotel



#### Paul Burstow MP in conversation with New Statesman

Speaker: **Paul Burstow MP**, Minister of State for Care Services,



Department of Health  
6.15-7.15pm, Keats/Shelley room, The Thistle Hotel

#### Social investment: the way out of economic crisis?

Speaker: **Norman Lamb MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills  
8-9.15pm, Pavilion room, The Grand



### Monday 24th September

#### Is banking reform on your side? Delivering better outcomes for consumers

Speaker: **Norman Lamb MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills  
8.30am, Wordsworth room, The Thistle Hotel (invite only)



#### New Schools: New Rules? The future of local education

Speaker: **Rt. Hon David Laws MP**, **David Ward MP (tbc)**  
1-2pm, The Gloucester room, The Hilton Hotel



#### What is the future for the criminal justice system?

Speaker: **Lord McNally**, Minister of State and Government Spokesperson, Ministry of Justice.  
1-2pm, Renaissance South room, The Thistle Hotel



#### Homes of the Future: Where are our grandchildren going to live?

Speaker: **Stephen Gilbert MP**  
8-9pm, Wordsworth room, The Thistle Hotel



### Tuesday 25th September

#### Tackling the binge drinkers: Can local solutions solve national problems?

Speaker: **Rt. Hon Don Foster MP** and **Stephen Gilbert MP**  
1-2pm, Eugenie room, The Grand



### Wednesday 26th September

#### A balancing act: reforming welfare while addressing the UK's housing crisis

Speaker: **Andrew Stunell OBE MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government  
1-2pm, Wordsworth room, The Thistle Hotel



For further details on these events visit [newstatesman.com/events](http://newstatesman.com/events) or follow us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/newstatesman) and [twitter](https://twitter.com/newstatesman) @newstatesman

# fringe sunday 23rd september

sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

## Nacro

*Crime prevention – ‘More trouble than it’s worth?’*

Panel debate chaired by Lord Dholakia. With: Tom Brake MP; Brian Paddick; Liberal Youth; and Paul McDowell, Nacro.

Brighton Centre, Youth Zone



## NASUWT and NUT

*State Education – Delivering Excellence for All*

How do we secure a state education system that ensures excellence for every young person?

The Grand, Albert



## Refugee Council

*No fate like home: Why refused asylum seekers do not return*

The event focuses on the dangerous situations in countries that asylum seekers come from, and the reasons they don't return after their asylum claims are refused. The panel discussion is chaired by Donna Covey, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council.

The Grand, Alexandra



## Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

*ALDC Members' Reception*

ALDC welcomes Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister. Come and celebrate your membership of ALDC, and join us in looking at how we can all reach out into new communities. Refreshments kindly sponsored by The Co-operative Group.

The Grand, Charlotte



## ALTER

*Lo-Tax: using tax reform to stimulate urban renewal and the economy*

Simon Hughes, Deputy Leader, and Lord Matthew Oakeshott, Treasury Spokesman 2001–2011, explore how to use 'tax shifting' to promote growth. Chair tba.

The Grand, Empress



## 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?

The Grand, Eugenie



## Accuray

*Radiotherapy: Cancer Treatment At It's Best*

Chair: Tessa Munt MP. Speakers: Baroness Lindsay; Dr Andras Kemeny, British Radiosurgery Society; Richard Evans, CEO, Society of Radiographers.

The Grand, Napoleon



## Money Advice Trust and The UK Cards

**Association**

*Bang on the Money: Supporting customers at risk of unmanageable debt*

How can we give customers more control over their borrowing? New research suggests ways in which lenders can identify and engage sensitively with at-risk customers, supporting them back to financial health and saving public spending on crisis interventions.

The Grand, Pavilion



## Amnesty International, the International Broadcasting Trust and Channel 4 News

*Human Rights: Can social media make a difference?*

Panel will include: Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Steve Crawshaw, Amnesty International; Reem Al-Assil, Syrian Nonviolence Movement; Channel 4 News correspondent (tbc).

The Grand, Regent



## Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

*Home Improvements: is it time for a radical housing rethink?*

Chair: Harry Rich, Chief Executive, RIBA. Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government; Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Liberal Democrat LGA Group; Sir John Banham, Chair, Future Homes Commission.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



## Dods PoliticsHome

*Funding our universities, is business the answer?*

Editor in Chief of PoliticsHome, Paul Waugh, asks our panel if collaboration between the business community and universities can ensure the UK is at the forefront of R&D.

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## English Liberal Democrats

*English Local Party Chairs' Reception*

All English Local Party Chairs are invited to attend a lunch reception in the Balmoral Room in the Hilton Metropole. Hosted by the English Party, it will give Chairs the opportunity to meet and mingle, with attendance from Nick Clegg.

Hilton Metropole, Balmoral



## sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

### CentreForum and Fabian Society

*Politics: Is the future plural?*

Speakers: Lord Adonis; Rt Hon Sir Menzies Campbell MP; Jon Cruddas MP; Jo Swinson MP. Chair: Michael White, *The Guardian*.

Hilton Metropole, Buckingham



### Department of Elections and Skills

*Looking to the future: how do our campaigns change from here?*

Campaigns are changing. We still work to identify supporters, recruit more and get them out to vote, but how we do that is changing fast. So where will campaigns be in 3 years? Hear the latest campaigning research and techniques.

Hilton Metropole, Clarence

### Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

*'The Sacred Trust of Civilisation': Britain's historic responsibility to the Palestinian People*

Professor John Dugard, author of the definitive work on apartheid law and former Special Rapporteur to the Human Rights Council, will speak on Britain's historic obligations to Palestine. Refreshments kindly provided by Middle East Monitor and Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery



### Town & Country Planning Association (TCPA) with Crest Nicholson

*Housing the nation: Are garden cities and suburbs part of the solution?*

Speakers include: Lord Matthew Taylor of Goss Moor; Kate Henderson, TCPA Chief Executive; Chris Tinker, Regeneration Chairman, Crest Nicholson; a local government spokesperson (tbc). Everyone welcome with refreshments.

Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh



### LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

*Delivering full Equality for ALL*

Guest Speaker Stephen Williams MP, Bristol West. Update on our work and our campaigns including Equal Marriage, tackling Homophobia and Transphobia in Sport, the Transgender Action Plan and the UK pride events. AGM included. All welcome.

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester

### The British Academy, The Royal Academy of Engineering, The Royal Society

*To frack or not to frack?*

With hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') stirring up debate nationwide, and the Government poised to decide whether shale gas extraction should proceed, the British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering and Royal Society ask what the risks and benefits are.

Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



### Dods Connecting Britain Dialogue

*Connecting Britain: Bringing regional transport to the attention of Westminster*

Regional MPs and stakeholders come together to discuss the UK's connectivity and the importance of transport infrastructure to economic growth.

Hilton Metropole, Osborne



### Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

*AGM, plus workshop: Religion in Local Government*

Non-members welcome. Come to our AGM followed by: Prayers in Council Meetings – how should we handle them; led by Cllr Richard Church. Support Your Local SACRE – making religious education councils inclusive; led by Cllr Arnie Gibbons.

Hilton Metropole, Oxford Suite

### Internet EARS and Casework Manager

*EARS v9 Training – Effective Campaign Tools for less money!*

Training and Demonstrations of EARS and HandS campaign software and Casework Manager. Q&A session on how to campaign with EARS and run Casework Manager. (NB We have no stand this year.)

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 1

### Liberal Youth

*Green Jobs for Young People*

A discussion on how to provide green jobs for young people with Isobel Tarr from the UK Youth Climate Coalition and Rt Hon Ed Davey MP, Energy Secretary.

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 2

### Prison Reform Trust, Victim Support and Restorative Justice Council

*Making amends: empowering victims, rehabilitating offenders, building public confidence*

Speakers: Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice; Javed Khan, Chief Executive, Victim Support; Juliet Lyon, Director, Prison Reform Trust; Cllr Margaret Foxley. Chair: Martin Kettle, Assistant Editor, *The Guardian*.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

**Campaign for Gender Balance and Women Liberal Democrats**

*'Speed-chat' lunch with stars of the Party!*

Join Parliamentarians and other Party stars for a 'speed-chat' lunch and ask those questions you've always wanted to ask! Tickets will cost £30 and all profits will go towards the annual Future Women MPs Weekend – contact [roxana.cimpeanu@libdems.org.uk](mailto:roxana.cimpeanu@libdems.org.uk) for details. **Please note: This event is for members only.**

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



**Liberal Democrat Christian Forum and Tearfund**

*How can we deliver climate justice in tough economic times?*

Chair: Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP. Speakers: Duncan Hames MP; Fiona Hall MEP; Tearfund's Laura Taylor. Debating how we can pursue ambitious policies to cut emissions and also support developing countries most impacted by climate change.

Saint Paul's Parish Church



**New Statesman and the ATL**

*Teacher knows best. Who should we trust to educate our children?*

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families, Department for Education, and Dr. Mary Bousted, General Secretary, ATL.

Thistle Hotel, Keats



**New Statesman and the Federation of Small Businesses**

*Rt. Hon Danny Alexander MP in conversation with New Statesman*

Speaker: Rt. Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Thistle Hotel, Renaissance South



**Austerity isn't working**

There is an **alternative...**  
creating sustainable jobs and growth

**Sunday 23 September, 18.15–19.30, Balmoral Suite, Hilton Metropole Hotel**

Chair: **Janice Turner**, Social Liberal Forum. Speakers include: **Chris Huhne MP** (invited)

**Prateek Buch**, author of 'Plan C – social liberal approaches to a fair, sustainable economy'

**Mark Serwotka**, PCS general secretary, **Anne Pettifor**, director of Prime: Policy research in macroeconomics

Refreshments provided

A SOCIAL LIBERAL FORUM AND PCS JOINT FRINGE



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**Revealing the secret recipe:  
How private and voluntary  
sector partnerships can  
support vulnerable young  
people into work**

Sunday 23 September 2012,  
18.15 – 19.30pm  
Consort Room, The Grand

**Speakers:**

**Martin Shuker,**  
Managing Director, KFC UK & Ireland

**Anne Marie Carrie,**  
Chief Executive, Barnardo's

**Sarah Teather, MP (invited)**  
Minister of State, Children & Families

**Followed by Q&A**

**Pie and chips provided**

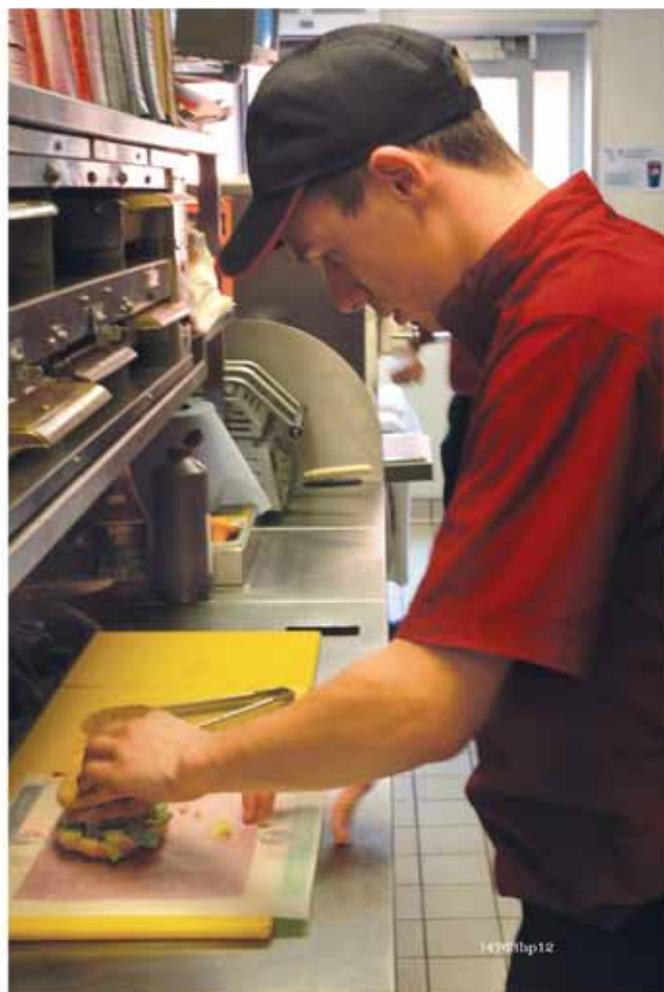
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# Future Families

## the work-life-care balance

As families, businesses and public services react to the increasing need to juggle childcare, work and caring for older parents - how can workplaces, care services and technology enable future families to meet these competing demands?

