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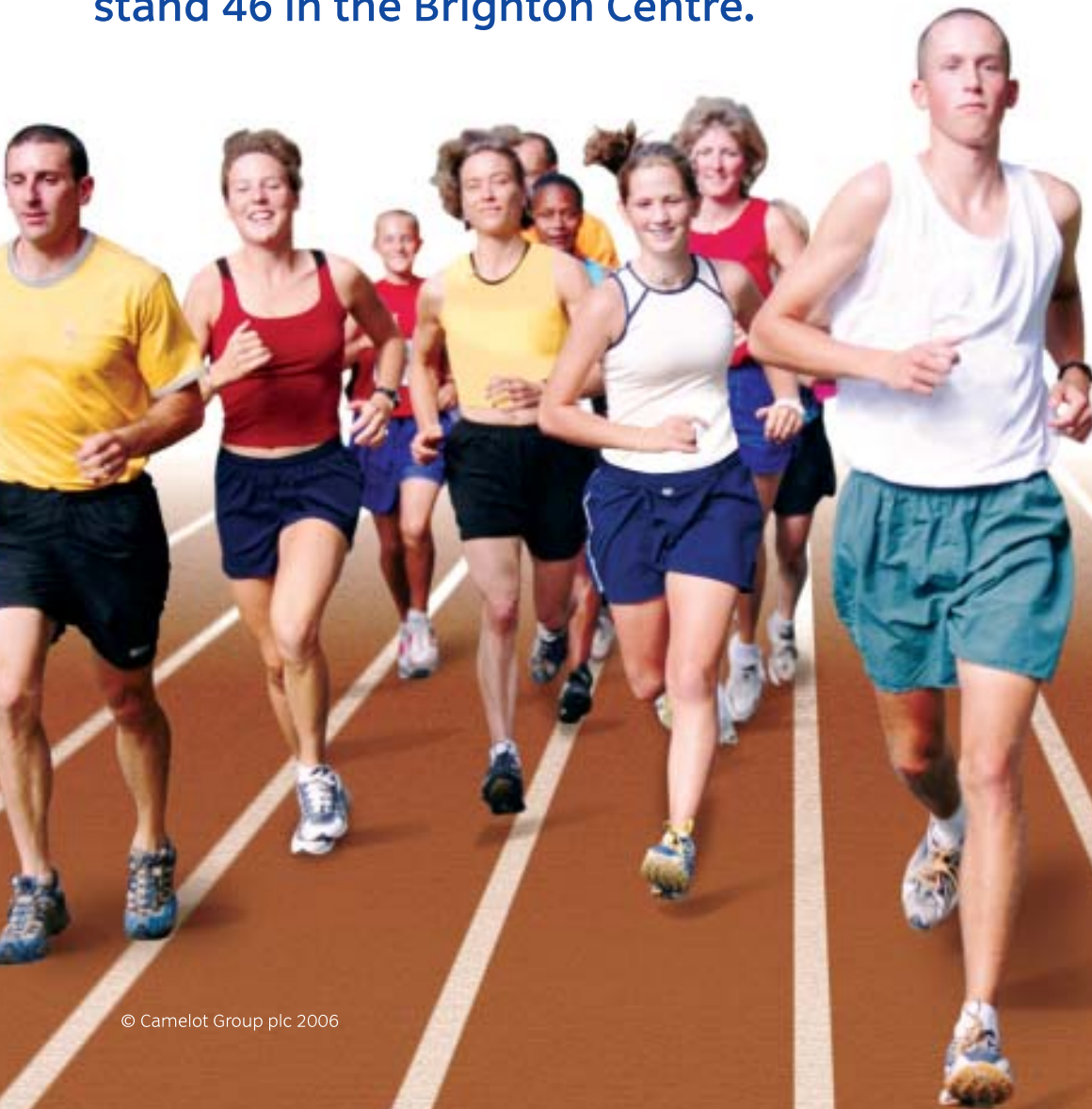
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Introduction

By Duncan Brack

Welcome to the autumn 2006 conference of the Liberal Democrats.

In many ways, conference lies at the heart of what this party is about. We are the only major party whose conference is sovereign, where party members determine the policy and direction of the party, and hold their elected officers to account. This is because we are democrats, and believe in putting into practice what we say in public. Remember that when you raise your voting badge at the end of a debate!

Conference is, of course, about much more than the debates and speeches in the auditorium. It's about exchanging ideas at fringe meetings and in the exhibition. It's about training, and learning new political skills. It's about putting over what we stand for, through the media, to the public. It's even about making money, which supports the party's campaigns. And it's very definitely about networking, and having fun.

Conference is overseen by the Federal Conference Committee, which conference reps elect. We select the agenda, run the debates and oversee the organisation. Above all, we're here to help you – come to our introductory briefing on Sunday lunchtime, or just stop us in the corridor and ask for help. Tell us if you think we've got anything wrong – and maybe when we've got it right, too.

Above all, take every opportunity to enjoy yourself in the exhilarating phenomenon that is the Liberal Democrat conference.

I look forward to meeting you in Brighton.



Duncan Brack is Chair of Federal Conference Committee

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The importance that we give to our conference is a vital part of what it means to be a Liberal Democrat.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our 2006 Autumn Conference here in Brighton. A lot has changed in British politics and the Liberal Democrats since our last conference visit here three years ago.

This will be my first Autumn Conference since becoming leader earlier this year. While I know that my schedule will be packed with making speeches, attending meetings and media engagements, it is still a week on the south coast that I am looking forward to with relish.

The truth is that conference will be a busy time for all of us who attend. It is arguably the most important point of contact for the entire party membership. From the fringe, to the main conference hall, to reacquainting ourselves with old colleagues, there never seems to be quite enough time. It is a focus for intense debate, friendly discussion and sometimes even agreement!

The importance that we give to our conference is a vital part of what it means to be a Liberal Democrat. We are unique amongst the major political parties of Britain in that we depend on our conference for our core policy-making process.

It is to conference that policy working groups and key representatives who serve on the main party committees report back. It is also to conference that we require our parliamentarians to account for their actions both in and outside Westminster. I am proud to be head of a party that conducts itself and its conference in this way.

But that is not to say that things could not be improved further. Our party has remained largely unchanged since coming together in 1988. Change is overdue, necessary and urgent. This applies equally to how we run our annual conferences. We must be prepared to investigate methods of consultation that include the entire party and public in our conference

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debates. We also need to think of conference debates as a means of arriving at the correct decisions, rather than as a series of triumphs or defeats for the platform or the floor.

This year's conference will be important in terms of shaping the Liberal Democrat agenda for the rest of this Parliament in readiness for contesting the next General Election. I want it to be qualitatively different, not just in how it looks but in the experience it provides for all its members.

We Liberal Democrats are faced with a great opportunity. We are a party that is serious about power. Unlike the Tories we don't have to reinvent ourselves and unlike Labour we don't have to shore up a crumbling edifice.

It is the Liberal Democrats who are naturally closest to the values of the British people - who want a government that promotes freedom and choice,



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challenges unfairness, attacks injustice and confronts prejudice. But we must convert this natural affinity into actual results. We are all an integral part of that process.

Can I urge you all – if you get a spare moment, that is – to reflect and feel a sense of pride in what it is that makes the Liberal Democrats unparalleled in terms of our inclusiveness and our democratic credentials, but to think also how we can move together to make this party even stronger.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and productive Autumn Conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Menzies Campbell".

