

David Grace for SLF Council

Active Liberal since 1974. Past Westminster and Strasbourg candidate. Head of the SLF Office in 2015, SLF Council member for the last 2 years.



Two years ago, I wrote the text below. Despite SLF's best efforts, it is still true today. As Thomas Paine wrote, "*These are the times that try men's souls*". Promising "*A Brighter Future*" just doesn't crack it at all. We must try harder than ever. People deserve so much better.

“I’m asking for your vote because we have reached a position in British politics where hardly anyone knows what the Liberal Democrats stand for. The Social Liberal Forum has always represented the traditional mainstream of Liberalism in Britain since the late nineteenth century when social liberalism was developed by L T Hobhouse and others. The party now has thousands of new members who have joined because of Brexit. I have been a European federalist almost as long as I have been a Liberal but our opposition to Brexit is derived from our liberalism, not the other way round. Joining the Liberal Party was an education for me. After the confusion of the coalition years we must proclaim our beliefs and provide that education to our new members and the public. SLF is the body to do this and to develop value-based policies to confront the terrible problems of this illiberal age.”

A handwritten signature of David Grace in black ink on a light background. The signature is cursive and reads "David Grace".