**when and where:** Sunday 23rd September, 18:15 - 19:30  
Hilton Metropole, Room 3 (includes buffet dinner)

**Caroline Waters OBE** Director of People and Policy, BT Group (Chair)

**Steve Webb MP** Minister for Pensions

**Heléna Herklots** Chief Executive, Carers UK

**Dr Katherine Rake OBE** Chief Executive, Family & Parenting Institute

**CARERS UK**  
the voice of carers

**Family & Parenting  
Institute**

in association with



sunday early evening 18.15–19.30

**IEA and Liberal Vision**

*Orange Bookers vs Social Democrats: What does the future hold?*

Chair: Mark Littlewood. Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP; Evan Harris; David Laws MP; Paul Marshall; and Nick Watt – ask what lies in store for the Lib Dems.  
The Grand, Alexandra

**Business for New Europe sponsored by Aviva**

*We need to talk about Brussels*

Speakers: Lord Wallace of Saltaire, Emeritus Professor of International Relations, LSE; Rt. Hon. Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.  
The Grand, Charlotte



**Barnardo's and KFC**

*How private/voluntary sector partnerships can support vulnerable young people into work*

Chair: Anne Marie Carrie, Chief Executive, Barnardo's. Speakers: Martin Shuker, Managing Director, KFC UK & Ireland; Sarah Teather, MP (invited).  
The Grand, Consort



**Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors / LGA Liberal Democrat Group**

*Localism in my heart and in my soul*

Tessa Munt MP; Cllr Richard Kemp; Andrew Stunell MP – look back over the rich history of community politics and the richer future of localism. Formal launch of collection of essays *Localism in my heart and in my soul*. Food provided.  
The Grand, Empress



**Transport for Greater Manchester Committee**

*Making buses work for our cities*

Chair of meeting: Jim Hancock, former BBC North West Political Editor. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary under Secretary for Transport; John Leech MP; Councillor Craig Wright, Leader of TfGMC Liberal Democrat Group. Refreshments provided.  
The Grand, Kings Terrace



**Social Market Foundation and TUC**

*Laying The Foundations For Prosperity And Growth*

Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP; Frances O'Grady, TUC General Secretary-designate; Ian Mulheirn, Social Market Foundation Director. Chair: Steve Richards, *The Independent* (invited).  
The Grand, Pavilion



**Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar**

*Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar Reception*

Speakers: The Chief Minister, The Deputy Chief Minister and the Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes MP.  
The Grand, Regent



**Tearfund, Transparency International and Christian Aid**

*Global Corruption: None of our Business?*

How is corruption impacting on development and how should Liberal Democrats respond? Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, BIS Minister; Sharon Bowles MEP, Chair of European Parliament Economic & Monetary Affairs Committee; Chandu Krishnan, Executive Director, Transparency International.  
The Grand, Victoria Terrace



**Dods PoliticsHome**

*Rethinking fossil fuels*

Editor in Chief of PoliticsHome, Paul Waugh, asks Andrew George MP and others if new technologies can allow us to keep using coal cleanly and safely. Is the UK on the brink of a fossil fuel renaissance?  
Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



**Social Liberal Forum**

*Austerity isn't Working: There is an Alternative – Sustainable Jobs and Growth*

The state's role in moving towards shared, sustainable prosperity. Mark Serwotka, General Secretary, Public and Commercial Services Union; Ann Pettifor, Director, PRIME; Chris Huhne MP (invited); Prateek Buch, SLF, author of *Plan C*; Janice Turner, SLF. Supported by PCS.  
Hilton Metropole, Balmoral



**Liberal Reform**

*What does a liberal tax system look like?*

David Laws MP, Paul Johnson, Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and others share their ideas on the future direction of Liberal Democrat tax policy, up to 2015 and beyond.  
Hilton Metropole, Buckingham



**Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel**

*Reflections on Israel: prospects for peace?*

Stephen Williams, MP for Bristol West; Alon Roth-Snir, Deputy Ambassador for Israel; Sir Alan Beith MP, President, Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel. Chair: Gavin Stollar, Chair, Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel.  
Hilton Metropole, Cambridge



sunday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

**Liberal Democrats for Civil Liberties**

*Civil Liberties Update*

Julian Huppert MP, Home Affairs Select Committee; Antony Hook, barrister, and Vice-Chair of the Lib Dem European Group; Councillor Greg Fox-Smith, human rights solicitor; on current civil liberties issues – national, European and local. Chair: Simon Wright MP.  
Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery

**CentreForum and Transport Hub**

*The Big Interview with Norman Baker MP*

Transport Minister Norman Baker MP in a wide-ranging interview with Philip Pank, *The Times*' Transport Correspondent. Whatever your transport issues, join the Transport Hub to listen and discuss with the minister. The meeting will include an opportunity for audience questions.  
Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh

**CentreForum and TheCityUK**

*Financial Regulatory Reform Agenda: Help or Hindrance to UK growth?*

Speakers: Gordon Birtwistle MP, PPS to Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Sharon Bowles MEP; Chris Cummings, Chief Executive, TheCityUK.  
Hilton Metropole, Gloucester

**Centre for Cities**

*A Fair Deal for Growth: Do widening economic disparities matter?*

Speakers: Vicky Pryce, FTI Consulting; Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth City Council; Sean O'Grady, *The Independent*. Chair: Alexandra Jones, Chief Executive, Centre for Cities.  
Hilton Metropole, Lancaster

**ActionAid, Dods**

*A Woman's Place: Celebrating Women in the Party and Beyond*

Join us for the launch of the 2012/13 Women in Public Life Awards, to celebrate women making their mark in the party and furthering women's participation in politics, in the UK and across the world. Contact [florence.rdv@actionaid.org](mailto:florence.rdv@actionaid.org).  
Hilton Metropole, Library

**Internet EARS and Casework Manager**

*EARS v9 Training – Effective Campaign Tools at a sensible price!*

Training and Demonstrations of EARS and HandS campaign software and Casework Manager. Q&A session on how to campaign with EARS and run Casework Manager. (NB We have no stand this year.)  
Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 2

**Carers UK and Family & Parenting Institute, in association with BT**

*Future Families: The work-life-care balance*

How families and businesses can meet the competing demands of work, childcare and eldercare. Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; Caroline Waters OBE, HR Director, BT; Heléna Herklots, Carers UK; Dr Katherine Rake, Family and Parenting Institute.  
Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



**Liberal Youth, the University & College Union and NUS**

*Any willing provider? The rise and rise of for-profit education*

As for-profit providers get in line for government funding and private equity firms turn their focus to higher education, we discuss the impact of 'alternative' providers on the public education system. A warm buffet and drinks will be served.  
Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



**UNICEF UK**

*A Fair Future for the World's Children – Time to Grow Up?*

From food to fairness; climate to aid – children should be at the heart of international development. Get involved in the debate. Hear from: Jon Snow (invited, chair); Martin Horwood (invited); David Bull, UNICEF Executive Director; Harry Phinda, Youth Advisor.  
Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



**National Campaign for the Arts, ISM, ABO**

*The importance of cultural education in creating a liberal society*

As education evolves, what are the implications for the arts? Can the arts help create a liberal society? Deborah Annetts of the ISM chairs a discussion with Darren Henley, Managing Director of Classic FM, and Sarah Teather MP (invited).  
Brighton Media Centre, Gallery



**Royal Society for the Protection of Birds**

*Economy and environment: Hand-in-hand? Environment Question Time, with the RSPB*

Nick Clegg believes our future wealth depends on protecting the natural environment. But do the government's economic and environmental agendas go 'hand in hand'? With Andrew George; Duncan Hames; Steve Bradley, Green Lib Dems; Martin Harper, RSPB; Fiona Harvey, *The Guardian*.

**Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 20.00**

Friends Meeting House,  
The Main Meeting Room



sunday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

**Friends of the Earth**

*Why Lib Dems are right about nuclear – and renewables are the solution*

With nuclear investors running scared and renewable costs plummeting, it's time for an energy policy 'Plan B'. Speakers include: Simon Hughes MP (invited); Fiona Hall MEP; Dr Doug Parr, Greenpeace; Dr David Toke, University of Birmingham.



**New Statesman and Home Group**

*Paul Burstow MP in conversation with New Statesman*

Speaker: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services, Department of Health.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Thistle Hotel, Keats



**British Youth Council supported by O2 Think Big**

*What's Youth Got To Do With It?*

Join the debate. Speakers include: Simon Hughes MP; Brian Paddick; Tom Wood, Liberal Youth; Liam Preston, BYC and O2 Think Big. Engaging young people in politics, promoting 'Youth Voice'. An invited audience of young people, also open to delegates.

**Note: this event will end at 19.45**

Thistle Hotel, Renaissance Room



**New Statesman and the Energy Networks Association**

*Building a green economy: The case for new energy infrastructure*

Speaker: Rt. Hon Edward Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Thistle Hotel, Renaissance South



**New Statesman and Aviva**

*Catch 32: Saving towards retirement in 2050*

Speaker: Jo Swinson MP, PPS to Nick Clegg as Deputy Prime Minister, Lord President of the Council.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Thistle Hotel, Wordsworth

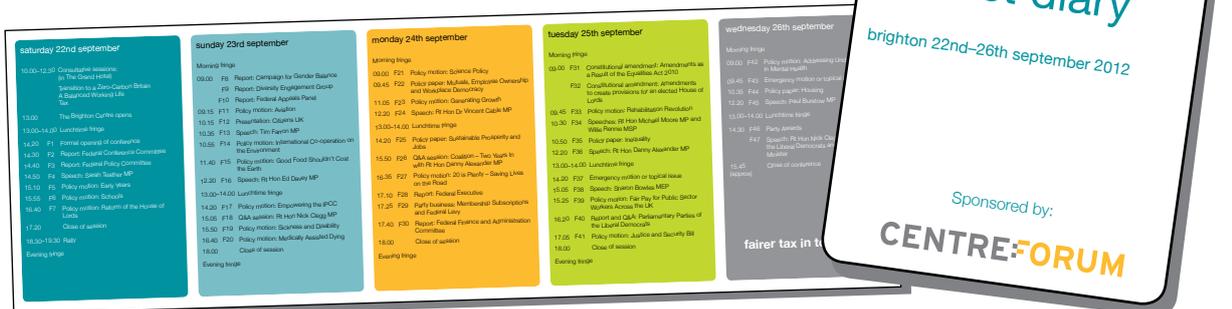


# autumn conference pocket diary

The conference *pocket diary* is a credit-card-sized fold-out guide to the agenda for conference.

Carry it with you at all times so that you do not miss that vital debate or speech!

Your *pocket diary* will be mailed to you with your conference photopass, or available for collection at the Information Desk in Brighton.



### SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

What is Cleggism?

**20:00–21:00** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 1  
Jeremy Browne MP, *Minister of State*, FCO;  
David Howarth, *former MP for Cambridge*;  
Richard Reeves, *former Director of Strategy to the Deputy Prime Minister*; Phil Collins, Demos (chair)

DEMOS  
CENTREFORUM

### MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Growing pains: Can the politics of sustainability survive the economic downturn?

**13:00–14:00** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 1  
Tessa Munt MP (invited), Sharon Bowles MEP (invited); Phil Bloomer, *Director of Campaigns and Policy*, Oxfam; David Norman, *Director of Campaigns*, WWF; Steve Kingshott, *CEO*, Renewable Energy, RSA Insurance

RSA  
WWF Oxfam

Measuring poverty: Can we gain a better understanding?

**18:15–19:30** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 2  
Sarah Teather MP, *Minister of State for Children and Families*; Claudia Wood, *Deputy Director*, Demos; David Brindle, *Public Services editor*, Guardian (chair)

DEMOS

Future Skills: Are we prepared for tomorrow's workplace?

**18:15–19:30** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 1  
Norman Lamb MP, *Minister of State for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs*; Judith Norrington, *Director of Policy, Research and Regulation*, City & Guilds; Tom Wilson, *Director*, Unionlearn; Matt Grist, Demos (chair)

City& Guilds  
unionlearn

### TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Rebalancing Risk and Responsibility between State and Citizen

**08:00–09:00** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 1  
*Private Roundtable - Invitation Only*  
Baroness Shirley Williams (invited); Lord Tom McNally (invited), *Minister of State for Justice*; Jim Wilkes, Zurich; Max Wind-Cowie, *Head of the Progressive Conservatism Project*, Demos

ZURICH

Demos Grill: An in-conversation with Ed Davey MP

**13:00–14:00** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 1  
Ed Davey MP, *Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change* in conversation with Demos

DEMOS

Taking the Strain: The impact of austerity on women

**18:15–19:15** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 1  
Lynne Featherstone MP (invited); Lorely Burt MP (invited); Claudia Wood, *Deputy Director*, Demos

BARROW CADBURY FUND

Under the Influence: Latest Demos research into alcohol abuse and parenting

**18:15–19:15** Hilton Metropole, Surrey Room 2  
Tom Brake MP; Jonathan Birdwell, *Head of Citizens Project*, Demos

SAB MILLER



sunday mid evening 20.00–21.15

**Greenpeace, WWF, Friends of the Earth**

*Can the new Energy Bill rescue the Lib Dem's green credentials?*

Speakers: Secretary of State Energy and Climate Change Ed Davey MP; Ian Marchant, CEO SSE; David Nussbaum, CEO WWF. Chair: Pilita Clark, Environment Correspondent, *Financial Times*.  
The Grand, Charlotte



**The Co-operative Group**

*A Celebration of Co-operation*

To mark the UN International Year of Co-operatives, The Co-operative Chair Len Wardle hosts a reception.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

The Grand, Consort



**Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**

*Is there a Liberal Future for Social Housing?*

Discussion on the future of Government and Lib Dem housing policy and the outlook for social housing provision. Grant Shapps MP, Housing Minister; Cllr Keith House, Eastleigh; Annette Brooke MP; Mark Henderson, CE Home Group. Drinks sponsored by Home Group.  
The Grand, Empress



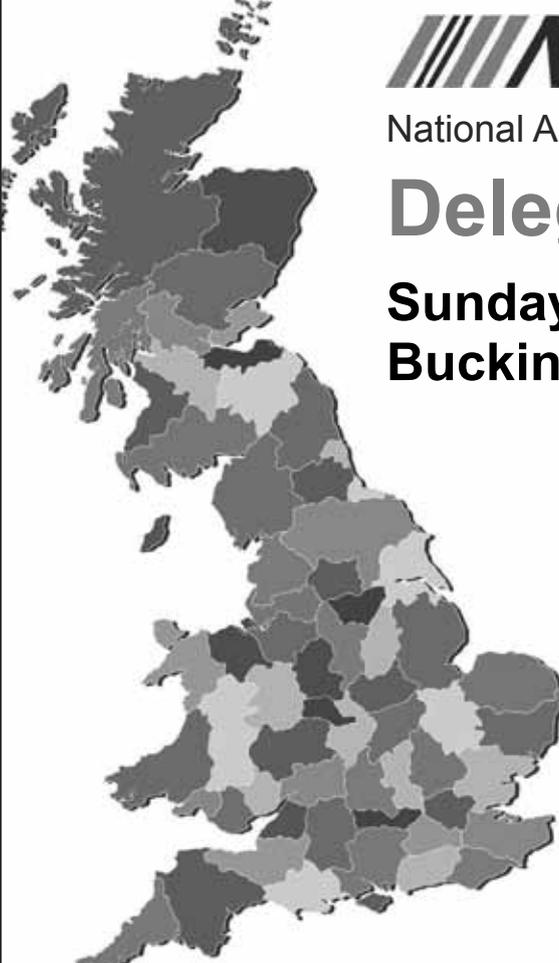
**Transport Hub**

*Liberal Democrat Conference Dinner*

Dinner for Transport Hub Members and Politicians. Held under the Chatham House rule. Refreshments provided.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

