



# Gordon Lishman 1 for SLF Council

“The Social Liberal Forum represents the heart and soul of the Liberal Democrats. We have the opportunity and the responsibility to lead in charting and campaigning for the ideas, analysis and strategy for UK liberalism for the next decade and beyond”.

## Priorities for SLF

SLF is changing gear. We are becoming an authoritative think-tank and a campaigning movement.

We focus on fundamental changes in the UK's party structure. It's time our parties reflected the big choices on climate; active, powerful citizenship; a new international order; and new ways of organising work and empowering workers.

That means:

- ✓ **Leading a progressive movement** of ideas, people and policies campaigning for changes **NOW**
- ✓ **Big ideas about what's wrong** in our world and what's needed; **not** ever more policy detail
- ✓ **Changing hearts and minds**, not just getting out a vote that isn't there
- ✓ **Leadership:** finding, motivating and empowering a new generation
- ✓ **Liberal Democrats as an open, confident, argumentative party** of ideas and answers
- ✓ **A well-funded, well-organised SLF**

Gordon has been the Treasurer of the Social Liberal Forum for the last 2 years and has been Vice-Chair, Acting Chair twice, and joint editor and contributor to both SLF books.

His liberal background includes the Young Liberal “Red Guard”, the ideas and strategy of community politics and contributions to his parties' ideas, policies and strategy over many years. He is a former Chair of the Liberal International Human Rights Committee and a founder of the Africa Liberal Network.

In his working life, Gordon led the most effective campaigning charity in the UK (as voted by Parliamentarians) and largest group of service-providing charities and worked with EU and global organisations in the field of ageing and older people.

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