

DIRECTORY

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS AUTUMN CONFERENCE

BOURNEMOUTH

14-17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Clear Print

This clear print / large text version of the Conference Directory matches as closely as possible the text of the published Directory.

Page number cross references are correct within this clear print document. Some information may appear in a different place from its location in the published Directory. Complex layouts and graphics have been omitted. It is black and white on A4 pages for ease of printing.

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

Welcome to the Liberal Democrat 2019 conference Directory.

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 Bournemouth International Centre.

Conference venue

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

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

Conference hotel

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

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

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

For information about the main auditorium sessions, see the separate conference Agenda.

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These are also available at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Our time is now

by Jo Swinson MP

There has never been a more important time for the Liberal Democrats. Our country needs us.

The forces of hate, mistrust and division are growing with chilling consequences. Now is the time for liberals across the UK to rise up and speak out with a collective voice that paints a positive, inclusive and open vision. Now is the time for the Liberal Democrats.

The Conservatives are intent on destroying our country through their reckless dash for Brexit and the Labour party are intent on destroying themselves.

It is the Liberal Democrats – the strongest Remain party – that must speak the loudest and clearest, not for ourselves but for the communities we represent and the country we love.

Brexit is the totemic issue of our time: it threatens everything that we love, value and cherish. But Brexit is just one symptom of the poisonous politics that is festering in our country.

We need to be winning not just elections, but hearts and minds. We need to be building a new liberal movement with a strong Liberal Democrats at its heart.

Together, we can do this.

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Together, we will unite the forces of Remain, we will reach out to the millions of small 'l' liberals who find themselves without a political home.

Together, we will reach out to those that have been abandoned by the ideological dogma of Jeremy Corbyn's Labour, to those left behind by the radical right-wing takeover of the Conservatives and those that have been deserted by the SNP's obsession with breaking up the United Kingdom.

Together, we will stop Brexit.

We will reach out to communities that have never heard a liberal voice and we will speak up for them.

Whether you're a gay teenager growing up in Cornwall, a single parent who recently immigrated to Manchester, or a minimum-wage worker barely getting by in Glasgow, I want you to know that the Liberal Democrats have your back.

We will fight with everything we have for you and your communities, we will fight for the Britain we believe in.

Now is the time for liberals to rise up and unite. Now is the time to build a new liberal movement.

Now is the time for the Liberal Democrats.

Jo Swinson,
Leader of the Liberal Democrats

Conference information

If you have any questions on-site, please ask a steward or go to the Information Desk in the main foyer of the BIC.

Be aware that flash photography is frequently used in the auditorium. Please ensure that all mobile phones are on silent before entering the auditorium.

Please note that access to the BIC is only possible with a valid conference pass.

Accessibility

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

conferences@libdems.org.uk

Auditorium facilities

- There is access to the stage via a wheelchair lift stage right. The chair of the session will ensure wheelchair users are called in plenty of time to access the stage.
- An induction loop system, which can be linked to hearing aids.
- Sign language interpretation during all auditorium sessions; a number of seats are reserved for attendees using this service, at the front of the auditorium.
- Reserved seats at the front of the auditorium for those who would benefit from being closer to the stage due to a visual impairment.

Mobility aids

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

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use around the conference venue – please note that they need to be returned each evening. To request the use of an electric scooter, please contact:

conferences@libdems.org.uk

Mobility minibus shuttle

There will be a complimentary minibus between the Highcliff Marriott and BIC. It will include space for three wheelchairs and priority will be given for those who are less able. It will run continually between the two locations between the following times:

Saturday 14 Sept: 08.15–10.15, 12.45–14.45 and 19.45–21.45.

Sunday 15 Sept: 08.15–09.45, 12.30–14.30 and 18.00–19.30.

Monday 16 Sept: 08.30–09.30, 10.45–14.15 and 18.00–09.30.

Tuesday 17 Sept: 08.30–09.30 and 15.30–16.30.

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 conference budget as well as donations from party members. Contributions made by members are ring-fenced. Where applicable, unused donations will be carried over to the next conference.

For details see:

www.libdems.org.uk/access-fund

Accommodation

Accommodation can be booked via our local partner:

www.libdems.org.uk/autumn_conference_accommodation

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ATM

There is a free-of-charge ATM next to the front entrance of the BIC.

Cloakroom

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC). There is a cloakroom in the Main Foyer of the BIC – a charge of £1.50 per item applies.

On the last day of conference your hotel should be able to store your luggage for you after checkout and there will be a left luggage facility at the Highcliff Marriott – see page 9. Please do not bring your luggage to the BIC.

Coffee, tea and water

Please bring your re-usable cup to conference to obtain a 10% discount on the price of a hot drink at the BIC. And bring your own reusable water bottle which can be refilled with tap water upon request at the café and bars at the BIC.

Conference Extra and Daily

Conference Extra is published ahead of conference and Conference Daily each day at conference, containing updates to the agenda including changes to timings, amendments, topical issues, emergency motions and questions to reports, available via the Conference App and at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Limited hard copies of Conference Daily will be available each morning – enquire at the Information Desk.

Be green – Go paperless!

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Distribution of literature

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

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

Federal Board helpdesk

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

Saturday	14 Sept.	14.00–16.00
Sunday	15 Sept.	10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00
Monday	16 Sept.	10.30–12.30 and 14.00–16.00
Tuesday	17 Sept.	10.30–12.30

Federal Conference Committee helpdesk

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

Saturday	14 Sept.	13.00–15.00
Sunday	15 Sept.	10.30–12.30
Monday	16 Sept.	10.30–12.30
Tuesday	17 Sept.	10.30–12.30

First Aid

In the event of needing First Aid, please speak to a conference steward, go

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to the Information Desk or to the first aid room at the BIC. The stewards will arrange for First Aiders to attend and/or request a paramedic.

Information Desk

The Information Desk is located in the main foyer of the BIC and is open as follows:

Saturday	14 Sept.	08.30–20.00
Sunday	15 Sept.	08.30–18.30
Monday	16 Sept.	08.30–18.30
Tuesday	17 Sept.	08.30–15.30

You can contact the Information Desk by email:

conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk

Internet access

Free wifi is available in the BIC and Highcliff Marriott.

BIC

Network name: _LibDems2019

no password required

Highcliff Marriot

Username: Marriott_Meetings

Password (case sensitive): MARRIOTTMEETINGS2019

Left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available at the Highcliff Marriott between 08.00 and 17.00 on Tuesday 17 September. Please note that capacity is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. A charge of £2 per item will apply.

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Mental Health First Aiders

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England are pleased to be providing onsite mental health first aid support to Liberal Democrat conference attendees. If you need assistance, please visit the Bourne Lounge on the first floor of the BIC.

Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference where you can ask questions of our spokespeople. All sessions take place in the BIC. See Conference Extra and Daily for details.

Quiet room

A quiet room is available for those needing a quiet space or for prayer or meditation. The room is the Purbeck store on the ground floor of the BIC. Please be respectful of others using the room.

Recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans are available throughout the BIC. Please make use of the collection bins.

Registration on-site

On-site registration is located on the ground floor of the BIC and is open at the following times:

Saturday	14 Sept.	08.30–18.00
Sunday	15 Sept.	08.30–17.30
Monday	16 Sept.	08.30–17.30
Tuesday	17 Sept.	08.30–12.30

Please note that you may experience queues at busy times.

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We strongly advise all wishing to attend conference to pre-register via:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

If you have lost your conference photo pass, visit on-site registration to arrange a re-print. A replacement fee of £10 applies.

Security and safety

Access to the BIC is possible only with a valid conference 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 may be subject to random bag searches at the entrance. To ensure you can access the venue as quickly as possible please only bring essential items with you into the conference venue. Please allow time for queuing during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

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

Transport and travel

The BIC is approximately 25 minutes walk from Bournemouth train station and 8 minutes from the Highcliff Marriott.

Coach

National Express, the UK's largest coach network, is offering all those attending the Autumn conference a 50% discount on coach travel to Bournemouth between 13 and 18 September 2019.

Visit nationalexpress.com/libdem to book, using discount code: LibDemBournemouth19.

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Parking

The BIC has a multi-storey car park for 650 cars – collect a ticket upon arrival and pay when you leave.

For parking information contact Bournemouth Borough Council Car Parks on: 01202 451364.

Conference hotel plan

There is a plan of the Highcliff Marriott Hotel in the printed Directory and at: www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Conference venue plan

There is a plan of the BIC in the printed Directory and at: www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Spring conference 2020

Next Spring conference will be in York, 13–15 March 2020.

