

Liberal Democrats Directory Autumn Conference

Bournemouth 19th–23rd September 2015

This clear print version of the Conference Directory matches as closely as possible the text of the published Directory. Page number cross references are correct within this clear print document. Some information may appear in a different place from its location in the published Directory. Complex layouts and graphics have been omitted.

The Directory and other conference publications, in PDF, plain text and clear print formats, are available online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

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#LibDemFightback

Welcome to the **Directory** for the Liberal Democrat Autumn 2015 Federal Conference.

If you have any questions whilst at conference please ask a conference steward or go to the Information Desk in the main foyer.

Conference venue

Bournemouth International Centre (BIC)
Exeter Road,
Bournemouth, BH2 5BH

Conference hotel

Bournemouth Highcliff Marriott
St Michael's Rd, West Cliff,
Bournemouth, BH2 5DU

There is a map of Bournemouth and plans of the venue in the printed Directory.

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The printed Directory contains a map of Bournemouth and plans of the conference venue and of the exhibition.

For details of conference sessions, motions, etc. and auditorium information, see the separate **Agenda**.

Further information, registration and all conference publications (including plain text and large print versions) are available at:

libdems.org.uk/autumn_conference

Welcome to the fightback

by Tim Farron MP

It's a huge honour for me to welcome Liberal Democrats from across the UK to Bournemouth for our Autumn Conference.

This is obviously my first as our leader but I, like many of you, have been coming to conference since I was a teenager. And, with member attendance massively up – and incredibly, twice as many new members here than last year – I think this will be a conference like no other.

I don't need to set out the brutal journey we have travelled to arrive here or the bitter disappointment and heartbreak this May – I know we all felt it. And we may still be bruised, but I want us to be encouraged by the knowledge that each and every one of us are here to play our part in the fightback.

This September we come together seventeen thousand members stronger than this time last year. And if you are one of them, then please accept my heartfelt gratitude.

That you were moved to join us and stand up for liberal values at the moment when they were bloodied and beaten like never before was incredible. And that you're here now means every bit as much.

Conference is our opportunity to come together as a party to debate, discuss and shape policies. It's an opportunity to regroup, to refocus and draw strength from each other for the campaigns ahead.

Campaigns next May for the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly and London Mayor, for seats in town halls and city halls across the country, and for the Police and Crime Commissioners. Each of these elections are utterly critical – they will be the first staging posts of our comeback – and I know each and every one of you are up for the fight.

FEATURE

If you're new to all of this, here is where we show you how.

To quote Nick Clegg as he put it in the best speech I have heard for a very, very long time when he stood down as leader in May, "there is no path to a fairer, greener, free Britain without British liberalism showing the way."

Here is where we show people what that means.

Here is where we show people who we are.

We are the party that sees the best in people, not the worst. We believe that the role of Government is to help us to be the best that we can be, no matter who we are or what our background.

Welcome to the fightback.

I look forward to seeing you around conference in Bournemouth.

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

Conference information

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

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

Please note that the BIC is within the secure zone and that access will only be possible with a valid conference photo pass.

Accommodation

Accommodation can be booked via our local partner:

libdems.org.uk/autumn_conference_accommodation

ATM

A free-of-charge ATM is located next to the front entrance of the BIC.

Childcare

We offer subsidised event nanny facilities at both our Spring and Autumn conferences.

This facility is available to children aged 10 years and below. Places can be booked as part of the members' registration process (excludes day visitors).

Bookings will be accepted via the registration site up until 1 month before the first day of conference.

Opening hours cover main conference auditorium sessions only. For evenings and ad-hoc requirements the service provider, Tinies, offers babysitting at an additional charge (please see the Tinies advert in the printed Directory for details).

Cloakroom

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the BIC. There is a cloakroom in the Main Foyer on the ground floor of the BIC – a charge of £1.50 per item applies.

On the last morning of conference, Wednesday 23rd September, your hotel should be able to store your luggage for you after checkout.

Conference Extra and Conference Daily

Conference Extra shows changes to the order and timings of conference sessions as well as amendments to motions, topical issues and emergency motions.

Collect your copy from the literature collection points on Saturday or view it online from Wednesday 16th September at:

libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Conference Daily includes last-minute changes to the order of business; collect your copy each morning from the literature collection points.

Disabled access

If you need assistance at the venue, please contact the Information Desk where our dedicated steward will be on hand to help. If you need assistance or information in advance, please contact the Conference Team:

conferences@libdems.org.uk

020 7227 1322

For auditorium facilities, please see the **Agenda**.

Mobility aids

The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of electric scooters available for use

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around the BIC and official fringe venues. They are free of charge and available on a first-come, first-served basis and will need to be returned each evening.

To request the use of an electric scooter, contact the Information Desk at conference or email conferences@libdems.org.uk.

Distribution of literature

Distribution of literature is not allowed inside or directly outside the BIC.

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'.

FCC helpdesk

Members of the FCC will be available to give advice at the Information Desk at the following times:

Saturday	19th Sept.	13.00–15.00
Sunday	20th Sept.	10.30–12.30
Monday	21st Sept.	10.30–12.30
Tuesday	22nd Sept.	10.30–12.30

FE helpdesk

The FE helpdesk is situated by the Information Desk. Members of the Federal Executive will be available to have strategic conversations with members at the following times:

Sunday	20th Sept.	10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00
Monday	21st Sept.	10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00
Tuesday	22nd Sept.	10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00

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A box will be placed at the helpdesk for members to leave a note outside of the above hours giving their contact details and availability. You can also find contact details and biographies of FE members on the Party website at:

libdems.org.uk/federal_executive

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 is located in the Main Foyer of the BIC and is open as follows:

Saturday	19th Sept.	12.30–20.00
Sunday	20th Sept.	08.30–18.30
Monday	21st Sept.	08.30–18.30
Tuesday	22nd Sept.	08.30–18.30
Wednesday	23rd Sept.	08.30–13.00

email: conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk

telephone: 01202 586090

Internet access

Free Wifi is available throughout the BIC.

Network Name / SSID: BIC

Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Marriott Highcliff between 08.00 and

15.00 on Wednesday 23rd September. Please note that capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. A charge of £2 will apply.

Pastoral Care

The Party's Pastoral Care Officer, Jeanne Tarrant, will be available during conference to offer confidential support and advice or a friendly chat. You can contact Jeanne on 07884 733262.

If you'd like to make an appointment in advance please contact her on Jeanne. Tarrant@libdems.org.uk or text 07884733262.

Prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation space is located in the Solent Office on the ground floor of the BIC. Please be respectful of others using the room.

Recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans have been kindly provided by SUEZ environnement throughout the BIC. Please make use of the collection bins.

Refreshments

Hot and cold meals and a wide variety of beverages are available in the exhibition catering areas on the ground floor and in the Bayview Gallery on the first floor of the BIC. Seating is available in the exhibition.

The Terrace Café on the ground floor of the BIC will be serving barista-style coffee, quality teas, sandwiches, paninis, cakes and more. If the weather is nice, grab a table outside and enjoy the sunshine!

Registration on-site

If you have not yet registered or have a query with your registration you can find on-site registration in the Sandbanks room of the Highcliff Marriott – see map on inside back cover of the printed Directory for location.