The Rt Hon Sir Menzies Campbell CBE QC, MP for North East Fife and Leader of the Liberal Democrats

Offsetting conference's carbon



In 2005 the Liberal Democrats became the first (and so far only) major political party to carbon-offset its conferences.

Climate change is a real and growing threat, the most serious challenge to the prosperity of the planet and its people. Every time we use power or heat generated by fossil fuels, we are contributing to global warming and hence climate change. Party conferences contribute to this, through the energy consumed in transporting participants and running the conference and the hotels.

But we can neutralise, or 'offset' the carbon added by our activities by paying someone else to reduce carbon in the atmosphere by the same amount our activities add, through renewable energy, energy efficiency or forest restoration projects.

Together with the organisation Climate Care (see www.climatecare.org), we calculated that a levy of £1 per head per conference would be sufficient to offset the carbon emissions from Lib Dem conference, so conference decided to add this on to registration fees from 2005 onwards.

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Welcome to Brighton

By Norman Baker MP

It is a great pleasure to welcome this year's conference back to the south coast. Brighton has become known as a 'London-by-the-sea'. Perhaps this week we should in fact be regarding it as a Westminster-by-the-sea!

On behalf of the party I would like to say how grateful we are to the city's hotels, pubs and entertainment venues that have, yet again, kindly allowed us to take them over with our meetings.

Brighton is not just a tremendous backdrop for this year's conference, but a tremendous city all year round. Although I live in Lewes, a nearby town appropriately viewed as Brighton's sophisticated older sibling, it is great to be just down the road from Brighton, and so have the opportunity to sample some of the countless pleasures it has to offer.

For those of you new to Brighton there are a number of suggestions I would make to help you make the most of what free time you have during the conference.

There are restaurants to cater to every palate. In The Lanes you can find a range of menus: Chinese, tapas, Indian, French, vegetarian and more.

As a non-meat eater myself I am a particular fan of Terre a Terre, widely touted as a leading light in the veggies' world, pioneering new recipes and creating wonderful tastes that those of us who began our veggie lives by having to eat only lettuce in restaurants would never have dreamt

possible. It has even attracted the likes of local celebrities Paul McCartney and Oscar-winning actress Cate Blanchett.

The shopping ambiance in the North Laine is certainly not to be missed. You will feel somewhat overdressed in a suit. The area is something of a Bohemian throwback to the sixties. Imported clothes from India, organic food products, and Ben Sherman shirts adorn its rails and shelves.

Flea markets pepper the area, giving those with sufficient sarongs in the wardrobe the chance to branch out with a bigger purchase; some retro furniture perhaps or even better, a few records! I confess to buying a very expensive 1930s pyramid telephone there the other day.

Brighton is a musical city. The flea markets are just the start. There are many independent record stores, vying for your custom. The live music scene, again, is thriving, with venues to attract those of all age groups and

Brighton is not just a tremendous backdrop for this year's conference ...



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musical preferences. A number of the pubs have great jazz and blues evenings.

Brighton is actually the first and last place that I heard the expression 'jazz entrepreneur', and perhaps it is one of the few places where it fits. Here music and music promotion is a cut-throat business. As a consequence, there is an abundance of events every day of the year at nearly any time of day.

The same could be said of art, of literature events, of theatre, of

comedy and of so much more. Creativity oozes from every street corner.

Someone has even taken the time to name the buses, leaving children to speculate about the origins of these characters as they whiz in and out of town on the excellent bus service (or the equally impressive train service).

My personal favourite is Margaret Powell. Watch out for her. And of, course, watch out for the seagulls!



Norman Baker is MP for Lewes

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Conference registration

Please note that the conference Registration Area is located in the Viscount Room, accessed via the entrance on the east side of the Hilton Brighton Metropole in Cannon Place. There are no registration facilities in the Brighton Centre.

If you need to register, collect your photopass or query your registration, please go to the Viscount Room in the Hilton Brighton Metropole.

Conference papers, lanyards, and pass holders can be obtained from the Information Desk in the Brighton Centre. No papers will be available in the Registration Area.

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The great green conference

By Chris Huhne MP

Our Brighton conference has a green theme running through it.

On Sunday evening at the Green Rally, Menzies Campbell will be launching the Party's new environment campaign. We want to put the Liberal Democrats' green commitment at the core of the Party's campaigning, not just over the next six months, but right through to the next General Election.

Everywhere you look at conference you will see green themes highlighted, from our debates and fringes to the exhibition stands of internal Party bodies and our green NGO partners.

Of course our campaigning will cover a wide range of green issues: our opposition to nuclear power, switching Britain's buildings to micro-energy generation, managing our precious water supplies more sustainably, minimising waste.

But at the heart of our green message is of course "the green tax switch" which we are debating here in Brighton.



The Liberal Democrats will switch off climate chaos by switching to green taxes. And whilst we debate the details this week, our guiding principles are clear. We want fairer, greener taxes, but not more tax.

So the Lib Dems will cut income taxes and switch to green taxes on things like pollution and carbon emissions instead.

How much you then keep of your Lib Dem income tax cut is entirely up to you. The more you choose to switch to greener living, the more you save. It's your choice.

This is a radical and fundamental change in Britain's system of taxation. In the last century, Liberals introduced the old age pension and invented the NHS. In this new century, climate chaos is the biggest challenge we face. We must stop taxing good things like work, and switch to taxing environmental damage. Our very future depends on it.

Any Government will eventually be forced to make this green tax switch. But we fear they will be forced to act too late. The warning signs of climate chaos are already plain to see. There has been an increase in extreme

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Chris Huhne is MP for Eastleigh and Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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weather in the UK. More droughts, but also sudden heavy rain and storms. 'freak events' are becoming the norm.

We must act today if we are to save the planet for our children and their children.

I hope you will support our green themes here in Brighton. But once we leave conference, responsibility for the success of the Lib Dems' environment campaign is down to you.

Menzies Campbell and I hope you will take the green campaign pack and use it locally. Deliver a Focus leaflet in your area straight after conference. Sign people up to our green tax switch. Make sure your Local Party are signed up to take part in the green action week, from 21st to 29th



October. Full details at www.greentaxswitch.com.

Let people know that while other politicians just talk hot air about climate chaos, the Liberal Democrats will take real, practical action by switching Britain to fairer, greener taxes.



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Climate change isn't a fringe: it's the main event

The Earth is hotter than it has been for at least a thousand years. By the end of this century, if current trends continue, temperatures are likely to climb higher than at any time in the past two million years.



The highest July temperatures ever recorded repeat a familiar pattern. The ten hottest years to date have all occurred within the last 14 years. The heat wave that struck Europe in 2003 was the biggest natural disaster in the continent's history. Over 30,000 people died in the extreme heat. It wasn't a one-off. The World Meteorological Organisation estimates that heat-related deaths worldwide will double in the next 20 years.

The consequences of rising global temperatures are not just heat waves. In 2006, torrential rains and flooding have hit China, Thailand and India. Flooding on this scale has become an annual event, claiming around 25,000 lives each year. Some in the insurance industry believe climate change threatens to bankrupt the global economy. In 2005, damage from storms and other extreme weather events topped US\$200 billion globally – the most expensive year to date, far exceeding the 2004 record of US\$145 billion.

In future scientists say that we must prepare for mass extinctions, more extreme hurricanes and floods, droughts, billions without access to water, and tens of millions facing starvation and left as environmental refugees.