The Grand, Eugenie

**NALC**  
National Association of Local Councils

**Delegate Reception**

**Sunday 23rd September, 20.00 - 21.15**  
**Buckingham Suite, Hilton Metropole**

**Lord Matthew Taylor**  
in conversation with  
**Andrew Stunell OBE MP**  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG  
**Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson**  
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group,  
Local Government Association

**What next for localism?**  
Refreshments served • All welcome

sunday mid evening 20.00–21.15 continued

**New Statesman and the Social Investment Forum**

*Social investment: the way out of economic crisis?*  
 Speaker: Norman Lamb MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.  
 The Grand, Pavilion 

**Prison Reform Trust and National Grid**

*Reception: Out for good – how work turns prisoners into taxpayers*  
 Special guest speaker: Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice.  
 The Grand, Regent 

**Health Hotel and Care & Support Alliance**

*Joint Health Hotel and Care & Support Alliance Reception*  
 Address by Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services. Please apply for tickets (one per non-member organisation) at [www.healthhotel.org.uk/reception2012](http://www.healthhotel.org.uk/reception2012).  
 Hilton Metropole, Balmoral  

**National Association of Local Councils**

*What next for localism? Delegate Reception*  
 Chair: Lord Matthew Taylor, in conversation with Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG and Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Local Government Association.  
 Hilton Metropole, Buckingham 

**Liberal Democrats Friends of Pakistan (LDFF) 12th Anniversary**

*Pakistan High Commission Annual Dinner Reception (2012)*  
 HE Wajid Hassan; Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg MP (tbc); Deputy Leader Rt. Hon Simon Hughes MP; Lords Leader Tom McNally; Phil Bennion MEP. Chairing: Qassim Afzal, Federal Executive. Please email. Contact 07956873046 Email [Qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com](mailto:Qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com).  
**Note: this event will end at 22.00**  
 Hilton Metropole, Clarence 

**Liberal Democrat European Group**

*Winning Votes for Europe*  
 George Lyon MEP, Chief Whip, 2014 election campaign national chair; Sir Graham Watson MEP, ELDR President; Antony Hook, LDEG Vice-Chair, rapporteur ELDR/FNF report *How Liberal Parties Succeed At The Local Level*; Lord Chris Rennard, legendary election guru. Chair: George Dunk. **Please note: This event is for members only.**  
 Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery

**Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association**

*Fair Access to the Legal Profession – Is Access Denied?*  
 A discussion about broadening access and social mobility in the legal profession. Simon Hughes MP (tbc); Michael Todd QC, Chair of Bar Council; David Johnson, Chair Social Mobility Foundation; Adam Cain, Secretary LDLA. Chaired by Graham Colley, Chair LDLA.  
 Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh 

**Lib Dem Voice**

*Manifesto 2015 – which way next?*  
 Alistair Carmichael MP chairs this exchange of opinions from Social Liberal Forum and Liberal Reform. What do YOU think should go in the party's next manifesto?  
 Hilton Metropole, Gloucester

**CentreForum and Core Cities**

*Beyond City Deals: Creating Sustainable Growth for the UK*  
 Understanding the future sustainable growth potential of cities. Speakers: Simon Cook, Leader, Bristol City Council; Simon Fanshawe, broadcaster; Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities; Lord Shipley, Government Adviser on Cities.  
 Hilton Metropole, Lancaster 

**Dods PoliticsHome**

*US election: the countdown*  
 Our expert panel look ahead to November's election, give their predictions and take your questions. Can Obama lose? Which states will swing? And what are the implications for the rest of the world?  
 Hilton Metropole, Osborne 

**RSPCA**

*RSPCA Beer and Curry night*  
 Join the RSPCA for our annual beer and curry night.  
 Hilton Metropole, Oxford suite 



sunday mid evening 20.00–21.15 continued

**LGiU and Partnership**

*Social Care: Where Next?*

Chair: Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGiU. Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Chris Horlick, Managing Director, Care, Partnership; Caroline Abrahams, External Affairs Director, Age UK.

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



**million+ and NUS**

*Never Too Late To Learn – Mature Students and Higher Education*

Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; Liam Burns, NUS President; Professor Patrick McGhee, million+ Chair; Baroness Brinton. Chair: Linda Jack, Liberal Left.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



**Demos and CentreForum**

*What is Cleggism?*

Launch of a Demos pamphlet by Richard Reeves – Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State, FCO; David Howarth, former MP for Cambridge; Richard Reeves, Former Director of Strategy to the Deputy Prime Minister; Phil Collins, Demos (chair).

Hilton Metropole, Surrey 1



**Liberal Democrat History Group**

*Mothers of Liberty*

The role of women in Liberal history, from the 18th century to today. Speakers: Dr Helen McCabe, on women Liberal thinkers; Baroness Jane Bonham-Carter, on Violet Bonham Carter; Jo Swinson MP, on women in today's party. Chair: Lynne Featherstone MP.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar

**Liberal Democrats Friends of HOPE not hate**

*Tackling The Changing Nature Of The Far Right*

A compelling discussion on the continuing threat from BNP, EDL etc and the changing nature of the far right, led by Nick Lowles, CEO of HOPE not hate, and Tom Brake MP. Facilitator: cllr Rabi Martins, vice-chair, EMLD.

**Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 21.00**

The Cricketer, Meeting Room



**BOND**

*Beyond Aid - A Liberal Democrat approach to International Development*

The UK must continue to play a leading role in ensuring justice and equity for poor people around the world. How has the Liberal Democrat policy on development evolved and what can we expect from the party?

**Note: this event will end at 21.30**

Holiday Inn, Ashdown Suite 1



**Boehringer Ingelheim, Patient Information Forum, Royal College of Surgeons, Localis**

*The Big Health Quiz*

A fun health related quiz, all welcome. Free traditional pub grub and soft drinks. Speaker: Paul Burstow, Minister of State for Care Services (invited).

**Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 22.00**

Regency Tavern, Private Room



**Infrastructure Alliance**

*Avoiding the infrastructure crunch: Getting Britain working*

Evening reception, with Chief Secretary to the Treasury Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP and high-level industry representatives to discuss the implementation of the National Infrastructure Plan and the importance of infrastructure to providing economic growth.

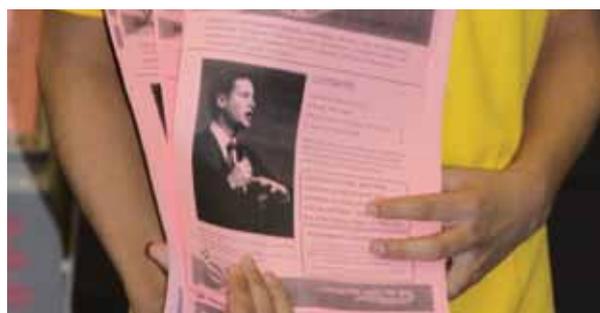
**Note: this event will end at 21.30**

Revolution Vodka Bar, Cocktail Lounge



**Conference Extra & Conference Daily**

Pick up your copy of *Conference Extra* and keep it with you all week; and make sure you pick up a copy of *Conference Daily* each morning. The information they contain will be vital to your understanding of the day's business.



sunday late evening 21.45– 23.00

## **CentreForum, BVCA, Cicero, Diageo and Policy Exchange**

### *Conference Reception*

Guest speaker: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP.

**Note: this event will start at 22.00 end at 24.00**

The Grand, Alexandra



## **LGA Liberal Democrat Group**

### *The Local Government Reception*

The ever popular Local Government Reception returns for another year. Speakers include: Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister, and Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson. Drinks available. All friends of local democracy welcome.

The Grand, Empress



## **Open Europe**

### *Beers of Europe*

Please join us for an evening reception, with complimentary refreshments – over 20 different types of beer from around Europe. Norman Lamb MP (tbc).

The Grand, Regent



## **Business in the Community, Supported by Fujitsu** *Transforming Business, Transforming Communities – Late Night Reception*

Japanese style refreshments and short speeches from Stephen Howard, CEO of Business in the Community, and Duncan Tait, CEO of Fujitsu UK & Ireland, promoting the role of responsible business. To request an invitation, email [liberaldemocratfringes@dods.co.uk](mailto:liberaldemocratfringes@dods.co.uk)

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## **East of England Liberal Democrats**

### *East of England Liberal Democrats Reception*

Relax and enjoy a chat and a glass of wine with Liberal Democrat parliamentarians, local politicians, regional office-holders and other party members from the East of England. All members from the region welcome.

Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



## **South West Liberal Democrats**

### *South West Joint Regional Reception*

Members of Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions are warmly invited to a reception in the 106 Bar, Hilton Metropole. Come and join friends from across the two regions. Cash Bar.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar

## Ministerial Surgeries

There will be a series of Ministerial Surgeries during conference, where you can come along and ask questions of our Ministers on the issues relating to their responsibilities and their departments.

*A fantastic opportunity for members to find out more about what our Ministers are up to.*

All sessions take place in the West Bar on the first floor of the Brighton Centre and are scheduled as follows:

### **Coalition and the Economy**

with Danny Alexander

15.00–16.00, Saturday 22nd September

### **International Affairs**

with Jeremy Browne and Nick Harvey

16.30–17.30, Saturday 22nd September

### **Business and Banks**

with Vince Cable and Norman Lamb

09.45–10.45, Sunday 23rd September

### **Justice and Human Rights**

with Tom McNally

09.30–10.30, Monday 24th September

### **Older People**

with Paul Burstow and Steve Webb

14.30–15.30, Monday 24th September

### **Education**

with Sarah Teather

16.30–17.30, Monday 24th September

### **The Environment**

with Ed Davey, Norman Baker and Andrew Stunell

15.30–16.30, Tuesday 25th September

### **Party Communications – members only**

with Tim Gordon

16.30–17.30, Tuesday 25th September

### **Communications Data Bill**

with Tom Brake and Julian Huppert

11.00–12.00, Wednesday 26th September

*Sessions (except Party communications) are open to all, but party members will be given priority.*





## CORPORATE EVENTS

### CORPORATE DAY 2012

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 9AM - 5PM

*Corporate Day at Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference is the Party's annual flagship business engagement event. It provides an opportunity for senior business leaders to meet Liberal Democrat representatives and discuss the current issues, challenges and opportunities facing businesses in Britain today. The morning session involves panel debates, Q&A sessions, lunch with a special guest speaker and a series of roundtable policy discussions in the afternoon. £800 (excl. VAT).*

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### LIB DEMS BUSINESS DINNER

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM - 10PM

*The third annual Liberal Democrat Business Dinner provides guests with an unrivalled forum in which to discuss the issues that matter. Chairmen, CEOs, directors & clients are invited to join senior Lib Dems for a critical insight into the aims of the Coalition and how our policies are at the very heart of government. £3500/£5000 per table of 10. Individual tickets are £350 (excl. VAT).*

### TREASURER'S FORUM RECEPTION

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 10PM TO LATE

*The social event of Conference. This informal and lively drinks reception will be hosted by the Federal Treasurer of the Liberal Democrats, who will be joined by senior parliamentarians, Treasurer's Forum members and other VIPs.*

### INDUSTRY SUMMITS 2012

*Autumn Conference 2012 sees two new industry-specific events which will bring together leading Liberal Democrats in the field, advisers and key figures from the industry. Guests will receive a pre-briefing from advisers, followed by the key-note speech of the day, a Q&A session and the opportunity to network. The Industry Summit is for Chairmen, Board Members and Chief Executives.*

SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER: ENERGY INVESTMENT WITH ED DAVEY & SPECIAL GUESTS  
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# fringe monday 24th september

monday morning 07.15–08.30

## National Youth Agency

*Hard Times: Great Expectations. Transforming local services for young people*

Policy roundtable. Chaired by Cllr David Bellotti, LGA. With: Fiona Blacke, NYA; Simon Wright MP; Dan Rogerson MP. Contact: [jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk)

**Note: this event will start at 07.45**

Brighton Centre, Youth Zone



## Langley House Trust – helping people to live crime free lives

*Cutting crime – Changing lives. Role of the Voluntary Sector in reducing re-offending*

Panel discussion on topical issues surrounding the role and responsibilities of the Voluntary & Community Sector in breaking the cycle of re-offending. Riots. Results. Resources. Re-conviction rates. Join us for breakfast with host, Langley House Trust Chairman, Anthony Howlett-Bolton.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30 end at 08.45**

The Grand, Napoleon



## Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)

*UK Automotive: Increasing industrial competitiveness*

Breakfast roundtable with speakers including Paul Everitt, Chief Executive, SMMT, and Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP (invited).

The Grand, Pavilion



## Dods PoliticsHome

*VAT, an outmoded tax?*

Editor in Chief of PoliticsHome, Paul Waugh, asks Lord Newby and others whether VAT is still fit for purpose in the 21st century. Should it be simplified, reformed or abolished? Where is the value in value added?

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## Lib Dem Christian Forum

*Morning Praise*

Everyone is welcome to join us and start the day with prayer and worship.

**Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45**

Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery



## The Rural Reception

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and The Angling Trust

**Monday 24 September 2012**

**1.00 – 2.00pm**

**The Grand, Victoria Terrace,  
Brighton**

Hosted by The Lord Redesdale

**Speakers:** Tom Brake MP –  
Co-Chair of the Home Affairs  
Committee

*Buffet lunch provided*



monday morning 07.15–08.30 continued

**CentreForum and Action for Children**

*Delivering for vulnerable children and families – into 2015 and beyond*

Speakers: Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive, Action for Children, and Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State, Department of Education (invited).  
Hilton Metropole, Gloucester



**CentreForum and Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)**

*Beyond the debt: a compelling vision for growth*

Speakers: Robin Fieth, Executive Director, ICAEW; Rt Hon David Laws MP; Vicky Pryce, FTI Consulting.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30 end at 08.45**  
Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



**Dods UK Manufacturing Dialogue**

*We Made It! manufacturing for growth*

Speakers include: Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (invited); Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, RenewableUK; Matthew Packham, Area Director, Lloyds Banking Group.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 end at 09.00**  
Hilton Metropole, Osborne



**Reform / Consumer Credit Counselling Service / Marston Group**

*Keeping your head above water: Helping families prepare for the future*

Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Lord Stevenson, Chair, CCCS; Gareth Hughes, Chief Executive, Marston Group.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



**Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development / BAA Airports Ltd**

*Apprenticeships: The route to future growth and competitiveness?*

Apprenticeships are central to the Government's attempt to tackle youth unemployment, but can they build growth and competitiveness too? A full and frank debate, set in the context of the BAA Heathrow Academy and the CIPD's Learning to Work campaign.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



**Social Market Foundation and Standard Life**

*Delivering a sustainable savings deal for UK consumers*

Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; David Nish, Chief Executive, Standard Life; Pádraig Floyd, Pensions journalist; Dr Ros Altmann, Director-General, SAGA (invited); Dr Nigel Keohane, Deputy Director, SMF (chair).

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 end at 09.00**  
Holiday Inn, Glyndebourne 1



**Finance & Leasing Association**

*Will new credit regulation help/hinder responsible lending on the High Street?*

Parliamentarians, including Lorely Burt and Andrew George, retailers, motor dealers and finance companies will consider the impact on their business and customers of proposed transfer of consumer credit regulation to the FCA from a practical perspective. Liz Barclay will chair.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 end at 09.00**  
Hotel du Vin, Hush Heath



**New Statesman and Nationwide**

*Is banking reform on your side? Delivering better outcomes for consumers*

Speaker: Norman Lamb MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

**Note: this event will start at 08.30**  
Thistle Hotel, Wordsworth



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# Is the Government fixing special educational needs?

Join us to debate the future of special educational needs.

**Monday 24 September 13:00 – 14:00**

Hilton Hotel, Clarence Room

Chair: **Richard Garner**, Education Editor, The Independent

Speakers:

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**Chris Keates**, General Secretary, NASUWT

**Lorraine Petersen**, Chief Executive, NASEN

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## The Proposed Primary Curriculum – progressive or prescriptive?

**Date** Monday 24 September

**Time** 13.00-14.00

**Venue** Edinburgh Room, Hilton Metropole

**Chair** **Christine Blower** *NUT General Secretary*

**Speakers**

**Dan Rogerson MP** *Co-Chair of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Policy Committee on Education, Families and Young People*

**Zoe Williams** *The Guardian*

**Professor Andrew Pollard**,  
*Expert Panel on Review of National Curriculum*

**Mary Bousted** *ATL General Secretary*

**Russell Hobby** *NAHT General Secretary*

*Refreshments Provided*



## monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

### **The Scout Association**

#### *Are we all still in it together?*

What are the roles of the voluntary, private and public sectors in supporting young people at a time of austerity? Speakers: Sarah Teather MP (invited); Linda Jack, Federal Policy Committee; Carl Hankinson, The Scout Association; and others.

Brighton Centre, Youth Zone

### **Northumbrian Water and the Association of North East Councils**

#### *Working Together For A Better North East: A debate*

A debate with: Rt Hon Alan Beith MP; Heidi Mottram, Chief Executive Officer, Northumbrian Water.

The Grand, Alexandra



### **The Times and Populus**

#### *Liberal Democrats and the Voters*

Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon; James Harding, *The Times*; Camilla Cavendish, *The Times*.

The Grand, Charlotte



### **Gentoo**

#### *Home Ownership: for the many not the few?*

Chair: Lord Matthew Taylor, Chair, National Housing Federation. Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG (Invited); Stephen Gilbert MP, Member of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee and Chair of the APPG on Housing.

The Grand, Consort



### **Channel 4 News / ITN**

#### *Channel 4 News' Gary Gibbon in conversation with Ed Davey*

Channel 4 News' Political Editor interviews the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change – A look at politics, being a Lib Dem, life at the Cabinet table and life in general. Lunch provided.

The Grand, Empress



### **The Smith Institute and CCCS**

#### *Generation Debt: Relieving the Burden on Young People*

Speakers: Lord Matthew Oakeshott, Liberal Democrats' Treasury Spokesman, 2001–2011; Shaun Bailey, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister; Lord Wilf Stevenson, Chair, CCCS. Chair: Paul Hackett, Director, the Smith Institute.

The Grand, Kings Terrace



### **The Work Foundation and Private Equity Foundation**

#### *How can we tackle the youth unemployment crisis?*

Rt Hon Nick Clegg DPM (invited); Shaks Ghosh, CEO, Private Equity Foundation; Dr. Neil Lee, Senior Economist, The Work Foundation. This fringe event will discuss what should be done to tackle the short-term crisis and long-term problem of youth unemployment.

The Grand, Napoleon



### **Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association**

#### *Law as an Export Industry*

A discussion about the legal sector's importance in fuelling economic growth. Lord McNally (tbc); Michael Todd QC, Chair of Bar Council; Alan Jenkins, UKTradeInvest; Adam Cain, Secretary LDLA. Chaired by Graham Colley, Chair LDLA. (Briefing notes – LDLA stand.)

The Grand, Pavilion



### **One Society**

#### *Local authorities – leading the way on fair pay*

Ian Swales MP; Cllr Richard Kemp CBE, Liverpool; Cllr John Gilbert, Islington; Duncan Exley, Director, One Society. Discussing the political, economic & social benefits of 'fair pay'; and practical policies to deliver best practice and overcome the challenges.

The Grand, Regent



### **BASC and The Angling Trust**

#### *The Rural Reception*

Hosted by The Lord Redesdale. Speaker: Tom Brake MP.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



### **Shelter supported by Fujitsu**

#### *Talking to voters: three arguments Liberal Democrats must make in 2015*

Tim Farron MP, President, Liberal Democrats; Mark Littlewood, Director General, IEA and former Liberal Democrat Head of Media; and others – discuss the arguments the Lib Dems must make at the next General Election.

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



### **LGBT+, LIBG and Liberal Youth**

#### *Changing laws and attitudes: a more equal world*

Join a passionate discussion on equal global rights in countries that persecute people for their identity and sexuality. Speakers include: Jeremy Browne MP, FCO Minister; Julie Smith, Liberal International; Lance Price and Harjeet Johal, Kaleidoscope; Peter Tatchell (invited).

Hilton Metropole, Balmoral

## monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

### **Health Hotel: British Society of Gastroenterology, Optical Confederation & Royal Pharmaceutical Society**

*Health professionals on trial: for failing to support and deliver public health*

Healthcare professionals from the three disciplines of gastroenterology, optometry and pharmacy, will present the case for their involvement in the new public health system. Be part of the jury, ask questions and have your day in court!

Hilton Metropole, Buckingham



### **Microsoft in association with Computing at School and the Camden Borough Party**

*'Fixing the Crisis in ICT Education'*

Chair: Julian Huppert MP. Speakers: Simon Peyton-Jones, Microsoft; John Lazar, Metaswitch; Genevieve Smith-Nunes, Teacher & CAS. Education in ICT is failing our children and our economy. We must establish computer science as a proper subject, in every school.

Hilton Metropole, Cambridge



### **NASUWT**

*Is the Government fixing special educational needs?*

Join us to debate the future of special education needs.

Hilton Metropole, Clarence



### **Liberal Democrats Against Child Labour**

*Inaugural Meeting: Abolishing the slavery of our time*

215 million children are engaged in child labour, usually in danger, poorly paid and without education. Liberal Democrats should fight to stop this. Antony Hook, founding chair; Sir Malcolm Bruce MP; Dr Aidan McQuade, Anti-Slavery International; Catriona Fox, ChildHope.

Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery

### **ATL / NAHT / NUT**

*The Proposed Primary Curriculum – Progressive or Prescriptive?*

Christine Blower, NUT (chair); Dan Rogerson MP; Mary Bousted, ATL; Russell Hobby, NAHT; Zoe Williams, *The Guardian*; Professor Andrew Pollard, Expert Panel on Review of National Curriculum.

Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh



### **New Statesman and London Councils**

*New Schools: New Rules? The future of local education*

Speakers: Rt. Hon David Laws MP and Cllr Derek Osbourne, Leader of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester



### **CentreForum and British Future**

*Is it possible to be liberal and popular on immigration?*

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Peter Kellner, Chairman, YouGov; Alasdair Murray, Trustee, British Future; David Ward MP.

Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



### **Dods Sustainable Transport Dialogue**

*Green or Growth – Can we have both?*

Speakers include: Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (invited); Sandeep Shingadia, Sustainability and Programmes Manager, Centro; Claire Haigh, Chief Executive, Greener Journeys; Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport.

Hilton Metropole, Osborne



### **Liberal Democrats for Peace and Security**

*Try, try, Trident again!*

Tessa Munt, MP for Wells; Kate Hudson, Director of CND; David Grace; Gareth Epps of LDPS. Must the alternative to renewing Trident be another nuclear weapon? Has the time finally come to just say 'NO'?

Hilton Metropole, Oxford Suite



### **Transport Hub - British Parking Association event**

*How can parking help revitalise the UK's struggling High Streets?*

Chair: Helen Crozier, Oxfordshire County Council & Vice President, BPA; Sir Bob Russell MP (invited); Martin Blackwell, CEO, Association of Town Centre Management (invited); Keith Banbury, Consultant, BPA Council Member & previous CEO of BPA; Geoff Gardner, MD, ACT Travelwise.

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



### **Health Hotel: Action on Hearing Loss, British Heart Foundation and Stroke Association**

*In it for the long term; living well with a health condition*

Chair: Denis Campbell, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Service; Cllr David Rogers (invited); Adrian Scott, Stroke Survivor General Practitioner.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



## monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

### **Demos, Oxfam, WWF and RSA Insurance**

*Growing pains: Can the politics of sustainability survive the economic downturn?*

Tessa Munt MP (invited); Sharon Bowles MEP (invited); Phil Bloomer, Director of the Campaigns and Policy Division; David Norman, Director of Campaigns, WWF; Steve Kingshott, CEO, Renewable Energy, RSA Insurance.

Hilton Metropole, Surrey 1



### **The Co-operative Group**

*Exclusive screening for delegates marking the UN International Year of Co-operatives*

A new film from The Co-operative British Youth Film Academy retells the story of the Rochdale Pioneers.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



### **Royal Town Planning Institute**

*Can planning help deliver the jobs and growth we need?*

Stephen Gilbert MP, member of the CLG Select Committee; Mark Brown, Partner, Local Dialogue; Prof. Gavin Parker, RTPI Director of Professional Standards; Dr Peter Geraghty, Senior Vice-President of the RTPI (chair). Sponsored by Savills and Local Dialogue.

Best Western Hotel, View Room



### **Social Market Foundation and Times Educational Supplement (TES)**

*What is a liberal education?*

Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Children and Families; Ian Mulheim, Director, SMF; David Laws MP (invited); Christopher Cook, Education Correspondent, FT; Gerard Kelly, Editor, TES (chair).

Holiday Inn, Glyndebourne 1



### **British Chambers of Commerce**

*Exporting is Good for Britain*

A panel of experts including: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (tbc); John Longworth, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce; Sam Fleming, Economics Editor, *The Times* (tbc); will discuss international trade. A Q&A will follow.

Hotel Du Vin, Dome Ballroom



### **CitizenCard**

*Teens, Money and Safe Spending*

Chairs: Edinburgh West MP Mike Crockart and Ceredigion MP Mark Williams. Tracey Bleakley, Chief Executive Personal Finance Education Group; Philippe Hardy, White Eagle (Europe) plc; Jaine Chisholm Caunt, TMA & CitizenCard. Fish & Chips and drinks FREE.

Regency Restaurant, Ground Floor restaurant



### **Policy Exchange and SITA UK**

*How can we secure real green growth?*

Lord Teverson; Professor Paul Ekins, Energy & Environment Policy, UCL Energy Institute; James Murray, Editor, Business Green; Simon Moore, Environment & Energy Research Fellow, Policy Exchange; David Palmer-Jones, Chief Executive, SITA UK; Professor George Yarrow, Chairman, Regulatory Policy Institute.

The Old Ship Hotel, Gresham Suite



### **All Party Group on Islamic Finance & Diversity in Financial Markets**

*Ethical Banking – Focus on Islamic Finance*

Chair: Roger Williams MP Chairman of APG. Dr Nora Colton, Dean, Royal Docks Business School, University of East London; Nigel Denison, Director, Head of Markets & Wealth Management BLME; other speakers to be confirmed.

The Old Ship Hotel, Regency Suite



### **New Statesman and the POA, NAPO, Police Federation and G4S**

*What is the future for the criminal justice system?*

Speaker: Lord McNally, Minister of State and Government Spokesperson, Ministry of Justice.

Thistle Hotel, Renaissance South



### **Policy Exchange and Deloitte**

*Delivering a Pipe Dream: Making responsible business a reality*

Norman Lamb MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, BIS; James Barty, Senior Consultant, Financial Policy, Policy Exchange; John Gapper, Chief Business Commentator, the *Financial Times*; Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy & External Affairs, British Chamber of Commerce.