Registration is open at the following times:

Saturday	19th Sept.	08.30–18.30
Sunday	20th Sept.	08.30–17.30
Monday	21st Sept.	08.30–17.30
Tuesday	22nd Sept.	08.30–17.30
Wednesday	23rd Sept.	08.30–11.00

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.

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 BIC is possible only with a valid 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 area without a valid pass will be escorted from the venue.

Attendees will be subject to random bag searches at the entrance to the secure zone.

To ensure your process through the security measures is as quick as possible please only bring essential items with you into the conference venue.

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Please allow time for queues during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

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

Smoking area

A smoking area is available on the Purbeck Sun Terrace on the first floor of the BIC.

Transport and travel

Bike

Front Bike Hire Bournemouth have kindly offered all conference attendees a 10% discount on hire rates. Simply show your conference pass on the day or quote “LIBDEM15” if pre-booking by telephone (01202 373280).

Bus

Yellow Buses Bournemouth are offering conference attendees one day travel cards available at a discounted rate of £3.70 each. Visit the Meet Bournemouth stand in the exhibition to buy your day travel card for travel across the Yellow Bus Network.

Coach

National Express, the UK’s largest coach network, is offering all conference attendees a 50% discount on travel to Bournemouth between 17th and 24th September 2015. Visit nationalexpress.com/libdem to book, using discount code LIBDEM15.

Taxis

Save 10% on all fares with United Taxis Bournemouth (01202 556677) by using the code “Lib10” when booking.

Parking

The BIC has a multi-storey car park for 700 cars. For vehicles exceeding the height restriction (2.0 metres) there are 2 alternative car parks – Beacon Road car park and the Winter Gardens car park, both within walking distance of the BIC. Normal parking charges apply in all these car parks.

For further information please call Bournemouth Borough Council Car Parks on 01202 451364.

Voting status and voting / non-voting passes

Please note the deadline for submitting details of voting representatives for this conference was 31st July.

If you have a query regarding voting status please contact:

help@libdems.org.uk

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference, where you can ask questions of our Spokespeople on the issues relating to their responsibilities.

All sessions will take place in Bayview 2 in the BIC.

Sessions are open to all, but Party members will be given priority. Hearing loop provided.

Saturday 19th	16.30–17.30	Business with Lorely Burt
Sunday 20th	11.00–12.00	Environment with Kate Parminter
Sunday 20th	15.00–16.00	Foreign Affairs with Tom Brake, Sarah Ludford, William Wallace, Judith Jolly & Lindsay Northover
Sunday 20th	16.30–17.30	Civil liberties with Alistair Carmichael, Brian Paddick, Jonathan Marks & Sally Hamwee
Monday 21st	11.00–12.00	Health with Norman Lamb & Joan Walmsley
Monday 21st	15.00–16.00	Education with John Pugh & Mike Storey
Tuesday 22nd	15.00–16.00	Local Government with Dorothy Thornhill (TBC) & John Shipley
Wednesday 23rd	09.30–10.30	Party Affairs with Tim Gordon & Sal Brinton (Party members only)

Conference venue plans

There are plans of the conference venue in the printed Directory.

The exhibition

The exhibition is located in the Solent Hall on the ground floor of the BIC and is open at the following times:

Saturday	19th Sept.	13.00–18.00
Sunday	20th Sept.	09.00–18.00
Monday	21st Sept.	09.00–18.00
Tuesday	22nd Sept.	09.00–18.00
Wednesday	23rd Sept.	09.00–12.00

Exhibitors listed by stand number

- A1 BBC
- A2 Royal Mail Group
- A3 Lib Dem EU Referendum Campaign
- A6a British Humanist Association
- A6b Liberal Youth
- A6c Liberal Democrat Women
- A6d London Liberal Democrats
- A7 Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrats
- A8 National Union of Teachers
- A9 Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and Lib Dems for Seekers of Sanctuary
- A10 Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
- A11 Liberal International / Liberal Democrat European Group
- A13 Liberal Democrat History Group
- A14 Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security
- A15 Liberator
- A16 Liberal Democrat Disability Association
- A17 Green Liberal Democrats
- A18 Volunteering Matters
- A19 Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform
- A20 Prater Raines' Foci2 Websites

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- A26 Specialist Designated Institutions
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- A32 Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw
- B1 Global
- B3 Visit York
- B4 Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar
- B5 Liberal Democrats in Business
- B6 Parliamentary Candidates Association
- B7 Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association
- B8 Liberty (NCCL)
- B9 pteg
- B10 Smart Energy GB
- B12 Liberal Democrat Education Association
- B13 Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
- CZ1 Liberal Democrat Image
- CZ2 Print & Digital Associates Ltd
- CZ3 Connect & Nationbuilder Teams
- CZ4 RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems
- D1 Business Events Bournemouth
(Main Foyer)

Exhibition plan

There is a plan of the exhibition in the printed Directory.

Directory of exhibitors

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!

www.ldagents.org.uk

A31

AirportWatch

We are an umbrella movement uniting the national environmental organisations, airport community groups, and individuals opposed to unsustainable aviation expansion, and its damaging environmental effects, including climate change and noise.

www.airportwatch.org.uk

A28

ALTER

Promoting a more sustainable and just resource-based economic system in which no-one is enslaved by poverty, through taxing not work and jobs, but unearned income and wealth.

www.libdemsalter.org.uk

A25

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrats

ALDC and the LGA Lib Dems provide advice, support and resources for all local councillors, campaigners and activists. Join ALDC and get in touch with the LGA Lib Dems here.

www.aldc.org www.libdemsgroup.lga.gov.uk

A7

Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists

ALDTU is the Party's organisation of trade unionists. It exists to support Liberal Democrat members in the trade union movement and to input into Party policy.

A29

EXHIBITION

BBC

Visit the BBC broadcasting stand to hear how the BBC is providing distinctive programming for all audiences, and learn about how the Make It Digital season is inspiring digital creativity.

www.bbc.co.uk

A1

Bishops Printers

We make buying print as straightforward and as stress-free as possible. Your trusted campaign print partner, expect helpful service with quality print that's on budget and delivered right on time.

www.bishops.co.uk

A27

British Humanist Association

The British Humanist Association is 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

A6a

Business Events Bournemouth

BusinessEventsBournemouth is a new Partnership created to provide a one-stop-shop facility for marketing and delivering larger conferences in Bournemouth including an online accommodation service. At your service!

www.bebres.org.uk

D1

Connect & Nationbuilder Teams

Drop in to ask any questions about how to get the most from our key digital campaign tools Connect and NationBuilder.

www.libdems.org.uk

CZ3

The English Party of the Liberal Democrats

Covering all the English Regions, with information on membership, how to become a candidate and getting involved in your region's campaigns.

www.libdems.org.uk

A24

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and Lib Dems for Seekers of Sanctuary

EMLD campaigns and works with ethnic minorities promoting the Party objectives.

LD4SOS believe in standing up for seekers of sanctuary in our country.

www.emlibdems.org.uk

www.ld4sos.org.uk

A9

Global

Global is one of the world's leading media and entertainment groups and is home to the country's three biggest commercial radio brands Capital, Heart and Classic FM.

www.thisisglobal.com

B1

Green Liberal Democrats

GLD are one of the Party's largest membership organisations and its voice for all environmental issues. Visit our stand to help decide what we will be campaigning on this year.

www.greenlibdems.org.uk

A17

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.gi

B4

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

For Liberal Democrats, of all religions and none, who share our values as humanists or secularists. Recent campaigns include caste discrimination, humanist weddings, assisted dying and religious discrimination in schools.

www.hsld.org.uk

A30

Lib Dem EU Referendum Campaign

Come and meet Catherine Bearder's team for more EU information and to discuss the winning arguments for the European referendum.

