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Directory

Autumn Conference

17th–20th September 2016

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

Some pages, such as the map of Brighton and plans of the conference hotel and of the venue and exhibition, are available as separate documents at www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

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**‘A vision for a Britain that is open,
tolerant and united’**

Welcome to the Directory for the Liberal Democrat Autumn 2016 Federal Conference.

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

Conference venue

Brighton Centre, King's Rd, Brighton, BN1 2GR.

Conference hotel

Hilton Brighton Metropole, King's Rd, Brighton BN1 2FU.

There is a map of Brighton city centre and plans of the conference venue and hotel in the printed Directory and online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

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Further information, registration and all conference publications (including plain text and large print versions) are available at: www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconference.

Seizing the moment

by **Tim Farron MP**

Not even the canniest political commentator could have predicted the events of the last four months. Just take a moment to reflect.

We have had what most of us would consider a disastrous result in the referendum, but one which has led to over 17,000 passionate and energetic new members joining our party. We have seen the defenestration of the Brexiteers, though many would say it's an abdication of responsibility on the part of those that created the mess that we are in. We have seen the Labour Party entering into even deeper civil war – and who knows where they will be by the time we gather in Brighton.

And we have seen Theresa May chosen by the Conservative Party to be our new Prime Minister. It is ironic that she has ruled out an election, having pilloried Gordon Brown in 2007 for his coronation without having the courage to face the electorate.

Most of all, though, the result of the referendum shows just how vital we are. There is no party better placed to understand the complexities of the challenges that Brexit presents, nor more determined to prove that Britain's future is best served at the heart of Europe. We are energised, united and have a clarity of understanding and purpose like no other party in Britain.

We have to seize this opportunity with both hands and show we are the only party capable of providing genuinely alternative ideas to those of this Conservative government.

In making clear where we stand on the big question of our future relationship with the European Union, it is critical, however, that we address the country as a whole. Neither those that voted to remain, nor those that voted to leave, are homogenous groups that all think the same or vote for the same parties. We must address the concerns of real people in real communities.

The truth is that the debate about Brexit is a debate about the future of our country. It is about the availability and security of jobs, our schools, our hospitals, law and

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order, environmental standards and much, much more. It is most importantly about bread and butter issues that matter in homes up and down the country, not the pontifications of politicians in the Westminster bubble. With our own unique brand of community politics we are better placed than any other party to show we understand that and address their fears with proposals that are sensible, credible and liberal.

Our support for Britain at the heart of Europe and our determination to tackle the inequality that blights the life chances of so many people must be seen as two sides of the same coin. We need to do all we can to boost the opportunity for people to take charge of their own lives, through education, job opportunities and good physical and mental healthcare, whilst challenging the barriers that hold them back.

I have a vision for a Britain that is open, tolerant and united. Together we can deliver it.

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

Conference information

General information about conference is listed below in alphabetical order. Information about the main auditorium sessions can be found in the separate Agenda.

Please note that the Brighton Centre is within the secure zone and that access is only possible with a valid conference pass.

Conference Access Fund

We have established a Conference Access Fund to improve accessibility for members attending conference.

The fund consists of a contribution from the core Conference budget as well as donations from party members. Any contributions made by party members are ring-fenced for this purpose only and where applicable, any unused donations will be carried over to the next conference.

For details please see: www.libdems.org.uk/access-fund

Accommodation

Accommodation can be booked via our local partner:
www.libdems.org.uk/autumn_conference_accommodation

ATM

Free of charge ATMs are available in the adjacent shopping centre and main streets. Within the Brighton Centre there are several chargeable ATMs.

Cloakroom

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

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There is a cloakroom located at the rear of the ground floor of the Brighton Centre. There is a nominal £1 charge per item. Please note items cannot be left in the cloakroom overnight.

Conference Extra and Conference Daily

Conference Extra shows any changes to auditorium timings shown in this agenda, amendments to motions, topical issues, emergency motions and questions to reports.

Conference Daily includes last-minute changes to the auditorium timetable, collect your copy from the Information Desk each morning for the latest updates.

Disabled access

If you need assistance at the venue, please contact the Information desk where the stewarding team will be on hand to help. If you need assistance or information in advance, please contact the Conference Team on

conferences@libdems.org.uk

For auditorium facilities, please see the Agenda.

Mobility aids

The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of electric scooters available for use around the Brighton Centre and conference hotel. 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 simply tick the relevant box when registering or contact the Information Desk.

If you have already registered and need to book a mobility scooter, please email conferences@libdems.org.uk

Distribution of literature

Distribution of literature is not allowed inside or directly outside the Brighton Centre other than through the official bookable channels.

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, 17th Sept.: 10.30–12.30.

Sunday, 18th Sept.: 10.30–12.30.

Monday, 19th Sept.: 10.30–12.30.

FE helpdesk

The FE helpdesk is situated on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre near the Information Desk. Members of the Federal Executive will be available to have strategic conversations with members at the following times:

Saturday, 17th Sept.: 14.00–16.00.

Sunday, 18th Sept.: 10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00.

Monday, 19th Sept.: 10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00.

Tuesday, 20th Sept.: 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 is located on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre. It is staffed at the following times:

Saturday, 17th Sept.: 08.30–20.00.

Sunday, 18th Sept.: 08.30–18.30.

Monday, 19th Sept.: 08.30–18.30.

Tuesday, 20th Sept.: 08.30–15.30.

The Information Desk can be contacted during the above hours on:
02031791320 or conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk

Internet access

Free Wifi is available throughout the Brighton Centre, no password required.

Network Name: Brighton Centre

Pastoral Care

Jeanne Tarrant our Pastoral Care Officer will be available by phone to offer confidential support and advice or a friendly chat.

07884733262 or Jeanne.Tarrant@libdems.org.uk

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

The Brighton Centre provides comprehensive recycling facilities. Please make use of any bins provided.

Refreshments

Head to the exhibition hall on the 1st floor for a range of hot food options, snacks and beverages. If you're in a rush, sandwiches and savoury snacks are also available at the two feed cafés situated on the ground and first floors.

Registration on-site

If you have not yet registered or have a query with your registration you can find on-site registration in the Syndicate 1 of the Brighton Centre (access is via the Syndicate Wing Entrance at the back of the building).

Registration is open at the following times:

Saturday, 17th Sept.: 08.30–18.30.

Sunday, 18th Sept.: 08.30–17.30.

Monday, 19th Sept.: 08.30–17.30.

Tuesday, 20th Sept.: 08.30–13.30.

We strongly advise all those wishing to attend conference to pre-register via www.libdems.org.uk/conference as you may experience queues at on-site registration.

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 Brighton Centre 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. Please allow

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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 Brighton Centre. Any bag left unattended will be brought to the attention of the police and may be removed and/or destroyed.

Transport and travel

Coach

National Express, the UK's largest coach network, is offering all delegates attending the Autumn conference in Brighton a 50% discount on travel. The discount is available for coach travel to Brighton, between 15 September and 23 September 2016.

Visit nationalexpress.com/libdem to book, using discount code: LibDem16

Parking

Regency Square Car Park is located a short walk from the Brighton Centre – open 24 hours – 01273 294296 (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 2.13m applies in this car park. Alternatively, 1600 parking spaces are available at the Churchill Square car parks (shown on the map) – open 24 hours.

Blue badge holders can park free of charge (unless otherwise indicated) in disabled bays, pay & display bays and shared use bays. For further details, please see

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/using-your-blue-badge-and-where-you-can-park

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 Meeting Room 1 in the Brighton Centre.

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

Saturday 17th, 13.00–14.00	FCO, DfID & Defence with Tom Brake, Judith Jolly & Lindsay Northover.
Saturday 17th, 15.00–16.00	Energy & Climate Change, DEFRA with Kate Parminter & Lynne Featherstone.
Saturday 17th, 16.30–17.30	Welfare with Zahida Manzoor & Celia Thomas.
Sunday 18th, 13.00–14.00	Business & Treasury with Susan Kramer & Lorely Burt.
Sunday 18th, 15.00–16.00	Health with Norman Lamb & Joan Walmsley.
Sunday 18th, 16.30–17.30	Home Office, Justice & Equalities with Alistair Carmichael, Meral Hussein-Ece, Jonathan Marks & Brian Paddick.
Monday 19th, 13.00–14.00	Education with John Pugh, Kirsty Williams & Mike Storey.
Monday 19th, 15.00–16.00	Housing & DCLG with Olly Grender & John Shipley.
Monday 19th, 16.30–17.30	Brexit with Nick Clegg, Tom Brake, William Wallace & Sarah Ludford.

Conference hotel plan and venue & exhibition plan

There is a plan of the Hilton Brighton Metropole and of the First Floor and Ground Floor of the Brighton Centre in the printed Directory and available online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

The exhibition

The exhibition is located throughout the ground floor and in Auditorium 2 on the first floor of the Brighton Centre and is open at the following times:

Saturday, 17th Sept.: 09.00–18.00.

Sunday, 18th Sept.: 09.00–18.00.

Monday, 19th Sept.: 09.00–18.00.

Tuesday, 20th Sept.: 09.00–15.30.