The Old Ship Hotel, Tudor Suite





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## monday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

### **National Youth Agency**

*A Good Education? paying a premium for young people to succeed*

Speakers: Fiona Blacke, NYA; Christine Blower, NUT; Baroness Sal Brinton; Linda Jack, FPC; David Ward MP (invited). Panel debate: the role of schools in young people's personal and social development, the value of formal and non-formal education and pupil premium. Brighton Centre, Youth Zone



### **JLT Benefit Solutions**

*Working towards a sustainable pension system*

Panel discussion, including Pensions Minister Steve Webb, on the current pensions landscape and routes to achieving a sustainable pension system, backed by findings from a new report by leading pension consultant JLT Benefit Solutions.

The Grand, Albert



### **Electoral Reform Society**

*Local Government Reform and the Liberal Democrats*

Jo Swinson, MP for East Dunbartonshire; Andrew Stunell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford; Tim Pickstone, Chief Executive of the ALDC. With Martin Kettle from *The Guardian* as chair.

The Grand, Charlotte

### **CentreForum and ESB International**

*What role for gas? Keeping the lights on in a low-carbon world*

Where will flexible electricity generation come from to keep the lights on? Is continued use of gas compatible with meeting carbon reduction commitments?

Speakers: Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, and a senior representative from ESB International. Chair: Tim Leunig, CentreForum.

The Grand, Consort



### **The Independent**

*The Independent fringe, in association with RSA*

Steve Richards in conversation with Tim Farron, plus a Q&A with the audience.

The Grand, Empress



### **Association of British Insurers and Keoghs**

*Young drivers: Young lives not young votes; helping safety and reducing premiums*

How the insurance industry can help tackle young driver road safety and reduce premiums for drivers. Chair: Huw Evans, ABI. Norman Baker, MP; Otto Thoresen, Director General, ABI; Steve Thomas, Keoghs; Tom Woolgrove, RBSI; Julie Townsend, Deputy Chief Executive, Brake.

The Grand, Kings Terrace



### **The Smith Institute and Unison**

*Who's Looking after the Elderly? The Future Funding of Social Care*

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Christina McAnea, National Secretary for Health, Unison; Michelle Mitchell, Charity Director-General, Age UK. Chair: Paul Hackett, Director, the Smith Institute.

The Grand, Napoleon



### **Charities Aid Foundation**

*Boomers then Bust: Is Giving a Generation Game?*

How can we address the looming donation deficit and ensure the generosity of future generations? A debate chaired by Paul Waugh, PoliticsHome, featuring: Baroness Tyler; Dr Beth Breeze, University of Kent; and John Low, Chief Executive, Charities Aid Foundation.

The Grand, Pavilion



### **Big Innovation Centre part of The Work Foundation**

*It's innovation stupid: Is the strategy for growth working?*

Rt Hon Ed Davey MP (invited); Will Hutton, Chair, Big Innovation Centre; Birgitte Andersen, Director, Big Innovation Centre. How can businesses, finance, universities and markets work together to power our recovery?

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



### **National Autistic Society**

*Cocktails, Cake and Conversation: Celebrate 50 years of achievement for autism*

An 'in conversation' event with a Senior Minister followed by a quiz. Prizes to be won!

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## monday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

### **Health Hotel: Royal College of GPs, Diabetes UK and Royal Pharmaceutical Society**

*The New NHS: shaping the future of health services in the community*

How can we enable more healthcare to be provided in the community, coordinated around patients? Chair: Baroness Shirley Williams (invited). Paul Burstow MP; Professor Clare Gerada, Chair, RCGP; Baroness Barbara Young, Chief Executive, Diabetes UK; Sandra Gidley, RPS.

Hilton Metropole, Buckingham



### **Liberty**

*Civil Liberties and the Lib Dem Identity*

Chair: Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty. Speakers: Rt Hon Lord Paddy Ashdown; Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP; Baroness Ludford MEP; Professor Philippe Sands; Peter Kellner, YouGov President.

Hilton Metropole, Clarence



### **Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and Liberal Democrat Education Association**

*Improving Equalities in Education*

Baroness Meral Ece chairs discussion on barriers to equalities in education, teacher training on diversity and school exclusion, with panel including: Brian Lightman of ASCL; Baroness Floella Benjamin (tbc); and Janet Clarke, author of book on Restorative Justice in schools.

Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery



### **Centre for European Reform / Business for New Europe / Open Europe**

*Europe, from crisis to growth*

Speakers: The Rt Hon David Laws MP; Vicky Pryce, senior MD, FTI Consulting; Simon Tilford, chief economist, Centre for European Reform. Chair: Phillip Souta, director, Business for New Europe.

Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh



### **Social Market Foundation and Universities UK**

*A brave new world? What will the new universities landscape look like?*

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Business Secretary (invited); Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive, Universities UK; John Gill, Editor, *Times Higher Education*; further speakers tbc; Mary Ann Sieghart, Chair, SMF.

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester



### **British Humanist Association and Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats**

*A place for Bishops in a reformed House of Lords?*

What role, if any, should the 'Lords Spiritual' play in a reformed upper chamber? With: Andrew Copson of the BHA; Lorely Burt MP; Monroe Palmer (Lord Palmer of Childs Hill). Chaired by Dr Evan Harris.

Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



### **IPPR in partnership with Which?**

*Energy – can the market be truly competitive?*

Chris Huhne MP (invited); Ian Marchant, Chief Executive, SSE (invited); Richard Lloyd, Executive Director, Which? Chair: Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR.

Hilton Metropole, Library



### **Association of Train Operating Companies**

*Railways: Public Service or Private Profit?*

Speakers include: Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (invited); Michael Roberts, ATOC; Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport; Matt Sinclair, TaxPayer's Alliance; Paul Waugh, Editor, PoliticsHome (chair).

Hilton Metropole, Osborne



### **Transport Hub – All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group event**

*GREEN LIGHT for Trams!*

Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (invited); Julian Huppert MP, Cambridge (invited); Greg Mulholland MP, Leeds (invited); Geoff Inskip, Chairman, UK Tram, Chief Executive, Centro; Stuart Kerr, Vossloh Kiepe GmbH.

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



### **General Medical Council, National Voices, Royal College Physicians, Royal College Surgeons**

*Patient safety and quality improvement: making a leap forward*

Baroness Jolly, with the Francis Inquiry due to report, we debate changes needed. Professor Norman Williams, Royal College of Surgeons; Sir Richard Thompson, Royal College of Physicians; Niall Dickson, General Medical Council. Chair: Jules Acton, National Voices.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



monday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

**Demos, City & Guilds and Unionlearn**

*Future Skills: Are we prepared for tomorrow's workplace?*

Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs; Judith Norrington, Director of Policy, Research and Regulation, City & Guilds; Tom Wilson, Director, Unionlearn; Matt Grist, Demos (chair).



Hilton Metropole, Surrey 1

**Demos**

*Measuring poverty: Can we gain a better understanding?*

Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families; Claudia Wood, Deputy Director, Demos; David Brindle, Public Services editor, *The Guardian* (chair).

Hilton Metropole, Surrey 2

**Save the Children**

*How can aid best help the world's poorest people out of poverty?*

Chair: Faisal Islam, Channel 4 News (tbc). Baroness Northover, Lords Government Spokesperson for International Development; Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Bruce MP, International Development Committee Chair; Rt Hon Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Former Deputy UN Secretary General; Brendan Cox, Save the Children.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



**Law Society and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association (LDLA)**

*Conference Reception followed by fringe on 'Access to Justice: Reducing the Costs'*

Join the Law Society and LDLA for a drinks reception for all delegates interested in legal issues. Speakers: Nick Fluck, Vice President of the Law Society, and Lord McNally, Minister of State for Justice. For an invitation please email richard.heinrich@lawsociety.org.uk.

**Note: this event will end at 21.15**

DMH Stallard LLP, Reception



**Social Market Foundation and Payments Council**

*Switched on customers: improving competition in banking*

John Thurso MP, Treasury Select Committee (invited); Adrian Kamellard, CEO, Payments Council; Doug Taylor, Financial Services Chief Advocate, *Which?*; Ben Chu, Economics Editor, *The Independent* (invited); Ian Mulheirn, Director, SMF (chair).

Holiday Inn, Glyndebourne 1



**Localis**

*Game changer or flash in the pan: what next for localism?*

Speakers: Andrew Stunnell MP; Gordon Birtwistle MP; Stephen Gilbert MP; Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader of Portsmouth City Council. Chair: Mike Burton, Editorial Director, the MJ.



The Old Ship Hotel, Fecamp Lounge

**Policy Exchange**

*Who's Following? Politics in the age of social media*

Julian Huppert MP; James Forsyth, Political Editor, *The Spectator*; Simon Milner, Public Policy Director, Facebook, Inc; Alberto Nardelli, Founder & CEO, Tweetminster; Mark Pack, Co-Editor, *Lib Dem Voice*; Chris Yiu, Head of Digital Government, Policy Exchange.



The Old Ship Hotel, Gresham Suite

**National Farmers Union / Food and Drink Federation**

*The Food and Farming Debate*

Topical debate on Food and Farming issues with: Tim Farron MP, President Liberal Democrat Party; Andrew George MP, Chair Liberal Democrat Policy Committee; Baroness Parminter, Lords Defra Spokesperson; Peter Kendall, NFU President; and Terry Jones, FDF Director of Communications.

**Note: this event will start at 19.00 end at 20.30**

The Old Ship Hotel, Regency Suite



**Stonewall and LGBT+ Lib Dems**

*Tackling Homophobic, Biphobic & Transphobic Bullying*

Join Stonewall and LGBT+ Lib Dems to discuss how we can tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. Speakers include: Lynne Featherstone MP; Cllr Sarah Brown; Stephen Gilbert MP; Ben Summerskill.

Event chaired by Edward Lord OBE.

Queens Hotel, Sandringham Suite



**Greener Journeys**

*Britain's Buses: Driving the Economy Forward*

Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport; Claire Haigh, CEO, Greener Journeys; Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy and External Affairs, British Chambers of Commerce; Martin Dean, Managing Director, Bus Development, Go-Ahead Group.



Thistle Hotel, The Tennyson Room

## monday mid evening 20.00–21.15 continued

### Policy Exchange and Rockwool

*Joining up Energy Efficiency Policy: The Green Deal and Better Buildings*

Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DCLG; Thomas Heldgaard, Managing Director, Rockwool; Geoffrey Lean, Contributing Editor - Environment & Energy, *The Daily Telegraph*; Guy Newey, Head of Environment & Energy, Policy Exchange; Matthew Spencer, Director, Green Alliance.

**Note: this event will start at 19.30 end at 20.30**

The Old Ship Hotel, Tudor Suite



### Candidates Office

*Candidates' Reception*

Reception for all approved candidates, assessors, returning officers and candidates' committee members. Sponsored by Tesco.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

The Grand, Albert



### Nuclear Industry Association

*#engineforgrowth: Energy Reception*

Tickets available at the Nuclear Industry Association stand in the Exhibition Hall.

The Grand, Alexandra



### Resolution Foundation

*Squeezed Britain: Meeting the living standards challenge in the decade ahead*

Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Will Hutton, Principal, Hertford College Oxford; Gavin Kelly, Chief Executive, Resolution Foundation; Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI; Allegra Stratton (chair), Political editor, BBC Newsnight.

The Grand, Consort



### ADS

*Manufacturing the UK's Future: GKN, BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, EADS*

Reception to mark the important role that the aerospace, defence and security industries play in supporting manufacturing and skills in the UK.

Speakers: Rees Ward, Chief Executive Officer of ADS, and a Government Minister (tbc).

The Grand, Empress



### Foundation Trust Network, NHS Partners Network, ACEVO, Social Enterprise UK

*Putting patients first: building a diverse, world-class healthcare sector*

Does competition in health care need a 'patient interest' test? Chair: Peter Griffiths, Chair, Foundation Trust Network. Speakers: Andrew George MP (invited); Victoria Macdonald, Channel 4 News; David Worskett, Director, NHS Partners Network; Peter Holbrook, Chief Executive, Social Enterprise UK.

The Grand, Napoleon



### The Holocaust Educational Trust

*Film, fame, football and Facebook*

Do public figures and social media help or hinder our ability to pass on the history of the Holocaust to future generations? A panel of speakers including Rob Blackie, Managing Director of Blue State Digital, and Stephen Williams MP discuss.

The Grand, Pavilion



### sustainability hub and Green Liberal Democrats

*'A greener future through low carbon growth'*

*Sponsored by Mitsubishi Electric*

Senior Liberal Democrats and special guests will speak about building UK leadership in the low carbon economy and delivering an equitable transformation. The hub represents 23 leading NGOs, trade groups and businesses working toward a sustainable future.