A3

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

We are a Christian voice in the Party and a voice of liberal democracy among Christians. We support Christians of all backgrounds to engage positively and constructively in politics.

www.ldcf.org

B13

Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw

Raising funds for local parties.

www.ldcd.org.uk

A32

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

LDDA is a campaigning body within the Party to ensure that the voices of the 12 million people with disabilities, their carers and families are not forgotten. Please join us.

www.disabilitylibdems.org.uk

A16

Liberal Democrat Education Association

'Education sets people free'. Our aim is to develop and promote Liberal Democrat approaches and values in education. Working with groups, individuals and organisations bringing together those interested in education.

www.idea.co.uk

B12

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

LDFP fights for the rights of the Palestinian People, for immediate recognition of Palestine as a State and for the human rights of Palestinians as defined in international law.

www.ldfp.eu

A10

Liberal Democrat History Group

The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the Journal of Liberal History. Buy our publications on the history of the Party – new book: Liberal Leaders and new booklet: Liberal Thought.

www.liberalhistory.org.uk

A13

Liberal Democrat Image

Visit the Liberal Democrat Image stand in the exhibition area for all your campaign materials postage free and view our range of party merchandise.

www.libdemimage.co.uk

CZ1

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Leading the way on Human Rights and the Law. Visit us for our brochure, updates on our fringe meetings, future activities and how to support our campaigns. Chair: Graham Colley.

www.libdemlawyers.org.uk

B7

Liberal Democrat Women

Putting women at the heart of the fightback by making sure gender equality is top of the agenda. Find out about our campaigns, sub-groups and how you can get involved.

www.libdemwomen.org.uk

A6c

Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform

The home for Lib Dems who support a fairer and more effective voting system, working to ensure the Party gets the arguments and the politics right, to make reform happen.

www.lider.org

A19

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security campaigns for the party's traditional internationalist approach, for nuclear disarmament and restrictions on the arms trade.

A14

Liberal Democrats in Business

Linking business people sympathetic to the Liberal Democrats to the Party, to network, discuss policy and provide expertise. Contact Paul Lucraft 07802 787369 or pauillacraft@cix.co.uk for information.

B5

Liberal International / Liberal Democrat European Group

Liberal International British Group works with liberal parties worldwide though membership of Liberal International. Liberal Democrat European Group promotes liberal values in Europe, notably the UK remaining in the EU.

<http://libg.co.uk/en/>

<http://lddeg.org/en/>

A11

Liberal Youth

We are the youth and student wing of the Liberal Democrats. Come and find out about our events, campaigns, policy work and much more!

www.liberalyouth.org

A6b

Liberator

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

A15

Liberty (NCCL)

Liberty campaigns for civil liberties and human rights in the UK. Our members have been holding the powerful to account, changing the law and making the news for 80 years.

www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk

B8

London Liberal Democrats

Find out how we are using the London elections to run a fun, high impact campaign to re-energise the party and speak up for liberal values in London.

www.londonlibdems.org.uk

A6d

National Union of Teachers

The largest teachers' union with over 330,000 members, we're proud to Stand Up for Education. NUT is campaigning for investment in education; qualified teachers; and reducing unsustainable teacher workload levels.

www.teachers.org.uk

A8

Parliamentary Candidates Association

Do you want to be a parliamentary candidate? Visit us to discuss selection, training, campaigning and networking. Sign up for Parliamentary Campaigner – the essential campaigning tool for parliamentary candidates!

www.libdempca.org.uk

B6

Prater Raines' Foci2 Websites

Proven Liberal Democrat online campaigning. Reliable UK hosting and free unlimited support. Connect, Salesforce, Facebook & Twitter integration. Email & digests suite. Content sharing, donation accepting, petitions & more!

www.praterraines.co.uk

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Print & Digital Associates Ltd

We supply printed tabloid newspapers as well as bulk envelope deals. Please come and visit us, we are offering tutorials on image correction techniques for the best results in print.

www.printanddigitalassociates.co.uk

CZ2

pteg

pteg is the voice of urban transport. We represent the accountable strategic planning bodies for Britain's largest city regions. Between us we invest over £1 billion a year in transport.

www.pteg.net

B9

Religious Education

Why is Religious Education so important in our schools? Visit The Religious Education Council, the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education and RE Today Services to find out more.

www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk www.natre.org.uk www.retoday.org.uk

A21

RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems

Midshire is proud to be the largest reseller of RISO equipment nationally. RISO printers are a favourite with political parties due to their high volume output with various finishing options.

www.riso.co.uk

CZ4

Royal Mail Group

Visit the Royal Mail stand to find out about the new products and services we are offering our customers. Daily postal collection from the stand (except Sunday).

www.royalmailgroup.com

A2

Smart Energy GB

Every home and microbusiness in Great Britain will be offered a smart meter by 2020. Smart Energy GB is the consumer engagement campaign for Britain's smart meter upgrade.

www.smartenergygb.org

B10

Specialist Designated Institutions

The SDIs – City Lit, Morley College, Hillcroft College, Northern College, Ruskin College, Working Men's College, Mary Ward Centre, Fircroft College and the WEA – have been educating adults for 160 years.

www.wea.org.uk/sdi

A26

Visit York

York is proud to be the host city for the Liberal Democrats Spring Conference 2016. Please visit our stand for information about York including booking your accommodation. <http://www.visityork.org/conference/liberal-democrats.aspx>

www.visityork.org

B3

EXHIBITION

Volunteering Matters

Volunteering Matters is the national volunteering charity and social action charity. We improve health and wellbeing, reduce inequalities and isolation, building stronger more inclusive communities through the power of volunteering.

www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk

A18

Conference sponsors

SUEZ environnement

Our core activities are dedicated to the sustainable management of resources - delivering innovative recycling and waste recovery solutions for more than 40,000 customers across the public and private sector. We handle and put to the best use waste material through our recycling, manufacturing and energy-from-waste facilities.

Gleeds

Established in 1885, Gleeds is a leading global property and construction consultancy. We provide independent and expert advice, working with clients to solve their challenges and realise their ambitions.

www.gleeds.com

Airbus Group

Airbus Group is a global leader in aerospace, defence and related services with 17,000 employees and a UK turnover of £2.5 billion, making it a major contributor to the UK economy.

Fujitsu

Fujitsu welcomes all Observers, Exhibitors and Diplomats to the VIP & Business Lounge located in the Purbeck Lounge in the BIC. Providing complimentary refreshments, wifi, phone charging, laptop facilities and a comfortable place to meet, relax and network.

uk.fujitsu.com

Bloomberg Tradebook

Bloomberg Tradebook is a leading agency broker and multi-asset execution technology platform that partners with both the buy side and sell side to provide access to high-quality liquidity, market insight and customized solutions based on innovative technologies, adding value throughout the investment cycle. We offer trading solutions for equities, futures, options, and foreign exchange (FX) so that clients can actively manage complex trading strategies across more than 100 global exchanges.

Fringe guide

Access to fringe meetings

Access to fringe meetings in the BIC 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.