Exhibitors listed by stand number

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- 3 National Union of Teachers and Association of Teachers & Lecturers
- 4 Liberty
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- 7 European Movement
- 8 Visit York
- 8A Business Events Bournemouth
- 9 Animal Equality
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- CZ3 Election Workshop
- CZ4 Print & Digital Associates Ltd
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- CZ8 Liberal Democrat Image
- CZ9 RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems
- H1 Berber Leather Limited
- H2 Waterstones
- H7 All-Inclusive History
- H8 Carryon Clothing
- H10 Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary
- H11 Liberal Democrat History Group
- H12 Social Democrat Group
- H13 Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
- H16 LGA Liberal Democrats and ALDC – Councillors and Campaigners

Directory of exhibitors

All-Inclusive History

We are a Sussex-based nationwide history consultancy working to engage individuals, schools, organisations and businesses in history and heritage. We offer support, campaigns, tours, training, talks, events, research and resources.

www.allinclusivehistory.org

Stand H7

ALTER (Action for Land Tax and Economic Reform)

ALTER seeks to build on support for Land Value Taxation and to promote and campaign for a sustainable just resource based economic system in which no-one is enslaved by poverty.

www.libdemsalter.org.uk

Stand 20

Animal Equality

Animal Equality is a voice for farmed animals all over the world; inspiring individuals, companies and policy-makers to adopt compassionate changes for animals. They have offices in eight countries.

www.animalequality.net

Stand 9

Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

The Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists (Aldes) provides a resource of engineering and scientific know-how to support the Party. Meet our members and learn how to get involved.

www.aldes.org.uk

Stand 16

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.

Stand 18

EXHIBITION

Berber Leather Limited

Berber Leather specialises in high quality handmade satchels, bags and accessories that are practical yet stylish in today's busy world.

www.berberleather.com

Stand H1

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

Stand 2

Business Events Bournemouth

BusinessEventsBournemouth is an established Partnership created to provide a one-stop shop facility for marketing and delivering larger conferences in Bournemouth including an official secure online accommodation reservation facility.

www.bebres.org.uk

Stand 8A

Carryon Clothing

Weatherproof coats, Jackets, some reversible, and hats with co-ordinating accessories in amazing colours and designs to suit all occasions.

www.carryonclothing.co.uk

Stand H8

Election Workshop

Print. Design. Direct Mail. Election Workshop was set up to provide quality and value to Liberal Democrat campaigners. We offer bulk buys and colour print offers for ALDC's template artwork.

www.electionworkshop.co.uk

Stand CZ3

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The English Liberal Democrats

The English Party drives to help deliver Lib Dem values in England, by proving governance to members, supporting candidates and working closely with partners in Regional and State parties.

www.libdems.org.uk/england

Stand 17

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary

EMLD campaigns and works with ethnic minorities promoting the Party objectives. LD4SOS believe in standing up for asylum seekers in the UK and treating them with compassion, humanity and respect.

www.emlibdems.org.uk

www.ld4sos.org.uk

Stand H10

European Movement

The European Movement UK has been campaigning for Britain's place in Europe since 1947. Our president, Paddy Ashdown, works with thousands of members in local branches up and down the country.

Stand 7

Green Liberal Democrats

GLD are one of the Party's largest membership organisations and its voice for all environmental issues. Visit our stand to see what fringes we are holding this year.

Stand 31

Green Pastures

Green Pastures is a Christian social enterprise (CBS) buying property and enabling 49 charities across the country to house 769 people who would otherwise be homeless through our innovative investment scheme.

www.greenpastures.net

Stand 11

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 other Government officials.

www.gibraltar.gov.gi

Stand 14

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

For Liberal Democrats who believe the state should not discriminate on the grounds of religion or belief. Recent campaigns include caste discrimination, humanist weddings and religious discrimination in schools.

www.hsld.org.uk

Stand 23

LGA Liberal Democrats and ALDC – Councillors and Campaigners

ALDC and LGA Lib Dems provide advice, support and resources for local campaigners and councillors. Get in touch and join ALDC for just £3.41 a month here.

www.aldc.org www.libdemgroup.lga.gov.uk

Stand H16

LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

From Age of Consent to Same Sex Marriage, Liberal Democrats have always been at the forefront of promoting LGBT+ rights at home and abroad. Join us to continue the campaign.

www.lgbt.libdems.org.uk

Stand 25

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

Stand 11

Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw

Raising funds for local parties. Come and collect your pre-ordered tickets, or have a chat about how your local party can make use of us.

www.ldcd.org.uk

Stand 19

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

Working to win the votes of people with disabilities. Providing a voice for members with disabilities. Influencing policies to ensure they reflect the views of people with disabilities and carers.

www.disabilitylibdems.org.uk

Stand 26

Liberal Democrat Education Association

The Liberal Democrat Education Association aims to improve education through: publishing articles; running conferences; generating new ideas; promoting Lib Dem education policies and providing advice to Liberal Democrats in power.

www.idea.co.uk

Stand 32

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

Stand H13

Liberal Democrat History Group

The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the Journal of Liberal History. Buy our party history publications – including British Liberal Leaders and Liberalism: the ideas that built the Liberal Democrats.

www.liberalhistory.org.uk

Stand H11

Liberal Democrat Image

Liberal Democrat Image is the official supplier of Party Merchandise. Find us on Facebook and on our website:

www.libdemimage.co.uk

Stand CZ8

Liberal Democrat Women

The Liberal Democrat Women support women entering the world of politics. Come to our stand to see how we aim to improve the role of women in politics.

www.libdemwomen.org.uk

Stand 21

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

Stand 24

Liberal Democrats in Business

Liberal Democrats in Business exists to connect business with the party, a network for discussion of policy, input of expertise and a means for sympathetic business people to meet together.

Stand 30

Liberal Democrats HQ Ask an Expert

Get advice from experienced Liberal Democrat experts on issues big and small. From fundraising to PPC selection, campaign strategy to agenting, to getting the most from the party's digital tools – any much more. Come and chat with us today.

Stand CZ5

Liberal International (BG) / Liberal Democrat European Group

Liberal International (British Group) monitors and supports democracy and human rights around the world. The Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG) is a forum for discussion of EU issues.

www.libg.org

Stand 22

Liberal Youth

Liberal Youth's exhibition features our national campaigns and state level campaigns. Come along to find out more about the work that Liberal Youth is doing!

www.liberalyouth.org

Stand 27

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

Stand 28

Liberty

Liberty is a leading UK human rights organisation. Our members help us hold the powerful to account, change the law and make the news. Join us and be heard.

www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk

Stand 4

National Union of Teachers & Association of Teachers and Lecturers

Representing over 500,000 members, we have a vision for a well-funded education system with enough school places and enough qualified staff working together in learners' best interests.

www.teachers.org.uk www.atl.org.uk

Stand 3

Park Communications

Park Communications supplying the Liberal Democrats with quality, environmentally friendly, and cost effective literature on time, every time.

www.parkcom.co.uk

Stand CZ1

Parliamentary Candidates Association

Run by candidates for candidates, the PCA provides help for Lib Dems who want to run for election to parliament. We know what it's like because we've done it ourselves!

www.libdempca.org.uk

Stand 13

Prater Raines

Making Liberal Democrat campaigns succeed online for 15 years. We'll help you use your website, social media and emails to WIN. Real support, fair pricing and huge range of features.

www.prateraines.co.uk

Stand CZ2

Print & Digital Associates Ltd

PDA are experts in producing campaign 4pp tabloid newspapers. With multiple edition options our tabloid newspaper solutions will save you time, money and give you best possible results every time.

www.printanddigitalassociates.co.uk

Stand CZ4

Rights-Liberties-Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

For updates and briefing notes on our fringe meetings (Access to Justice, Europe Laws and Animal Rights), membership and details of our other events. Chair: Graham Colley.

www.Rights-Liberties-Justice.uk

Stand 6

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.

Stand CZ9

Royal Mail Group

Royal Mail marks 500 Years of the postal service this year. See how it all started and how we have adapted to ever changing consumer needs. Postal collection (except Sunday).

www.royalmailgroup.com

Stand 1

Social Democrat Group

The Social Democrat Group is a Liberal Democrat organisation to build links with social democrats outside the party, and to develop our social democratic tradition.

www.facebook.com/SocialDemocratGroup

Stand H12

Social Liberal Forum

The Social Liberal Forum is an internal party pressure group with the aim of developing social liberal solutions and approaches which reflect these principles and which find popular support.

www.socialliberal.net

Stand 5

Visit York

York is looking forward to welcoming you back for Spring 2017. Please come and visit us on Stand 8 to book your conference accommodation or for further information.

www.visityork.org

Stand 8

VisitBrighton

For information, advice and recommendations, and to collect your free Delegate Deals Pass which provides discounts across the city, come and see the VisitBrighton team.

www.visitbrighton.com

Stand 10

Waterstones

Waterstones are the last remaining chain of specialist bookshops on the high street, staffed with passionate, knowledgeable booksellers, selling the right range of books for their local market.

Stand H2

Your Liberal Britain

Your Liberal Britain is a grassroots initiative inviting Liberal Democrats to help define the party's vision. What kind of society do you want to create?

Stand 12

Conference sponsors

Benenden

Benenden is a mutual community producing a range of products that share the same powerful ethos. Our vision is to become the UK's leading healthcare and wellbeing mutual. To find out more go to: **www.benenden.co.uk**

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.

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British Gas

British Gas is Britain's leading energy supplier, and serves around 11 million homes in Britain as well as providing energy to around half a million British businesses. Find out more at www.britishgas.co.uk

Builders Merchants' Federation

The Builders Merchants' Federation is the voice of builders, plumbers & timber merchants who deliver building materials, home improvement products and renewable energy systems. Learn more by going to www.bmf.org.uk

Gleeds

Gleeds is a leading global property and construction consultancy. Independent since 1885, we are proud to deliver award-winning projects around the world.