There is still time to reduce the worst impacts of climate change. But time is running out. Research commissioned by *The Independent* indicates that we are already passing the global warming 'tipping point' beyond which a critical rise in global temperatures is unavoidable. Yet the technologies already exist to achieve the kind of emission reductions required to stop runaway climate change. The UN's expert group, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, concludes "Hundreds of technologies at low cost are already available to reduce climate-damaging emissions, but government policies are needed to remove the barriers to those technologies."

It would be reasonable to assume that in the face of the evidence and with the solutions at hand the UK government would be putting all its efforts into ensuring that this country plays its part, practically and diplomatically, to ensure that the 80-90 percent



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cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions needed by 2050 are achieved.

Instead, the UK is emitting more CO₂. Existing policies are failing to deliver renewable energy fast enough; performance on energy efficiency is poor. Government advocacy for new roads and airport expansion will increase emissions. Our energy system wastes two-thirds of the energy it generates and we throw away enough heat from power stations to match the heating and hot water demands for every building in the country.

Only bold leadership and real commitment to safe, long-term solutions, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and a decentralised energy system, can tackle this problem. As politicians prevaricate, time is running out.



That's why, this year, global warming has its own conference within all three major party conferences. It's called the Climate Clinic and it's putting UK climate change policies under the knife. Over twenty organisations, each working to tackle the climate threat, have joined forces to drive the issue up the political agenda.

Opinion formers, environmentalists, scientists, political and business leaders and the public will come together to debate the issues, spotlight solutions and press for urgent action and vigorous political leadership. This year, climate change isn't a fringe, it's the main event.

Climate Clinic, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Sunday 17 to Wednesday 20 September 2006 and exhibition in the Brighton Centre.



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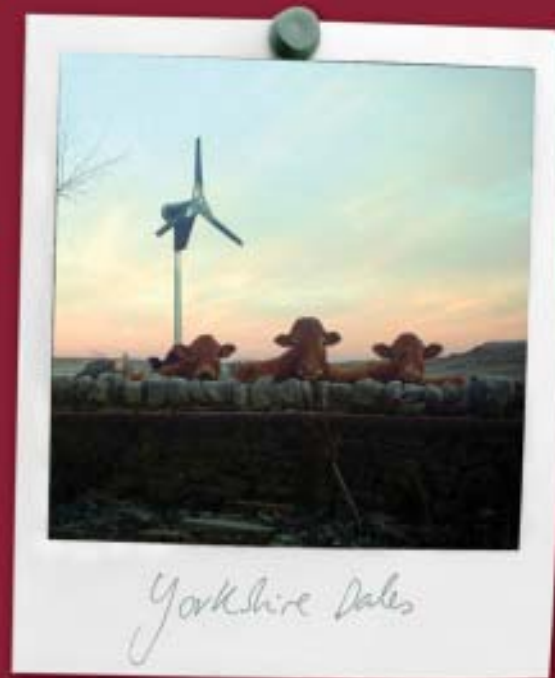


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Tuesday 19 September

0955 - 1015	Environment Key Speech - Chris Huhne MP
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1045 - 1245	Fairer, Simpler, Greener - Tax Policy Paper
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1415 - 1500	Making the Climate Change Switch Policy Motion
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1600 - 1630	Sustainable Management of Water Resources Policy Motion
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Wednesday 20 September

1020 - 1040	Treasury Keynote Speech - Dr Vincent Cable MP
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1140 - 1225	Rural Communities Policy Motion
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1415 - 1500	Transport and Social Exclusion Policy Motion
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1520 - 1650	Meeting the Challenge
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Thursday 21 September

1020 - 1135	International Law Policy Paper
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1135 - 1245	Speech by Rt. Hon Menzies Campbell MP
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Listings of green events at conference are for information only, and do not imply that organisations support the Liberal Democrat Green Tax Switch campaign.

And don't forget to visit the Climate Clinic exhibition stands at the top of the stairs in the conference centre.

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Making conference accessible for all

By Jeremy Hargreaves

Coming to conference can pose a number of challenges for party members with disabilities. But ensuring that all our members have the opportunity to be part of policy-making and conference is one of our party's distinguishing strengths.

Two years ago Federal Conference Committee created a Conference Access Group to tackle these challenges and make attending conference as smooth as possible.

Since then, the Access Group has worked hard to review all aspects of coming to conference. It contains members with a wide range of disabilities, and its meetings over the last eighteen months have identified more than a hundred individual points aimed at improving access. We have been able to address virtually every one of these, and as a result disabled access to Liberal Democrat conference, which was already good at a basic level, has improved significantly.

One of the greatest challenges has been ensuring full wheelchair access to all parts of Conference. We have tackled this head on, and now ensure that all areas, both in the Conference Centre and in all the hotels we use, are fully accessible for both standard wheelchairs and the larger motorised scooters. This includes all rooms that we use for fringe meetings.

As part of checking this, we now conduct an advance site visit. A wheelchair user comes as part of the group, and we travel around all areas to check there is enough space, and there are lifts which work and which have enough space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in and out of. We check too for example that there are sufficient disabled loos, that they are all fully equipped and can actually be easily used by a wheelchair user.

If any areas are not accessible, we will not use them. The advance site visit to Brighton identified some fringe rooms which are not accessible, and bookings from those rooms have been moved into others which are.

One of the major barriers to people with disabilities coming to conference is the additional costs which it can cause, which in some cases can be very substantial. Tackling this poses us a challenge, as conference has to operate within tight financial constraints, and there is no way that we could reasonably assist with the costs of all those with every kind of disability who come to conference.

We have now devised a scheme which we believe will help those who are hit hardest. From 2007 any potential conference-goer who normally uses a wheelchair will be able to apply to stay in one of the specially-adapted disabled-friendly rooms – which are normally only in the most expensive hotels – at the same cost to them as staying in an average B&B. The scheme will be funded by putting an additional levy of £1 on every conference



Jeremy Hargreaves is Convenor of the Conference Access Group

We're pleased with what we have achieved, but welcome suggestions for other things we could do.

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registration fee for all representatives.

We are conscious that this will only help some of those with disabilities, but having looked into it we believe it is those who use wheelchairs who tend to bear the brunt of the additional costs, so we are focusing the help that we are able to provide on them. We will, however, keep this under review. We believe introducing this scheme will be a major step forward for us in making Conference more accessible for people with disabilities – as well as valuably raising the profile of disabled access to conference.

These are just a few of the many things that we have done to improve access at conference. Other things we've done range from eliminating unnecessary steps on the stage set

and banning nuts, to making conference documents available in different formats. Where we've been unable to eliminate a problem – for example, despite the problems it causes for people with epilepsy, it's impossible to ban flash photography in the hall during the leader's speech – we've thought creatively: in this case by putting a warning about flash photography in the Directory.

We're pleased with what we have achieved so far, but always welcome suggestions for other things we could do.

Practical information for conference-goers with disabilities is on page 78. For more information about the work of the Conference Access Group, please see www.libdems.org.uk/media/conference/CAGNewsletter.pdf. 

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Conference fringe and diary

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Fringe meeting venues

The official fringe meeting venues are the Hilton Brighton Metropole, Holiday Inn and Quality Hotel. See map on page 80 for locations of these and other fringe venues and page 73 for plan of the Hilton Brighton Metropole.

All fringe events listed in the Hilton Brighton Metropole, Holiday Inn, Quality Hotel and Brighton Centre are fully wheelchair accessible (see page 78 for further details). The Conference organisers cannot guarantee the accessibility of the fringe meetings outside our official venues, though all organisations advertising in the listings have been asked to ensure accessibility. Please let the Information Desk know or add a note on the Conference questionnaire if you experience any access difficulties.