All fringe events listed in the official venues are wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings 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.

Fringe meeting venues

The official fringe meeting venues are:

BIC, Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5BH

Highcliff Marriott, St Michael's Road, West Cliff, Bournemouth BH2 5DU

Connaught Hotel, 30 West Hill Road, West Cliff, Bournemouth, BH2 5PH

Hermitage Hotel, Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5AH

Trouville Hotel, 5–7 Priory Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5DH

Other fringe meeting venues:

Arlington Hotel, Exeter Park Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5BD

Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5JS

Royal Bath Hotel, Bath Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2EW

There are plans of the BIC in the printed Directory.

FRINGE

Locations of fringe venues are shown on the map of Bournemouth on the inside back cover of the printed Directory.

Key to fringe listings

REF Refreshments provided

HEAR Hearing loop provided

BSL BSL signer provided

INV By invitation only

Recycling

Please make use of the recycling collection bins for paper, plastic and cans that have been kindly provided throughout the BIC by SUEZ environnement.

Conference Tours

New to conference? Not sure where to go or where to find the main conference activities? Join old and new members for a quick conference centre tour. Meet your guide at the Information Desk in the BIC at 16:00. Tours run daily from Saturday 19th to Tuesday 22nd September.

Bournemouth bus tours

City Sightseeing Bournemouth is offering 2-4-1 on all tickets for the duration of the conference. Conference attendees can buy tickets on the bus on presentation of their conference pass. Details of the service can be found at: sightseeingbus/bournemouth.co.uk

Fringe Saturday 19th September

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Saturday 19th September

16.30–17.30: Business

In BIC, Bayview 2

See page 14 for details of all sessions

Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Federal Conference Committee

Procedures / speaking at conference

An introductory session for members old and new.

BIC, Avon

HEAR

Catherine Bearder MEP (ALDE)

Meet your MEP

What's the answer to tackling cross-border crime, protecting biodiversity and promoting social justice? Is it always right for the EU to get involved? Quiz Catherine Bearder and others about the EU questions on your mind.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR

Fringe Saturday early evening 18.15–19.15

Members' Rally

Why we're Liberal Democrats

Confirmed speakers Tim Farron MP and Sal Brinton, plus special guests.

#LibDemFightback

BIC, Auditorium

Fringe Saturday mid evening 19.45–21.30

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Reception and delegates

Human Rights, Civil Liberties and Access to Justice are not the prerogative of lawyers. This is LDLA's welcome to delegates. It is also the launch of our wider embracing SAO to include all who share our concerns. Chair: Graham Colley.

Marriott Highcliff, Blandford – Main room

REF

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors (ALDC)

ALDC AGM and Campaigner Awards

Have your say in how ALDC is run at our Annual General Meeting followed by this year's Campaigner Awards for local campaign success.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

REF

CentreForum and Social Liberal Forum

Land in the 21st Century – are houses homes or repositories of wealth?

Speakers: Lord Richard Best; Prof Alex Marsh, University of Bath; Willie Rennie MSP, Leader, Scottish Liberal Democrats; Naomi Smith, Chair, Social Liberal Forum. Chair: Nick Tyrone, Executive Director, CentreForum.

Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite

REF

Green Liberal Democrats

Why Sustain Renewable Energy without Government Support? How communities can help

With the Tory Government determined to Frack some forms of Renewable Energy to Death, this fringe examines the need to find other financing options and sustain this approach. Speakers: Rt. Hon. Ed Davey, Karen Wilkinson – Community Energy campaigner, Owen Seward – REG Windpower.

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury Suite

Fringe Saturday late evening 22.30–01.00

Cambridge Lib Dems

Lib Dem Disco

Following on from last years success, Lib Dem Disco strikes back – funkier than ever before! Featuring special guest DJs, and running until 1am – come strut your stuff on Saturday night. Get tickets in advance from www.libdemdisco.co.uk. £10 or £15 for 2. @libdemdisco.

Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester Suite

Fringe Sunday 20th September

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Saturday 19th September

16.30–17.30: Business

In BIC, Bayview 2

See page 14 for details of all sessions

Fringe Sunday morning 09.30–10.30

ONEPOST

Discover how ONEPOST can save you money on your postal mailings

You are invited to a breakfast briefing to find out how ONEPOST work with the Liberal Democrats to provide high quality, cost effective production and postal solutions. Discover how we can help you save on things you send.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR REF

Liberal Democrats

Do you need advice on writing your will?

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association are offering free impartial advice on how to write your will. To book your slot with a lawyer please contact liz.pearman@libdems.org.uk

Marriott Highcliff, Signature Room

Fringe Sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

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?

BIC, Avon

HEAR

Liberal Reform

Diversity and equality: a monopoly for the left?

The left has dominated discussions on diversity and equality, but is this inevitable?

What should the distinctive, liberal position be on these questions? Jo Swinson, Maajid Nawaz (invited), Sam Bowman (Adam Smith Institute), Josh Dixon (SLF), Kavya Kaushik (Liberal Reform).

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR

Brussels & Europe Liberal Democrats (BELD)

Britain's EU renegotiation: rhetoric vs. reality

What can David Cameron achieve in an EU renegotiation? What's the best outcome for Britain & Europe? Join Graham Watson, Alberto Nardelli (Guardian), Lucy Thomas (BNE), Sophie in't Veld MEP (tbc), Charles Grant (CER) (tbc) and Giles Goodall (BELD).

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

Campaign Futures

How can you use your technical and digital marketing expertise to contribute to the Lib Dems?

Volunteers across the party have contributed to developing useful tools or supporting users in getting the most out of our digital technology. Hear how they have used their skills to improve our digital campaigning and how you can use yours.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR

Green Liberal Democrats

GLD Annual General Meeting

Guest speaker: Tom Brake MP & GLD Vice President. Our AGM will be holding our annual President, Vice President and Executive Elections, as well as holding the current Executive to account along with a few Constitutional Amendments.

GLD members only.

Marriott Highcliff, Blandford – Main room

REF

Youth Zone, co-hosted by YMCA England & Liberal Youth

A Positive Agenda for Young People

Join the debate: key-note speeches from the party leadership alongside youth charities, LGA representatives and supporting organisations, on national campaigns and young people's voice. This will be followed by an afternoon forum for young community leaders and Liberal Youth.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

REF

Agents and Organisers Association

Annual General Meeting

Calling members old and new for the AGM of the Agents and Organisers Association, the only organisation dedicated to supporting the most important people in the party. Come and be a part of the future of the AOA.

Marriott Highcliff, Yeovil Suite

REF

ALDC

Your ALDC – What is the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors?

An introduction to ALDC, its services & how we help local government campaigners.

Connaught, Connaught Suite

EARS – Campaign, Helper & Casework Software

Demonstration of how EARS is the better campaign software. It's cheaper, simpler and easier. See how much faster EARS is on polling day (or adding canvass data or marked registers). See its better canvass cards, walks, filters, cleverer mailmerge letters and how it's much easier to use than other software – for half the price.

Connaught, Boardroom

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Preparing for the Welsh Assembly Elections

Preparations and planning for the 2016 challenge and beyond.

Party members only.

Connaught, Franklyn Suite

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

The Law and the Elderly – Need for Reform?

The elderly are becoming a larger proportion of the population. However, this brings its own problems. A panel of academics, politicians and lawyers discuss the problems and the rights of those of who are aging. Chair: Graham Colley.