Book your accommodation at visityork.org/libdems

The exhibition

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

Saturday	14 Sept.	09.00–18.00
Sunday	15 Sept.	09.00–18.00
Monday	16 Sept.	09.00–18.00
Tuesday	17 Sept.	09.00–15.30

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- CZ7 Liberal Democrat Image
- CZ8 RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems
- CZ9 Prater Raines Ltd
- CZ10 Park Communications

Exhibition plan

There is a plan of the exhibiton in the printed Directory and at:
www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Directory of exhibitors

ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrats

ALDC and LGA Lib Dems provide advice, training 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 22 & 23

ALDE Party

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party is the party for liberal democrat values in Europe. It consists of 58 member parties including the Liberal Democrats and thousands of individual members.

www.aldeparty.eu

Stand 16

ALTER

ALTER seeks to build support for Land Value Taxation amongst Liberal Democrats; and to promote and campaign for this policy as a more sustainable and just resource-based economic system.

www.libdemsalter.org.uk

Stand 36

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 48

EXHIBITION

Association of Lib Dem 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 37

Berber Leather

High-quality artisan leather goods from Morocco including laptop bags, saddle bags shoulder bags, purses, belts and ****NEW**** for his year rucksacks, totes and overnight bags. Functional, durable, fashionable and affordable!

www.berberleather.com

Stand 3

Best for Britain

Best for Britain is the cross-party campaign, launched in April 2017 to stop Brexit. Working alongside Liberal Democrats we continue to give voice to the growing pro-European movement in the United Kingdom.

bestforbritain.org

Stand 17

Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network

Public Sector funding continues to decline, and Councils are having to find innovative ways of providing services. Our Network was borne from this uncertainty – we're committed to delivering services differently.

www.councils.coop

Stand 25

E.A.R.S.

Campaign Software

Better campaign software – easier, faster, cheaper NEW Android-Iphone Canvassing Apps. See our EASIER user interface, better targeting, safer & faster polling day tools, and why others are changing back to EARS.

www.earsonline.co.uk

Stand 14

EXHIBITION

Election Workshop

NEW: Create great leaflets online with ALDC artworker using ALDC's templates. Learn how in fifteen minutes! Election Workshop provide Liberal Democrats with print, design, envelopes, correx, posters and direct mail.

www.electionworkshop.co.uk

Stand CZ4

Green Liberal Democrats

Promoting sustainability in politics, both within and beyond our party. Visit our stand for advice about how you can make a difference. It's not just about changing the world, it's about saving it!

www.greenlibdems.org.uk @GreenLibDems

Stand 30

Guardian News & Media

Inside the essential magazine from The Guardian, you'll find expert opinion, insight and culture, curated to bring you a progressive, international perspective. Subscribe today and get free delivery, worldwide.

www.gu.com/weekly-libdem

Stand 21

Heathrow West Limited

Heathrow's expansion provides an opportunity to secure the benefits of competition. Arora Group is proposing a new terminal, called Heathrow West, drawing on its expertise in construction, hospitality and airports.

<http://heathrow-westconsultation.com>

Stand 5

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Gibraltar's Liberal Party is a sister party to the Liberal Democrats in the United Kingdom. The Deputy Chief Minister and other Government officials will be available at the Gibraltar stand to meet as many friends as possible.

www.gibraltar.gov.gi

Stand 8

EXHIBITION

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

For Liberal Democrats who believe the state should treat everyone equally regardless of their religion or belief. Recent campaigns cover caste discrimination, humanist weddings, discrimination by schools and illegal schools.

www.hsld.org.uk

Stand 15

LDCRE

LDCRE aims to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society and to fight against prejudice and discrimination based on race, colour or religion within the party and society.

www.ldcre.org.uk

Stand 24 & 27

The Legacy Fund

Find out how to leave a gift to your party in your will, or join the Legacy Society.

www.libdems.org.uk/legacyfund

Stand 51

Liberal Democrat European Group

The Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG) actively progresses and campaigns for an #ExitfromBrexit by supporting activists, social media @ LibDemEurope and annual study trips (Berlin 2019). Visit us and/or join LDEG

[@http://LDEG.org/en/page/join-ldeg](http://LDEG.org/en/page/join-ldeg)

Stand 47

LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

LGBT+ Lib Dems are the party body for gender & sexual minorities, including lesbian, gay, bi and trans people.

<https://lgbt.libdems.org.uk/en/>

Stand 31

EXHIBITION

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 33

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

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

www.disabilitylibdems.org.uk

Stand 10

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.libdemeducation.org

Stand 42

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 26

Liberal Democrat History Group

The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the Journal of Liberal History. Buy Liberal history publications, including booklets on Liberal thinkers, Liberal thought and a short history of Liberal politics in Britain.

www.liberalhistory.org.uk

Stand 40

EXHIBITION

Liberal Democrat Image

Visit Liberal Democrat Image in the exhibition for all your campaign materials. Follow us on Facebook and on our website:

www.libdemimage.co.uk

Stand CZ7

Liberal Democrat Women

Liberal Democrat Women, Britain's oldest feminist organisation. Visit our conference stand and discover why we're still needed. Join our campaign for gender equality in; Town Halls, Westminster and beyond.

www.libdemwomen.org.uk

Stand 29

Liberal Democrats 4 Seekers of Sanctuary

LD4SOS believe in standing up for asylum seekers in the UK and treating them with compassion, humanity and respect.

www.ld4sos.org.uk

Stand 43

Liberal Democrats European Parliamentary Party

Liberal Democrats MEPs.

Stand 11

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.

<http://lder.org/>

www.facebook.com/libdemsforelectoralreform/

Stand 32

EXHIBITION

Liberal Democrats in Business

Linking business people sympathetic to the Liberal Democrats to the party, to network, discuss policy and provide expertise. Contact Paul Lucraft 07802 787369 paullucraft@btinternet.com.

@LibDemsinBiz

www.LibDems.Biz

Stand 46

Liberal Democrats Muslims Forum

Support The Autumn Conference Motion against “Deprivation of UK Citizenship”. Visit LDMF Exhibition Stand 53 - Join Review Campaigns “Islamophobia” and “Anti-Semitism” Definitions adopted by LibDems.

Stand 53

Liberal Reform

Liberal Reform exists within the Liberal Democrats to promote personal liberty and a fair society supported by free, open and competitive markets. We seek to make these values central to party policy.

www.liberalreform.org.uk

Stand 39

Liberator Magazine

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 35

London Liberal Democrats

London Liberal Democrats have a busy year ahead! After winning the European elections in London in 2019, join our campaign to win the Mayor of London and Greater London Assembly seats in 2020.

www.londonlibdems.org.uk

Stand 45

EXHIBITION

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England

MHFA England courses empower people to care for themselves and others. We train people to recognise signs of mental ill health, offer first aid, and guide someone to support for recovery.

<https://mhfaengland.org>

Stand 52

Midlands Engine

The Midlands Engine is a coalition of Councils, Combined Authority, Local Enterprises, Universities and businesses, working collaboratively to promote economic growth across the Midlands and UK PLC.

www.midlandsengine.org

Stand 20

National Education Union

The National Education Union brings together the voices of more than 450,000 teachers, lecturers, support staff and leaders, to form the largest education union in Europe. Visit our stand to find out why we are campaigning to end toxic testing in schools. Together, we'll shape the future of education.

www.neu.org.uk

Stand 9

National Liberal Club

The London home of Liberalism.

www.nlc.org.uk

Stand 34

Park Communications

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

www.parkcom.co.uk

Stand CZ10

EXHIBITION

Parliamentary Candidates Association

The PCA provides support to Party members wishing to become MPs. It provides guidance and mentoring at every stage from approval and selection through to election campaigning membership enquiries: Jane Smithard (jane.smithard@btinternet.com).

www.libdempca.org.uk

Stand 18

Prater Raines Ltd

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.praterraines.co.uk

Stand CZ9

Print & Digital Associates Ltd – “The Tabloid Newspaper Specialists”

PDA are experts in printing 4pp tabloid newspaper flyers. With the option for multiple editions; fast turnaround we can help you save time and money. Contact John Croucher: 07880724570 / johnc@printanddigitalassociates.co.uk.

www.printanddigitalassociates.co.uk

Stand CZ1

Prospect Magazine

Prospect established itself as the home of intelligent debate. It tackles the big challenges confronting society through rigorous analysis and fine writing, in pieces that prompt you to think again.

www.prospectmagazine.co.uk

Stand 28

RemainerNow

RemainerNow is a volunteer led grassroots campaign which gives a voice to those who voted Leave or abstained in 2016 EU Referendum and have now changed their minds.

www.remainernow.com

Stand 13

EXHIBITION

Rights Liberties Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers)

Human Rights, Civil Liberties and Access to Justice, visit us for info and join R-L-J (at special introductory rate of £2).

www.rights-liberties-justice.uk

Stand 49

RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems

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

www.riso.co.uk

www.midshire.co.uk

Stand CZ8

Social Democrat Group

To ensure that social democracy has a voice in policy making and the party political programme, particularly to promote social justice and reduction of poverty.

www.facebook.com/SocialDemocratGroup

Stand 12

Social Liberal Forum

SLF exists to create a society where everyone has access to the wealth, power and opportunity to enable us to lead full and rewarding lives, unfettered by conformity and hardship.

www.socialliberal.net

Stand 50

Thakeham Group

Thakeham is a South East developer specialising in private residential and quality affordable homes. Thakeham works with local authorities to enhance communities; including infrastructure, road improvements, community facilities and schools.

www.thakeham.com

Stand 1

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Volunteering with the Liberal Democrats

Come and learn about volunteering opportunities with the party! Whether you're a new member or you've been around for years, your next step in the party starts here.

www.libdems.org.uk/volunteer-opportunities

Stand 38

Young Liberals

We provide a platform for young people and students to have their voices heard and act as a radical pressure group within the Liberal Democrats.

www.youngliberals.uk

Stand 44

Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference where you can ask questions of our spokespeople. All sessions take place in the BIC.