The Green Tax Switch Rally

Rt. Hon Menzies Campbell MP
Leader of the Liberal Democrats

Chris Huhne MP
Shadow Environment Secretary

George Monbiot
Environmental journalist, author and academic

Juliet Davenport
Chief Executive, Good Energy

6.30 - 7.30 pm, Sunday, 17th September
Oxford Suite, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton



Evening fringe

Liberal Democrat Youth and Students

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Building Hope – decent homes in decent neighbourhoods

7.30-8.45 pm, Sunday 17 September
Osborne Room, Hilton Metropole

Speakers:

Andrew Stunell MP

Hazel Grove

Dr Vince Cable MP

Twickenham

Adam Sampson

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Mon 18th Sept	Wellbeing Workplaces: How to make employment mentally healthy	Sandra Gidley MP, Health Spokesperson Angela Greatley, The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health Lorely Burt MP, Small Business Spokesperson [TBC] Wilf Stevenson, The Smith Institute	1245-1415 Sussex Suite, Old Ship Hotel   
Mon 18th Sept	New Green Technology	Martin Horwood MP, Environment Spokesperson [TBC] Stephen Hale, Green Alliance David Vincent, Carbon Trust Ben Davies, New Statesman	1815-1930 Tudor Suite Old Ship Hotel  
Mon 18th Sept	Wealth or Wellbeing?	Paul Holmes MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Party [TBC] Andrew Morgan, East Midlands Development Agency Wilf Stevenson, The Smith Institute	1815-1930 Sussex Suite Old Ship Hotel  

Food and Refreshments will be served at all events

CENTRE:FORUM BRIGHTON AGENDA

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LATEST PAMPHLETS



SUNDAY 17th

1300-1400, Norfolk Room, Metropole. Refreshments
CentreForum and Policy Exchange present:

Building a liberal consensus on immigration
With Keith Best, Immigration Advisory Service;
Nick Clegg MP; Paul Marshall, CentreForum

1700-1815, Balmoral Room, Metropole. Refreshments
Liberal Democrats Tax Proposals: Who gains and who loses?
With Dr Vince Cable MP; Robert Chote, Institute of
Fiscal Studies; Francesca Lagerberg, ICA Tax Faculty; Alasdair
Murray, CentreForum

2000-2115, Ambassador Room, Metropole. Refreshments
**Clean Green Water: How can the Lib Dems stay ahead
on the environment?**
With Mark Avery, RSPB; Chris Huhne MP; Sue Mayer,
Genewatch; Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Damer

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Fringe

MONDAY 18th

1815-1930, Alexandra Room, Grand Hotel. Refreshment
**Can Britain Compete? The challenges and threats
of the global economy**

With Edward Davey MP; Lord Razzall;
Michael Snyder, City of London

2000-2115, Clarence Room, Metropole. Refreshments
Securing Britain's Energy Needs: What direction for UK foreign policy?
With Christopher Lambert, Westminster Energy Forum;
Michael Moore MP; Jake Ulrich, Centrica Energy;
Lord Wallace of Saltaire

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TUESDAY 19th

0745-0900, Lancaster, Metropole. Breakfast provided
**Hands Up... If Creativity Matters: Can creativity
transform schools for teachers and young people?**
With Paul Collard, Creative Partnerships;
Greg Mulholland MP; Lembit Opik MP

1300-1400, Belgrave Suite, Belgrave Hotel. Refreshments
British Democracy in Crisis: Turning the Power Inquiry into reality
With Nick Clegg MP; Ferdinand Mount, Power Inquiry;
Peter Riddell, The Times; Lord Shutt of Greetland

1815-1930, Chartwell Room, Metropole. Refreshments
**Energy: is the government right? Has the Energy
Review produced the best way forward for the UK?**
With David Howarth MP; John Thurso MP

2000-2115, Durham Gallery, Metropole. Refreshments
Britain after Blair: setting a liberal agenda
Book launch and discussion
With Dr Vince Cable MP; Lynne Featherstone MP; Simon Hughes MP;
David Laws MP; Paul Marshall, CentreForum; Sarah Teather MP

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CENTRE:FORUM

WEDNESDAY 20th

0745-0900, Lancaster Room, Metropole. Breakfast. By Invitation
**Levelling the Playing Field:
How IT can promote social inclusion?**
With Danny Alexander MP; David Laws MP

Microsoft

1300-1400, Ambassador Room, Metropole. Refreshments
CentreForum and IPPR present:
Making Cities Work: What next?
With David Frost, British Chamber of Commerce;
Cllr Barbara Janke, Bristol City Council;
Andrew Stunell MP; Prof Tony Travers, LSE



1815-1930, Clarence Room, Metropole. Refreshments
**Generation Clash: Could age rather than class
become the key divide within British society?**
With Tom Clark, The Guardian; Cllr Duncan
Greenland, CentreForum; Leon Kreitzman, author of 'The 24 Hour
Society'; Prof Steve Webb MP; Jenny Willott MP

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Morning fringe

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Conference service
All welcome to join us for the conference service with the Brighton Salvation Army band.
09.30-10.00
On the Beachfront

Lunchtime fringe

Federal Conference Committee

Welcome to conference
From policy debates to making the most out of the fringe to useful sources of information, this session will ensure first-time attendees get the best out of their week.
13.00-14.00

East Mezzanine Brighton Centre

The "4Rs" Commission

The "4Rs" primary education
An independent commission set up to do some big new thinking on primary education. Come and meet these big thinkers, find out about the commission's work and tell us your thoughts.
13.00-14.00

Clarence Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Agents and Organisers Association

AGM
Join the Agents' Association for their AGM and guest speaker. Refreshments available.
13.00-14.00

Gloucester Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

New Politics Network / Charter 88

Democracy taken for granted?
David Laws MP; Baroness Scott; Geoff Payne, Vice Chair, Federal Policy Committee. Chair: Peter Facey, NPN / Charter 88.
13.00-14.00
Edinburgh Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrats Online AGM

Come to LDO's Annual General Meeting. Or, if you prefer, join online via www.online.libdems.org
13.00-14.00

The Library Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum and Policy Exchange

Building a liberal consensus on immigration
Speakers: Keith Best, Chief Executive, Immigration Advisory Service; Nick Clegg MP. Chair: Paul Marshall, CentreForum. Refreshments.
13.00-14.00

Norfolk Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Make Votes Count

Electoral reform: raising the stakes
Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Julia Goldsworthy MP; John Curtice. Chair: Lord Oakeshott. Refreshments provided.
13.00-14.00
Walnut Suite Quality Hotel

Afternoon fringe

Liberal Democrat European Group

LDEG Executive Committee Meeting
LDEG members may attend as observers.
14.00-16.00
Sandringham Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group

ALDC / LGA Joint Executive Committee
Joint meeting of ALDC management committee and the Liberal Democrat LGA Group executive and cabinet.
14.30-15.45
Devon Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Humanist Association

Liberal Democrat Humanist and Secularist Group AGM
AGM followed by discussion and news of future activities. All welcome.
14.30-16.30
Edinburgh Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Vince Cable MP

Liberal Democrat tax policy
With new tax policy being discussed at this year's conference, this is your chance to come along and discuss the detail with Vincent Cable MP and Julia Goldsworthy MP.
15.00-17.00
Clarence Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Green Liberal Democrats

Green briefing
Briefing session covering the key environmental issues on the conference agenda, organised by Green Liberal Democrats. All welcome. Refreshments served.
16.00-18.00
Osborne Room Hilton Brighton Metropole



Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)

AGM
Members only. Reports from the past year, plus an opportunity to debate the future blueprint for LDDA in view of our recent success in being awarded AO status.
16.15-17.30
Sandringham Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat European Group

The EU Constitution: what now?
Andrew Duff MEP and Michael Moore MP discuss the options for a European Constitution. Chair: Catherine Bearder, Vice-Chair, LDEG. Refreshments.
16.30-17.30
Lancaster Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Women Liberal Democrats

Annual General Meeting
Chair: Sue Doughty. Latest news on how the party will support the women in all areas. Your comments needed! All welcome.
16.30-18.00
York Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

Afternoon fringe cont.