Connaught, Priory 1

REF

CentreForum and Prudential

Rt Hon Vince Cable in discussion with Nick Tyrone, Executive Director, CentreForum
Interview with Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable.

Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite

REF

LGA Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC

Do you want to be a Liberal Democrat Councillor?

A fringe meeting for all members, old and new, hosted by Lord Paul Scriven and Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford, about why people should consider becoming a Liberal Democrat Councillor.

Trouville, Deauville Lounge

Liberal Democrat History Group

Liberal Leaders and Leadership: who was good, who was bad?

What does it take to lead the party? Discuss Liberal, SDP and Liberal Democrat leaders from the Great Reform Act to the present day – all included in our new book, Liberal Leaders – with Menzies Campbell, Simon Hughes and Paul Tyler.

Trouville, Deauville Suite

Social Liberal Forum

Feeding Britain and foodbanks: a liberal responsibility

What can we do to stop food poverty and hunger in the UK? Speakers: David McAuley (CEO, Trussell Trust); John Pugh MP; and Kelly-Marie Blundell (SLF Council). Chair: Naomi Smith (Chair, SLF). Refreshments generously provided by the Trussell Trust.

Trouville, Granville Suite

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15

Campaign to Protect Rural England, John Muir Trust, and the National Trust
The political landscape – How can we manage competing demands on our landscapes?

Few would argue they don't like landscapes. Yet they are under increasing pressure from the need for new housing, infrastructure and economic development, whilst management budgets continue to decrease. Please join our discussion.

Note: this event ends at 20.15

BIC, Avon

HEAR REF

Electoral Reform Society / LEDR

Like Minds to Change Minds on Electoral Reform

Miranda Green, (Journalist – chair), Katherine Trebeck (Oxfam), Stephen Kinnock MP (Labour), Owen Winter MYP (Green). An interactive panel discussion on securing local and national voting reform through cross-party and inter-organisation alliance-building.

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR REF

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine (LDFP)

Should Britain and the EU recognise Palestine now?

Hannah Weisfeld, Executive Director of Jewish organisation Yachad, and Sir Vincent Fean, former UK Consul General in Jerusalem and Ramallah, will discuss the prospects for peace and how international pressure might help to bring that about.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

CentreForum

Why have we forgotten our internationalism just when it really matters?

Some thoughts on a radical Foreign and Defence policy. Speakers: Rt Hon Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon; Baroness Shirley Williams of Crosby.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

REF

Liberal Democrat Peers

Peers All Ears

Your chance to meet the Liberal Democrat Peers! Come and talk to them about your views on anything that matters to you in an informal, café-style setting. New members particularly welcome.

Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester Suite

REF

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, Reception

Speakers: The Chief Minister, The Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP; The Deputy Chief Minister, The Hon Dr Joseph Garcia MP.

Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite

INV REF

Green Liberal Democrats

What has Europe done on Green Issues? – “Who Saved the Bees”?

Europe has achieved numerous measures that national governments can't achieve on their own. This fringe examines the consequences of such decisions and the range of their effects on the environment. Speakers: Catherine Bearder MEP, Fiona Hall (Consultant), Cllr Louise Bloom.

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury Suite

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Roundtable: is this the end of education as we know it?

The Education Bill heralds further fragmentation of the schools system. What will be the impact on children, parents and teachers? Fiona Millar, Education Guardian columnist, joins Lord Mike Storey for a topical discussion – come along and share your views.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

REF

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

2015 AGM: The Challenges Facing Secularism in Britain Today

All welcome. Keith Porteous Wood (National Secular Society): persuading a hostile establishment that secularism is more important than ever. And, after another successful year, elect your new committee and even stand for election (new campaigners always welcome).

Marriott Highcliff, Yeovil Suite

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Winning in 100 wards – using the London campaign to fight back

A session for London members on the aims, preparations and how you can get involved and get others involved.

Party members only.

Connaught, Connaught Suite

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

The UK Constitution – What’s next? Celtic concerns and Conservative ‘EVEL’
The Conservative election win used a fear of Scottish Nationalism, but the Conservatives have only one seat in Scotland. And what about Northern Ireland, Wales and the English regions? A panel of politicians and academics discuss. Chair: Graham Colley.

Connaught, Priory 1

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Prospects for peace in the Middle East. Expert interactive panel discussion
LDFI brings a first class panel together to discuss and analyse the prospects for peace in the Middle East. Chair: Gavin Stollar. Panel: Baroness Sarah Ludford, Eitan Na’eh (Israeli Deputy Ambassador to the UK) and Richard Pater (CEO, Bicom).

Hermitage, Clifton Suite

REF

Social Liberal Forum and Liberator

“After the Storm”

The Rt Hon Vince Cable, former Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, in conversation with Lord Skidelsky, biographer of Keynes and advocate of ‘Keynesianism’. What were the alternatives to Coalition economic policy and now to ‘Osbornomics’?

Hermitage, Hardy Suite

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)

Crisis in the Mediterranean: creating safe and legal routes for refugees

With thousands of people fleeing war and persecution undertaking dangerous journeys across the Mediterranean, hear from Maurice Wren, CEO of the Refugee Council, and Baroness Sally Hamwee on the UK’s role in creating safe routes for refugees to enter Europe.

Trouville, Granville Suite

REF

Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Liberal Democrat Voice

Forging a liberal foreign policy in challenging times

In what are some of the most challenging times for liberal values worldwide, how do we forge a principled, liberal foreign policy? Kishwer Falkner, William Wallace, Sarah Ludford (invited) and Nick Thornsby discuss. Chair: Caron Lindsay.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

RSPCA

Beer and Curry Evening

This popular annual event is back! Due to limited space the event is only open to people attending the conference as a party member. Our keynote speaker is Baroness Parminter. The event will focus on the pet trade.

Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester Suite

REF

CentreForum and BBC

Let us educate, inform and entertain you

Speakers: Baroness Jane Bonham-Carter; Hugh Milward, Corporate Affairs Director, Microsoft UK; Andrew Scadding, Head of Corporate Affairs, BBC. Chair: Charles Brand, Trustee, CentreForum.

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury Suite

REF

Lib Dem Christian Forum with Liberal Democrat Women

Domestic violence – how men can be the solution, not the problem

It's time for men to stand up against domestic violence. Globally, a woman is more likely to be killed/maimed by domestic violence than by cancer, malaria, traffic or war combined. Speakers include: Amna Ahmed, former PPC, & Robyn Boosey, Tearfund.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

New members feedback

A chance for new members to say why they have joined, what their experience has been like so far and how we can improve for future new members.

Party members only.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught Suite

Fringe Sunday late evening 21.30–23.00

CentreForum, BVCA and Liberal Democrats in Communications

CentreForum Conference Reception

By invitation only.

Note this event starts at 22.00 and ends at 00.00

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

INV REF

The Official Conference Quiz

Get your thinking caps on!

Join your fellow Lib Dems and our special guest quiz master for a fun-filled evening testing your general (and not so general knowledge) with questions ranging from Greek philosophy to Lib Dem fashion trends!

Note: this event starts at 22.00

Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester Suite

Liberal Democrats International Office

Europe Evening: Discussion on 'Battle for a Better Europe' and networking reception

Join us for an exciting discussion on building a better Europe, led by Catherine Bearder MEP & Sir Graham Watson, President of ALDE, followed by a drinks reception with opportunities to discuss Europe with key Party leaders! Special Guests TBA.

