

# Gordon Lishman for SLF Council



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“The Social Liberal Forum came together to fight for social liberalism during the Coalition. Today’s challenges are no less important. Liberal Democrat policy-making is dire: an obsession with detail that crowds out big, radical ideas. We fail to build the progressive alliance of people, ideas and campaigns. Brexit is an important campaign now, but it doesn’t define us; that’s about social and economic justice in an open society”.

## Priorities for SLF

- ✓ **Leading a progressive movement** in politics and society, campaigning and working with others for changes **NOW**
- ✓ **Developing big ideas about what’s wrong** with our world and what’s needed, not ever more policy detail
- ✓ **Publishing** books, booklets and a new journal of ideas and debate
- ✓ **Organising events** throughout the UK to debate big ideas and promote the SLF vision
- ✓ **Realignment of the left** based on liberty, social justice and what’s precious about every person
- ✓ **Changing hearts and minds**, challenging easy prejudices, standing proud for liberalism
- ✓ **Leadership:** finding, motivating, empowering a new generation
- ✓ **Thinking globally, acting locally** – that’s liberal community politics
- ✓ **Partnerships** to stimulate an open, confident, argumentative party of ideas

## A Bit of History

SLF Vice- Chair for the last 2 years; now Acting Chair (again)  
Joint editor, SLF Book  
Joint author “Theory & Practice of Community Politics”  
Burnley Borough Councillor  
Chief Executive, Age Concern: successful campaigns on pensions, health and work  
Founder Chair, ALDC.  
Young Liberal “Red Guard”!  
Parliamentary, European Parliament candidate and Leader of balance-of-power County Council Group  
Chair, Liberal International Human Rights Committee  
Lifelong campaigner for gay rights, race and sex equality

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