See Conference Extra and Conference Daily for details.

Fringe guide

Official fringe venues

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

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

Locations of venues are shown on the map of Bournemouth City Centre on the back cover of the printed Directory and at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Fringe meeting access

All fringe events listed in the BIC and Highcliff Marriott (our official venues) are wheelchair-accessible. If you experience any access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.

If you have any concerns or compliments about a fringe event at conference, please contact the event organiser during or at the end of the session.

Key to fringe listings

REF Refreshments provided

HEAR Hearing loop provided

INV By invitation only

Autumn Conference Training Programme

Learn new skills, take on a new role

Welcome to our Autumn Conference training programme. Whether you joined the party a month ago or decades ago, there are training opportunities for everyone.

We want to make it really easy to find the right training for you. That is why every course is 'tagged' with coloured buttons that give you an idea of the different skills you will learn.

You can turn up to any training session you wish to, unless otherwise indicated. However, please be aware that our Conference training is always really popular, and spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you miss a session and would like to know how you can access it remotely, please email us on training@libdems.org.uk

Enjoy your conference!

Sarah Green, Chair, Federal Training Committee.

What skills will you learn at conference?

diversity:

Learn how to engage diverse people and communities or how to build a successful and sustainable political career as someone from an under-represented group.

campaigning:

Whether you have been campaigning and fighting elections for decades or are just getting started, learn the latest techniques and brush up on your skills.

digital:

Learn how to get the most from the party's suite of digital tools. Find out how to engage voters and supporters through a range of digital channels.

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compliance:

These courses will keep you up to date on legal and compliance issues. Particularly useful for election agents and local party officers.

fundraising:

Whether you are trying to win an election or grow your local party, fundraising is crucial. Learn how to fundraise, get ideas, tips, tricks as well as advice and support.

personal:

Personal development courses will help you develop a range of skills that will enable you to grow in your roles within the Liberal Democrats as well as in the outside world.

party roles:

Across the party there are many roles you could take on. Learn the skills needed to take on different party roles and find out about how you can develop your skills further.

teams:

Building diverse, winning teams is crucial to our success at all levels. These courses will help you build a team and enable your team to thrive and grow further.

Top Tip for Training

The coloured buttons make suggestions as to what skills you will learn in each session. Use this as a guide to help you find the right training for your needs.

Getting the most out of your training

Some subjects have more than one module. If you can, try and do each module in order.

Find the right training sessions for you...

Not sure what training opportunities at conference are right for you? Contact us at training@libdems.org.uk and we will happily help guide you.

Can't make it to a session?

Email: training@libdems.org.uk to find out how to access it remotely.

Saturday 14 September

Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30

Prospect Magazine

A question of leadership: the party's new boss in perspective

A discussion chaired by Tom Clark of Prospect magazine.

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR

Liberal Democrats Animal Welfare Platform

Join us for the Launch of the Liberal Democrats Animal Welfare Platform

Join Alistair Carmichael MP, DEFRA spokesperson in the House of Commons, Siobhan Benita and Sonul Badiani-Hammett for the launch of the Liberal Democrats Animal Welfare Platform and panel discussion with a Q&A on the implications of Brexit for animal welfare.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

Green Liberal Democrats

Climate Emergency Policy and Motion – Options and Outcomes

Briefing by Duncan Brack outlining LibDem policy on Climate Change with Q&A panel including Wera Hobhouse MP and Catherine Bearder MEP (TBC) on the CC conference motion (based on Policy 134) with key principles, sector actions, targets and reasoning.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR REF

Liberal Democrat Voice

What sacrifices are you prepared to make for the Planet?

Climate Change is the greatest challenge facing humankind. Panel: Ed Davey, Jo Swinson, Cathy Bakewell, Mark Campanale of the Carbon Tracker Initiative and Luke Murphy, Head of IPPR's Environmental Justice Commission, Associate Director for Energy, Climate, Housing and Infrastructure.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester North

REF

Social Liberal Forum and Liberator

Why Core Social Liberal Agenda is at the heart of British Politics

Will Hutton – an economist, Observer columnist, Principal of Hertford College Oxford, Chair of the Big Innovation Centre and author, amongst other works, of 'The State We're In' – will propose this idea. Chaired by Denali Ranashinghe (member of the SLF Council).

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester South

Liberal Democrat European Group

The Brexit Debate

Your opportunity to engage with our Parliamentarians from Westminster and Brussels on Brexit and hear the perspective from our European allies. What are its implications? And what do we they think are the next steps needed to Stop Brexit?

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

Social Democrat Group

Beyond Brexit, how do we reunite the country?

We want all people to live together in peace with a sense of partnership (from our constitution). But Brexit has created serious divisions. How do we campaign after Brexit, and bring our country together? Speakers: to be confirmed.

www.facebook.com/SocialDemocratGroup.

Highcliff Marriott, Sandbanks

Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

ALDES Annual General Meeting

Join ALDES as we review the year and select our new executive. STEAM is the backbone of an evidence based party – join ALDES and help us develop party policy and campaign!

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Life-long Learning and the Skills Gap

What are the key issues for party policy? Join Baroness Margaret Sharp, David Hughes (Association of Colleges) and Dame Ruth Silver (Further Education Trust for Learning) and others to discuss the way forward. Soft drinks available.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

Fringe Saturday early evening 18.15–19.30

Members' Rally

No conference experience is complete without joining Lib Dems from across the country at the Conference Rally! Always a highlight of conference, come join leading parliamentarians and special guests.

BIC, Auditorium

Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

South East Liberal Democrats

South East Region Drinks Reception

South East Liberal Democrats Members' Reception. Come and meet Antony Hook MEP, fellow South East Members and members of the Regional Executive over a drink. Cash bar.

BIC, Avon

HEAR

LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

LGBT+? Are You Getting the Service You Need?

Join us to debate the state of provision for health and social services for the LGBT+ community, whether it's PrEP on the NHS, positive health outcomes for trans people, or preventing isolation in old age.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR

Green Liberal Democrats

The Hydrogen Economy – what can it achieve, technology options and how to deliver?

Briefings on renewable Hydrogen Production, distribution, storage and use to solve renewable HEAT problems with talks by Prof. Malcolm McCulloch (TBC), Oxford Univ Energy Research Institute, TBA, GasNetworks, and Martyn Bridges, Tech. Dir. Worcester-Bosch Group, with Q&A panel Lord Chris Fox and Alistair Carmichael MP.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR REF

Liberal Reform

How Liberal Democrat Councils Can Build More Homes

Following a great set of results at this year's local elections there are far more Liberal Democrat councils, but how can they help end the housing crisis? Cllr Sara Bedford, Cllr Jayne McCoy and YIMBY Alliance join us to discuss.

BIC, Meyrick

HEAR

Parliamentary Candidates' Association and English Party

Candidates' Drink Reception

Over the past couple of years, Lib Dem candidates have delivered great results up and down the country. So the Parliamentary Candidates' Association, English Party and the Lib Dem HQ Candidates' Office have teamed up to say thank you. Come for a wine and hear from some great speakers.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston

INV REF

Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

Help in developing local STEM campaigns and policies

How can we better govern and campaign locally on STEM? We'll connect you to local authority leaders looking to use your STEM ideas and insights to tackle the thorny problems their communities face. Bring your ideas – all welcome.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester North

REF

FRINGE SATURDAY MID EVENING CONTINUED

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

LDCF reception and panel discussion on our UK immigration policy

Is a coherent and fair UK Immigration policy possible for the 21st Century? Join Tim Farron MP and other agencies involved with refugees and asylum seekers for a discussion on the causes of migration, the issues and possible solutions.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

REF

Liberal Democrat Creative Network

The Power of Creativity

Jane Bonham-Carter, spokesperson for DDCMS, invites you to meet the Network and join our mission to focus support for the Creative Industries and theirs for the Liberal Democrats. Introduction by Paul Roseby, Artistic Director National Youth Theatre. Plus Special Guest Star.

Note: this event starts at 19.30

The Cosy Club, The Deck, 34 Old Christchurch Rd BH1 1LG]

Fringe Saturday late evening 22.00–01.00

Lib Dem Disco

We've never had a Lib Dem Party as young or vibrant as we do right now. Come and celebrate our success with best night out at conference, the Lib Dem Disco. Christine Jardine MP will defend her DJ crown from an exciting line up of very surprise guests! Tickets £10 from www.libdemdisco.co.uk or on the door.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite

Planning Futures and BECG

The planning and housing reception

This reception seeks to bring together representatives and stakeholders from within the UK's built environment sector, and whom have an interest in creating great places for communities big and small. Keynote speaker to be announced.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

INV REF

Training Programme: Saturday

Saturday 09.30–10.45

Make the most of your first year as a 'Newbie'

Meet other newbies and learn about what you can do to help the party and what the party can do to help you - includes a 'guided tour' of the Conference venue.

Federal Conference Committee

BIC, Branksome

personal

Introduction to digital campaigning

(This session is part 1 of 2, it is recommended to attend both sessions)

Get started with digital campaigning essentials and learn where to start if you're beginning a digital campaign from scratch.