Global

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

UK Music

UK Music, the umbrella organisation representing the collective interests of the UK's commercial music industry, is proud to support the 2016 Lib Dem Disco. Follow us on [@UK_Music](https://twitter.com/UK_Music) and www.ukmusic.org

Fringe guide

Key to fringe listings

REF Refreshments provided

HEAR Hearing loop provided

BSL BSL signer provided

INV By invitation only

Access to fringe meetings

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.

Official fringe venue

The official fringe meeting venue is the Hilton Brighton Metropole – see page 2 for address.

There is a plan of the Hilton Brighton Metropole and of the First Floor and Ground Floor of the Brighton Centre, and a map of Brighton showing the locations of the venues, in the printed Directory and available online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers.

Welcome to Liberal Democrat Conference Training Guide 2016

Welcome to our new-look Conference Training Programme!

Conference is always a great opportunity to brush up on existing skills and techniques - and to take time to learn new ones.

This year we have made it even easier to find the right training courses for you, whether you want to learn a specific set of skills or undertake courses focused on a particular party role. There are well over 100 training and skills-development courses available to you at conference. Over the next few pages you'll be able to find the right courses for you. I'm hugely grateful to all our training providers for making this happen and would like to offer them my sincere thanks.

If you would like any help or guidance on how to find the best conference courses to match your needs, please email training@libdems.org.uk or come and chat with us in the Campaign Zone.

Cllr. Dan Purchase, Head of Training and Engagement, Liberal Democrats

Got a burning question? Need advice? Then why not...

Ask an Expert

Ask an Expert is the perfect opportunity to get advice and help on issues big and small.

From fundraising to campaign strategy, seat approval and selection to agent issues - and everything else in between!

You can even get one-to-one tuition on Connect, NationBuilder, social media and much more.

Whatever you need help or advice with, our team of Liberal Democrat experts will be pleased to help you.

Drop in and chat with an expert at the Campaign Zone, every day at Conference from 9am until 5pm.

- Campaign strategy and advice.
- Fighting and winning local elections.
- Fighting to win a parliamentary seat.
- Fundraising ideas and advice.
- Legal and compliance.
- One-to-one support on Connect, NationBuilder and other digital tools.
- Advice for local Councillors.
- Working with different people.
- Getting approved and selected as a candidate.
- Diversity issues.
- Growing your local team and local party.
- Developing your volunteer team.
- And much more...!

Your personal guide to Conference Training 2016

What do you want to learn?

We want you to get the most from your conference training experience.

That's why we've introduced course categories, to make it even easier to find the courses that suit the roles you have already within the party, or roles you might want to take on in the future.

Each training course now is tagged with relevant broad categories of roles the course is aimed at.

Training course categories:

Diversity

Learn how to engage diverse people and communities, or, as a person from an under-represented group, find out how to build a successful political career.

Candidate

Are you an aspiring or current candidate? If so, these courses are ideal for you. Come along and share ideas and best practice and learn new skills along the way.

Officer

If you're a Local Party or Regional Party officer, these skills are aimed at helping you develop in your role. Share your experiences and learn from others.

Compliance

From being an election agent to a Local Party treasurer, these courses will keep you up to date on legal and compliance issues to excel in your role.

New member

If you're new to the Liberal Democrats, these are the courses for you! These courses will help you find your feet in the party and will help you get more involved.

Activist

Whether you're a long-standing activist or perhaps thinking of standing for council for the first time, these courses will help you develop existing skills and learn new ones.

Councillor

For councillors new and long-standing, these courses will help you develop in your role. Learn new skills and find out what's working in other parts of the country.

Policy

Find out more about Lib Dem policy-making and how to get involved in the policy-making process. Also for courses that turn policy into campaigning.

All training events take place in the Hilton Brighton Metropole – see page 2 for address and venue plan in the printed Directory and available online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers.

Fringe Saturday 17th September

Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30

Federal Conference Committee

First Timers Q&A Session

New to conference? Come and ask members of the Federal Conference Committee any questions that you may have about how conference, or the Party in general, works.

Note: this event starts at 13.30.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

All-Inclusive History

Discussion Seminar: ‘How should we educate about the EU in Brexit Britain?’

All-Inclusive History presents an opportunity to engage with a guest panel of educators, authors, writers, examiners, publishers and the local media in this highly topical seminar.

Hilton, Churchill

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Not enslaved by ignorance or conformity: Liberal Democrat Education

Principles for 2020

Liberal Democrats have always believed education is a route to both personal fulfilment and a strong society. Now is the time to renew and restate these beliefs. Join LDEA Chair Nigel Jones and others for an important and timely discussion.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)

Annual General Meeting

Suzanne Fletcher MBE, founder member and retiring Chair, reports back on LD4SOS; Lord Roger Roberts of Llandudno, Honorary President, talks about work in the House of Lords relating to asylum seekers. ALL welcome to discuss the way forward for LD4SOS.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Saturday 17th September

13.00–14.00: FCO, DfID & Defence.

15.00–16.00: Energy & Climate Change, DEFRA.

16.30–17.30: Welfare.

In Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1.

See page 11 for details of all sessions.

Fringe Saturday early evening 18.15–19.30

Members' Rally

Britain's place in the world

Join Tim Farron and guest speakers for a rally on our outward facing, optimistic and tolerant vision for Britain.

Brighton Centre, Auditorium

Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors

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 sponsored by Midshire Riso and presented by Willie Rennie MSP (ALDC members only).

Hilton, Ambassador

The Guardian

In Conversation with Tim Farron

The Guardian interview Tim Farron.

Hilton, Balmoral

Green Liberal Democrats

Post BREXIT – How should we protect the environment outside the EU?

How can the UK keep its environment protection? Can we sign up to EU agreements or will the UK government water them down? Speakers include: Baroness Parminter; Sir Graham Watson; Dr Mari Martiskainen; and Dr Jan Rosenow (University of Sussex).

Hilton, Churchill

Liberal Democrat Women

Feminism, apply liberally

This event is to consider how we present the merits of feminism throughout the national party in the attempt to further tolerance, inclusivity, understanding. To counteract discrimination as hallmarked with our party's core principles.

Hilton, Gloucester

REF

Liberal Youth

Introducing the Young Liberals

Liberal Youth is rebranding. Come to our reception to see our new look, and to hear from our executive on our rebrand.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

Liberal International British Group (LIBG) and Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG)

BREXIT: international perspectives

The BREXIT referendum result has momentous consequences for the UK, EU, NATO and our international partners. Senior German, Irish, US and Chinese speakers will examine the political, security, economic, and trade implications with Nick Hopkinson (LDEG) & Phil Bennion (LIBG).

Hilton, Sandringham

Fringe Saturday late evening 22.30–01.00

Cambridge Lib Dems sponsored by UK Music

Lib Dem Disco

Lib Dem Disco strikes back – better than ever before with sponsorship from UK Music! 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.

Hilton, Balmoral & Buckingham

Training: Saturday 08.00–09.00

ALDC early morning drop-in session

Meet an ALDC Development Officer to discuss your local campaigning, ward plans or get advice on building up your local team.

ALDC.

Venue: Ambassador

New member / Activist / Councillor

One-to-one session with a first time Parliamentary candidate

Drop-in session with a first time parliamentary candidate. Find out more about what being a candidate is like.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

New member / Activist / Councillor / Policy

Training: Saturday 09.00–10.30

Activists' Network: Making best use of area and ward committees

A discussion on how Lib Dem councillors make good use of their council's ward or area committees to succeed for residents and Lib Dem campaigns.

ALDC (Cllr. Keith Aspden and Cllr. Keith House).

Venue: Ambassador

Councillor

What do you want to get out of training at Conference 2016?

This session will help you get the most of your time at conference, whether you're a new member or seasoned conference veteran. Get ideas, top tips and meet like-minded people.

Training Team and LDHQ.

Venue: Balmoral

New member / Activist / Candidate / Councillor / Officer / Diversity / Compliance / Policy

How to make best use of local and regional media

From newspapers to community magazines, radio, TV and online, find out how to make the most of local and regional media to help get your message across.

LDHQ Campaigns (Adam Stachura and Paul Trollope).

Venue: Buckingham

Councillor / Activist / Candidate / Officer

Unconscious bias

How unconscious bias develops and how it affects us all. The course will help you manage its impact on attitudes, decisions and on behaviour in life and politics.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Gloucester

Councillor/ Activist / Candidate / Officer / New member / Diversity

Introduction to being an approved candidate

This session will give you a general introduction to the candidate assessment and the key skills and knowledge you need to pass your approval day.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Candidate / Activist / New member

Bringing issues home: tailoring Liberal Youth campaigns to your area

A session on how to tailor Liberal Youth campaigns to your local area in order to engage young activists and voters.

Liberal Youth.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Councillor / Officer

Get ready for anything with faster fundraising

Supercharge your campaign with an immediate income boost - particularly if there's a sudden election. We will provide you with real-life case-studies and successful techniques to help you achieve a fast and effective fundraising drive.

LDHQ Fundraising.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Councillor / Officer / Candidate

Training: Saturday 11.00–12.30

Campaign Essentials: Starting out with fundraising

How to start raising money for your local campaigns including developing a fundraising plan and ideas on where to find the money.

ALDC (Cllr. Neil Fawcett) and LDHQ Fundraising (Sue Evans).

Venue: Sandringham

Activist / Councillor / Candidate

Councillor training: Time management and how not to be a slave to your email

Councillors and campaigners are inundated with emails, this session considers how to get more done and not let those emails dictate your life.