ALTDU

Private good, public bad?
In the light of the drive by both Labour and the Tories to hand over the delivery of more and more public services to the private sector, should we be throwing our hats into the ring with them? Speakers: Phil Willis MP; Dexter Whitfield, Centre for Public Services; Norman Lamb MP (invited).

16.30-18.00

**The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Federal Conference Committee

Speaking at conference for the first time
This session will provide tips on writing a speech, delivering it and even how to increase your chances of getting called to speak at conference.

17.00-18.00

**Level 3 Meeting Room
Brighton Centre**

CentreForum and the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA)

Liberal Democrats' tax proposals
Who gains and who loses? Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP; Robert Chote, Director, Institute of Fiscal Studies; Francesca Lagerberg, Chair, ICA Tax Faculty. Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: ICA.

17.00-18.15

**Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Chinese Liberal Democrats

Chinese Liberal Democrats launch gathering
Conference launch and panel discussion on our aims, purpose and role within the Party. Open to anyone interested in promoting Liberal Democrat and Chinese issues in the UK.

17.00-18.00

**Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

One Parent Families

Child poverty: where next?
Nearly half of children in one-parent families live in poverty. One Parent Families asks politicians and opinion-leaders to set out the next steps to end child poverty in one-parent families.

17.00-19.00

**Tennyson Room
Thistle Hotel**

Evening fringe

THE RALLY

The Green Switch Campaign Rally
Official launch of the Party's new environment campaign, with Menzies Campbell MP and guests: George Monbiot, environmental journalist and academic; and Juliet Davenport, Chief Executive of Good Energy. Chaired by Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Environment Secretary.



18.30-19.30

**Oxford Suite
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Citizens Advice

Financial inclusion: can it survive?

Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor and APPG Debt and Personal Finance; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; Sue Regan, Resolution Foundation; Jennifer Moses; CentreForum. Chair: Jill Stevens, Experian International. Refreshments provided.

19.30-21.00

**Norfolk Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group

Celebrating council excellence
Sutton Liberal Democrats are in their 21st year of control - the longest period any local authority has had a majority Lib Dem council!

This will celebrate their successes and achievements.

19.30-20.30

**York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Shelter

Building hope
Decent homes in decent neighbourhoods. With: Andrew Stunell, Shadow Secretary for Communities; Vince Cable, Shadow Chancellor; Adam Sampson, Director, Shelter. Chair: Baroness Diana Maddock.

19.30-20.45

**Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Don't bank on it: Can the financial inclusion agenda survive?

- Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor
- Sue Regan, Resolution Foundation
- Jennifer Moses, Centre Forum
- Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice
- **Chair:** Jill Stevens, Experian

Sunday 17 September 19.30 - 21.00

Norfolk Room, Brighton Metropole

Refreshments will be provided

In partnership with Experian and Resolution Foundation

Overindebtedness: How do we get Britain out of the red?

- Ed Davey MP, Trade and Industry spokesperson
- David Harker, Citizens Advice
- Martin Hall, Finance & Leasing Association

Monday 18 September 08.00 - 09.00

The Library, Brighton Metropole

Breakfast will be provided

In partnership with the Finance & Leasing Association



Evening fringe cont.

Republic

Should all democrats be republicans?
If you're a democrat can you support the monarchy... featuring Norman Baker MP (more speakers to be confirmed). Hosted by Republic. Free wine and refreshments before and after the debate.

19.30-21.00
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE FINANCIAL FRINGE

APACS

Looking out for the consumer
Find out what financial institutions are doing for you – drop-in session. Hosts: The Financial Fringe (APACS, BSA and FLA). Refreshments served.

19.30-21.15
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security

AGM: New members welcome
Join us and get involved as the Group faces a busy and challenging year promoting peace in today's world.

20.00-21.00
Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum and RSPB

Clean Green Water
How can the Lib Dems stay ahead on the environment? Speakers: Mark Avery, Director of Conservation, RSPB; Chris Huhne MP; Sue Mayer, Executive Director,



Genewatch. Chair: Baroness Sue Miller. Refreshments. Sponsor: RSPB.
20.00-21.15
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Youth and Students
Green and sexy? Surely not
Think politics is for nerds and misfits? Say hello to sexy environmentalism.
20.00-21.15
Cambridge Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole



South Central and South East Regions
Regional Reception
Your opportunity to meet MPs, MEPs and members from around the South East European Region. Food and cash bar. A great way to start your conference. Food sponsored by Peter Carroll's transport company, Seymour Transport – Logistic Magicians.
20.00-21.15
Clarence Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Green Liberal Democrats and Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill
Campaign for Bottom-Up Democracy
Julia Goldsworthy and Tim Farron discuss the campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill. Speeches followed by Q&A. Food and drinks provided, including guest beers from SIBA.
20.00-21.15
Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole



ALDC
Nuclear power - no thanks!
Campaigning against a new wave of nuclear power stations. Speakers include Martin Horwood MP, NFLA, Hackney, ALDC.
20.00-21.15
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole



East of England Liberal Democrats
East of England Regional Reception
The second party of local government in the East host their ever-popular reception. A chance for all attendees from the East to get together. Refreshments available.
20.00-21.15
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

DELGA
Annual General Meeting
Members only.
20.00-21.15
Ash Room
Quality Hotel

Liberator
Beyond Incrementalism
Launch of new booklet, edited by Graham Watson. What follows 'Meeting the Challenge'? The party must be less muted and more assertive. Speakers: Graham Watson MEP, Baroness Ros Scott.
20.00-21.30
Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Bloggers' Reception
Lib Dem Blog of the Year Awards
Come and see the inaugural Liberal Democrat bloggers awards being presented and hear from some of top

Lib Dem bloggers, including Lynne Featherstone MP.
21.00-23.00
Gloucester Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Disability Rights Commission
The inclusion party
Celebrate equality at the Inclusion Hotel with complimentary drinks and stand-up comedy from the critically acclaimed Abnormally Funny People straight from the Edinburgh Fringe.
21.00-24.00
Restaurant
Quality Hotel

Association of London Government
London Government Reception and Disco
The Capital hosts the best party of conference. Come and mingle with London councillors, assembly members, MPs, MEPs and other delegates. All welcome. Free wine, nibbles and disco!
Reception: 21.45-23.15
Lo Lounge
Hilton Brighton Metropole
Disco: 23.15-02.00
Bar 106
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Fringe

The Financial Fringe

2006

**Who is a
deserving homeowner?**

**Monday 18 September
6.15 - 7.30pm**

Chair: Rachel Blackmore, BSA
Venue: Hilton Metropole, Chartwell Room

Speakers:
Andrew Stunell MP, Shadow Secretary of
State for DCLG
David Rogers, CDS Co-operatives
Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool
City Council

**What next
for pensions?**

**Monday 18 September
6.15- 7.30pm**

Chair: Malcolm Dean, Assistant Editor,
The Guardian
Event Partner: CBI

Venue: Hilton Metropole, The Library

Speakers:
David Laws MP, Shadow
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
Richard Lambert, Director General, CBI
Jenny Watson, Chair, Equal
Opportunities Commission
Stephen Haddrill, Director
General, ABI

