

Help us turn our £700 tax cut into an £800 tax cut!



Local Lib Dems are campaigning for an extra £100 Income Tax cut to be announced in this year's budget.

That's on top of the £700 Income Tax cut that will come into force in April's budget.

Local MP John Leech said, "The economy may be growing again, but we know that many people are still finding things tough. We want to help them by allowing them to keep more of their hard earned wages.

"With Labour ordinary people pay more. With the Tories, millionaires get the tax cuts. Only the Lib Dems are standing up for ordinary workers making sure they get a fair deal."

Visit www.libdems.org.uk to back the campaign.



Burns Night Celebration

A celebration of poetry, food and Scotland in aid of John Samson MacFarlane Leech MP's re-election campaign

Saturday 25th January – 7pm-10pm
Venue

RSVP: Burnsnight13.eventbrite.co.uk
or call the office on 0161 434 3334 to book tickets

Useful contacts:

John Leech MP, Chris Davies MEP and the local Liberal Democrat team work all year round to get the best deal for hard-working families in Manchester

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LIB DEM NEWS

News and updates from Manchester Withington Liberal Democrats

UPDATES



Free school meals

Nick Clegg has announced that all 5-7 year olds will receive free school meals from next September.

Expert studies show that this move will help teach healthy eating and boost educational attainment. It will also save parents £400 a year.

£50 off energy bills

Ed Davey has announced that energy bills will be cut by around £50 each year.

Despite the best efforts of some Tories, Ed Davey successfully protected investment in renewable energy and schemes to help the least well off.

£250million extra business investment

Vince Cable has announced that the British Business Bank has been given an extra £250million to invest in small businesses.



Local MP John Leech recently volunteered at the Christie Hospital

NHS CHAMPION

John Leech MP continues to fight for our local health service

Local Lib Dem MP, John Leech, has a proven track record of fighting to protect and improve health services here in south Manchester.

Fighting to save our hospital John said: "In 2005, there was real concern about the future of services at Christie. I was determined to save our local hospital. I delivered a petition to the Health Authority opposing their plans to downgrade the Christie - which thankfully was listened to."

Following John's successful campaign, the internationally renowned hospital has since gone from strength to strength, backed by government funding, and amazing local fundraising.

Volunteering at Christie John continues to support our local hospital and recently, volunteered as part of the Community Service Volunteers (CSV) 'Make a Difference' campaign. He joined volunteers to help serve patients and staff at the May Draper Tea Bar in the Christie Hospital in south Manchester.

John said: "I really enjoyed my time volunteering at the Christie. I am very proud of the work the Christie does saving lives across Manchester and the North West.

John added: "I will continue to do everything I can to protect and improve our local health services."

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 25th January
Burns Night Celebration.
7PM-10pm
Venue

Saturday 1st March
Manchester Withington
Action Day
9.30am- 4pm
Venue

Saturday 29th March
Final Day of Action pre
Elections!
9.30am-4pm
Venue
Confirm your place here:
Manchester-
withington.eventbrite.co.uk

DAY OF ACTION!

Please join us on
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd
February 2014
for the
National Action Weekend
Office of John Leech MP,
8 Gawsorth Avenue, East
Didsbury, M20 5NF.
Refreshments and lunch
provided!



MP BACKS DIDSBURY FAMILY'S LAW



John Leech MP has called for a change in the law following the suicide of his constituent Edward Thornber.

Recently, John joined Edward's parents Ann and Adrian Thornber, from Didsbury, and Nick and Jane Lawton, to present a 52,000 name petition to 10 Downing Street, calling for the equalization of maturity age laws in the UK.

Edward was arrested for the possession of 50p of cannabis and was wrongly sentenced. After being

ordered to Court, rather than just being given a warning, the ex-Head Boy was faced with the prospect of losing a career opportunity in the US. He hung himself in a Didsbury Park.

According to police reports, a number of errors processing his arrest. He was treated as an adult, rather than youth, and was served with a Court summons instead of a warning.

John said, "At the moment, a 17-year-old is treated as an adult when

they go to the police station. If they get sent to court, they go back to being treated like children in the court system. The current system is inconsistent and it should be changed."

Ann and Adrian Thornber added, "We are so grateful to John for the support he gave us and the kindness he showed when he accompanied us to Downing Street. We couldn't have asked for more from him in getting the law changed".

GET INVOLVED

Unlike the Labour party that is propped up by the Unions, or the Tories who always win the support of big business, the Liberal Democrats rely on YOU, our members, to exist.

Our party members have a direct say over policy - the Lib Dems are the only major UK party where this is the case. Our members chose the party Leader and select candidates at every level.

We need members to be able to continue. If you are not a member and would like to join, please visit libdems.org.uk.

If you have some time to spare to help John Leech MP and the team continue their fight to get the best deal for local people, please contact Joel Moorcroft by calling 0161 249 5034 or email him at jmoorcroft.libdem@gmail.com. There are so many ways to get involved - from delivering leaflets to clerical tasks. Please get in touch with Joel to find out more. Any time you can give could make the difference.



Let's stop UKIP here in Manchester



Chris Davies MEP and John Leech MP work together for Manchester

Do you want to see our excellent local MEP Chris Davies replaced by a right wing UKIP MEP?

That's what we are fighting for here in Manchester on Thursday 22nd May this year.

In recent years, UKIP MEPs have earned a dreadful reputation in the European Parliament. They don't turn up to key votes. They have been

found guilty of fiddling expenses. They express anti-women and anti-immigrant views that most people find abhorrent in this modern age.

But its up to us to beat them here!

We need YOU to help our campaign to re-elect [MEP name] so that he/she can protect British jobs by keeping Britain in the EU.

Please do get involved today.

How to get involved with the European Campaign in your area:

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Business in Manchester says 'keep Britain in EU'

Siemens boss warns EU exit would kill investment

Sunday Times 24/11/13

National businesses echo this concern

Nissan Chief executive Carlos Ghosn has revealed that Nissan will reconsider its investment in the UK if Britain leaves the European Union.

Auton News 11/11/13

CBI Director General John Cridland says EU membership is worth £3,000 a year to every household in Britain

BBC News 4/11/13