ALDC (Cllr. Alan Connett) and LGA Lib Dems (Cllr. Howard Sykes).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Campaigning with little or no money

Campaigning and winning elections costs money. Find out how to make your limited resources go further and get the most from your campaign.

LDHQ Campaigns (Paul Moat and Cllr. James Lillis).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / Councillor / Officer / Candidate / New member

Writing engaging content from leaflets to websites

Words and language have real power to bring your letters, leaflets and digital content to life. Come along to get tips on how to make your content more engaging.

LDHQ Campaigns (Cllr. Dave McCobb and Cllr. Nick Pentney)

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / Councillor / Officer / Candidate / New member / Policy

Getting involved with the candidate process

Learn about the roles of Assessors, Returning Officers, Selection Committees, Conciliators and Agents and get involved in the candidates' process if you do not want to be a candidate yourself.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / Councillor / Officer / New member / Compliance

Making a speech (women only)

Making a speech is often a key part of the selection process to be a Parliamentary candidate. Speaking at conference is a great way to raise your profile in the Party. Find out how to wow your audience and get a great response.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

New member / Councillor / Officer / Candidate / Diversity

How to activate your new local party members

Exchange ideas on how to engage your new members. The session looks at ways to engage brand new people, good group activities to encourage their participation, and tips for harnessing their skills.

LDHQ Membership and Volunteering.

Venue: Surrey 1

Candidate / Councillor / Officer / Activist

Recruiting new members and how to keep them

Hints and tips on how to identify potential members, make contact with them, persuade them to join and then keep them engaged so they renew their membership!

LDHQ Membership.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Councillor / Officer / Candidate / Diversity

Training: Saturday 14.30–16.00

You can do it: ALDC MyCouncillor website training

Find out more about ALDC's free MyCouncillor websites, an easy to use system that builds you a strong online profile. Find out how it could work for your campaign, learn some of the basics and get started today.

ALDC (Cllr. James Baker and Craig Whittall).

Venue: Sandringham

New member / Activist / Councillor

Activists' Network: Winning council by-elections

A session for more experienced campaigners to swap best practice and discuss what we have done well in recent winning by-elections and how we can do even better.

ALDC (Claire Halliwell, Cllr. Joe Crome and Cllr. Gemma Massey).

Venue: Ambassador

New member / Activist / Councillor

Identifying an issue, building a campaign, delivering change

Campaigning is about much more than elections! Find out how to start and grow issue-based campaigns that deliver change in your community.

LDHQ Campaigns (Chris Lovell and Rachel Palma Randle).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / New member / Policy

Developing a relevant and compelling local message

Why should someone vote for you? This session will provide practical tips and ideas on how to build a local message and narrative based on our liberal values.

LDHQ Campaigns (Elspeth McCobb and Cllr. Nick Pentney).

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / Councillor / Candidate

What is the ‘candidate compact’ and how can I make the most of it?

Westminster candidates in England are asked to agree a compact with the local party of the seat they have been selected for. Do drop by for some advice on how to agree this correctly.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Officer / Candidate

Interview skills for selection (women only)

The skills are the same whether you are being interviewed by a Selection Panel, meeting a key donor or addressing the committee of a local organisation. Find out how to make an instant, confident and positive impact in a short space of time.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

New member / Councillor / Candidate / Diversity

Election Law: special 2016 briefing and update

Come and along and get an update on recent developments in election law and what it means for the Liberal Democrats. Also a chance to ask questions.

LDHQ Compliance with Agents and Organisers Association.

Venue: Surrey 2

Officer / Compliance

Training: Saturday 16.15-17.30

Campaign Essentials: Community campaigning

This course will help you identify issues in your local area and empower you to campaign to make a liberal difference in your community.

ALDC (Cllr. Jeanette Sunderland and Richard Cole).

Venue: Sandringham

New member / Councillor / Activist / Diversity

Be a Councillor: Getting your council candidate approval and selection right

The ins and outs of how to run your candidate approval and selection, making sure you have the best team possible for your council elections.

ALDC (Cllr. Abi Bell and Anders Hanson).

Venue: Ambassador

Officer / Councillor / Activist

Building a winning team

People are our party's biggest asset. Learn how to grow your winning team and get the most from people's time and talents.

LDHQ Campaigns (Chris Lovell and Cllr. James Lillis).

Venue: Balmoral

Officer / Councillor / Activist / Candidate / Diversity

Scotland 2016 elections - lessons learnt and moving forward

Come and contribute to this panel discussion about lessons learned during the Scottish elections and what we can do even better next time.

LDHQ Campaigns (Adam Stachura and Paul Moat).

Venue: Buckingham

Officer / Councillor / Activist / Candidate

Public Speaking (open to all)

Tips and advice on how to improve your public speaking and presentation skills.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

New member / Councillor / Activist / Candidate

Media Skills (women only)

Good media skills are vital for building a high profile as a future MP. Come along to find out what the media are looking for; what to do when they call you and how to make a positive impact in the media.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

New member / Councillor / Activist / Candidate / Diversity

Election Law (beginners)

An introduction to the basics of election law that any election agent or campaigner needs to know.

Agents and Organisers Association.

Venue: Surrey 2

Officer / Compliance

Data Protection in your party

An essential guide on how to stay on the right side of data protection laws.

LDHQ Compliance.

Venue: Surrey 1

Officer / Compliance

Fringe Sunday 18th September

Fringe Sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Federal Conference Committee

How to Write a Conference Motion

If you have any questions on how to write a conference motion come and ask Andrew Wiseman, Chair of the FCC.

Hilton, Surrey 2

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?

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

BSL HEAR

Social Liberal Forum

Hanging together or hanging separately: Can the Left work together?

David Howarth (SLF Council) discusses with Green MP Caroline Lucas, Labour MP Lisa Nandy and Lib Dem Chris Bowers their new book 'The Alternative: Towards a New Progressive Politics' (copies available at the meeting). Chair: Gordon Lishman (SLF Council).

Hilton, Buckingham

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

Annual General Meeting, with Dr Julian Huppert

All welcome. We look forward to another eventful year, as education moves to the fore. Hold your existing committee to account; elect your new committee – new campaigners welcome! Plus Dr Julian Huppert, former Cambridge MP and leading Lib Dem campaigner.

Hilton, Churchill

Radix

What is the future of liberalism in Great Britain?

A discussion of where liberalism goes from 2016 onwards. With leader of the Liberal Democrats Tim Farron MP, Baroness Susan Kramer and David Boyle, with Nick Tyrone, CEO of Radix, as chair.

Hilton, Edinburgh

Green Liberal Democrats

GLD Annual General Meeting – Members only

Catherine Bearder MEP will be speaking about our future involvement with Europe and implications for Post-Paris agreements. Also we will be holding our annual Elections, as well as having the current Executive reporting on the year's work.

Hilton, Gloucester

REF

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)

WHAT NOW for Asylum Seekers in the U.K.?

Join Debora Singer MBE, Policy and Research Officer at Asylum Aid, and Alastair Carmichael MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Home Affairs, to discuss the critical issues facing asylum seekers in the UK and what we can do to help.

Hilton, Osborne

Bond

Brexit; where does that leave the international development sector?

We as a nation have voted to leave the European Union. Almost 3 months on we will discuss what Brexit means on the international development community.

Hilton, Room 3

Liberal Democrat Women

Post-Brexit Women's Agenda and Manifesto

Join the Liberal Democrat Women as we discuss our women's manifesto and agenda, post-Brexit. This event is open for all to attend. Light refreshments including tea and coffee will be available.

Hilton, Sandringham

REF

Rights-Liberties-Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

“Access to Justice – Taking out the politics”

The courts and Legal Aid have been a political football for years. Is it time for separation of powers and create an Independent Justice Authority? Invited Speakers: Christina Blacklaws (Law Society), Simon Hughes, James Sandbach. Chair: Graham Colley, R-L-J.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Sunday 18th September

13.00–14.00: Business & Treasury.

15.00–16.00: Health.

16.30–17.30: Home Office, Justice & Equalities.

In Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1.

See page 11 for details of all sessions.

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15

Catherine Bearder MEP

BREXIT – What’s Next for Liberals?

Join Guy Verhofstadt MEP, leader of the ALDE parliamentary group in the European Parliament, Nick Clegg MP, Charles Grant, Director of the Centre of European Reform, to debate what’s the next step for the Liberal approach to Brexit.

Hilton, Ambassador

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, meet and mingle setting. New members particularly welcome.

Hilton, Balmoral

REF

Independent Age

Roundtable discussion: Examining the future of the NHS and social care

Dinner and roundtable discussion with Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP to discuss the future of the NHS and social care.

Note: this event ends at 20.00.

Hilton, Churchill

INV REF

Social Liberal Forum

Greening the economy after Brexit: new economic thinking and the LibDem recovery

A new economic approach must be at the heart of LibDem thinking – but how can this work after Brexit? Speakers: Chris Huhne (former cabinet minister); Nick Mabey (E3G); and Janice Turner (Originator, Red Line Voting). Chair: Helen Flynn (SLF Council).

Hilton, Edinburgh

Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust

Free From? Campaigning against Abuses of State Power

@JRRT1904 grantees talk about their campaigns, with Norman Lamb MP. Black Mental Health UK on their battle to stop police tasing mentally ill patients. Voice4Victims on abuse of victims in the justice system. Chaired by JRRT Board Member, Julian Huppert.

Hilton, Gloucester

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.