**Overindebtedness:
How do we get
Britain out of the red?**
**Monday 18 September
8.00 - 9.00am**

Event Partner: Citizens Advice
Venue: Hilton Metropole, The Library

Speakers:
Ed Davey MP, Shadow Secretary of
State for DTI
Martin Hall, Director General, FLA
Teresa Perchard, Director of Policy,
Citizens Advice

**Tackling
climate change:
Adapt and survive**

**Tuesday 19 September
6.15-7.30pm**

Chair: Malcolm Dean, Assistant Editor,
The Guardian
Event Partner: Environment Agency
Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel, Glyndebourne 1

Speakers:
Chris Huhne MP, Shadow
Secretary of State for DEFRA
Baroness Young of Old Scone, Chief
Executive, Environment Agency
Stephen Haddrill, Director General, ABI
Pamela Taylor, Chief
Executive, Water UK

**Looking out for
the consumer -
what financial institutions
are doing for you**

**A drop-in session to find out
more about the future for the
consumer, fighting fraud,
responsible lending and
tracing lost accounts**

**Sunday 17 September
7.30 - 9.00pm**

Venue: Hilton Metropole,
The Library

**Scaling the personal
debt mountain**

**Wednesday 20 September
6.00 - 7.15pm**

Venue: Hilton Metropole, Sandringham Room

Speakers:
Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Chief
Secretary to the Treasury
Eric Leenders, Director, BBA
Professor Elaine Kempson (tbc)
Teresa Perchard, Director of Policy,
Citizens Advice

**Turning the tide?
Saving for retirement
in a post-Turner world**
**Tuesday 19 September
8.00 - 9.00am**

Venue: Hilton Metropole

Speakers:
David Laws MP, Shadow Secretary
of State for DWP
Nick Stace, Which?
Richard Saunders, Chief
Executive, IMA

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Putting health at the top of the agenda

at the **Hilton Brighton Metropole**, Brighton

Monday 18 – Tuesday 19 September 2006

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Fringe Programme

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Social Market Foundation

Fringe

Monday 18th September Kindly supported by

1pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Throwing away the key? Are charities tough enough to run prison and probation services?	Nick Clegg MP, Shadow Home Secretary Jan Berry, Chair, Police Federation Andrew Bridges, Chief Inspector of Probation Joyce Moseley, Chief Executive, Rainer Chair: Ann Rossiter, Director, Social Market Foundation	
6.15pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Driven to distraction: How can we make transport meet the environmental challenges?	Alistair Carmicheal MP, Shadow Transport Secretary Nick Lester, Director, Transport, Environment and Planning, Association of London Government Charles Horton, Managing Director, Southeastern Chair: Natalie Tarry, Director of Research, Social Market Foundation	
8pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Checking the pulse of healthcare: How should standards in healthcare be regulated?	Sandra Gidley MP, Shadow Health Minister Stephen Bundred, Chief Executive, Audit Commission Professor Peter Littlejohns, Clinical and Public Health Director, NICE Chair: Ann Rossiter, Director, Social Market Foundation	

Tuesday 19th September Kindly supported by

8 am York Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Building the right foundations: How can the Liberal Democrats influence social housing policy?	Andrew Stunell MP, Shadow Secretary of State to ODPM Mark Lupton, Policy Adviser, Chartered Institute for Housing Chair: Ann Rossiter, Director, Social Market Foundation	
12.45pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Risky Business: Is the UK being paralysed by the fear of a compensation culture?	Danny Alexander MP, Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions Peter Andrews, Chair, National Forum for Risk Management in the Public Sector Bill Callaghan, Chair, Health and Safety Commission Chair: Ann Rossiter, Director, Social Market Foundation	
6.15pm Durham Gallery, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Free to work? Are we doing enough to get offenders into jobs?	Baroness Linklater of Butterstone Cllr Greg Foxsmith, London Borough of Islington Keith Faulkner, Managing Director, Working Links Bobby Cummines, Chief Executive, Unlock Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Education Spokesperson Chair: Ann Rossiter, Director, Social Market Foundation	
6.15pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Science fact or science fiction: How should politicians respond to media scare stories?	Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Science Spokesperson Alok Jha, Science Correspondent, The Guardian Mike Dolan, Executive Director, MOA Chair: Natalie Tarry, Director of Research, Social Market Foundation	
8pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Front of the class? Can we engage parents in education?	Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Education and Skills Professor John Adams, National Governors Association Carol Adams, Chief Executive, General Teaching Council Ann Rossiter, Director, Social Market Foundation Chair: Miranda Green, Education Correspondent, <i>Financial Times</i>	

Wednesday 20th September Kindly supported by

12.45pm Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel	Love thy neighbour: Does community still matter?	Baroness Shirley Williams Matthew Taylor MP, Shadow Minister for Social Exclusion Oona Muirhead, Director of Communications and Strategy, Local Government Association Tony Hawkhead, Chief Executive, Groundwork Alastair Camp, Corporate Responsibility Director, Barclays Chair: Natalie Tarry, Director of Research, Social Market Foundation	
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Morning fringe

Environment Agency
Green light to green taxation? Doing business in a liberal environment?
A debate on the balance between taxation, regulation and voluntary action; how best to achieve a sustainable future?
07.00-09.00
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL
Help The Hospices and The Royal College of Midwives
The certainties of life
The impact of the reform agenda on patient choice and care at the beginning and end of life. Chaired by *Health Service Journal*.
07.15-08.30
Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL
Cancerbackup
Decision impossible
Choosing between funding drugs, patients and NHS staff.
07.15-08.30
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL
National Housing Federation and Places for People
Tenant involvement: facing the challenge
Tenant involvement: how housing associations are rising to the challenge.
07.30-08.45
Chestnut Room
Quality Hotel

Citizens Advice
Overindebtedness
How can Britain get out of the red? Ed Davey MP, Trade and Industry

spokesperson; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; Martin Hall, Finance & Leasing Association.
Breakfast provided.
08.00-09.00
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

National Institute of Adult Education and Age Concern England
Extending working and learning life
Ageing population; skills gaps; productivity challenges. Big agenda! Leading NGOs for adult learning and older people. WLTM conference delegates for serious discussion of issues. GSOH essential. All welcome.
08.00-09.00
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrats Christian Forum
Morning praise "created for responsibility"
Prayer and praise before conference. Sal Brinton will be speaking as part of our theme "created in God's image" looking at how we were created to tell right from wrong. All welcome.
08.15-08.45
Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Parliamentary Candidates' Association
PCA Annual General Meeting
Including election of Executive Officers and Committee for next year.
PCA members only.
09.00-10.30
Surrey Suite 2
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Business Forum
Business Forum Annual Corporate Day
Opportunity to engage with parliamentarians and key business figures. Sessions include: "environmental producer responsibility", "offshoring – threat or opportunity", "skills for business" and "Q&A". Includes lunch and afternoon tea. Tickets £400.
09.00-16.30
Clarence and Lancaster Rooms
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group
Councils can build new housing
Cllr Heather Kidd and Dan Rogerson MP will lead discussion on the future of local council housing. South Shropshire has pioneered work on this difficult area for local councils.
09.30-10.30
Gloucester Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Lunchtime fringe

CLIMATE CLINIC Natural England
Changing climate: changing nature
Sir Martin Doughty, Chair, Natural England; Sue Holden, Chief Executive, Woodland Trust; Graham Wynne, Chief Executive, RSPB.
12.00-14.00
Friends Meeting House

CLA **THE GAME CONSERVANCY TRUST** **BASC**

Managing biodiversity and Climate Change

Speakers:
Chris Huhne MP - Shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
John Swift - Chief Executive BASC
Stephen Tapper - Director of Public Policy GCT
William Worsley - Vice-President CLA

Monday 18 October, 1.00 - 2.00pm
The Ambassador Suite, The Hilton Brighton Metropole
Free buffet lunch and wine

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARTY CONFERENCE 2006

Speakers: **Nick Clegg** MP, Shadow Home Secretary (Invited); **Sukhvinder Stubbs**, Chief Executive, Barrow Cadbury Trust; **Janet Snell**, Deputy Editor, Community Care

Lost In Transition – Young Adults and the Criminal Justice System

Given that young adults are responsible for a third of crime in Britain costing between £16 800 and £20 000 million each year, what can the Government do to sensibly reduce this?