The Grand, Regent



### Chemical Industries Association

*Is Europe damaging the future for Britain's science industries?*

Chair: Ian Swales, MP, Vice Chair of the Chemical Industry All-Party Parliamentary Group. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats (invited); Fiona Hall MEP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the European Parliament; Steve Elliott, Chief Executive of the CIA.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



### LGA Liberal Democrat Group

*Welfare Reform – the local impact*

Workshop session with Welfare Minister Steve Webb MP. This will examine the Government's planned changes to the benefits system and what it will mean for local authorities and the communities they serve.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



## monday mid evening 20.00–21.15 continued

**Anthony Nolan, Care & Support Alliance, Medical Protection Society, Royal College Midwives**  
*NHS and Social Care 2022: how will today's decisions shape tomorrow's services?*  
The DEBATE: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services, and Commentator & Analyst Roy Lilley debate the effect of NHS reform over the decade to come. Chair: Cathy Newman, Channel 4 News.  
Hilton Metropole, Balmoral 

**GovNet Communications**  
*The GovNet Communications American Election Special*  
Chair: Lord Archy Kirkwood. Speakers: Sir Robert Worcester, Founder MORI; Toby Helm, Political Editor, The Observer; Dr Tom D Grant, Chair, Republicans Abroad; William Lee Adams, London Bureau, *Time Magazine*.  
**Note: this event will end at 22.00**  
Hilton Metropole, Buckingham 

**Social Liberal Forum**  
*Overcoming Crisis: How to Move towards a more Ethical Capitalism*  
Debate on rebuilding trust in business and creating good companies. Sir Michael Darrington, former CEO of Greggs; Deborah Hargreaves, Director, High Pay Centre; Norman Lamb MP; Catherine Howarth, CEO FairPensions; Simon Caulkin, writer. Supported by the High Pay Centre.  
Hilton Metropole, Clarence 

**Liberal Reform**  
*The Big Free School Debate*  
Free Schools – a liberal reform to be proud of, an expensive distraction or a well-intentioned failure? Toby Young, founder of the West London Free School, and Dr Evan Harris debate. Baroness Claire Tyler moderates.  
Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery 

**Centro**  
*Shaping the national transport agenda to benefit the West Midlands*  
Speakers: Chair – Councillor Jon Hunt, Centro; Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister (invited); Councillor Paul Tilsley, Birmingham City Council; Geoff Inskip, Chief Executive, Centro.  
Hilton Metropole, Lancaster 

**The Royal British Legion**  
*Launch of the Legion's Community Covenant Best Practice Guide*  
An opportunity for MPs and local Councillors to find out how local authorities and communities can bring the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant to life locally.  
**Note: this event will end at 21.45**  
Hilton Metropole, Osborne 

**Transport Hub – AOA event**  
*Sustainable Aviation: Can the industry deliver?*  
Matt Gorman, Sustainable Aviation; Dr Julian Huppert MP (invited); Dr Adam Marshall, British Chamber of Commerce (invited).  
Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3 

**CentreForum and KPMG**  
*Tomorrow's public services*  
What do we want and how will we get there? Speakers: Lord Ashdown of Norton Sub-Hamdon; Alan Downey, Partner, KPMG; Dr Evan Harris.  
Hilton Metropole, Sandringham 

**New Statesman and Catalyst Housing**  
*Homes of the future: Where are our grandchildren going to live?*  
Speaker: Stephen Gilbert MP.  
**Note: this event will end at 21.00**  
Thistle Hotel, Wordsworth 

### multi-faith prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre (see plan of venue on page 19).

Please be respectful of others using the room.

### left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available on Wednesday 26th September from 08.00–18.00, at Brighton Seafront Office, Arch 137, 141 King's Road (across the road from the Brighton Centre – see map on back cover).

All luggage is left at owners risk. There will be a charge of £1 per item. 100 items max – first-come first-served.

**No large bags or luggage will be allowed in the Brighton Centre at any time.**

# fringe monday 24th september continued

monday late evening 21.45–23.00

## Yorkshire & Humber and North East Liberal Democrats

### *Northern Night evening reception*

Join us for an informal networking evening.  
The Grand, Pavilion



## The European Azerbaijan Society

### *The European Azerbaijan Society Reception*

A drinks reception sponsored by The European Azerbaijan Society, with short addresses by Lord Wallace, Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, House of Lords, and Lord German, member of the Azerbaijan All Party Parliamentary Group.  
The Grand, Consort



## The Green Liberal Democrats

### *The Green Book Sessions: Can Small Farms Feed The World*

Discussions on the contributions of small/medium-scale farmers to world food supply, to inspire ambitious and ecologically sustainable Liberal Democrat international development policies. Speakers: Baroness Kate Parminter, Oxfam; Adrian Sanders MP; and a representative from Newcastle Institute for Research on Sustainability.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace

## Love Luton

### *The Love Luton Conference Carnival*

Join the Love Luton Conference Carnival with delicious nibbles and drinks, Asian and exotic Caribbean dancers with Steel Pan Band. Free Prize Draw – Two free return flights sponsored by easyJet.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



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**Not broken but bankrupt – Families in 2012**

**Tuesday 25 September**  
**13:00 - 14:00**

Fecamp Lounge, The Old Ship Hotel, Kings Road\*

**Speakers:**

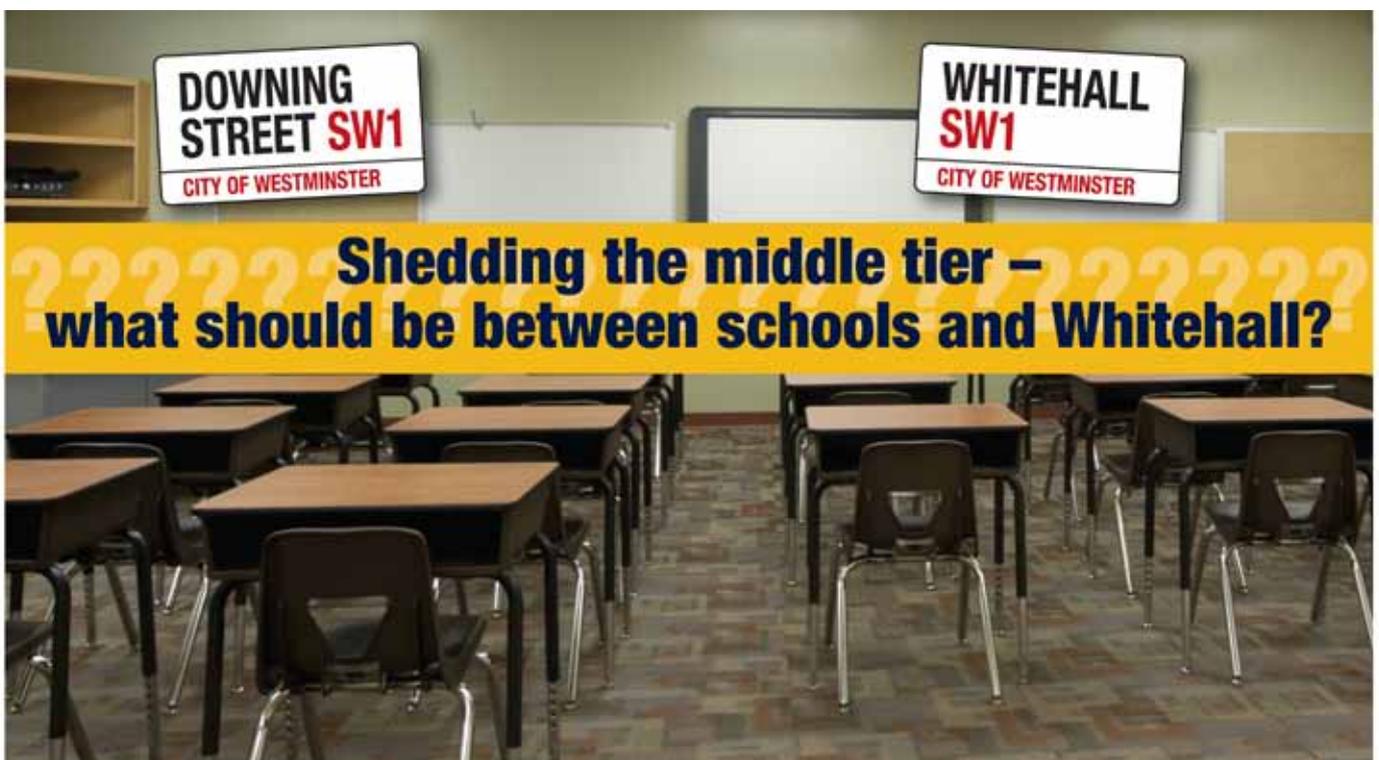
**Kay Bews**, CEO, Home Start UK,  
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**Government Minister**, (tbc)  
**Baroness Claire Tyler**, Chair of Cascass (tbc)

**Chair: Cathy Newman**, Channel 4 News

\* Lunch Provided



Co-ordinated by the Family and Parenting Institute



**Date** Tuesday 25 September

**Time** 13.00-14.00

**Venue** Edinburgh Room, Hilton Metropole

**Chair** Andy Sawford, LGIU

**Speakers**

Rt Hon David Laws MP  
 Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson,  
*Leader of Portsmouth City Council*  
 Christine Blower, *NUT General Secretary*

*Refreshments Provided*



# fringe tuesday 25th september

tuesday morning 07.15–08.30

## **BOND / YoungMinds**

*Roundtable: responding to the emotional needs of young people in schools*

Young people in the wilderness – using early intervention with SEND to respond to the emotional needs of young people in schools. Speakers include Simon Hughes MP.

**Note: this event will start at 07.45 end at 09.00**

Brighton Centre, Youth Zone



## **Open Road**

*Open Road Running Club*

Open Road once again invites you to join us for a 5k run to brush away the cobwebs. We will donate £10 to Epilepsy Action for every runner. You can donate too – text ORUN66 £2/£5/£10 to 70070 e.g. ORUN66 £5.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30**

Main entrance to the secure zone



## **Dods Green Deal Dialogue**

*Getting the Best Deal from the Green Deal*

Speakers include: Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Simon Wright MP; Neil Pennell, Land Securities; Giles Willson, Glass and Glazing Federation; Damian Carrington, *The Guardian* (chair).

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 end at 09.00**

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## **The Open University, in partnership with *The Guardian* and CentreForum**

*Educating for growth: how can part-time and distance learning deliver economic growth?*

Speakers: Martin Bean, Vice-Chancellor, The Open University, and Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. Chair: Sue Littlemore, *The Guardian*.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30 and end at 08.45**

Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh



## **CentreForum and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)**

*Sovereign debt in Europe: how can governments manage public finances better?*

Speakers: Roger Acton, Director – Europe, ACCA; Sharon Bowles MEP; Julian Callow, Chief Economist, Barclays Capital.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30 and end at 08.45**

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester



## **Oxfam**

*What Would It Take For Welfare To Work In The UK?*

Speakers: Jenny Willott MP (invited); Chris Johnes, Director UK Poverty Programme, Oxfam; Alison Garnham, Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group. An open discussion considering what a truly successful welfare system should include and what should be excluded.

Hilton Metropole, Lancaster

## **Dods PoliticsHome**

*Saving the high street? Boosting Britain's economy*

Editor in Chief of PoliticsHome, Paul Waugh, asks our panel whether Britain's high streets are being throttled and what role their rejuvenation could play in increasing growth in the UK economy.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 end at 09.00**

Hilton Metropole, Osborne



## **Transport Hub – CILT event**

*'Can we afford the old?' – concessionary travel, accessibility and growth*

Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport; Roger French OBE, MD Brighton & Hove Bus & Coach Company; Mervyn Kohler, Age UK; Ann Frye, Deputy Chair, CILT Accessibility & Inclusion Forum; John Carr, CILT Bus & Coach Forum.

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



## **Social Market Foundation and Circle Housing Group**

*Has the penny dropped? Preparing for Welfare Reform*

Stephen Lloyd MP, Work and Pensions Select Committee (invited); Maria Heckel, Executive Director, Circle Housing Group; Deven Ghelani, Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Justice; further speakers tbc. Chair: Ian Mulheirn, Director, SMF.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 end at 09.00**

Holiday Inn Brighton, Glyndebourne 1



# The Policing Fringe

Tuesday 25th September, 13.00 - 14.00

Lancaster Room, The Hilton Metropole • refreshments served

Chair • **Michael Crick**, Political Correspondent, Channel 4

**Tom Brake MP**, Co-Chair of the new Liberal Democrat  
Backbench Committee on Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities

**Paul McKeever**, Chairman, The Police Federation

**Sir Hugh Orde**, President, Association of Chief Police Officers

**Derek Barnett**, President, Police Superintendents' Association

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## PATIENT CHOICE & PUBLIC SAFETY: CAN WE HAVE BOTH AT THE END OF LIFE?

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Pavilion, The Grand Hotel  
13:00 - 14:00  
(Hot lunch provided)

### Speakers

**ANDREW GEORGE MP**  
MP for St Ives & Vice Chair  
of the APPG on Choice at  
the End of Life

**SARAH WOOTTON**  
Chief Executive, Dignity  
in Dying

### Chair

**MARY RIDDELL**  
Daily Telegraph columnist  
and political interviewer

### FARAH NAZEER

Director of External Affairs,  
Motor Neurone Disease  
Association

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in dying



## tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

### Kids Count

*Voice of the street – Counting the cost of soaring youth crime?*

Kids Count launches its interim paper discussing youth crime and more young people entering the Criminal Justice System. Featuring the voice of young people. Speakers Rt Hon Lord McNally; John Leech MP; Rt Hon Don Foster, Young Advisors.  
Brighton Centre, Youth Zone



### Royal College of Nursing

*This is nursing*

Interactive RCN fringe.  
The Grand, Albert



### Nuclear Industry Association

*New Nuclear: Engine for Growth*

Come and join us for a lively debate and refreshments.  
The Grand, Alexandra



### CentreForum, BVCA and Cicero

*Economy 20/20: looking ahead*

Speakers: Iain Anderson, Director, Cicero; Tim Hames, Head of Public Affairs, Communications and Campaigns, BVCA; Baroness Kramer of Richmond; Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland.  
The Grand, Consort



### Guardian News and Media

*New partnerships in healthcare*

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, care services minister; Clare Gerada, chair, Royal College of GPs; David Stout, deputy chief executive and head of policy, NHS Confederation; Amanda Callaghan, director of corporate affairs, ABPI; David Brindle, public services editor, *The Guardian*.  
The Grand, Empress



### New Statesman and the Portman Group

*Tackling the binge drinkers: Can local solutions solve national problems?*

Speakers: Rt. Hon Don Foster MP and Stephen Gilbert MP.  
The Grand, Eugenie



### The Smith Institute and NAPF

*Workplace Pensions: How to Get Britain Saving Again?*

Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Joanne Segars, Chief Executive, NAPF. Chair: Paul Hackett, Director, the Smith Institute.  
The Grand, Kings Terrace