Hilton, Lancaster

INV REF

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

BREXIT and the Middle East – Consequences for Anglo-Israel relations?

An expert panel discuss Anglo-Israel relations post BREXIT, including trade agreements, prospects for peace and anti-Semitism. Speakers: Eitan Na'eh (Deputy Israeli Ambassador), Tom Brake MP, Baroness Sarah Ludford, Lord Jonny Oates and Gavin Stollar (LDFI Chairman).

Hilton, Osborne

REF

ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors

21st century campaigning

A lively discussion about what Liberal Democrat campaigning should look like in the future. Speakers: Shaun Roberts, Elaine Bagshaw and other speakers tbc. Chaired by Cllr Sarah Boad, ALDC.

Hilton, Sandringham

Liberal Youth

Housing the next generation

Liberal Youth are running a campaign looking at how we can effectively house the next generation. Come along to join in with our discussion.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Rights-Liberties-Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

A Bonfire of European Regulations?

“No more Brussels laws” Another hope of the Leave campaign. But what will be the reality? A Panel of legal experts will discuss. Invited Speakers: Law Society DVP, Christina Blacklaws, Antony Hook, Alexander Glassbrook. Chair: Graham Colley, R-L-J.

Hilton, Surrey 2

Electoral Reform Society

Drinks reception: securing electoral reform – 2016 to 2020 strategy

The Society would like to share with you our new strategy for winning democratic reforms. Our drinks reception for friends old and new.

Note: this event starts at 18.00 and ends at 20.30.

Old Ship Hotel, Gresham Suite

REF

Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Local Government Drinks Reception – Celebrating our 2016 Local Government Successes

All friends of local government welcome. Speakers: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader of the Lib Dem Group at the LGA; Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford; Tim Farron MP, Leader of the Lib Dems.

Hilton, Ambassador

REF

LibDem International Office and Alliance of Liberal Democrats in Europe (ALDE)

What does Brexit mean for the rest of Europe?

Join the International Office for a discussion on the repercussions of Brexit on Europe and liberalism, offering a wider look at the crisis unfolding in Europe. Chair: Baroness Ros Scott, with speakers from liberal parties across Europe.

Hilton, Buckingham

REF

Liberal Reform

Free Trade after Brexit

An exciting opportunity for international trade, or a devastating blow to the UK's free-trading status? What does Brexit mean for free trade? Vince Cable and others discuss.

Hilton, Edinburgh

Green Liberal Democrats

Air Pollution – Why we need to clean up our act

The impact of air pollution is immense. What action should campaigners, politicians and industry take? Speakers include: Caroline Pidgeon, LD London Assembly Leader; Jack Semple, Road Haulage Association; Oliver Hayes, Friends of The Earth.

Hilton, Gloucester

Liberal Democrat History Group

Coalition: could Liberal Democrats have managed it better?

The 2015 election decisively ended the Liberal Democrats' participation in government. Did what the party achieve in coalition justify the damage? Could it have managed coalition better? Speakers: David Laws, Chris Huhne, Akash Paun (Institute for Government). Chair: Jo Swinson.

Hilton, Lancaster

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Exploring the links between ethnicity and educational achievement

A fair education system enables everyone to achieve their potential, regardless of background. This topical session will draw on expert views to explore the complex debate about the links between ethnicity and achievement in our schools and colleges today.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors / Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary

Refugees welcome here – local communities welcoming refugees and unaccompanied children

A discussion about how local councils and communities can support Syrian refugees. Speakers: Suzanne Fletcher, LD4SOS; Cllr Jeanette Sunderland, Bradford; Baroness Shas Sheehan (invited); and Citizens UK (invited). Chaired by Cllr Baroness Kath Pinnock, ALDC.

Hilton, Sandringham

Campaigns & Elections Team

New members – get into campaigning

A chance for new members to get a taste of Lib Dem campaigning.

Hilton, Surrey 2

Fringe Sunday late evening 21.45–23.00

Education Policy Institute, BVCA and Liberal Democrats in Communications

Conference Reception

By invitation only.

Hilton, Ambassador

INV REF

The Official Conference Quiz

Join our special guest quiz master for a fun-filled evening testing your general (and not so general) knowledge! Entry only £3, pay on the door. No team needed just come along and join the fun!

Hilton, Balmoral & Buckingham

Training: Sunday 08.00–09.00

ALDC early morning drop-in session

Meet an ALDC Development Officer to discuss your local campaigning, ward plans or get advice on building up your local team.

ALDC.

Venue: Clarence

New member / Activist / Councillor

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW) drop-in session (women only)

One to one advice for women on how to become a successful Parliamentary or Council candidate. Book your appointment at the LDW stall.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Candidate / Diversity

Top tips on how to achieve diverse representation on panels

Drop-in session and Q&A with Natalie Chindipha, Diversity and Talent Support Manager at LDHQ.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Edinburgh

Officer / Activist / Diversity

Training: Sunday 09.00–10.30

Activists' Network: Engaging with new members

A discussion on how local parties around the country are enthusing the huge numbers of new members that the party has gained over the last year.

ALDC (Elaine Bagshaw, Daisy Benson and Daisy Cooper).

Venue: Clarence

Councillor / Activist / Officer / Candidate / Diversity

Developing a winning strategy, from Parish to Parliament

Winning an election doesn't happen by accident – it takes a strategy and a plan. Get the latest ideas and techniques to develop your strategy.

LDHQ Campaigns (Simon Drage and Cllr. Dave McCobb).

Venue: Balmoral

Councillor / Activist / Officer / Candidate / Policy

Pictures worth a thousand words – taking great photos

Taking great photos is key to any campaign, big or small. In this session we will cover how to take amazing photos that will bring your campaign to life. We will also look at what pitfalls to avoid along the way.

LDHQ Campaigns (Chris Lovell and Cllr. Nick Pentney).

Venue: Buckingham

Councillor / Activist / New member / Candidate

Candidate assessor: learn what's involved or sharpen your existing skills

This session will give you an insight into the role of candidate assessor and the skills needed to become one or improve your skills.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / Officer

Building and leading a brilliant team (women only)

Strong leadership skills will give you a head start when strengthening your local campaign team. Find out how to help a team move forward at different stages of development. This will put you in pole position for success.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Candidate / Activist / Officer / New member / Candidate / Diversity

Introduction to being an agent

Have you been asked to be an election agent or would you like to be one? Do you want to know more about the role of an agent or have any burning questions to ask? Come along and find out what's involved and how to get started in this exciting role. This session will also cover a brief overview of election law.

Agents and Organisers Association.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / New member / Compliance

Compliance Q&A

Please come and join us for a question and answer session with the LDHQ Compliance Team. This session will be covering donations and electoral spending. This is a great opportunity to get your compliance-related questions answered, as well as a chance to find out the latest advice and best practice.

LDHQ Compliance.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Compliance / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Training: Sunday 11.00–12.30

Campaign Essentials: Getting started from scratch

Tim Farron asked members to “pick a ward and win it”. This session explains how you can do it in your area.

ALDC (Richard Cole and Cllr. James Lillis).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / New member

Councillor training: Effective ward councillor – getting the balance right between campaigning, community and the council

Councillors face competing demands and calls on their time. Council officers, residents and party colleagues all have their own idea of what should be the priority. How do you strike the right balance?

ALDC (Cllr. Tim Pickstone) and LGA Lib Dems (Cllr Howard Sykes).

Venue: Clarence

Councillor

Getting local people to hear what you have to say

You may have a great story to tell, but are people hearing what you have to say? This session will discuss effective ways to get our message across and to make it stick.

LDHQ Campaigns (Rachel Palma Randle and Becky Carr).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / New member / Councillor / Candidate

How to lead your local campaign

Great leaders bring people with them and can lead their team to victory. Develop your leadership skills and share ideas and experiences for what makes a great leader.

LDHQ Campaigns (Elspeth McCobb and Paul Moat).

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / New member / Councillor / Candidate

Media training

This session is open to all and will provide you with practical tips to deal efficiently with the media and will cover how to successfully align your campaigns with local media outlets.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / New member / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Put yourself in the picture (women only)

How to build a great portfolio of photos as a candidate. You will find out about what photos you need, how to recognise a great action photo and what to look for in a first class photographer. We will help you decide what photos you need to put in your personal photo bank.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Candidate / Councillor / Diversity

How to win young millennials' votes

A best practice exchange between young party members and local party organisers on how to win young millennials' votes.

Liberal Youth.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Officer / Councillor / Candidate / Diversity

Reaching out and engaging with faith communities

Exploring ways you can positively and constructively reach out to local faith communities in your campaigns.

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / New member / Councillor / Candidate / Officer / Diversity

Training: Sunday 14.30–16.00

Activists' Network: Campaigning on new council boundaries

Campaigning to win when the boundaries of your council wards or divisions have changed is an additional challenge for activists. Come along to pass on your best practice or find out how people have succeeded despite the challenging circumstances.

ALDC (Cllr. Abi Bell and Cllr. Douglas McCall).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Wales 2016 elections - lessons learnt and moving forward

Come and contribute to this panel discussion about lessons learned during the Welsh elections and what we can do even better next time.

LDHQ Campaigns (Jon Aylwin and Cllr. Dan Purchase).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / Councillor / Officer / Candidate

Developing your social media strategy

Facebook? Twitter? Instagram? Where do you start? With people communicating with each other in new and different ways online, learn how to develop a strategy for communicating and campaigning with different social media.

LDHQ Campaigns (Adam Stachura and John Bevan).