18th September 12.45-14.15
Glyndebourne 1, Holiday Inn, Seafont, 137 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2JF
A hot and cold buffet lunch will be available

communitycare

Lunchtime fringe cont.

Association of Colleges
Full-time in college at 14? 44% of 16 year olds don't achieve five A-C grades at GCSE. Join Sarah Teather MP to debate whether youngsters should be allowed to learn a vocational skill full-time.
12.30-14.00
Albert Room
Grand Hotel

Greater Manchester PTA
Integrated transport for city growth
 Integrated transport solutions for the growth of our cities.
12.45-14.00
Consort Room
Grand Hotel

THE INCLUSION HOTEL
Scope
Educating disabled children for life
 What works? Educating disabled children for life. Danny Alexander MP, Shadow Spokesperson, Work and Pensions (Disabled People); Zara Todd, Graduate; Jon Sparkes, Scope. Chair: Stephen Cook, Third Sector (invited).
12.45-14.00
Ash and Beech Rooms
Quality Hotel

THE INCLUSION HOTEL
Mind
Choice in mental health - when?
 David Henry, Chair, Mind; Lindsey Dyer, Merseycare NHS Trust; Peter Campbell, Mental Health System

Survivor; Matthew Taylor MP, Shadow Minister, Social Exclusion.
12.45-14.00
Chestnut Room
Quality Hotel

THE INCLUSION HOTEL
Disability Rights Commission and Commission for Racial Equality
Reaching out to renew democracy
 Is promoting equality the answer to plugging the democratic deficit?
12.45-14.00
Walnut Suite
Quality Hotel

Barrow Cadbury Trust
Lost in transition
 Young adults in the criminal justice system. With: Sukhvinder Stubbs,

Barrow Cadbury Trust; and Janet Snell, *Community Care* magazine. Refreshments provided.
12.45-14.15
Glyndebourne 1
Holiday Inn

The Smith Institute
Mental health in the workplace
 Wellbeing workplaces: how to make employment mentally healthy. Organised by The Smith Institute, the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health and Pfizer. Speakers: Sandra Gidley MP, Health spokesperson; Angela Greatly, SCMH.
12.45-14.15
Sussex Suite
Old Ship Hotel

Fringe meeting

Monday 18 September 2006
 12.45 - 14.00
 Consort Room, **Grand Hotel**

Integrated transport solutions for the growth of our cities

...The complete picture

Speakers:
 Chair: **Jim Hancock**, Former Political Editor, BBC North West
Alistair Calmichael MP, Transport Spokesman
Paul Rowen MP, Rochdale and member of Transport Team
Councillor Keith Whitmore, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority
Richard Knowles, Professor of Transport Geography, University of Salford



Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority

Which way forward?



The NUT's education statement, *Bringing Down the Barriers*, contains, at its heart, the belief that children and young people are more likely to develop their abilities and full potential through access to free, high quality education delivered by good local schools.

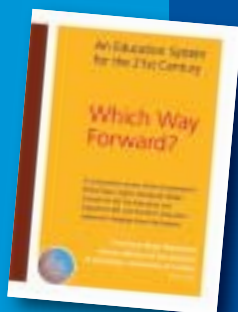
Fringe



Commissioned by the NUT, Professor Peter Mortimore, the distinguished former director of the Institute of Education, University of London, has produced an independent evaluation of the education policies of the NUT and the Government.

An Education System for the 21st Century: Which Way Forward?, contrasts the Government's White Paper, *Higher Standards, Better Schools For All*, and the Education and Inspections Bill with the NUT's education statement.

Using comparative analysis and citing international evidence, the report is authoritative, comprehensive and rigorous. It is essential reading for those interested in the future of education in this country.



SCHOOLS PROMOTING COMMUNITY COHESION

WHICH WAY FORWARD?

12.45 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Monday 18 September 2006
Hall No 4, Hilton Metropole

Sarah Teather MP; **William Atkinson**, Head Teacher, Phoenix High School; **Hamish McCallum**, ESSA; **Steve Sinnott**, NUT General Secretary; Chair: **John Howson**, President LDEA.

Food and refreshments provided.

NUT FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER RECEPTION

8.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20 September 2006
Hall No 4, Hilton Metropole
Music provided by Music for Youth

For a free copy of *Which Way Forward?* visit the NUT Stand No. 190

Lunchtime fringe cont.

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Best use of health resources

This fringe will provide a platform for discussion of some of the more controversial issues facing NICE, as well as its new responsibilities in public health.

12.45-14.15

**Keats and Shelley Room
Thistle Hotel**

HEALTH HOTEL Nursing and Midwifery Council

Are patients really safe?

The debate explores the challenges of ensuring standards and patient safety are not compromised in a deregulated NHS in which healthcare is delivered by multiple providers.

13.00-14.00

**Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

HEALTH HOTEL Parkinson's Disease Society and the Long Term Medical Conditions Alliance

NHS modernisation: initiative overload?

The government has produced a stream of initiatives designed to improve NHS services, but are they really working to improve care for patients?

13.00-14.00

**Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

HEALTH HOTEL Help The Aged

Demographic timebomb: who cares?

Population ageing will

stretch our care system. Join Derek Wanless, Steve Webb MP and Carers UK, Help The Aged and the Kings Fund to debate how to meet the challenge.

13.00-14.00

**Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

National Union of Teachers

Schools promoting community cohesion

Speakers include: Sarah Teather MP; William Atkinson, Head teacher, Phoenix High School; Hamish McCallum, Student ESSA; Steve Sinnott, NUT. Chair: John Howson, LDEA President.

13.00-14.00

**Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

British Association for Shooting and Conservation

Managing biodiversity and climate change

Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; John Swift, Chief Executive, BASC;

Stephen Tapper, GCT Policy Director; William Worsley, Vice-President, CLA.

13.00-14.00

**Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Arts Council of England

Imagine Britain without the arts

This year we're 60. Join us to celebrate our first six decades and to debate where we go from here. Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Culture Secretary; Others tbc.

13.00-14.00

**Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Future cities and climate change

Question and answer session with Baroness Miller, David Howarth MP and Norman Baker MP on how cities must adapt in order to meet the challenges of climate change.

13.00-14.00

**Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Social Market Foundation and Rainer

Can charities run prison probation services?

Nick Clegg MP, Shadow Home Secretary; Jan Berry, Chair Police Federation Services; Joyce Moseley, Chief Executive Rainer; Andrew Bridges, Chief Inspector of Probation.

13.00-14.00

**Norfolk Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Liberator and ALTER

Generational equity

Young workers create most of our wealth, yet are being stung by graduate debt, inflated property values, pensions and income tax. Is the party's tax commission missing a trick?