Note: this event starts at 21.00

Hermitage, Hardy Suite

REF

Liberal Youth

Liberal Youth Reception

Come along and meet fellow Liberal Youth members with a chance to socialise, find out about our campaigns and support our work up and down the country.

Refreshments provided. £3 per entry to go towards Liberal Youth funds.

Trouville, Deauville Lounge

REF

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

The Local Government Reception

Our ever-popular reception returns for another year! Drinks available. Speakers: Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson and our new party leader has also been invited to say a few words. All friends of local democracy welcome.

Trouville, Deauville Suite

REF

London Liberal Democrats

London Liberal Democrats Regional Reception

A chance for London members to meet up and hear from the regional campaigns team about the exciting plans for the 2016 London Mayoral and Assembly elections, and how we want our members' input to give us the best result possible.

Trouville, Granville Suite

REF

Fringe Monday 21st September

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Monday 21st September

11.00–12.00: Health

15.00–16.00: Education

In BIC, Bayview 2

See page 14 for details of all sessions

Fringe Monday breakfast 08.00–09.00

ADS & SMMT

ADS & SMMT breakfast roundtable

ADS and SMMT will host a breakfast roundtable on key issues for the automotive, aerospace and defence manufacturing industries.

BIC, Bayview 1

INV HEAR REF

CentreForum and Social Market Foundation

Not just if the price is right

Beyond the economic case for EU membership. Speakers: Norman Lamb tbc; John Springford, Centre for European Reform; Lord Wallace of Saltaire. Chair: Emran Mian, Director, Social Market Foundation.

Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite

REF

Fringe Monday morning 09.30–10.30

WWF, RSPB and The Wildlife Trusts

A Natural Agenda: Preserving strong and progressive voices for the environment
The Liberal Democrats have a strong delivery record on the environment. Hosted by Baroness Parminter, this roundtable explores how the green agenda remains central to a progressive policy programme, and how to collaborate nationally and internationally for positive environmental outcomes.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

INV REF

CentreForum

Fundamentalism, Radicalisation and the Use of Terror

Lord John Alderdice in conversation with Miranda Green about fundamentalism, radicalisation and the use of terror.

Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite

REF

Fringe Monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Institute for Public Policy Research

Where next for the Liberal Democrats?

With Simon Hughes, Baroness Kinnock, Liberal Democrat commentator Mark Pack, Nick Pearce (IPPR) and Baroness Suttie.

Chair: Miranda Green, journalist and former Press Secretary to Paddy Ashdown.

BIC, Avon

HEAR REF

Countryside Alliance

How can the Lib Dems win again in the Countryside?

At the 2015 General Election the Liberal Democrats lost a large number of rural seats. What do they need to do to win back the trust of rural Britain over the next 5 years?

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR REF

New Statesman & Trade Union Congress

What will an EU referendum mean for people at work?

George Eaton, Political Editor of the New Statesman, will host Nick Clegg MP in conversation with Frances O'Grady, General Secretary of the Trade Union Congress.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

Financial Conduct Authority

Regulation: Who is Responsible?

Principal Spokesperson for the Treasury, Rt Hon Baroness Kramer and Andrew Whyte, Director of Communications, FCA, will explore the question of industry, individual, political and regulators' responsibility for regulation along with other industry experts. Chaired by Kevin Schofield, Editor, PoliticsHome.

BIC, Meyrick

HEAR REF

Child Poverty Action Group

Ending child poverty: a winning Liberal approach

How can Liberal Democrats win votes through distinctive liberal policies to end child poverty? Chair: Stephen Bush, New Statesman. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP (tbc); Caron Lindsay, Lib Dem Voice; Naomi Smith, Social Liberal Forum; Alison Garnham, CPAG. Lunch provided.

Marriott Highcliff, Blandford – Main room

REF

UK Music

Arts, Culture and Creativity after the Election

Join Jo Dipple (UK Music), John Kampfner (Creative Industries Federation), Tom Thackray (CBI) and Jane Bonham Carter (Principal Lib Dem DCMS spokesperson) for a debate on what lies ahead for the creative sector in the next five years.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

REF

Business for new Europe, LDEG, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Catherine Bearder MEP

Winning the EU referendum

Can Lib Dems build support and help keep the UK IN? A major event hosted by Business for New Europe and LDEG: Tim Farron MP; Catherine Bearder MEP; Lucy Thomas, BNE; Laura Sandys, European Movement; Wolfgang Gerhardt, FNF; Nick Hopkinson, LDEG.

Marriott Highcliff, Dorchester Suite

REF

The Constitutional Reform Group

Can we save the United Kingdom?

Chair: The Rt. Hon. Sir Menzies Campbell CH, CBE, QC. Speakers: The Marquess of Salisbury; The Rt. Hon. Peter Hain & others to be confirmed. Further details – www.constitutionalreformgroup.com

Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite

REF

BASC and The Angling Trust

The Rural Reception

Speaker invited: Baroness Parminter. Buffet lunch provided.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

REF

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security and Liberal Democrats against Trident

Rally against Trident

Chair: Kelly-Marie Blundell. Speakers: Kate Hudson, CND; Kevin White, LDAT; David Grace, LDPS.

Connaught, Connaught Suite

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Funding Justice – Finding New ideas

Legal Aid is decimated. Michael Gove suggests City firms should substitute with pro bono. Are expert corporate lawyers qualified to deal with childcare or criminal cases?

Law Society President, Jonathan Smithers, and a LibDem panel discuss. Chair: Graham Colley.

Connaught, Priory 1

REF

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

Secularism – a core Liberal Democrat value

How can we ensure that secularism remains at the heart of Liberal Democrat policy, and why does it matter? With panel including chair Baroness Sally Hamwee and Pavan Dhaliwal (British Humanist Association).

Hermitage, Clifton Suite

Bright Blue, CentreForum, Fabians, Independent Age and RNIB

A blank cheque? What can austerity Britain afford for older people?

Speakers: Dr John Pugh MP; Baroness Walmsley; Steve Winyard, RNIB and Simon Bottery, Independent Age.

Hermitage, Hardy Suite

REF

NUT / ATL

Are the kids alright? Why the growing pressure on young people matters
Lord Storey, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson on Education. Dr Mary Bousted,
General Secretary, ATL.

Trouville, Deauville Suite

REF

2020health, RPS, LGA & NHS Confederation

Can patient empowerment improve the public's health?

Speakers: Paul Burstow, former Health Minister; Aileen Bryson, Policy Lead, RPS;
Phil McCarvil, Deputy Director of Policy, NHS Confederation; Cllr Richard Kemp,
Lead Member of the LGA Community Wellbeing Board.

Trouville, Granville Suite

REF

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15

The Howard League for Penal Reform

Exploring liberal justice

Join a panel discussion which will include: Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes and Frances
Crook, Chief Executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)

Equal in the eyes of the law; diversity in the legal sector

Chaired by a prominent Liberal Democrat; join us discussing equality, diversity &
social mobility in the legal sector. Paul Philip, CEO, SRA; Graham Colley, Chair,
Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association; & senior figures from the party & third-sector
will share insights.

BIC, Meyrick

HEAR REF

The Guardian and British Academy

The NHS in public debate: a case of data deficiency?