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / Policy / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Afternoon workshop for people interested in becoming Assistant Returning Officers (runs 14.30–17.30)

This session will cover what is involved in becoming a returning officer for the party.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / Officer

How to activate your new members

Develop and exchange ideas on how to engage your new members. The session looks at entry level activities for brand new people, good group activities to encourage their participation, and tips for harnessing their skills.

LDHQ Membership and LDHQ Volunteering.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Officer / Councillor / Candidate

Engagement matters! Campaigning and engaging with diverse communities

How to find more members, activists and voters from diverse groups. Explores the ideas behind community engagement and looks at widening participation and promoting diversity in your local party.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Gloucester

Activist / Officer / Councillor / Candidate / New member

Legacies: funds for the long run, starting now

Attract legacies and lasting income so you can gear up for elections, by-elections and surprises. Hear legacy success stories and get the know-how to persuade and secure long-term donors.

LDHQ Fundraising with Dr. Belinda Brooks-Gordon).

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Officer / Councillor / Candidate

Training: Sunday 16.15–17.30

Campaign Essentials: Using email to campaign

Keeping in touch all year round is even easier by email rather than just relying on leaflets. Come along and see how it's done by those who do it best.

ALDC (Cllr. James Baker).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Getting the right message to the right voters

Targeting the right message to the right voter can help every campaign punch above its weight. This session is an essential guide to using data and other tools to target your messages effectively.

LDHQ Campaigns (Tim Pollard and Chris Lovell).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Taking your campaign to the high street

Bring your campaign to life with effective high-visibility campaigning. Develop ideas and learn the latest techniques for street stalls, stunts and public events to publicise your campaign.

LDHQ Campaigns (Becky Carr and Cllr. James Lillis).

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / Candidate / Councillor

Getting started with the membership database

The membership database is the tool that you need to find and contact all of your local party members. Here we show you how to navigate the software effectively. This course is only suitable for those local party officers (Membership/Data Officer) with access to the membership database.

LDHQ Membership.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Officer

Championing diversity in your area and across your region

Regional Diversity champions spearhead a range of activities across regions. Come into this session to find out how you can collaborate with them.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Gloucester

Activist / Candidate / Councillor / New member / Officer

Transform your winning potential with legacy income

How-to stepping stones to attract substantial, surprising and transformative legacy gifts. The best ideas from leading charity campaigns, and your practical and legal queries answered.

LDHQ Fundraising.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Candidate / Councillor / Officer

Fringe Monday 19th September

Fringe Monday morning 09.30–10.30

Papworth Trust

The future of disability regulation in post Brexit Britain

The referendum result creates profound questions for the future of UK disability legislation. With the campaign failing to address concerns of 12 million disabled people in our country, Papworth Trust will examine what's next for disabled people after the EU.

Hilton, Room 3

REF

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

Monday 20th September

13.00–14.00: Education.

15.00–16.00: Housing & DCLG.

16.30–17.30: Brexit.

In Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1.

See page 11 for details of all sessions.

Fringe Monday morning 11.30–12.30

Social Liberal Forum

Reaching beyond the tribe? Working together with new alliances

Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable (former Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills) in conversation with Frances O'Grady (General Secretary, Trades Union Congress).
Chair: Helen Flynn (SLF Council).

Hilton, Balmoral

Social Market Foundation (SMF)

Nick Clegg speaks about the SMF's Commission on Inequality in Education

Nick Clegg is chair of the Social Market Foundation's (SMF) Commission on Inequality in Education, an independent, cross-party initiative examining the causes and effects of inequality in education at primary and secondary levels in England and Wales.

Hilton, Buckingham

REF

Education Policy Institute and City of London

How can we best promote employability among young people?

Speakers: Mark Boleat, City of London, Baroness Sue Garden and Natalie Perera
EPI. Chair: Miranda Green.

Hilton, Churchill

INV REF

ALTER (Action for Land Tax and Economic Reform)

Humanity and Nature: Stewardship or Exploitation

Presented by ALTER and Green Liberal Democrats. Land Value Tax proponents Caroline Lucas MP and Andy Wightman MSP have been invited to join Catherine Bearder MEP (Chair), Jock Croats and Molly Scott Cato MEP on the panel.

Hilton, Clarence

Social Democrat Group

How can the centre-left reach the left behind?

Many have gained nothing from globalisation. Can we make it work for them?

Speakers to be announced. Organised by the Social Democrat Group. A Lib Dem group to engage with social democrats both inside and outside the party. <https://www.facebook.com/SocialDemocratGroup/>

Hilton, Edinburgh

London Region Liberal Democrats

Homelessness in 2016 – The impact and some solutions

An individual without somewhere to sleep suffers so much – it impacts every aspect of their lives. Come to hear from representatives of homelessness charities and local government talk about Liberal Democrat solutions that can make a difference.

Hilton, Gloucester

Radix

How Technology Will Transform Politics

A look at the future of politics and technology, with guest speakers Paddy Ashdown, Mark Pack, Nick Tyrone and chaired by Baroness Smith of Newham.

Hilton, Lancaster

Carers UK and Centrica

Future Families: the work-life-care balance

Debating how we better support the 3 million people juggling work and unpaid care. Chair: Claudia Wood, Chief Executive, Demos. Speakers: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP; Amanda Harrison, HR Director, Centrica; Heléna Herklots, Chief Executive, Carers UK. Lunch provided.

Hilton, Osborne

HEAR REF

Rights-Liberties-Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

Animal Welfare – Animal Rights. Time for a Review?

The Animal Welfare Act was passed in 2007. How has it performed? And what of the idea that animals should have ‘rights’. But can they, when animals do not have ‘duties’. A panel will discuss. Chair: Graham Colley R-L-J.

Hilton, Room 3

ONEPOST

Discover how ONEPOST can save you money on your postal mailings

ONEPOST invite you to join us for coffee and cake. Come and find out how we work with the Liberal Democrats by providing high-quality, cost-effective production and postal solutions. Discover how to save on the things you send.

Note: this event ends at 14.00.

Hilton, Sandringham

REF

NHS Providers

Mental health lunch discussion with Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP

Lunchtime discussion for senior party members and health stakeholders. Attendance by invitation. For details contact amy.mcgregor@nhsproviders.org

Note: this event ends at 14.00.

Hilton, Surrey 1

INV REF

ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors / Liberal Youth

Could you be a Liberal Democrat councillor?

If you're standing up for liberalism in your community come along and find out how the Local Government Association 'Be a Councillor' programme can support you as a young candidate and as a local councillor. Hosted by Baroness Ros Scott.

Hilton, Surrey 2

Fringe Monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

Carbon Capture – The importance developing capacity to meet Climate Change demands

Former Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Davey, and Luke Warren of the Carbon Capture and Storage Association discuss the challenges, necessity and opportunities of carbon capture and how Liberal Democrat policy can lead by example.

Hilton, Ambassador

REF

NUT and ATL

Education for all – or just a free for all?

Kevin Courtney, National Union of Teachers, other speakers to be confirmed.

Hilton, Buckingham

REF

Education Policy Institute

Early Years Education: are current policies working?

Baroness Floella Benjamin (tbc), Dr Jo Blanden, University of Surrey and David Laws, EPI. Chair: Natalie Perera, EPI.

Hilton, Churchill

REF

RSPB, The Wildlife Trusts and WWF

Think Global, Act Local? Securing a post-referendum future for the UK's environment

An opportunity for senior politicians, stakeholders and specialists to debate how to ensure a positive future for the UK's environment following the EU referendum, and in the context of an increasing devolution and localism agenda. Host: Baroness Parminter.

Hilton, Edinburgh

REF

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

The Battle for Religious Education

How Christian Conservatives are trying to exclude non-religious belief from RE. With Stephen Lloyd (founder Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on RE), Rudolf Elliott Lockhart (Chief Executive, RE Council), Andrew Copson (Chair, BHA; founder member, APPGRE). Chair: Helen Flynn, LDEA.

Hilton, Gloucester

Charities Aid Foundation

Rebuilding Britain: How can charities help unite the country?

Join us for a discussion on the role of charities in post-referendum Britain. Speakers include Baroness Scott (Chair), Tom Brake MP, Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, and Dr John Low, Chief Executive of the Charities Aid Foundation.

Hilton, Lancaster

REF

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

What impact could the UK leaving the EU have on local government?

Discussion with leading Liberal Democrats on the impact that leaving the EU could have and its effect on Local Government, communities and public services. Chair: Cllr Chris White, Deputy Leader, LGA Lib Dems. Panel: Catherine Bearder MEP; Cllr Adam Paynter, Deputy Leader Cornwall Council (tbc); Cllr Ian Stewart, County Councils Network and Cumbria County Council.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

Countryside Alliance

Tackling Digital Exclusion in the Countryside

The Digital Economy Bill will introduce a legal right for every household and business to have access to broadband but how will we make sure that people have the skills and confidence to use digital technology to full advance?

Hilton, Room 3

REF

Your Liberal Britain

Your Vision, Your Initiative

Come and discuss what we've learned from all the contributions to Your Liberal Britain so far. And tell us what you think YLB should do next! Find out more on www.liberalbritain.org

Hilton, Surrey 2

2020health, RPS, LGA and NHS Confederation

The New NHS: Efficiency and New Ways of Working – will national plans deliver what is required locally?

Panel discussion with invited speakers, among others, including Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader Liverpool Lib Dems, Deputy Chair Wellbeing Board of the LGA, and Aileen Bryson, RPS Policy Lead, Scotland.