Digital team

BIC, Durley

digital

You could be an MP

Thinking about Parliamentary candidate approval? We want to encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds.

Candidates team

BIC, Westbourne

party roles - personal - diversity

Pick a ward and win it – An Introduction to Focus and Literature

Perfect place for new campaigners looking to create leaflets and make an impact in their area.

ALDC

Marriott, Sherborne

campaigning

Photos that tell stories

Hints, tips and best practice on how to get the best campaigning pictures for online and offline use.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester North

campaigning

Taking on Independents and the Green Party

Come along to pick up and share best practice from fighting Independent and Green Party candidates in local elections.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester South

campaigning

Unconscious Bias

Unconscious Bias is the source of prejudice and discrimination. Understanding how to recognise Unconscious Bias and challenge it appropriately is the key to building high performing teams.

Diversity & CGB

Marriott, Shaftesbury

party roles - personal - diversity

Speaking at Conference (women only)

Find out what is involved with speaking at Conference and how to make the most of an opportunity to do so.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

diversity - personal

Be an Agent – Module 1 of 4

(This training is being run over 4 modules. Check your training guide for the other modules. Each module is being run twice)

What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns.

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

compliance - party roles

ALDC Artworker – The new way to Artwork

ALDC Artworker is a new tool to help Lib Dem campaigners create leaflets and direct mail online. Come and find out more!

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford

campaigning - digital

Phonebanking 101

Dive straight into the basics of phone- canvassing, including how to use Connect, different kinds of phone canvassing and what works best when talking to voters over the phone. Bring your laptop if you can!

Volunteer team

Marriott, Yeovil

campaigning

Winning on the doorsteps

A session covering the difference that an effective doorstep canvassing operation can make and how you can do it in your area.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

teams - campaigning

Training Saturday 11.15–12.30

Powerful political storytelling

What's the most powerful way to motivate voters? Storytelling. This interactive workshop explains briefly the science underlying why stories work and gives you the framework and tools to create stories to engage different audiences on and offline.

Campaigns team

BIC, Branksome

campaigning - personal

Introduction to being an approved candidate

Get vital info about how to join the team of Lib Dem candidates. Ideal for new members looking to make the most of their first 12 months of membership.

Candidates team

BIC, Westbourne

party roles - personal

How we beat the Tories in 2019

A case-study led session that takes the best lessons from local election successes vs the Tories.

Campaigns Team

Marriott, Dorchester North

campaigning - teams

Advanced digital campaigning

(This session is part 2 of 2, it is recommended to attend both sessions)

Learn how to add more advanced techniques to your digital campaign to take it to the next level and help win more elections.

Digital team

BIC, Durley

campaigning - digital

Around the party in 60 minutes

Find out how the party works, who runs what and how you can get more involved as we take a whistlestop tour around the party.

Federal People Development Committee

Candidates Team

Marriott, Dorchester South

party roles - diversity - personal

Be a Councillor – Keeping your council seat

So you've won! Brilliant! Now learn how to keep your seat and grow your team. A must for all councillors, especially those elected for the first time.

ALDC

Marriott, Sherborne

party roles - personal

Voice Coaching

Make your voice a huge campaign asset. Find out how to make yourself heard with clarity and confidence.

Candidates Team

Marriott, Shaftesbury

personal

Volunteer drop in session

Come and learn about volunteering with the party and at LDHQ. Members can register their interest, ask questions and learn about the opportunities we have to offer.

Volunteer team

Marriott, Yeovil

personal

Be an Agent – Module 2 of 4

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What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns.

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

compliance - party roles

Talking to voters – Knocking on doors and using minivan

Develop and practice your canvassing skills ready to get the information you need on the doorstep.

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford

campaigning

Don't feed the trolls (women only)

Women politicians have particular challenges in the digital world. Come and find out how to manage them.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

digital - personal - diversity

PATHWAY: From starting small to winning big

A session for local parties that are starting from a smaller electoral base.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning - teams

ALDC with Mark Pack – How to repeat our 2019 election triumph in 2020

Over 700 new councillors were elected in 2019, and then 16 MEPs in the Euro Elections. Find out how to keep the momentum going for further success in 2020.

ALDC

Hermitage Hotel, Hardy suite

campaigning - teams

Training Saturday 15.00-16.15

Public speaking

Everyone gets nervous about speaking in public. This workshop gives you the practical skills to master your nerves and present yourself confidently, powerfully and truthfully both in political and other occasions.

Campaigns team

BIC, Branksome

campaigning - personal

Campaigning in rural communities

How to face the challenges of winning votes and running campaigns in rural communities. This session will include lessons from the Brecon and Radnorshire by-election and 2019 council elections.

Campaigns Team

Marriott, Dorchester North

campaigning - teams

Winning your membership campaign

You've got loads of members & supporters - but how do you get them out campaigning? Come along to find out how!

Membership Team

BIC, Durley

teams - party roles

Fundraising for developing local parties

Take your local party to the next level by raising the money you need to win. This session is suited to growing or developing local parties by tackling the basics of fundraising using digital and events.

Fundraising Team

Marriott, Dorchester South

fundraising - party roles

Be a Councillor – Effective council groups

Learn how to make the most out of your Council group and plan for the future too.

ALDC

Marriott, Sherborne

teams - personal

Becoming an Assistant Returning Officer

(Double session until 17.30)

Play a role in ensuring fairness of selections. Attending will enable you to qualify as an Assistant Returning Officer - helping us to get candidates in place earlier.

Candidates team

Marriott, Shaftesbury

compliance - party roles

Resilience for women (women only)

Coping brilliantly with the ups and downs of political life is the mark of a top candidate.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

diversity - personal

How we beat Labour in 2019

A case-study led session that takes the best lessons from local election successes vs Labour.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

campaigning - teams

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ALDC

Marriott, Blandford

compliance - party roles

How can CGB help you? (women only)

Come along and find out how CGB can help you succeed within the party.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Yeovil

diversity - personal

PATHWAY: Making the jump to becoming a target seat

A session for local parties that have had some success, but want to make the jump to becoming a target seat.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning - teams

Saturday 'bitesize' training sessions. 16.30–17.30 (times vary)

Introduction to being a Chair

Thinking about becoming your local party Chair for next year? Why not come and find out more about what the role entails?

Membership Team

BIC, Branksome (16.30–17.00)

Introduction to being a Local Party Secretary

Thinking about becoming a local party officer for next year? Why not come and find out more about what the role entails?

Membership and Compliance Teams

BIC, Durley (16.30–17.00)

Fundraising - How to approach large donors

Asking for money can be daunting, but only if you're not prepared. Get the skills you need to approach major donors, and ask for the donations you need to win your campaign. Ideal for candidates and local party campaigners.

Fundraising team

Marriott, Dorchester South (16.30–17.30)

fundraising - personal

Introduction to being a Treasurer

Thinking about becoming your local party's Treasurer for next year? Why not come and find out more about what the role entails?

Membership Team

BIC, Branksome (17.00–17.30)

Introduction to being a Membership Development Officer

Thinking about becoming a local party officer for next year? Why not come and find out more about what the role entails?

Membership and Compliance Teams

BIC, Durley (17.00–17.30)

How we won the EU elections and how to keep the votes we won

A session on how we identified, engaged and won over our target audience for the EU elections and what we do to keep them.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester North (16.30–17.30)

campaigning

Pick a ward and win it - High vis campaigning

Learn how and why you should add hi-vis campaigning into your core campaign plan. Make an impact in the community with street stalls, litter picks and more!

ALDC

Marriott, Sherborne (16.30-17.30)

campaigning

Training Saturday 16.30-17.30

Developing Skills - Raising the money

If you want to run winning campaigns you need to raise money. What funding is needed? What are the most effective ways can we raise money? What motivates people to give?

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford

fundraising

Burning the candle at both ends (open to all)

Learn how to develop a better balance between politics, work and life in general! Top tips on staying sane and rested as a political activist.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Yeovil

personal - diversity

Campaign workshop - Campaigning on Climate Change

We can make a difference in our areas and local councils on one of the World's most pressing issues. Come and share your ideas and find out more from others.

ALDC

Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite

campaigning

Writing a brilliant hustings speech (women only)

Learn about how to structure a hustings speech and how to persuade people to vote for you.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

diversity - personal

Getting your message right

How to use the party's messaging framework to create and craft winning campaigns.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning

PagePlus workshop

(Bring your own laptop)

We have some brilliant PagePlus design experts. Bring your laptop along to our PagePlus workshop for some skills-based help.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

campaigning - digital

Sunday 15 September

Fringe Sunday morning 08.00–09.00

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England

99 (£billion) problems: Mental health and the UK Economy

Mental ill health costs our economy approximately £99 billion annually. The UK economy needs to improve its approach to mental ill health. We will explore the effectiveness of proposals to address this, including the provision of crisis support by employers.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford 3

Fringe Sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Education Policy Institute and Core Cities UK

Upskilling our cities in an age of uncertainty

Chair: Rt Hon. David Laws (Executive Chair, Education Policy Institute). Jonn Elledge (New Statesman), invited; Lord Kerslake (Chair, UK2070 Commission), invited; Layla Moran MP (Education Spokesperson), invited; Chris Murray (Director, Core Cities UK); and Frances O'Grady (General Secretary, TUC), invited.