Join our panel of party leaders and independent experts as we assess the impact of quantitative politics on the most hotly contested campaign issue: the NHS.

BIC, Tregonwell Hall

HEAR REF

Liberal Democrat Peers

Campaigning Peers: Human Rights, Europe and the Environment

Come and hear about how the Liberal Democrat Peers intend to campaign on issues that are crucially important to the party, like human rights, Europe and the environment, both inside and outside Parliament.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Fighting Labour

What we learned from 2015 campaigns and how we can build for future elections.

Party members only.

Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite

Connect

Consultation: How do we make Connect simpler to use?

Over 4,000 members used Connect this year. More people than ever are using Connect, but many would like it to be simpler. Come and work with the Connect team on ways we can streamline how Connect is setup and reduce the complexity.

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury

Digital

Using your digital skills for the party

Developing our digital skill base is vital. We need your experience and skills – whether advanced or basic. This session will guide you on how you can contribute most effectively using whatever time you have available.

Connaught, Connaught Suite

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors (ALDC)

Sorry Not In Service: The challenges in bus service provision

Speakers: Lord Robin Teverson (Lords Spokesman on Transport), James MacColl (Campaign for Better Transport) and Cllr Heather Kidd (Shropshire).

Hermitage, Clifton Suite

Local Government Association

DevoNext: what next for devolution?

Find out how we can reform our public services to bring power closer to communities and enable all areas to benefit from devolution. Speakers include Cllr Chris White (Deputy Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group), Baroness Janke, Nick Tyrone (CentreForum).

Hermitage, Hardy Suite

REF

Demos

Nick Clegg in conversation on Europe

Speakers: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP; Phil Collins, The Times and Demos.

Trouville, Deauville Lounge

ALTER (Liberal Democrats Action on Land Taxation & Economic Reform)

Land, Liberty and Limits to Free Market Capitalism: Vince Cable in Conversation

The Global Financial Crisis isn't fixed yet. Austerity is making the world less Liberal. Where has Capitalism gone wrong? Hear Vince Cable discuss how a Finite Planet inevitably imposes limits on the markets in land and natural resources.

Trouville, Granville Suite

Science Council in partnership with Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

Will the UK remain part of the European science community in 2020?

What challenges face UK science over the next five years to remain a global player?

Will the UK be part of a pan-European science community after 2020? Speakers: Vince Cable (invited), Institution of Chemical Engineers, Royal Society of Chemistry.

Arlington Hotel, Dining Room

REF

CentreForum and City of London

A liberal agenda for London

Speakers: Mark Boleat, Policy Chairman, City of London; Tom Brake MP and Caroline Pidgeon GLA. Chair: Duncan Greenland, Trustee, CentreForum.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Room

REF

Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Developing your rebuild plan for 2016-2020

A look at the essential tasks for areas developing a long-term growth plan.

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury Suite

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Getting involved in your regional team

Regions perform important tasks in the Party's organisation and thinking. Find out how you can join the action and the discussions.

Connaught, Franklyn Suite

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors (ALDC)

Empowering local communities: Local People Taking Power!

Speakers: Baroness Liz Barker (Lords Spokesperson for Voluntary Sector), Alexandra Runswick (Unlock Democracy) and Cllr Hazel Williams (National Association of Local Councils).

Hermitage, Clifton Suite

Liberal Democrats International Office

Rise like a Phoenix: International Perspectives on Rebuilding a Liberal Party

Join the International Office for a discussion on rebuilding the Party, with new Party Leader Tim Farron and speakers from D66 (Netherlands), FDP (Germany) and other international sister liberal parties who have rebuilt after challenging elections!

Trouville, Granville Suite

Fringe Monday late evening 21.30–23.00

CentreForum and Heathrow

Conference Reception

If you are interested in attending, please contact info@centreforum.org

Marriott Highcliff, Blandford Syndicate 3

INV REF

Fringe Tuesday 22nd September

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Tuesday 22nd September

15.00–16.00: Local Government

In BIC, Bayview 2

See page 14 for details of all sessions

Fringe Tuesday breakfast 08.00–09.00

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Transport, the city regions and Westminster

A Chatham House, invitation-only, round table, Chaired by Lord Shipley, on how devolution is unfolding in the city regions, the associated legislative agenda and the implications for transport – from buses to smartcards – from rail electrification to getting cities cycling.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

INV REF

Lib Dem Christian Forum

Conference Prayer Breakfast

Come and hear Simon Hughes talk about his 32 years experience of being an MP and a Christian. Free breakfast provided.

Trouville, Granville Suite

REF

Fringe Tuesday morning 09.30–10.30

BVCA, CentreForum and London Stock Exchange Group

Growing British businesses: how can we achieve effective financing for company development?

Speakers: Tim Hames, Director General, BVCA; Baroness Kramer of Richmond Park; Marcus Stuttard, London Stock Exchange.

Hermitage, Clifton Suite

REF

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Resolution Foundation

Rethinking the Liberal Democrat approach to social justice with Norman Lamb MP
Norman Lamb will outline his latest thinking on the Liberal Democrat approach to social justice, followed by expert speakers, audience Q&A. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Giles Wilkes, chief leader writer at the Financial Times, Stephen Tall, blogger.
Other speakers TBC.

BIC, Avon

HEAR REF

British Humanist Association

What role for Humanist Lib Dems in opposition?

Many Humanist Lib Dem MPs lost their seats in the May election. The Lib Dems continue to have many progressive policies which accord with Humanist values. How can Humanist Lib Dems work in opposition and at the grass roots level to ensure their voices are heard?

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR

Liberal Democrat Headquarters

General Election Polling – how did we all get it so wrong?

With Jo Swinson, former MP for East Dunbartonshire; Prof Patrick Sturgis, Chairman of the British Polling Council's official inquiry into the industry; Damian Lyons-Lowe, Chief Executive of pollsters Survation; and Tom Smithard, Head of Strategic Research at Party HQ.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR

CentreForum, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, IPPR and Webb Memorial Trust

Tackling poverty amidst austerity: is a cross-party consensus possible?

Speakers: Rt Hon Ed Davey; Rt Hon John Denham; Tim Montgomerie, Conservative Home; Julia Unwin, Chief Executive, Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Chair: Lord Shipley, Trustee, Webb Memorial Trust.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

REF

Liberal Youth

What Does Liberalism Mean to Young People

Join Liberal Youth as they discuss what liberalism means for young people today and the challenges it faces. Panellists include Josh Dixon from the Social Liberal Forum, Charlie Kingsbury from Liberal Reform and Party President Baroness Sal Brinton (TBC).

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury Suite

Carers UK & British Gas

Families, work and care: the next five years

Debating key issues for families juggling work and care. Chair: Mark Leftly, Political Correspondent, Independent on Sunday. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP (invited); Baroness Tyler of Enfield; Ian Peters, Director, Centrica; Heléna Herklots, Chief Executive, Carers UK. Lunch Provided.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

REF

ALDC & LGA Cllr Anood al-Samerai

On the Council – Our local government vision

What should liberalism in local government look like – ideas and a chance to discuss.

Connaught, Connaught Suite

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Fighting the Tories

What we learned from 2015 campaigns and how we can build for future elections.

Party members only.