Note: this event starts at 12.30.

Old Ship Hotel, Regency Suite

REF

BASC

The Rural Reception

BASC and The Angling Trust. The Grand Hotel, Brighton, Room GB2. Speakers invited: Alistair Carmichael MP and Mark Williams MP.

The Grand, GB2

REF

Institute for Public Policy Research

Will 2080 be the year we get the next Lib Dem Minister?

Speakers include Lord Paddy Ashdown, Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Tom Kibasi, Director, IPPR, and Baroness Olly Greender (chair).

The Grand, Regent Room

REF

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15

Liberty

Human rights in the UK: shared values in divided times

Please join us to discuss the protection and promotion of human rights in the UK. Refreshments and lively debate provided.

Hilton, Ambassador

REF

The Guardian

Nick Clegg and Andrew Rawnsley in conversation

Join former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg in conversation with the Observer's chief political commentator Andrew Rawnsley for a candid discussion of his experience of coalition government and the turmoil in current mainstream politics.

Note: this event ends at 19.30.

Hilton, Balmoral

Education Policy Institute and Open University

Lifetime learning for all across the UK

Time for lifetime learning to be the third pillar of education and training policy.

Speakers: Peter Horrocks, Vice-Chancellor, Open University; Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education (tbc); and Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon.

Chair: Natalie Perera, EPI.

Hilton, Churchill

REF

NFU / FDF

Food and Farming Debate

The Baroness Parminter, Liberal Democrat Lords Principal Spokesperson Defra; Mark Williams MP, Liberal Democrat Defra Lead; Meurig Raymond MBE, NFU President; Minette Batters, NFU Deputy President; Jayne Almond, FDF Public Affairs Manager. Chair Alistair Driver, Political Editor, Farmers Guardian.

Hilton, Edinburgh

REF

Campaigns & Elections Team

Come and 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.

Hilton Metropole, Gloucester

Solicitors Regulation Authority

Making access to affordable legal services a reality?

Access to justice is an essential within society. Former Lib Dem MP David Heath CBE, SRA Board Member, leads a discussion on what affordable legal services the public and small businesses need and how new businesses, innovation and technology can help.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group

Technology in the Public Sector: Combining Efficiency and Better Services

Chair Chair, Chris Tighe, FT (tbc). Panel: Huwaei speaker (tbc); Cllr Michael Headey, Cabinet member for Finance & Change Management Bedford Council (tbc); Lord Paul Scriven, Councillor and Former Leader of Sheffield City Council; Julian Huppert, former MP for Cambridge; Jo Casebourne, Institute for Government. Sponsored by Huwaei.

Hilton, Room 3

REF

Child Poverty Action Group

Turning the tide for 2020

What will reverse the rise in child poverty? How can social security protect vulnerable families and boost earnings? Chair: Emily Frith (Education Policy Institute). Speakers: Caroline Pidgeon (London Assembly), Stephen Tall (blogger), Jenny Willott (former MP), Alison Garnham (CPAG).

Hilton, Sandringham

HEAR REF

Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Winning local elections, and running a Council the Eastbourne way

Hear how whilst losing an MP, Eastbourne Lib Dems have tightened their grip on the Council and are fighting back to regain their parliamentary seat. Chair: Cllr Howard Sykes, Chief Whip LGA Lib Dem Group. Panel: Cllr David Tutt, Leader Eastbourne Council; Cllr Gill Mattock, Deputy Leader Eastbourne Council; Stephen Lloyd, former MP for Eastbourne.

Hilton, Churchill

REF

Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)

Solicitors Regulation Authority conference reception

Join us for wine and canapes. A chance to meet the SRA and hear about developments the legal services sector. Hosted by David Heath CBE, SRA Board Member, and former Liberal Democrat Minister and MP.

Hilton, Edinburgh

REF

Catherine Bearder MEP

Team #INtogether Thank You Reception

Join Catherine Bearder MEP and Team #INtogether to say thank you to the Lib Dem teams across the country who came out to campaign and canvass for remain during the European Referendum Campaign.

Hilton, Gloucester

INV REF

sustainability hub with the Green Liberal Democrats

Low Carbon Economy Reception sponsored by the Environmental Services Association

Come and meet leading figures in the low carbon economy and help deliver a sustainable future. Introduction: Graham Neale. Chair: Green Liberal Democrats. Speakers: Baroness Featherstone, Lib Dem DECC spokesperson, and Peter Gerstrom, Chair, Environmental Services Association (ESA). ALL WELCOME.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

Working for Justice for Palestinians

LDFP fights for the rights of the Palestinian People and the meeting will discuss recognition of the state of Palestine, ongoing settlements, human rights abuses and other topical issues in the current conflict. Speakers tbc.

Hilton, Sandringham

REF

Fringe Monday late evening 21.30–23.00

Glee Club

Join us for the ultimate end-of conference celebration! Pick up your copy of the Liberator Songbook and come 'raise the roof'! Cash bar.

Note: this event starts at 22.00

and ends at 02.00.

Hilton, Balmoral & Buckingham

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Are Sexual Health Services heading for a Crisis?

Chair: Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson, LGA Lib Dems. Panel: Norman Lamb MP, Lib Dem Health Spokesperson (tbc); Dr Michael Brady, Kings College Hospital; Dr Clare Gerada GP, former Chair of the Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners; and new Lib Dem member; Adrian Hyrylainen-Trett, Chair Lib Dem LGBT+.

Hilton, Churchill

REF

Training: Monday 08.00–09.00

ALDC early morning drop-in session

Meet an ALDC Development Officer to discuss your local campaigning, ward plans or get advice on building up your local team.

ALDC.

Venue: Ambassador

New member / Activist / Councillor

Advice on BAME media and how you can make your mark on it

Drop-in session and Q&A with Arfan Bhatti, Head of Diversity, Candidates and Talent Support at LDHQ.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Edinburgh

Officer / Activist / Diversity / Candidate / Councillor

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW) drop-in session (women only)

One to one advice for women on how to become a successful Parliamentary or Council candidate. Book your appointment at the LDW stall.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Candidate/ Diversity

Training: Monday 09.00–10.30

Campaign Essentials: Winning the postal vote

Winning amongst postal voters is increasingly important to local election success.

This session shows you how to do it.

ALDC (Cllr Abi Bell and Charles Glover).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Activists' Network: Small council groups

A discussion about how small council groups (and single Lib Dem councillors) can make a big impact on their local authority.

ALDC (Cllr John Leech and Cllr Flick Rea).

Venue: Clarence

Councillor

Using your data to win locally

What is your data telling you? Are you winning? Essential guide to understanding your data and getting the most from it.

LDHQ Campaigns (Cllr. Dave McCobb and Tim Pollard).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / Officer / Councillor / Candidate

Holding the opposition to account

Why shouldn't people vote for your main opponent? Answering this question is a crucial part of any campaign. Essential training to develop your message and to exploit your opponents' weaknesses.

LDHQ Campaigns (Elspeth McCobb and Jon Aylwin).

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / Candidate / Councillor

Public speaking skills

Tips and advice on how to improve your public speaking and presentation skills (open to all).

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / Councillor / Candidate

Stress and time management for campaigns organisers and managers

Take the stress out of your campaigns by learning how best to manage your time.

Agents and Organisers Association.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Compliance / Officer

Planning and winning your selection campaign (women only)

Fighting a selection is different from fighting an election against other parties. Come and learn about how to write a plan to get yourself selected for council or Westminster – and to go on and win your chosen seat at the next election. Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Candidate / Councillor / Diversity

Compliance Team: The tools we give you to help you be compliant

A guide to the tools provided by compliance for producing the end of year accounts, reporting donations and tracking campaign spending. LDHQ Compliance.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Compliance / Officer

Training: Monday 14.30–16.00

You can do it: How to make best use of ALDC templates and campaign packs

ALDC's member-only PagePlus templates and campaign packs make producing your local leaflets easy. Come along and find out what's available and how to use them.

ALDC (Richard Cole and Claire Halliwell).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Activists' Network: campaigning with Facebook

Facebook is an increasingly important part of local campaigning and a key way of getting our message out. Come along with your experience and ideas and listen to those who are doing it.

ALDC (Mark Pack, Jenni Hollis and Cllr James Baker).

Venue: Clarence

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / New member

Councillor training: Using the council to campaign

How to use the council in your campaigning from full council to scrutiny (whatever your numbers are).

ALDC (Cllr Alan Connett) and LGA Lib Dems (Cllr Howard Sykes).

Venue: Surrey 2

Councillor

How to plan your local campaign

Are you setting out to win a new ward, division or constituency or to retake an area we've lost? Learn how and where to start planning your local campaign.

LDHQ Campaigns (Rachel Palma Randle and Simon Drage).

Venue: Balmoral

Activist / Councillor / New member / Candidate

Successful selection

This session will look at the key skills and knowledge required when going for selection.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / Councillor / New member / Candidate

When the going gets tough (women only)

Star candidates have the ability to bounce back when problems happen. They can also lift the spirits of their teams and colleagues. Find out how you can develop a thick skin at the same time as staying as a fully paid up member of the human race! Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Activist / Councillor / New member / Candidate / Officer / Diversity

Fundraising Masterclass: Tales from experience and real life solutions

Calum Roscow, professional fundraising manager with 6 years' experience on £multi-million campaigns for famous charities, and a volunteer party fundraiser, will energise your efforts with fantastic event fundraising examples, social media tactics and imaginative techniques to lift your income for a winning campaign.