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR REF

National Education Union

Toxic testing – why fundamental reforms are needed now

Join National Education Union Joint General Secretary Kevin Courtney and Liberal Democrat Education Spokesperson Layla Moran MP to discuss whether there is too much testing in our schools and what an alternative education system would look like.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

Lib Dems Overseas and Lib Dems in Europe Local Parties

Stop 5.5 million Brits abroad being left out in the cold!

At a time of possible Brexit, launch of first policy of any political party for Brits abroad: www.libdems.org.uk/abroad. Debate with Baroness Brinton, President Liberal Democrats; MEPs Irina von Wiese and Phil Bennion; local party chairs George Cunningham and Rob Harrison.

BIC, Meyrick

HEAR

Action for Land Tax and Economic Reform

Peoples Land Dividend

Council Tax is no longer for fit purpose. Andrew Dixon is an entrepreneur who champions fundamental reform of land taxation. He will be joined by Dominic Humphrey, a data scientist specialising in policy analysis and design for the built environment.

BIC, Westbourne

HEAR

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

AGM, with Lord Jonathan Marks: the Cohabitation Bill and Unregistered Religious Marriages

All welcome. Hold your current committee to account and elect your new committee. Plus guest speaker Lord Jonathan Marks: can his Cohabitation Bill protect spouses whose religious marriages have never been legally recognised?

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

HM Government of Gibraltar

Brexit today – Update from Gibraltar, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Dr Joseph Garcia (Deputy Chief Minister of HM Government of Gibraltar), Jane Dodds (Lib Dem Wales Leader), Alex Cole-Hamilton (MSP) and a representative from Northern Ireland will give an update on Brexit 3 years on from EU Referendum.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston

REF

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

Trump, Palestine and the UK Role

Discussion led by Dr Husam Zomlot, Palestinian Envoy to Great Britain, and Chris Gunness, former UNWRA spokesman and human rights campaigner.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester North

REF

Social Liberal Forum

Wolves in the Forest: tackling inequality in the 21st century

Launch of SLF's new collection of essays (details at www.socialliberal.net).

Contributors include Kirsten Johnson (PPC, North Devon), Lord Peter Hain, Sophie in t'Veld MEP (D66), Layla Moran MP and Professor David Howarth.

Chaired by Iain Brodie-Browne (Chair, SLF).

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester South

Progressive Centre UK

Conversation with Chuka Umunna on the future of progressive politics in Britain

Chuka Umunna MP, chair of the the Progressive Centre UK's advisory board, will join us for a lively and wide ranging conversation on the future of progressive politics in Britain, taking questions from the moderator and the audience.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

REF

Rights Liberties Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

Unravelling constitution; Brexit effect on rule of law and political power balance.

With the UK's uncodified constitution broken by Brexit, how can we rebuild liberal democracy, restore political legitimacy, and secure a stable constitutional settlement. Chair: James Sandbach, invited. Jo Maughan QC, Good Law Project; David Howarth; Daisy Cooper, More-United; Sarah Ludford.

Highcliff Marriott, Sandbanks

REF

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)

“I just want to study”

Young asylum seekers and refugees in the UK see education as the key to unlocking their futures. Senior leaders from Refugee Support Network explain how policy and practice could be changed to overcome the educational barriers facing them. Plus Q&A.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

REF

London Liberal Democrats

Less talk, more action – what are the solutions to knife crime?

Following their work on the Parliamentary Youth Violence Commission, Siobhan Benita, candidate for Mayor of London, and Leroy Logan, Former Met Police Superintendent and Black Police Association Chair, discuss and answer questions about serious violence affecting youngsters in our cities.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15

NEU Councillor Network

The future of education funding

Join National Education Union Joint General Secretary Kevin Courtney, Councillor Sam Foulder-Hughes from Kingston Council and others to debate why education cuts need to be reversed and the level of investment that is needed in the future.

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR REF

LIBG (Liberal International British Group)

“Lampedusa” the colliding point of the International migration crisis?

The discussion will focus on the international migration crisis colliding on such a remote Italian island and the consequences for the world’s peace and security, chaired by Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett, with speakers (to be confirmed).

BIC, Durley

HEAR

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

The forthcoming Israeli General Election (17 September 2019) – what to expect and why

An expert panel debates the forthcoming Israeli General Election. From the Peace Process to the electoral prospects for the centrist, secular, Zionist Blue and White Party – it promises to be an exhilarating discussion. Chaired by Gavin Stollar (Hon. Chair, LDFI).

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

REF

Liberal Democrat Peers

Peers All Ears!

Your chance to meet the Liberal Democrat Peers! Come and talk to them about your views on anything that matters to you in an informal, meet and mingle setting. New members particularly welcome. Tea and coffee will be served.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester North

REF

People's Postcode Lottery

Scottish Liberal Democrat conference reception

People's Postcode Lottery is delighted to sponsor the Scottish Liberal Democrat conference reception. Please join us for drinks and canapes and find out about the over £450m of funding players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester South

REF

Social Liberal Forum and the Electoral Reform Society

Reining in the Political 'Wild West': Digital Campaigning, Electoral Transparency and Security

Chaired by Prof David Howarth (Electoral Commissioner 2010–2018), the panel will discuss the subject's academic, political and campaigning perspectives, with Dr Jessica Garland (ERS Campaign), Kyle Taylor (Fair Vote Project) and MP Wera Hobhouse (All Party Group on Campaign Transparency).

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

REF

Young Liberals

Young People on your Local Party Exec

YL hosts a panel discussion on what young people can gain from sitting on a local party executive, and the skills and engagement they bring to the party – a discussion sure to be of value to members of all ages!

Highcliff Marriott, Sandbanks

Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) with the Institute for Government (IfG)

At a tipping point? How can technology help deliver access to justice?

Will Lawtech's growth provide innovative ways to help us all make better choices and find more affordable legal services? Chaired by Gavin Freeguard (Institute for Government); speakers include: David Heath (SRA Board), Baroness Susan Kramer (invited), Chuka Umunna MP (invited).

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

HEAR REF

Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Liberal Democrats

Conference Quiz

Come along and watch as Alastair Carmichael MP delivers an entertaining night of questions and laughter.

Tickets may be available on the door depending on availability.

Note: this event starts at 20.00 and ends at 21.30

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite

Liberal Democrat History Group

The Liberal Party, Health Policy and the Origins of the NHS

Although Labour claims the credit for establishing the NHS, it was Liberal governments that laid the foundations. Dr Chris Renwick (University of York) and Lord Kenneth O. Morgan assess the Liberals' contribution to UK health policy. Chair: Baroness Judith Jolly.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

Solicitors Regulation Authority

Solicitors Regulation Authority conference reception

Join us for drinks and canapés, hosted by SRA Board member and former Liberal Democrat Minister David Heath. Come and chat about our work protecting the public and upholding high professional standards in the legal profession across England and Wales.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

REF

Best for Britain and Remaniacs Podcast

THANK YOU party – no invitation needed, open to all members

The Liberal Democrats have been loud and they have been proud in saying 'BOLLOCKS TO BREXIT!' Join Ed, Layla and Jo as anti-Brexit organisation, Best for Britain, and makers of the Remaniacs Podcast, say THANK YOU to Lib Dem members.

Note: this event ends at 21.30

Bar So, The Private Bar, Exeter Rd, Bournemouth BH2 5AG

Fringe Sunday late evening 21.30–late

London Liberal Democrats

Lib Dem Communiok

Join London Liberal Democrats and some special guests and raise the roof with your favourite songs. In this Karaoke extravaganza, the screens face the audience and all are involved. Entry by wristband – £10. All welcome.

Note: this event starts at 22.30

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite

Liberal Democrats

Whisky tasting with Alistair Carmichael MP

A unique opportunity to taste, discuss and learn a bit about malt whisky in a relaxed, friendly environment. RSVP by emailing libdemfow@gmail.com or call 07469 714839.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

Training Programme: Sunday

Training Sunday 09.30–10.45

Powerful political storytelling

What's the most powerful way to motivate voters? Storytelling. This interactive workshop explains briefly the science underlying why stories work and gives you the framework and tools to create stories to engage different audiences on and offline.

Campaigns team

BIC, Branksome

personal - campaigning

You could be an MP

Thinking about Parliamentary candidate approval? We want to encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds. Come along and get buddied up with someone to help you complete the form!

Candidates team

BIC, Westbourne

party roles - personal

Election Law: Donations, annual accounts

How do I make sure that my local party is compliant with PPERA and how should I submit my reports to HQ Compliance?

Compliance Team

Marriott, Dorchester North

compliance

Building inclusive teams

Does your membership reflect the communities you seek to serve? Probably not as much as it should - and we all have a part to play in fixing that. Come and find out how you can help diversify your local membership. This session will explore ways you can take practical steps in fostering inclusion and increasing engagement with diverse communities in your area.

Membership & Diversity team

Marriott, Sherborne

diversity - teams

Running a data led local party

Learn how to run your local party more effectively, using the data and tools you already have so you can increase member engagement, raise more money and win more elections.