Connaught, Franklyn Suite

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Employment Law Update

Conservative Majority. No LibDem brake. What changes in employment law are on the horizon and employment rights are under threat? Solicitor, Tom Jones and LDLA policy secretary, James Sandbach, lead a panel discussion.

Connaught, Priory 1

REF

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Is there a future for social housing under this government?"

Cllr Keith House, Dave Smith (National Housing Federation), Baroness Cathy Bakewell (invited), Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson.

Hermitage, Clifton Suite

Campaign Futures

How will developments in digital, social media and direct mail change how we campaign?

New ways of communicating with voters keep emerging. We can use data in ways never possible before. Our panellists from across technology and communications industries will look at where they think campaign technology is going in the future.

Hermitage, Hardy Suite

NHS Providers, the Royal College of Physicians and the Health Foundation

Health roundtable lunch: Building an NHS to last

Lunchtime discussion for senior party members and health stakeholders focusing on of the challenges and opportunities of transforming health and care services to safeguard the quality and financial sustainability of the NHS (by invitation, please contact Amy.McGregor@nhsproviders.org for details).

Trouville, Deauville Suite

INV REF

Social Liberal Forum/Compass

Building Progressive Alliances for a New Economy

Neal Lawson (Compass), Caroline Lucas (Green), Labour MP (tbc), SLF Speaker.

Chair: Mathew Hulbert. An opportunity to consider the options for co-operation across progressive parties. Can we build a new movement for progressive change across the UK?

Trouville, Granville Suite

CHAMP UK Ltd

The Northern Ireland Reception

The EU Referendum – the impact for Northern Ireland. Baroness Harris of Richmond DL. Speaker: David Ford MLA, Alliance Party. Speakers: DUP/UUP/SDLP/Sinn Fein invited. All welcome to attend.

Hallmark Hotel, Sauvignon Room

INV REF

Fringe Tuesday early evening 18.15–19.15

Elaine Bagshaw & Chris Walts; Elaine Bagshaw for Mayor 2015

Becoming famous: How we're re-defining campaigning in Tower Hamlets

How we went from a standing start to beating UKIP and a strong independent only 4 weeks after the General Election. Hear about how we're challenging conventional campaigning techniques, confounding expectations and are working to win in 2018.

BIC, Avon

HEAR

Financial Times in association with Tarmac

Constructing a more sustainable future

Chair: George Parker, Political Editor, Financial Times; Speakers: Tom Brake MP; Dr Martyn Kenny, Director of Sustainability, Tarmac; Keith House, Leader of Eastleigh Council; Jacqueline Glass, Professor of Architecture and Sustainable Construction, Loughborough University.

BIC, Bayview 1

BSL HEAR

Chatham House, Citi and Clifford Chance

Britain, Europe and the World: Risks and Opportunities

The panellists will discuss the geopolitical and economic risks facing the UK, including how to respond to changes in Europe, the rise of China and other growing economies, continued instability across the Middle East and an assertive and insecure Russia.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

CentreForum

Adapt or die? Parties and their members in 21st Century Britain

Speakers: Professor Tim Bale, Queen Mary's University of London; Tessa Munt; Mark Pack; Professor Paul Webb, University of Sussex. Chair: Nick Tyrone, CentreForum.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston Suite

REF

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Come & pitch your ideas

An open session to search out new ideas and best practice in campaigning – all ideas and experiences great and small will be welcome.

Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Is our generation failing the next? Tackling the issues facing young people
Cuts to college funding, housing benefit and youth services mean today's young people face a "perfect storm". Hear Mark Hills, Bournemouth YMCA, Fiona Aldridge, NIACE, and Liberal Youth debate the issues and help us start developing policies that work.

Marriott Highcliff, Shaftesbury Suite

REF

National Farmers Union with the Food and Drink Federation

How do we best develop a National Food Strategy for the UK?

Come and join in the debate with senior Liberal Democrats Mark Williams MP and Baroness Parminter, along with Guy Smith NFU Vice President and Ian Wright FDF Director General.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

REF

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Euro referendum campaign

Plans, preparations and how everyone can be part of this vital campaign.

Party members only.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught Suite

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Winning in Scotland in 2016

Preparations and planning for the 2016 challenge and beyond.

Party members only.

Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite

Connect

Consultation: How does Polling Day change in the Connect era?

Connect's mobile technology means volunteers and data do not have to return to Committee Rooms so often. How does all this change how we run Polling Day?

What changes would make Connect easier to use on Polling Day?

Connaught, Priory 1

JUSTICE and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association (LDLA)

Human rights and the liberal legacy

As the Government contemplates repeal of the Human Rights Act 1998, join us to discuss the future, and the liberal legacy. Tom Brake MP (tbc), Lord Jonathan Marks QC, Simon Hughes and Andrea Coomber, Director, JUSTICE. Graham Colley, LDLA (Chair).

Trouville, Granville Suite

REF

The Police Federation

Policing in austerity: the impact on your Community

Chair: Baroness Harris of Richmond DL. Speakers: Tom Brake MP & The Police Federation. All delegates welcome.

Note: this event ends at 20.00

The Hallmark Hotel, The Sauvignon Room

INV REF

Fringe Tuesday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Ad Lib

Whats next from Norman?

Continuing the work from Minister to Lib Dem Shadow Cabinet. Helen Duffett in conversation with Norman Lamb MP.

Marriott Highcliff, Bryanston

Liberal International British Group and Liberal Democrat European Group

Dealing with a Resurgent Russia

What are Russia's intentions in Ukraine and other Western neighbours? How are UK, EU and US policies towards Russia evolving? Speakers: Sir Nick Harvey (LIBG), Witold Sobkow (Polish ambassador), Jacqueline Minor (European Commission), Alan Bullion (Informa Agra), Nick Hopkinson (LDEG).

Marriott Highcliff, Purbeck Suite

sustainability hub with the Green Liberal Democrats

“Winning the battle of ideas” – debate followed by a drinks reception

Chair: Simon Oliver, Chair, GLD. Speakers: Fiona Hall, former leader, Lib Dems, European Parliament; Caroline Lucas MP, Green Party; Neal Lawson, Chair, Compass; Mike Tuffrey, Chair, London Region Lib Dems; other speakers tbc. All welcome. More at: www.sustainability-hub.org or jane@sustainability-hub.org

Connaught, Connaught Suite

REF

Fringe Tuesday late evening 22.00–02.00

Glee Club

Where? Dorchester Suite, Marriott

When? Tuesday 22nd September, 22.00 to 02.00

Join us for the ultimate end-of-conference celebration!

Pick up your copy of the Liberator Songbook and come ‘raise the roof’!

Cash Bar to include special bar prices:

Bottle of beer at £3.85

Free mixer with any spirit bought

175ml glass of house wine at £4.35

Pint of Beer at £3.65

Soft drinks at £1.60

Fringe Wednesday 23rd September

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Wednesday 23rd September

15.00–16.00: Party Affairs (Party members only)

In BIC, Bayview 2

See page 14 for details of all sessions

Fringe Wednesday breakfast 08.00–09.00

Liberal Democrat Campaigns Team

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections 2016

Establishing aims, teams and action plans for next year's PCC elections.

Marriott Highcliff, Sherborne Suite

Conference Daily

Pick up **Conference Daily** each morning from the literature collection points or view it online at: libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Marriott Highcliff between 08.00 and 15.00 on Wednesday 23rd September. A charge of £2 will apply.

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