LDHQ Fundraising (with Calum Roscow).

Venue: Buckingham

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Young and Winning: develop skills to become a successful young candidate

Develop the skills and tools needed as a young candidate to run a successful electoral campaign. This session will feature Jo Swinson, who became Britain's youngest MP when she was elected at the age of 25.

Liberal Youth.

Venue: Surrey 1

Activist / Candidate / New member

Training: Monday 16.15–17.30

Campaign Essentials: Getting out the vote

Getting as many votes into the ballot box is the culmination of any campaign. Learn how to focus your efforts for maximum reward.

ALDC (Cllr Neil Fawcett) and LDHQ Campaigns (Tim Pollard).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Be a Councillor: Finding candidates

ALDC has always believed in standing a full slate of candidates. This session shows you how to find the people for both target wards and paper candidacies.

ALDC.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Campaign Essentials: knocking on doors

Effective canvassing helps you pick up issues, bond with local residents and identify vital information. Find out the best techniques for doing this well and organising your door knocking sessions.

ALDC (Cllr Peter Barrett).

Venue: Clarence

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / New member

Building a profile as a candidate

This session will provide you with practical tips to create, enhance and use your personal brand effectively as a candidate.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Activist / Councillor

New times, new donors

In the changing political scene, capture brand new income sources. Techniques for tracking down interest groups, businesses and potential new donors. Tailor your message, reach them and transform soft support into hard cash.

LDHQ Fundraising and LDQ Campaigns (Becky Carr).

Venue: Buckingham

Councillor / Candidate / Activist

Data Protection in Your Party

An essential guide to how to stay on the right side of the data protection laws.

LDHQ Compliance.

Venue: Surrey 1

Councillor / Candidate / Activist / Officer / Compliance

Managing your time (women only)

Getting the balance between work, life and politics right is hard at the best of times. In a possible election year it can be an even greater challenge. Learning how to get this right could be your key to success in elections at any time.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Diversity / Candidate

Develop policy discussions in your area

Ideas for developing policy debates and discussions in your area and how to contribute to the policy-making process.

LDHQ Policy.

Venue: Balmoral

Councillor / Candidate / Activist / Officer / Policy

Fringe Tuesday 20th September

Fringe Tuesday breakfast 08.00–09.00

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Conference Prayer Breakfast

Come and join us for breakfast to hear from an esteemed speaker (tbc – see www.lcdf.org to find out who) and pray together.

Hilton, Lancaster

REF

Urban Transport Group

Transport, the Cities and Westminster

Invitation-only breakfast round table transport debate. Chaired by Lord Shipley. A hot breakfast will be provided. For further information contact Lynne Robinson (lynne.robinson@nexus.org.uk).

Hilton, Osborne

INV REF

The Howard League for Penal Reform

Prison reform in an age of uncertainty

A panel discussion with: Ian Dunt, Editor, Politics.co.uk (Chair); Rt Hon Nick Clegg, MP for Sheffield Hallam; Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames QC, Principal Spokesperson for Justice (tbc); Frances Crook, Chief Executive, The Howard League for Penal Reform.

Hilton, Sandringham

REF

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Trussell Trust and Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

No food no roof: Solutions to rising homelessness and hunger

Lord Paul Tyler, Lord John Bird (tbc), Liberal Democrat councillors and representatives from a local foodbank will talk about how communities are finding innovative solutions to poverty, hunger and homelessness and the challenges for the future. Foodbank lunch provided.

Hilton, Churchill

REF

Cornwall Council and ResPublica

Power to the People: Why devolution to counties needs to be next

Speakers: Adam Paynter, Deputy Leader, Cornwall Council; Baroness Cathy Bakewell, Spokesperson for Local Government; Baroness Jolly of Congdon's Shop, House of Lords spokesperson for Defence; Miranda Green, Commentator for FT and Newsweek; Julia Goldsworthy, Devolution Driver, PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Hilton, Lancaster

Education Policy Institute, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Webb Memorial Trust

Eliminating poverty and achieving security through housing, jobs and good educational opportunities

Speakers: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP; Natalie Perera, EPI; Lord Stunell (tbc); and Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, JRF. Chair: Lord Shipley, Trustee, WMT.

Hilton, Osborne

REF

JUSTICE and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

What Should Access to Justice Mean in Practice?

At a time of political uncertainty and radical reform of the justice system, how do we ensure access to justice? Our panel will discuss how to practically deliver access to justice in the current economic and political climate.

Hilton, Sandringham

REF

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ALDC.

Venue: Ambassador

New member / Activist / Councillor

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One to one advice for women on how to become a successful Parliamentary or Council candidate. Book your appointment at the LDW stall.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Gloucester

Candidate / Diversity

Writing your candidate profile

Drop-in session and Q&A about writing your candidate profile. Includes top tips and advice on how to sell yourself in 250 words.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Candidate / Diversity

Training: Tuesday 09.00–10.30

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ALDC (Richard Cole and Claire Halliwell).

Venue: Ambassador

Activist / Councillor

Activists' Network: Building more diverse council groups

A consultation session looking at how we can make our council groups more like the communities they represent. This follow up to the Spring Conference diversity motion will help build ALDC's response.

ALDC (Cllr Tim Pickstone and Cllr Ruth Dombey).

Venue: Clarence

Councillor / Activist / Candidate / Officer

How charities engage digitally

What can we learn from how charities use digital campaigning to engage supporters, grow their organisation and deliver change?

LDHQ Campaigns (Shaun Roberts and Paul Trollope).

Venue: Balmoral

Diversity / Candidate / New member / Activist / Councillor / Officer

Shortlisting Training

Learn the essentials to take part in shortlisting committees and play a vital role in finding the right candidate for a constituency.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Diversity / Activist / Officer

Raising money online

A best practice guide to building an effective digital fundraising plan - reaching the right people on the right platforms to maximise your revenue.

LDHQ Membership and Fundraising.

Venue: Surrey 2

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Building the Young Liberals movement: create opportunities to engage and develop young members

Events and opportunities to engage young members and maintain momentum within the Young Liberals movement.

Liberal Youth.

Venue: Room 3

Diversity / Activist / Councillor

Making the most of being a Local Party Officer

How to thrive in your role within the local party, ensuring that you work effectively with your fellow officers, get the most from your members and help the party to electoral success.

LDHQ Membership.

Venue: Surrey 1

Diversity / Officer

Motivating your team (women only)

Whether you are going for selection, election to a council or standing in a General Election you need a highly motivated team around you. You will hear about how to work out what different motivators work for different people. This module will help you get your team revved up and raring to go.

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Library

Diversity / Candidate / Activist / Councillor

Getting the most from the equalities calendar

There are a range of dates across the year that provide a great opportunity for outreach into your community. This session will enable you to establish specific and actionable ideas geared for immediate use in your local area.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Gloucester

Activist / Councillor / Candidate / Officer

Using polls, petitions and surveys to engage your community

Listening is an essential tool to build winning and engaging campaigns in your community. This session takes a look at the techniques you can use to put local people at the heart of our campaigns.

LDHQ Campaigns (Simon Drage and Jon Aylwin).

Venue: Buckingham

Councillor / Officer / Activist / Candidate / Policy

Training: Tuesday 11.00–12.30

Activist Network: Personal safety for councillors and campaigners

A consultation session looking at how Liberal Democrats can develop best practice for personal safety for activists and elected representatives. The session will feed into future training and guidance.

ALDC (Cllr Abi Bell and Cllr Baroness Kath Pinnock).

Venue: Ambassador

Candidate / Activist / Councillor

Dealing with difficult people

Every team has the occasional person who is less easy to get along with than others. This session will help you identify how you can adapt your communication and behaviour to build positive working relationships with other team members.

LDHQ Candidates.

Venue: Edinburgh

Councillor / Activist / New member / Officer / Diversity / Candidate

Asking for help, support or money (women only)

Top candidates are great at these sensitive conversations. Learn from the experts about how to ask for support in a positive, confident and effective way. We have tips and ideas for you which will bring success when making a big 'ask'!

Campaign for Gender Balance (LDW).

Venue: Library

Candidate / Activist / Councillor

Councillor training: Using social media effectively as a councillor

Social media can be a big boost to local councillors and their links with their communities. This session considers the opportunities and the potential pitfalls. ALDC (Cllr Tim Pickstone and Cllr Iain Roberts).

Venue: Clarence

Councillor

Reaching out and engaging with faith communities

Exploring ways you and can positively and constructively reach out to local faith communities in your campaigns.

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum.

Venue: Room 3

Councillor / Diversity / Activist / Candidate

Getting the most from Facebook advertising

Advertising on Facebook can be a cost-effective way of reaching voters and growing your local party. Find out how to get the most from advertising and where to start.

LDHQ Campaigns (Jon Aylwin and John Bevan).

Venue: Balmoral

Councillor / Officer / Activist / Candidate

Implementing the Electing Diverse MPs motion

From the pro-forma in the top 15% of seats, to implementing positive action on shortlists, the motion put forward a range of measures. Do drop-by for some advice on implementing it correctly.

LDHQ Diversity.

Venue: Lancaster

Officer / Diversity

Election Law (advanced)

Advanced election law for agents and campaigners, includes issues around libel. Agents and Organisers Association.

Venue: Surrey 2

Officer / Compliance / Activist

Recruiting new members and how to keep them

Hints and tips on how to identify potential members, make contact with them, persuade them to join and then keep them engaged so they renew their membership!

LDHQ Membership and LDHQ Volunteering.

Venue: Surrey 1

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