Membership team

BIC, Durley

teams - digital

Writing and targeting – Brilliant target letters and mail

A session which will help you improve your skills and techniques for creating targeted communication.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester South

personal - campaigning

Be a Councillor – keeping your Council seat

So you've won! Brilliant! Now learn how to keep your seat and grow your team. A must for all councillors, especially those elected for the first time.

ALDC

Marriott, Shaftesbury

personal - campaigning

Building an effective local party (women only)

Practical steps in fostering inclusion, addressing conflict and tackling bias. This will enable you to break through barriers to build strong and effective teams.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

diversity - teams

Ask them to stand

A session aimed at all ages that looks at encouraging young people to stand for office, and how to engage young people in local parties.

Young Liberals

Marriott, Yeovil

diversity - party roles

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ALDC

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

compliance - party roles

Leadership for women (women only)

How to lead from the front, deal with difficult people and create an effective and capable team.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Blandford

diversity - teams - personal

Putting on the squeeze

A session covering how to persuade non Lib Dem voters to lend us their vote to beat our main opponents.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning

Training Sunday 11.15–12.30

Building an inclusive local party

Does your membership reflect the communities you seek to serve? Probably not as much as it should - and we all have a part to play in fixing that. Come and find out how you can help diversify your local membership. This session will explore ways you can take practical steps in fostering inclusion and increasing engagement with diverse communities in your area.

Diversity team

Marriott, Sherborne

diversity - teams

How we beat Labour in 2019

A case-study led session that takes the best lessons from local election successes vs Labour.

Campaigns Team

Marriott, Dorchester South

campaigning

Local and regional media training

How can you make a bigger impact in your regional and local media? This session, run by the LDHQ Press Office, will give you the basic tools you need to succeed.

LDHQ Press Office

BIC, Westbourne

campaigning - personal

Public speaking

Everyone gets nervous about speaking in public. This workshop gives you the practical skills to master your nerves and present yourself confidently, powerfully and truthfully both in political and other occasions.

Campaigns team

BIC, Branksome

personal - campaigning

Digital lessons from the EU elections

At the European Elections, the team in HQ ran our biggest, most successful online campaign ever. Come along and find out what we did, how we did it and what you can replicate in your area.

Digital team

BIC, Durley

campaigning - digital

GDPR Compliance

This training will provide Local Parties with the principles and practical considerations of data protection legal requirements and best practices.

Compliance team

Marriott, Dorchester North

compliance

Confidential briefing – Winning in London in 2020 (invite only)

The Assembly and Mayoral elections in London are a huge opportunity for the Party in 2020. Find out more about the political landscape and the tactics needed to maximise our success.

ALDC

Marriott, Shaftesbury

teams - campaigning

Bringing up baby (open to all)

How to balance the realities of bringing up a new baby and a young family whilst being active in the party.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

diversity - personal

Be an Agent – Module 3 of 4

(This training is being run over 4 modules. Check your training guide for the other modules. Each module is being run twice)

What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns.

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

compliance - party roles

Interview skills for women (women only)

Find out how to impress the interview panel and get shortlisted in your selection.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Blandford

personal - diversity

Engaging with Europe

Insights on how to work productively with our young European sister groups during this turbulent time in British politics.

Young Liberals

Marriott, Yeovil

diversity - personal

PATHWAY: Upping our game (Target seats only)

A session just for target seats, focusing on improving campaign levels in target seats.

Campaign Team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning - teams

Training Sunday 15.00–16.15

Salesforce 101

Get a guided tour of the essential system for local party officers - Salesforce. This session is designed for new users, but would also work well as a refresher for experienced users.

Membership team

BIC, Branksome

digital

Selling yourself in 250 words: Writing a candidate profile

Whether you are standing for council or Westminster a good written profile is a great way to show yourself off. Come for ideas of what to include and what to avoid.

Candidates team

BIC, Westbourne

personal

Advanced online fundraising

Have you got elections coming up and want to raise money online? We'll show you how! We'll take you through creating a fundraising campaign from start to finish and you'll leave the session ready to send your first email.

Membership team

BIC, Durley

fundraising - digital

This is what good looks like

A case-study led sessions that highlights the best campaigning from local parties around the country.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester North

campaigning - teams

How we beat the Tories in 2019

A case study led session that takes the best lessons from local election successes vs the Tories

Campaigns Team

Marriott, Dorchester South

campaigning

Building a political profile in the Lib Dems (BAME only)

This session looks at the ways you can build your brand and reputation within the Lib Dems; as a local campaigner, a policy campaigner, or whether you are interested in standing for the Party in elections and much more! We will explore how best to navigate the Party, where the opportunities are and how to make the most of them. All are welcome regardless of experience.

Racial Diversity Campaign

Marriott, Sherborne

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ALDC

Marriott, Yeovil

compliance - party roles

Be a Councillor - Campaigning on the council

The council can be a great asset to your campaign. Understand how people perceive the jobs the council does and how to use that to your advantage.

ALDC

Marriott, Shaftesbury

teams - campaigning

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ALDC

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

compliance - party roles

Don't feed the trolls (open to all)

Politicians have particular challenges in the digital world. Come and find out how to manage them.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Blandford

teams - personal

Planning and winning selection, including literature (women only)

Discover how to plan and design a winning selection plan.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Sandbanks

personal - diversity

PATHWAY: Developing a winning strategy

A session focusing on developing long term strategy that delivers success in your area.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning

**Sunday 'bitesize' training sessions 16.30–17.30
(times vary)**

Introduction to being a Diversity Officer

Thinking about becoming a local party officer for next year? Why not come and meet a current one and find out more about what the role entails?

Membership Team

BIC, Durley (16.30–17.00)

The nuts and bolts of the new disciplinary system (invite only)

Join us for a quick run down of the new disciplinary system.

Federal People Development Committee

BIC, Branksome (16.30–17.30)

Digital Campaigning workshop

Bring your own laptop to our skills based session for a useful workshop on improving your Digital Campaigning skills.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester North (16.30–17.30)

digital - campaigning

SUNDAY BITESIZE TRAINING CONTINUED

Introduction to being a Data Officer

Thinking about becoming a local party officer for next year? Why not come and find out more about what the role entails?

Membership Team

BIC, Durley (17.00–17.30)

Fundraising for the short campaign

Fundraising is a vital skill for candidates, and there is no more important time for this than elections. Get some hints, tips and ideas here.

Candidates team

BIC, Westbourne (16.30–17.30)

campaigning - fundraising

Getting your message right

How to use our messaging framework to create and craft winning campaigns.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Dorchester South (16.30–17.30)

campaigning

Your journey to becoming an MP (BAME only)

This will cover all stages and is suitable for anyone interested in becoming an MP in the future. Prospective MP for Bermondsey, Cllr Humaira Ali will share her story. Session will cover: Becoming approved; Choosing your seat; Winning selection campaign; Being the PPC

Racial Diversity Campaign

Marriott, Sherborne (16.30–17.30)

Training Sunday 16.30–17.30

Pick a ward and win it - Yes you can still use emails

Email is an effective way to communicate. Under GDPR, how can we collect and store email addresses? How do we use the email addresses that we have?

ALDC

Marriott, Shaftesbury

digital - campaigning - compliance

Growing through campaigning

How advocacy campaigns can deliver change and grow your local party.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Sandbanks

teams - campaigning

Be a Councillor – approval and selection

This session covers the approvals process in detail, discussing why it is necessary, how to do it and how to carry out your local selection process.

ALDC

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

party roles - teams

Making the most of data in Connect

How to access and use data to fight winning campaigns.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Blandford

campaigning - digital

Be a Councillor – the EnAble fund for elected office

The EnAble Fund for Elected Office is intended to cover the additional financial costs associated with a disability, that would otherwise prevent someone from seeking elected office. Come to this session to find out more.

ALDC

Marriott, Yeovil

teams - diversity - personal

Connect Workshop

We have some brilliant Connect experts. Bring your laptop along for a dedicated Connect workshop.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning - digital

Monday 16 September

Fringe Monday morning 08.00–09.00

Thakeham Homes

Housing and the Generational Divide

Are young people's housing prospects suffering as a result of decisions taken by older generations? Join Thakeham Homes for a thought-provoking panel discussion involving Liberal Democrat councillors and Young Liberals on this highly important issue.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

REF

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Please join us for our annual LDCF Prayer Breakfast

This year we look forward to the privilege of having the leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats Jane Dodds speaking to us. Jane is also our PPC for Brecon & Radnorshire by-election, and hopefully by September we can add MP!

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester North

REF

Urban Transport Group

What next for transport in the city regions?

An invitation-only roundtable breakfast meeting chaired by Lord Shipley and hosted by the Urban Transport Group. Places are limited – contact info@urbantransportgroup.org for further information.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

INV REF

Fringe Monday morning 09.30–10.30

Demos – Power to Change

How can community energy power better places and support a green transition?

Speakers: Ed Davey MP (invited); Rachel Coxcoon, District Councillor for Stoud (invited); Dave Hodgson, Mayor of Bedford Borough (invited); Vidhya Alakeson, Chief Executive, Power to Change; Polly Mackenzie, Chief Executive, Demos (Chair).