### Association of Business Schools

*Business Schools: Seizing the Future*

An opportunity to hear from and debate with leading figures from the world of higher education. The event brings together the findings from a series of recent Policy Network roundtables.  
The Grand, Napoleon



### Dignity in Dying

*Patient choice, public safety: can we have both at the end of life?*

Chair: Mary Riddell, *Daily Telegraph* columnist and political interviewer. Speakers: Andrew George, MP for St Ives; Farah Nazeer, Director of External Affairs, Motor Neurone Disease Association; Sarah Wootton, Chief Executive, Dignity in Dying.  
The Grand, Pavilion



### pteg

*Urban transport; time for Whitehall to let go?*

Chair: Cllr Ian Auckland, SYITA. Speakers: Norman Baker, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport; Stephen Joseph OBE, Campaign for Better Transport; Greg Mulholland MP; Geoff Inskip, Chairman, pteg.  
The Grand, Regent



### IPPR in partnership with British Retail Consortium and Working Links

*Youth unemployment: defusing the time-bomb*

Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader of Liberal Democrats; Mike Lee, Director for Skills, Working Links; Mark Ross, Head of Public Affairs, British Retail Consortium; Susan James, Assistant Director, Skope. Chair: Tony Dolphin, Associate Director for Economic Policy, IPPR.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



### European Commission

*Chips with everything: More Europe for More Digital Growth in the UK*

Speakers include: Robert Madelin, European Commission Director-General for Information Society and Media; Lord Clement Jones; Don Foster MP, Chair Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee on Culture, Media and Sport; Larry Stone, President Group Public and Government Affairs, BT.  
Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

### CentreForum

*Why have the Liberal Democrats forgotten Foreign Policy?*

Speaker: Lord Ashdown of Norton Sub-Hamdon. Chair: Duncan Greenland, CentreForum.  
Hilton Metropole, Balmoral 

### Health Hotel: British Society of Gastroenterology and the British Liver Trust

*How to challenge the UK's drinking culture?*

Different drinking cultures in the UK are each problematic to health. The discussion will look at ways to reduce admissions and better support people. Speakers include: Baroness Northover; Emily Robinson, Alcohol Concern; Andrew Langford, BLT; Dr Nick Sheron, BSG.  
Hilton Metropole, Buckingham 

### IPPR

*Winning here? Do the Liberal Democrats have a fighting chance in 2015?*

Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Dr Evan Harris; Baroness Shirley Williams; Chris Huhne MP (invited). Chair: Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR.  
Hilton Metropole, Clarence 

### Liberal Reform

*Holding their feet to the fire: civil liberties under the coalition*

Shami Chakrabati, director of Liberty, author and campaigner John Kampfner and Sir Menzies Campbell MP discuss the coalition's record on civil liberties to date, and the challenges that lie ahead.  
Hilton Metropole, Durham Gallery 

### Local Government Information Unit / National Union of Teachers

*Shedding the middle tier – what should be between schools and Whitehall?*

Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGIU (chair); David Laws MP; Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth Council; Christine Blower, General Secretary, NUT.  
Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh 

### Centre for Mental Health

*Delivering effective parenting interventions*

Round table meeting. This discussion will focus on how we ensure proven parenting programmes support the families who need them the most. Contact [sandra.ison@centreformentalhealth.org.uk](mailto:sandra.ison@centreformentalhealth.org.uk) for further information.

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester 

### ACPO, Police Federation and Police Superintendents' Association

*The Policing Fringe*

Chair: Michael Crick, Political Correspondent, Channel 4. Speakers: Tom Brake MP, Co-Chair, Liberal Democrat Backbench Committee on Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities; Paul McKeever, Chairman, Police Federation; Sir Hugh Orde, President, ACPO; Derek Barnett, President, Police Superintendents' Association.  
Hilton Metropole, Lancaster 

### Dods Renewable Energy Dialogue

*Where the wind blows: harvesting the power of wind*

MPs and stakeholders come together to discuss the viability of wind power in the UK. Speakers include: Benj Sykes, UK Operations Director, DONG Energy; Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, RenewableUK; and a representative from Vestas.  
Hilton Metropole, Osborne 

### Transport Hub – FTA event

*Sharing the Road Safely*

Chair: Philip Pank, *The Times*. Dr Julian Huppert MP, Chair, Lib Dem Transport Committee; James Hookham, MD – Policy and Communications, Freight Transport Association; Simon Best, Chief Executive, Institute of Advanced Motorists; Roger Geffen, Campaigns and Policy Director, CTC.  
Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3 

### Health Hotel: Care & Support Alliance, Independent Age and Partnership

*Keeping social care reform at the top of the political agenda*

Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Jackie Ashley, *The Guardian* (chair); Janet Morrison, Chief Executive, Independent Age; Clare Pelham, Chief Executive, Leonard Cheshire Disability; Chris Horlick, Managing Director of Care Partnership.  
Hilton Metropole, Sandringham 

### Demos

*Demos Grill: An in-conversation with Ed Davey MP*

Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, in conversation with Demos.  
Hilton Metropole, Surrey 1 



## tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

### Save the Children UK

*What should the Coalition's legacy be on early intervention?*

Dan Rogerson MP, Co-chair of the Backbench Committee for Education & Families (tbc); Graham Allen MP, author of two HMG reports on Early Intervention; Ceri Jones, Social Enterprise Coalition; Paul Turner, Lloyds Banking Group; Sally Copley, Save the Children (chair).

Hilton Metropole, 106 (Bar)



### Reform / Just Retirement

*Equity release and fairer funding of long term care*

Lord German, Leader, Welsh Liberal Democrats 2007–2008; Rodney Cook, Chief Executive, Just Retirement.

Holiday Inn, Glyndebourne 2



### The Family Room

*Not broken but bankrupt – Families in 2012*

Speakers: Kay Bews, CEO, Home Start UK; Srabani Sen, CEO, Contact a Family; Baroness Claire Tyler, Chair Cafcass; Ministerial speaker tbc. Chair: Cathy Newman, Channel 4 News.

The Old Ship Hotel, Fecamp Lounge



### Policy Exchange and Home Group

*Why aren't we building more and better homes?*

Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DCLG; Mark Henderson, Chief Executive, Home Group; Dr Tim Leunig, Chief Economist, CentreForum; Alex Morton, Senior Researcher, Housing & Planning, Policy Exchange; John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, House Builders Federation.

The Old Ship Hotel, Gresham Suite



### 2020health

*What will doctors do now they are running the NHS?*

Speakers: Baroness Jolly, Co-Chair, Parliamentary Party Committee on Health and Social Care; Justin Ash, CE, Oasis Healthcare; Dr Steve Mowle, Vice-Chair, RCGP; Andy Cowper, Editor, Health Policy Insight; John Restell, CE, Managers in Partnership. Chair: Gail Beer, 2020health.

The Old Ship Hote, Paganini Ballroom



### Policy Exchange and RWE npower

*Low Carbon and Lower Bills: Can the circle be squared?*

Duncan Hames MP, Damian Carrington, Head of Environment, *The Guardian*; Paul Massara, Chief Operating Officer, RWE npower; Simon Moore, Environment & Energy Research Fellow, Policy Exchange; Dr Michael Pollitt, Assistant Director, Electricity Policy Research Group.

The Old Ship Hotel, Tudor Suite



### Transport Times

*How to Sustain the Growth in Rail Travel*

Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport; Jim Steer (chair) Director and Founder, Steer Davies Gleave; Steve Scrimshaw, Managing Director, Siemens Rail Systems; David Brown, Group Chief Executive, Go-Ahead.

Thistle Hotel, Renaissance North



### The Centre for Social Justice

*Domestic Violence: Time to shout about those who suffer in silence*

With a penetrating CSJ report out this year into domestic violence and the lead of the Liberal Democrats on this issue within the Coalition, we'll discuss how the Government should respond.

Speakers incl: Rt Hon Lynne Featherstone MP.

Thistle Hotel, Tennyson



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## tuesday early evening 18.15–19.30

### Microsoft and UK Youth

#### *Digital Skills: A New Approach?*

Young people are the future of the UK's success. How do we ensure they receive the skills and inspiration they need? Formal learning is important, but for those who have left the education system, can more be done?

Brighton Centre, Youth Zone



### Big Brother Watch and the Open Rights Group

#### *The Communications Data Bill: A snooper's charter or matter of life and death?*

Some have suggested the Communications Data Bill is one of the most intrusive pieces of surveillance legislation seen for decades. Is it possible to fix the bill, or should the Liberal Democrats refuse to support it?

The Grand, Alexandra

### Housing Voice

#### *How to tackle the Housing Crisis?*

The Housing Voice Fringe on affordable housing.

Chair: Lord Whitty. Stephen Gilbert MP; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice Bureau; Andrew Stunnell MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG (invited); David Orr, National Housing Federation (invited).

The Grand, Consort



### Hacked Off, in partnership with Co-ordinating Committee for Media Reform and NUJ

#### *Debate on Press Reform*

Speakers: Steve Coogan; Simon Hughes MP (tbc); Michelle Stanistreet, General Secretary NUJ; a speaker from CCMR (tbc); Prof Steve Barnett, Hacked Off Chair, tbc

The Grand, Empress



### IPPR in partnership with University Alliance, GuildHE and NUS

#### *The future of higher education*

Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; Professor Wendy Purcell, Vice-Chancellor, University of Plymouth; Prof Ruth Farwell, Chair, GuildHE; Liam Burns, President, NUS. Chair: Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR.

The Grand, Eugenie



### NatGen Social Research

#### *Hard Times, Harder Attitudes: An expert discussion on the future of welfare*

Nicholas Hellen, *Sunday Times* (chair); Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader Liberal Democrats; Penny Young, Chief Executive, NatGen Social Research; Teresa Perchard, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Citizens Advice; Gavin Kelly, Chief Executive, Resolution Foundation.

The Grand, Kings Terrace



### Employment Related Services Association (ERSA)

#### *Welfare to work: Under strain or on the road to success?*

This session will explore what we have learned so far from the Coalition Government's welfare to work programmes, including the Work Programme. Speakers include: Lord Archy Kirkwood; Stephen Lloyd MP (invited); Kirsty McHugh, ERSA; Stuart Vere, Avanta.

The Grand, Napoleon



### The Co-operative Group

#### *Can banks ever do the right thing?*

Lord Newby; Lisa Buckingham OBE, Editor, *Financial Mail on Sunday*; James Hillon, Head of Mortgages, The Co-operative Bank; Tony Greenham, Head of Finance and Business, nef.

The Grand, Pavilion



### 1994 Group

#### *Higher education policy panel: How to ensure the best student experience*

A panel of experts discuss the ways in which universities can best meet student expectations. Speakers: Alex Bols, 1994 Group; Professor Michael Farthing, University of Sussex; Jon Wakeford, University Partnership Programme; David Ward MP, BIS Select Committee (tbc).

The Grand, Regent



### Social Market Foundation and Provident Financial

#### *Social mobility and welfare reform*

Tim Farron MP (invited); Nancy Kelley, Deputy Director, Policy & Research, Joseph Rowntree Foundation; Dr David Hall-Matthews, Chair, Social Liberal Forum; Sarah Neville, UK News Editor, *Financial Times*; Dr Nigel Keohane, Deputy Director, SMF (chair).

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



## tuesday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

### **CBI and EDF Energy**

*The Big Growth Debate: How can we get UK growth on track?*

Speakers include: Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; John Cridland CBE, Director General, CBI; Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson, Managing Director of New Nuclear Build, EDF Energy.

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



### **Micropower Council and PRASEG**

*Flagship Green Policy: Green Deal or Green Gamble?*

Chair: Baroness Maddock, Secretary, PRASEG. Speakers: Duncan Hames MP, PPS to Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, Secretary of State, DECC; Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, Micropower Council; a speaker from *Which?*; an industry representative.

Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh



### **The Foreign Policy Centre and Nestlé UK**

*Rethinking growth: How can business better protect the environment?*

Speakers: Baroness Lindsay Northover, Lead Government Spokesperson, International Development, House of Lords; Tony Juniper, Leading British Environmentalist; Ruth Davis, Senior Policy Adviser, Greenpeace UK; Duncan Pollard, Sustainability Adviser, Nestlé S.A. Chair: Sarah Mukherjee, Director of Environment, Water UK.

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester



### **CentreForum and British Gas**

*The Big Energy Debate*

Speakers: Phil Bentley, CEO, British Gas; Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change; Ann Robinson, Director of Consumer Policy, uSwitch. Chair: Tim Leunig, Chief Economist, CentreForum.

Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



### **IPPR North in partnership with KPMG**

*Northern prosperity is national prosperity: business growth in the north of England*

Andrew Stunell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Kru Desai, Partner, KPMG; Katja Hall, Chief Policy Director, CBI (invited). Chair: Ed Cox, Director, IPPR North.

Hilton Metropole, Library



### **Liberal Democrats in Public Relations**

*Do Liberal Democrats in Government make a difference and do voters know?*

Chair: Lord Clement Jones. Guest speakers include Rt Hon Lord Ashdown and Nick Harvey MP, Minister for the Armed Forces.

Hilton Metropole, Osborne

### **Transport Hub – ACT TravelWise / RTIG event**

*Delivering a cycling culture – using footpaths and changing attitudes*

Roger Geffen, Head of Policy, CTC; Philip Darnton, Former Chair of Cycling England; Colin Black, Director, ACT TravelWise.

Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



### **The Howard League for Penal Reform**

*Police and Young People: Can Liberal Democrats lead the way for change?*

Frances Crook, Chief Executive, The Howard League for Penal Reform; Stephen Gilbert MP; Brian Paddick, 2012 London Mayor candidate; Cllr Duwayne Brooks, Deputy Chair, Safer Communities; LGA Liberal Democrat PCC candidate (tbc); young people from U R Boss project.

Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



### **Demos and Barrow Cadbury Trust**

*Taking the Strain: Exploring the impact of austerity on women*

Lynne Featherstone MP (invited); Lorely Burt MP (invited); Claudia Wood, Deputy Director, Demos.

Hilton Metropole, Surrey 1

### **Demos and SAB Miller**

*Under the Influence: Latest Demos research into alcohol abuse and parenting*

Tom Brake MP; Jonathan Birdwell, Head of Citizens Project, Demos.

Hilton Metropole, Surrey 2



### **Science Council**

*The Appliance of Science: growth, jobs and policy*

Chair: Diana Garnham, CEO, Science Council. Julian Huppert MP; Dr Mark Downs, CEO, Society of Biology; Stephen Voller, CEO, Cella Energy. Panel discussion on where investment in UK science has supported job creation, business expansion to drive local, regional and national economic growth and UK international competitiveness.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar



## tuesday early evening 18.15–19.30 continued

### Liberal Democrat Campaign for Manufacturing

#### *Campaign for Manufacturing Launch Event*

Guest speaker: Danny Alexander MP. Everyone with an interest in how the Liberal Democrats can support and nurture British manufacturing is welcome to the launch of this new Party group.

Holiday Inn, Arundel 1



### ResPublica and IPA Involve

#### *Employee Ownership: Driving co-operation, achieving long-term sustainability*

Confirmed Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs; Nita Clarke, Director, IPA Involve; Jo Confino, Chairman and Editorial Director, *The Guardian Sustainable Business*; Ali Parsa, Founder, Circle Partnership; Phillip Blond, Director, ResPublica.

Holiday Inn, Ashdown 1 Suite



### PCG – the Voice of Freelancing and The Recruitment and Employment Confederation

#### *Encouraging Entrepreneurialism: Creating a flexible and freelance workforce*

Stephen Gilbert MP (chair) (tbc); Norman Lamb MP, Employment Minister (invited); Professor Patricia Leighton, Emeritus Professor of Law; Kevin Green, Chief Executive, the Recruitment and Employment Confederation.

Holiday Inn, Ashdown Suite 2



### Social Market Foundation and B&CE Benefits

#### *Can auto-enrolment work for middle-income savers?*

Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; Patrick Heath-Lay, Director of Finance and Strategic Delivery, B&CE Benefits; Joanne Segars, Chief Executive, NAPF; Mark Atherton, Money Reporter, *The Times* (invited); Ian Mulheirn, Director, SMF (chair).

Holiday Inn, Glyndebourne 1



### Reform / Home Group

#### *Transforming justice in an era of austerity*

Lord McNally, Minister of State and Government Spokesperson, Ministry of Justice; Rachel Byrne, Executive Director Care & Support, Home Group; Alan Travis, Home Affairs Editor, *The Guardian*.

Holiday Inn, Glyndebourne 2



### Policy Exchange

#### *Poverty: From treating the symptoms to dealing with the root causes*

Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children & Families; Rt Hon Alan Milburn, Independent Reviewer on Social Mobility & Child Poverty; John Rentoul, *The Independent*; Chris Goulden, Joseph Rowntree Foundation; Neil O'Brien, Policy Exchange; Polly Toynbee, *The Guardian*.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

The Old Ship Hotel, Gresham Suite



### All Party Parliamentary Water Group

#### *Floods or Drought? The Water Debate*

Chair: Andrew George MP, Chair Liberal Democrat Environment Policy Committee. Guest speakers: Chris Davies MEP, ALDE Environment Committee Coordinator; Jonathan Hodgkin, United Utilities; Andy Pymmer, Wessex Water; Richard Sears, Yorkshire Water; Simon Love, Anglian Water.

The Old Ship Hotel, Regency Room



### Policy Exchange

#### *How can we bring the cost of childcare under control?*

Annette Brooke MP; Lucy Lee, Head of Education, Policy Exchange; Eleanor Mills, Associate Editor, the *Sunday Times*; Professor Helen Penn, Professor of Early Childhood, University of East London; Anand Shukla, Chief Executive, Daycare Trust.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

The Old Ship Hotel, Tudor Suite



### Centre for Social Justice

#### *Family policy in a coalition*

With different views on the role of Government in family policy, how can the Coalition work together to achieve David Cameron's promise to make Britain the most family friendly country? Speaker: Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Families and Children (invited).

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Thistle Hotel, Tennyson



tuesday mid evening 20.00–21.15

## ResPublica and CFA

*Beyond the banks: Changing borrowing habits in Britain's squeezed households*

Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Stephen Lloyd MP, Member of the Work and Pensions Select Committee; Peter Tutton, Head of Policy, CCCS.  
**Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 20.45**  
Holiday Inn, Ashdown 1 Suite



## Liberal Left

*Where next for the Liberal Democrats?*

Adrian Sanders MP, Stephen Knight AM and Jackie Ashley of *The Guardian*, debate the future of the party.  
Brighton Centre, Youth Zone

## Energy UK

*Energy Reception – Powering the UK*

Reception for the energy industry. Speakers: Rt Hon Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change; Angela Knight CBE, Chief Executive, Energy UK.  
The Grand, Consort



## Abellio

*The Abellio Reception*

The Abellio Reception will bring together senior representatives from Abellio and our rail companies Northern Rail, Merseyrail and Greater Anglia. Speakers: Dominic Booth, Managing Director, Abellio and Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport. Invitation only event, please contact adam.lake@totalpolitics.com  
The Grand, Empress



## The Co-operative Group and the Local Government Association

*A healthy relationship? Can local government and communities improve public health?*

Baroness Judith Jolly, Member of the Liberal Democrat Health team; Richard Humphries, Senior Fellow, The King's Fund; Cathryn Higgs, Food Policy Manager, The Co-operative Group; and Kate Bull, CEO, The People's Supermarket.  
The Grand, Kings Terrace



## National Union of Teachers

*NUT Fish and Chips Supper Reception*

Numbers strictly limited. Please collect invitations from the NUT Stand No 28.  
The Grand, Pavilion and Charlotte



## Supporters Direct

*Supporters' Trusts: Are they an appropriate model of stakeholder governance for football*

A short introduction from each speaker, followed by a Q&A. Panel: Rt. Hon. Don Foster MP; Sam Tomlin, CentreForum; David Lampitt, Supporters Direct; representative from the football industry to be confirmed.  
The Grand, Regent



## JUSTICE (with Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

*The 'other' Brighton Conference: The Future of Human Rights in the UK*

Discussing Human Rights and the Brighton Declaration: Angela Patrick, Director of Human Rights Policy, Justice; Tom Brake MP (tbc); Professor Philippe Sands QC; Professor Marie-Benedicte Dembour. Chaired by Graham Colley, Chair LDLA. (Briefing notes – LDLA stand.)  
The Grand, Victoria Terrace



## Federal Executive

*Meeting of SAOs and AOs*

Representatives of all existing and prospective (S) AOs are invited to attend a meeting with the newly-established Federal Executive SAO Sub-Group, to discuss future strategy and suggest where support may be appreciated.  
Hilton Metropole, Balmoral

## LGA Liberal Democrat Group

*Turning Housing Policy into Campaigns*

Workshop with: Andrew Stunell MP; Martin Tod; Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson; and a speaker from Hyde Group. Conference will have discussed a new housing policy paper. This workshop looks at how to translate the new policy into winning campaigns.  
Hilton Metropole, Buckingham



## Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers & Scientists

*Shale Gas: Game-changer or not?*

The UK's Shale Gas reserves are uncertain but could be very large. What are the implications, good and bad, of exploiting these reserves? Guest speakers from academia, the shale-gas industry and an independent safety consultant. Ed Davey is invited.  
Hilton Metropole, Edinburgh



## tuesday mid evening 20.00–21.15 continued

### The Air Ambulance Service

*Public Service Reform: Getting it off the Ground*  
David Brindle, Public Services Editor of *The Guardian*, will chair a panel discussion and Q&A on the progress of the Government's public service reforms. Panel members will include Peter Holbrook, Social Enterprise UK, and Andy Williamson, The Air Ambulance Service.  
Hilton Metropole, Gloucester



### CentreForum

*What can Britain's role be in the 21st Century?*  
Speakers: Lord Ashdown of Norton Sub-Hamdon and Philippe Sands QC. Chair: Duncan Greenland, CentreForum.  
Hilton Metropole, Lancaster



### Transport Hub – The Light Rapid Transit Forum event

*Connecting our cities – a priority for growth*  
Norman Baker MP (invited); David Laws MP (invited); Caroline Pidgeon AM; Greg Mulholland MP.  
Hilton Metropole, Meeting Room 3



### Credit Services Association: the voice of the collections industry

*The consumer debt mountain: whose responsibility is it?*

Consumer debt totals £1,000 for every person in the UK. Is this a crippling burden? If so who's to blame? Event moderator, Dan Atkinson, *Mail on Sunday*, and Government minister (tbc). Food and drink.  
Hilton Metropole, Sandringham



### Liberal Democrat European Group and Liberal International British Group

*Britain's Place in Europe, Europe's Place in the World*  
Speakers: our newest MEP Rebecca Taylor; Dr Carol Weaver; Jonathan Fryer; and Catherine Bearder MEP. Chair: Phil Bennion MEP.  
Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar

## glee club

Where? **Oxford Suite, Hilton Metropole**

When? **Tuesday 25th September, 10pm–2am**

**Join us for the ultimate end-of conference celebration!**

Special bar prices:

All bottle beers £3.75

Glass of house wine £3.75

Soft drink cans (coke/diet/sprite/fanta) £1.50

Pick up your copy of the *Liberator Songbook* and come and 'raise the roof'!

## tuesday late evening 21.45–23.00

### The Green Liberal Democrats

*The Green Liberal Democrats Annual General Meeting*  
We are one of the party's largest membership organisations and its voice on environmental sustainability since 1977. Our AGM is being held to elect next year's executive and to debate the next steps in our growth and development.  
The Grand, Kings Terrace

### Association of British Bookmakers

*Betting on Britain's Future*  
ABB Drinks Reception.  
The Grand, Victoria Terrace



### Dods PoliticsHome

*Tweet Up Reception*  
Paul Waugh and the rest of the team invite you to the PoliticsHome tweet-up! Join in person and on twitter via #PHtweetup  
Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



### Liberal Youth

*Internships: Where Do We Draw the Line?*

Join Liberal Youth for a discussion on Internships with: Stephen Williams MP; Rebecca Taylor MEP; Ben Lyons from InternAware; and Callum Morton, Liberal Youth's Campaigns Officer.

Hilton Metropole, 106 Bar

### Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new. Pick up your copy of 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. Cash bar.

**Note: this event will start at 22.00 and end at 02.00**  
Hilton Metropole, Oxford Suite



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wednesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

## Liberal Youth

*Airbrushed Generation: Body Confidence amongst Young People*

Join Liberal Youth for a discussion on Body Confidence with Jo Swinson MP.

Brighton Centre, Youth Zone

## Legacy Fund

*Legacy Fund Launch*

To secure the future of the Party and preserve the values we share for future generations, Tim Farron is launching a campaign to ensure your commitment goes on working to deliver our shared vision of a fair and just society.

The Grand, Empress

## Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

*'Shaking the Foundations' – Employment Law*

Will the proposed reforms threaten job security? Tushar Singh, Solicitor; Tom Jones, Solicitor; James Sandbach, CAB. Chaired by Graham Colley, Chair LDLA. (Briefing notes available – LDLA stand.)

The Grand, Eugenie



## Consumer Credit Counselling Service and Financial Ombudsman Service

*Consumers under pressure – rebuilding trust after PPI*

Speakers: Lord Richard Newby; Lord Wilf Stevenson, Chair, CCCS; Jane Hingston, Lead Ombudsman (Banking and Credit), FOS; Randeep Ramesh, Social Affairs Editor, *The Guardian*.

The Grand, Kings Terrace



## CentreForum

*Divorcing Dr Strangelove – UK defence beyond Trident*

Speakers: Toby Fenwick, Research Associate, CentreForum, and Nick Harvey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces. Chair: Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Director, UK Defence Policy, RUSI.

The Grand, Pavilion



## Child Poverty Action Group

*A secure future for today's children*

Is there a progressive consensus for a vision of a 21st century welfare state? How will it guarantee decent childhoods and secure futures? Alison Garnham, CPAG; Sarah Teather MP (invited); Caroline Lucas MP; Neal Lawson, Compass; and David Hall-Matthews, SLF.

The Grand, Victoria Terrace



## CentreForum, Engineering Employers' Federation, Fabian Society and Food and Drink Federation

*Going for Growth: the new relationship between government and the economy*

Norman Lamb MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, BIS; Vicky Pryce, FTI Consulting; and Stephen Timms MP (invited).

Hilton Metropole, Ambassador



## New Statesman and Moat

*A balancing act: reforming welfare while addressing the UK's housing crisis*

Speaker: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government.

Thistle Hotel, Wordsworth



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# A manifesto for future growth: record lending for businesses and homeowners

At the start of this year we said we would increase lending to small and medium sized businesses to £12 billion – including £4 billion to support international expansion. We also said we would lend £15 billion to UK homeowners – including £3 billion for first time buyers.

By the end of June we had:

- ▶ agreed £6.3 billion of lending to small and medium sized businesses, an increase of 8% on the same period in 2011
- ▶ made £2.7 billion available to small and medium sized businesses that want to expand internationally
- ▶ approved mortgages for 97,000 UK borrowers
- ▶ offered a mortgage to 23,500 first time buyers – an average of 129 every day

In addition to these original commitments we are now making an extra £1 billion available to first time buyers, which could give up to 35,000 customers the opportunity to buy their own home by the end of this year.



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- E** Left luggage (Wednesday only)

## Other venues

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- N** The Kings Hotel
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- P** Queens Hotel
- Q** Regency Restaurant
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- T** Saint Pauls Parish Church
- U** Thistle Hotel

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