BIC, Durley

HEAR REF

Tideway

Thames Tideway Tunnel drop in session

Construction on the Thames Tideway Tunnel is advancing with work taking place at multiple sites along the River Thames. Join us to find out more about the exciting work we are doing to reconnect London with the River Thames.

Note: this event ends at 12.30

Highcliff Marriott, Sandbanks

Fringe Monday early lunchtime 11.30–12.30

Demos – Effective Governance Institute

Why localism is more important than ever

Speakers include: Ed Davey MP (invited); Baroness Thornhill (invited); Christine Jardine MP (invited); Nick Tyrone, Chief Executive, Effective Governance Institute; Polly Mackenzie, Chief Executive, Demos.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR REF

Demos and Wagestream

Financial inclusion through financial flexibility

See online guide for speakers and further details.

BIC, Durley

HEAR REF

The Paddy Ashdown Forum in association with the European Liberal Forum

Launch of The Paddy Ashdown Forum

This new Think Tank brings together academics and policy makers to produce new thinking on domestic, European and international issues. It will issue publications and organise meetings. Speakers include ELF Chairman, Juergen Martens, and Lord William Wallace. ALL WELCOME.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR

British Association of Social Workers

Social Approaches to Mental Health

The APPG for Social Work presents its findings on the importance of the social model in the prevention and treatment of and recovery from mental health problems. Baroness Claire Tyler and Sir Norman Lamb are invited.

BIC, Westbourne

HEAR

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

No Outsiders: What Happens When LGBT+ Education Conflicts With Parents' Beliefs?

Should schools accommodate parents who believe that their rights are being violated when their children are taught about LGBT+ relationships? Should schools even have to make that decision? Panel discussion with Chair Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett; other speakers to be announced.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

Rights Liberties Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

Future rights; Civil liberties, social-and-economic rights and the future of free movement

With Brexit eroding hard won rights and liberal values, we debate the future of rights from migration to the big-data-state, and redressing social inequity. Chair, James Sandbach. Jodie Blackstock, Justice. Invited: Axel Antoni, the3Million; Koldo Casla, Justfair; Corey Stoughton, Liberty.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford 3

Liberal Democrats Business Team

Business lunch

Our Business Lunch this year is kindly sponsored by BVCA. The lunch is a fantastic opportunity for senior businesspeople, entrepreneurs, representatives of the local business community and senior Liberal Democrats to discuss the most pressing political issues facing business. Tickets are £72, book online – www.libdems.org.uk/business-lunch

Note: this event ends at 14.00

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite

The Adam Smith Institute and Volteface

Regulating Cannabis in the UK: In Conversation with Norman Lamb MP

Norman Lamb MP will be joined by the Evening Standard's Investigations Editor David Cohen to discuss his experience of the Canadian cannabis market and how the UK can ensure that legalising cannabis would protect young people, cut crime and improve public health.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

London Councils

Tackling London's housing crisis – how do local authorities rise to the challenge?

Councils across London are working alongside partners to address the capital's housing crisis. How can local authorities innovate to address what is arguably the greatest challenge facing all our communities in London.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

Fringe Monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Shelter

What role can the Liberal Democrats play in increasing social housing?

This panel will discuss the Liberal Democrat vision for social housing, and how the party can achieve a significant increase in the delivery of this much needed tenure.

BIC, Avon

HEAR

Demos – PwC

The jobs that don't exist yet – the future of talent

Speakers include: Chuka Umunna MP (invited); Alastair Woods, Partner, PwC; Polly Mackenzie, Chief Executive, Demos; Siobhan Benita, Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London 2020 (invited); Neil Sherlock CBE (Chair) (invited).

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR REF

National Trust

How can we save our parks – and unlock their full benefits?

Our public parks are facing a funding crisis. Join Cllr Vikki Slade (Leader, Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council), Caroline Pidgeon AM and a national spokesperson to discuss how to save them and unlock their full potential for delivering public benefit.

BIC, Bayview 2

HEAR REF

MillionPlus

Flexible learning, high skills, stronger economy: modern universities driving the UK's future

Join Chair of MillionPlus, and former HE and FE Minister, Bill Rammell to discuss why the future of higher education matters for the UK and what we can do to ensure its continued success.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR REF

JUSTICE and Rights Liberties Justice

Vulnerability and the justice system

How can we better identify the needs of people using the justice system and adapt processes and language to enable users to effectively participate? James Sandbach, R,LJ (chair); Lord Marks Jodie Blackstock, JUSTICE; Wera Hobhouse MP (invited); Norman Lamb MP (invited).

BIC, Durley

HEAR REF

The Hydrogen APPG

Net Zero: why hydrogen is essential to meeting decarbonisation

Invited Chair: Ed Davey MP, officer of the Hydrogen APPG. Invited speakers: Wera Hobhouse MP, Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change; Representatives from Alstom, Cadent, Energy and Utilities Alliance, Northern Gas Networks, SGN.

BIC, Meyrick

HEAR REF

The Smith Institute and the FDA

Impartiality Matters: Do the Liberal Democrats trust the civil service?

Chair: Jane Dudman (Public leadership editor, The Guardian). Speakers: Lord Wallace of Saltaire (spokesperson for the Cabinet Office); Baroness Alison Suttie (former Special Adviser to Deputy Prime Minister); David Penman (General Secretary, the FDA).

BIC, Westbourne

HEAR

Planning Futures and Countryside Properties

In the Eye of the Beholder: Beauty in Planning and Place making

Recent Government policy has emphasised design quality and “beauty”. This event will explore how local authorities and others can create places that deliver true design quality. Andrew Taylor, Countryside Properties; Cllr Liz Green, Leader, RB Kingston upon Thames; Cllr Stephen Robinson, Leader, Chelmsford CC; Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader, South Cambridgeshire DC.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

REF

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Bringing Schools and Local Authorities together

Explore what can be done to establish local school partnerships and learn what is already happening to try to overcome fragmentation and lack of local democratic accountability. Speakers: Cllr. Jenny Batt of Sutton Council and Sir Jon Coles (United Learning).

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford 3

The Angling Trust and The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The Rural Reception

Join us for a buffet lunch at The Rural Reception where we will be joined by Rt. Hon. Alistair Carmichael MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston

REF

UK Music

We Can Work It Out: the campaign to help self-employed creative freelancers

Join Michael Dugher (UK Music), Coldplay and Doctor Who sound engineer Olga FitzRoy and DCMS Spokesperson Baroness Jane Bonham-Carter for a panel discussion on #SelfieLeave and the need for equality and diversity in the creative industries.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

REF

IPPR and The UK in a Changing Europe

What now for the Lib Dems on Brexit?

Speakers: Jo Swinson MP (invited); Baroness Sarah Ludford, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Exiting the European Union; Miranda Green, Deputy Opinion Editor, FT; TBA, Deputy Director, UK in a Changing Europe. Chair: Phoebe Griffith, Deputy Director, IPPR.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

Academy of Medical Sciences, Royal Academy of Engineering, British Academy, Royal Society

The #PeoplesList: how can £60bn unlock the door to Number 10?

Speakers include: Norman Lamb (invited); Layla Moran (invited); Professor Dame Helen Wallace, British Academy; Professor Peter Bruce, The Royal Society.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15

Smith Institute and Local Authority Pension Fund Forum

Investing in a Just Transition to a net zero carbon economy

Chair: Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville (Lords Spokesperson, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). Speakers: Wera Hobhouse MP (Environment and Climate Change spokesperson); Cllr Doug McMurdo (Chair, Local Authority Pension Fund Forum); Luke Murphy (Head of IPPR's Environmental Justice Commission).

BIC, Bayview 1

HEAR

Progressive Centre UK

How best can we tackle the causes of Brexit?

Join the Progressive Centre UK for a lively panel discussion on how best to tackle the cause of Brexit with Norman Lamb MP, Sir Will Hutton, Jane Dodds and Sasha Romanovitch.

BIC, Branksome

HEAR REF

The Smith Institute and the Affordable Housing Commission

Priced out – bring back affordable housing?

Chair: Caron Lindsay (Editor, Lib Dem Voice). Speakers: Tim Farron (Communities and Local Government spokesperson) invited; Cllr Jayne McCoy (Liberal Democrat lead for housing on London Councils); Paul Hackett (Affordable Housing Commission); Chris Wood (Head of Policy, Shelter).

BIC, Meyrick

HEAR

Young Liberals

How do we increase access to further education amongst underrepresented groups?

Young Liberals present a panel of educational experts discussing how we should tackle enrolment deficits into further education from historically marginalised groups. With ethnic, class and gender inequalities considered, this is an event that will interest members from all backgrounds.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

Rights Liberties Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

Technology and Access to Justice – Can LegalTech improve access to justice

Hosted alongside the Law Society, an expert panel discuss how 'LegalTech' can improve citizens interactions with the legal system, and ethical-logistical challenges. Chair: Andrew Haslam-Jones. Speakers: Stephanie Boyce, Law Society Deputy Vice-President; Ruth Daniel, Access-to-Justice-Foundation; Wera Hobhouse MP (invited); James Sandbach, LawWorks.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford 3

REF

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, Reception

Speakers: The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister Responsible for Exiting the EU, The Hon Dr Joseph Garcia MP.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester North

INV REF

National Youth Agency

At The Heart Of Communities: youth work and schools, valuing young people

Youth workers and teachers have a profound effect on young people's lives ensuring no young person is 'left behind', ambitious for their future. In valuing young people we need to invest in quality services. Contributors: Lord Storey (tbc); Layla Moran MP.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

REF

Make UK

Manufacturing roundtable with Lord Fox

Highcliff Marriott, Sandbanks

INV

Midlands Connect

The Midlands; the centre ground of UK transport

The Midlands is the centre ground. It brings North and South, Left and Right together. Midlands Connect turns evidence into investment for long-term projects that will deliver real economic, social and environmental benefits for the Midlands and the UK.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

REF

The Royal British Legion

Remember Together Reception

The Royal British Legion welcomes you to our reception, where you can learn about issues affecting the Armed Forces community, our ongoing campaign work, and the charity's efforts to ensure that all those who have given the most are remembered.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

REF

Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45-21.00

Women Liberal Democrats

Rights, Equalities and Expectations in post Brexit Britain – Too Much to Lose?

Our rights may be under threat as Brexit changes the landscape on jobs, equal pay, parental leave, workers rights and much more. No EU; no guarantees. Join LDW to debate how we can keep our hard won rights post Brexit.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

London Liberal Democrats

Drinks Reception

Join Siobhan Benita, Chuka Umunna MP and the London Liberal Democrats for a drink or two. We will be celebrating winning European election results and a new London MP as well as looking forward to winning again in 2020.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury

REF

Greener UK and Green Liberal Democrats

Greener UK and Green Liberal Democrats Rally

Join Greener UK, a group of 14 major environmental organisations, and the Green Liberal Democrats for a drinks reception and rally to hear from a number of prominent speakers on how to tackle the environment and climate emergency.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne

Fringe Monday late evening 21.30-23.00

South West Regions Joint Reception

Members of Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions are warmly invited to a Reception to meet colleagues from both regions. Cash Bar.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston

Glee Club

Glee Club is back this Autumn! Come along and enjoy as we reel out the Liberator Song Book classics with guest appearances. Entry is free on the door.

Note: this event starts at 22.00 and ends at 01.00

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite

Liberal Democrats

Whisky tasting with Alistair Carmichael MP

A unique opportunity to taste, discuss and learn a bit about malt whisky in a relaxed, friendly environment. RSVP by emailing libdemfow@gmail.com or call 07469 714839.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck

Federal People Development Committee

Trainers' Reception

If you're a party trainer or co-ordinate training in your area, please join us for a drinks reception as we say 'thank you' for the fantastic work you do. If you've previously delivered training for the party or want to find out more, come along and find out how to get involved.

Highcliff Marriott, Sandbanks

REF

Training Programme: Monday

Training Monday 09.30–10.30 (shorter sessions)

Making the most of data in Connect

How to access and use data to fight winning campaigns.

Campaigns Team

Marriott, Sherborne

campaigning - digital

Now you're selected - Developing your team (women only)

Winning teams don't just happen by chance, they take hard work, perseverance and leadership. Join us and learn about how to build brilliant teams that make a real difference in communities.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Blandford

party roles - diversity - teams

Unconscious Bias

Unconscious Bias is the source of prejudice and discrimination. Understanding how to recognise Unconscious Bias and challenge it appropriately is the key to building high performing teams.

Diversity & Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

diversity - teams

Growing through campaigning

How advocacy campaigns can deliver change and grow your local party.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Shaftesbury

campaigning - teams

Successful Selection

Top tips on getting ahead in a candidate selection from building support in the membership to acing the hustings. Come along get the inside scoop from experienced candidates.

Candidates team

Marriott, Yeovil

party roles - personal

Masterclass - we did it in Chelmsford, you could do it too!

Hear from Council Leader Stephen Robinson about the steps they took to make winning in Chelmsford a reality.

ALDC

Marriott, Purbeck

campaigning - teams

Training Monday 14.30–15.45

Putting on the squeeze

A session covering how to persuade non Lib Dem voters to lend us their vote to beat our main opponents.

Campaigns team

Marriott, Sherborne

campaigning

Now you're selected – Building a seat from scratch (women only)

You've been selected! Find out what your next steps are to build your seat from the ground up.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Purbeck

diversity - teams

Winning your membership campaign

You've got loads of members & supporters - but how do you get them out campaigning? Come along to find out how!

Membership team

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

campaigning - teams

ALDC with Mark Pack – The Ten Secrets of Social Media Success

Make the most of your social media to reach more people, get your message across and make an impact.

ALDC

Hermitage Hotel, Hardy suite

campaigning - digital

Intro to digital campaigning

(This session is part 1 of 2, it is recommended to attend both sessions)

Get started with digital campaigning essentials and learn where to start if you're beginning a digital campaign from scratch.

Digital team

Marriott, Shaftesbury

campaigning - digital

People behind the scenes

Learn about some of the people vital to ensuring the Party can field a team of great candidates. Assessors, Returning Officers and Selection Committees - they all play a key role and we need more of them!

Candidates team

Marriott, Yeovil

party roles - teams

Be an Agent – Module 4 of 4

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What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns.

ALDC

Marriott, Sandbanks

compliance - party roles

Training Monday 16.15–17.30

ALDC Artworker – The new way to Artwork

ALDC Artworker is a new tool to help Lib Dem campaigners create leaflets and direct mail online. Come and find out more!

ALDC

Marriott, Sandbanks

campaigning - digital

Connect Workshop

We have some brilliant Connect experts at Conference. Bring your laptop and come along to a session where you can learn more about Connect.

Campaigns Team

Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3

campaigning - digital

Advanced digital campaigning

(This session is part 2 of 2, it is recommended to attend both sessions)

Learn how to add more advanced techniques to your digital campaign to take it to the next level and help win more elections.

Digital Team

Marriott, Shaftesbury

campaigning - digital

Top tips for new candidates

First time PPC, Council candidate or trying to become one? Come along to find out how to get your candidacy off to a flying start.

Candidates team

Marriott, Yeovil

personal - party roles - campaigning

Dealing with difficult people

Explore ideas for building positive relationships with people you don't see eye to eye with.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Purbeck

diversity - personal

Thank you!

We hope that you have enjoyed these Autumn Conference 2019 training sessions.

If you have any additional feedback or want to know more about what training is available throughout the rest of the year please contact us at training@libdems.org.uk

Tuesday 17 September

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

The International Observatory of Human Rights

The True Cost of Citizenship in the UK

The International Observatory of Human Rights hosts a panel considering themes of citizenship in today's Britain. Join us in exploring the political motivations underlying our current citizenship policies and what can be done to make the system equitable going forwards.

BIC, Durley

HEAR REF

Rights Liberties Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

Employment rights in the gig economy

UK employment is apparently at its highest ever level but also more insecure, how do protect employment rights in the 'gig economy'? Chair: Graham Colley. Invited: Baroness Burt; Tom Jones, Thompson Solicitors; Richard Dunstan, Maternity Action; Julia Waltham, Working Families.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford

REF

Training Programme: Tuesday

Training Tuesday 09.30–10.45

Pick a Ward and Win It - Community campaigning

How to identify the issues in your local area and campaign to make a liberal difference in your community. This session will make you think about how to run campaigns that engage people.

ALDC

Marriott, Dorchester South

campaigning

Now you've been selected - managing your exec (women only)

Most executives are lovely and supportive of their candidate. This is how to build a positive relationship to allow that to continue.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Marriott, Shaftesbury

teams - party roles

Developing Skills - Raising the money

If you want to run winning campaigns you need to raise money. What funding is needed? What are the most effective ways can we raise money? What motivates people to give?

ALDC

Marriott, Yeovil

fundraising

Be a Councillor - Making a difference as a Town or Parish Councillor

Many Lib Dems were elected as Town or Parish councillors in May. Join a discussion on how to fight effective local council campaigns and make a real difference in this role.

ALDC

Marriott, Dorchester North

party roles - campaigning

Talking to Voters - Doorstep: design, discussion and data

Talking to voters is key to winning elections but we can't talk to everyone. How should we decide who to talk to, what sorts of conversations should we have and how should we handle the data?

ALDC

Marriott, Sandbanks

campaigning - teams

Training Tuesday 11.15-12.15

Pick a Ward and Win It – Yes, you can still use emails

Email is an effective way to communicate. Under GDPR, how can we collect and store email addresses? How do we use the email addresses that we have?

ALDC

Marriott, Dorchester South

compliance - digital - campaigning

Be a Councillor – More diverse candidate pools

Finding new candidates can be difficult. This session looks at ways to find new candidates and to help your pool of candidates look like the communities you are trying to represent.

ALDC

Marriott, Yeovil

diversity - teams

Campaign Briefing – Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May 2020 present us with an opportunity to campaign on issues close to the hearts of our residents. But is there also the chance to get the first Lib Dem PCCs elected? We increase that possibility if we starting planning an integrated campaign now.

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party roles - campaigning

Talking to voters – Knocking on Doors and MiniVan

Develop and practice your canvassing skills ready to get the information you need on the doorstep.

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campaigning - digital