13.00-14.00

**Cambridge Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Breast Cancer Care

The age factor

Ageism in the treatment of breast cancer.

13.00-14.00

**Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**



Imagine Britain without the arts

Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
Felicity Harvest, Arts Council England, South East
Simon Fanshawe, Writer and Broadcaster

Location: Balmoral Room, Metropole Hotel

Date: Monday, 18 September 2006

Time: 1-2pm

Live music. Hot food provided.
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celebrating
the arts

Lunchtime fringe cont.

The Guardian

The Guardian debate: "What next: squeezed again?"

Chair: Simon Hoggart.

Panel: Julia Goldsworthy MP and Norman Lamb MP.

13.00-14.00

Oxford Suite

Hilton Brighton Metropole

British Chambers of Commerce

Securing energy for British business

A panel discussion on the implications of the Energy Review for British Business with representatives from the media, politics, and the business community.

13.00-14.00

Surrey Suite 2

Hilton Brighton Metropole

The Times

Liberal Democrats and the voters

Panel session chaired by: Robert Thomson, Editor,

The Times. With: Vince

Cable MP; Steve Webb MP;

Andrew Cooper, Populus;

and Tim Hames, *The Times*.

13.00-14.00

Buckingham Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Training Task Group

Can you develop councillors?

Liverpool City Council runs its innovative councillorship training programme jointly with the University of Chester. Find out more from councillors, university trainers and the Training Task Group. Wine and refreshments.

13.00-14.00

The Library

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Reform

Liberal reform

Meeting the Challenge of improving public services and the economy in the rest of this decade.

Speakers: David Laws MP; Jeremy Browne MP.

Refreshments.

13.00-14.00

Durham Gallery

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Citizens Advice

The CEHR: making Britain better?

Lorely Burt MP, Liberal Democrat spokesperson on Women and Equality;

Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; and Dr Evan Harris MP, APPG Equalities.

Refreshments provided.

13.00-14.00

Gloucester Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

A better Britain?

What difference will the Commission for Equality and Human Rights make?

- Lorely Burt MP, Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Women and Equality
- Dr Evan Harris MP, All Party Parliamentary Group on Equalities
- **Chair:** Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice

Monday 18 September 13.00 - 14.00

Gloucester Room, Brighton Metropole

Lunch will be provided

citizens
advice
bureau

The Guardian debate

What next: squeezed again?

Chair: Simon Hoggart

Panel includes: Baroness Bonham-Carter, Julia Goldsworthy MP and Norman Lamb MP

Monday September 18, 1-2pm

Oxford Room, Hilton Brighton Metropole, Brighton

Refreshments provided

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Lunchtime fringe cont.

Leader's Reception

Leader's reception for minority ethnic Councillors and Candidates

By invitation only.

13.00-14.00

**Windsor Restaurant
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

Liberal Democrats Insight

Shared residency when parents separate

A panel discussion on the merits of shared residency for children when parents separate. Speakers will include Rebecca Kingdom-Kruszewski of Families Need Fathers and a Lib Dem Education spokesman.

13.00-14.00

**York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

ALDE Group

Cut crime – legalise drugs
Police officers say it is time for a fundamental rethink about drugs policy. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Inspector Jim Duffy, Chairman, Strathclyde Police Federation; Baroness Joan Walmsey.

13.00-14.00

**Lancing Suite
Holiday Inn**

DEMOS / nef (new economics foundation)

Masterclass in holistic policy making

This event will look at a practical holistic approach to policy making. A series of short exercises will stimulate audience involvement, between addresses from expert speakers.

13.00-14.00

**Ashdown 1
Holiday Inn**

Mencap

Every disabled child matters

This event is the launch of the 'Every disabled child matters' campaign, run by four leading charities working with and representing disabled children and their families.

13.00-14.00

**Ashdown 2
Holiday Inn**

National Heart Forum

Childhood for sale

Are we selling our kids' future health?

13.00-14.00

**Glyndebourne 2
Holiday Inn**

Afternoon fringe

CLIMATE CLINIC Energy Saving Trust

Environment workshop for community leaders

Learn how local authorities and communities can meet the challenge of climate change with the latest information resources and advice on grant programmes. Share your challenges and successes.

17.30-19.00

Friends Meeting House

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Disability Rights Commission, Equal Opportunities Commission and Carers UK

The future: who cares?

The DRC, EOC, Carers UK and Liberal Democrat health teams discuss the future of caring, following a major MORI survey, changing expectations of services and Britain's changing demographics.

17.45-19.30

**Walnut Suite
Quality Hotel**

Evening fringe

Leader's Reception

Leader's reception for women councillors and candidates

By invitation only.

18.00-19.00

**Ashdown Suite
Holiday Inn**

Our Say

Campaign for local and national referendums

Speaker: Saira Khan.

18.00-19.30

**Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

THE INCLUSION HOTEL

**TreeHouse and The
National Autistic Society**

Autism: make school make sense

Greg Mulholland MP joins
Chair Lord Clement-Jones,

education professionals, parent campaigners and a young person with autism for a panel discussion on improving autism education policy and practice.

18.00-19.30

**Chestnut Room
Quality Hotel**

Actionaid

International question time

Featuring Susan Kramer MP, International Development Spokesperson. A panel of development experts and commentators organised by 14 leading campaigning organisations.

Refreshments available.

18.00-19.30

**Odeon Cinema,
West Street**

REFORM

FRINGE SCHEDULE

Monday 18 September

Jeremy Browne MP

David Laws MP

Liberal Reform

1pm, Hilton Brighton Metropole,
Durham Gallery

Wednesday 20 September

Steve Webb MP

Paying for a reformed NHS

1pm, Hilton Brighton Metropole,
Hall 4

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Evening fringe cont.

DELGA/Stonewall

Delivering equality for all
Baroness Julia Neuberger;
Stephen Williams MP; Cllr
Rodney Berman, Leader of
Cardiff Council; Ben
Summerskill, Stonewall.
Wine and food.
18.00-20.00
Seasons Suite
The Belgrave Hotel

HEALTH HOTEL Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and the Stroke Association

Could work, can't work
Debate the difficulties
faced and how
rehabilitation can improve
both the individual worker
and the economy.
18.15-19.30
Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL The New Health Network

Is the NHS getting better?
Is the NHS getting better
or worse, and how do we
know? With Steve Webb
MP, lead health spokesman
and speakers from The
Health Foundation, Bazian
and New Health Network.
18.15-19.30
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE FINANCIAL FRINGE Building Societies Association

*Who is a deserving
homeowner?*
Chair: Rachel Blackmore,
Building Societies
Association. Speakers:
Andrew Stunell MP,
Shadow Secretary of State
for DCLG; David Rogers,
CDS Co-operatives; Warren
Bradley, Leader, Liverpool
City Council. Refreshments
provided.
18.15-19.30
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL NPSA and MPS

*Healthcare choice access
and patient safety: what's
the connection?*
Everyone is talking about
choice in the NHS. Is
quality of care and patient
safety yesterday's news?
Join us for a discussion.
18.15-19.30
Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole



Monday 18 September • 18.15-19.30 • Lancing Room, Holiday Inn

Our Cities: Our Future

Chair: **Peter Hetherington** The Guardian

Speakers: **Chris Huhne**
Shadow Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Secretary (invited)
Dermot Finch IPPR, Centre for Cities
Simon Marvin SURF

Cllr **John Shipley** Leader of Newcastle City Council

Fringe meetingRefreshments



THE INDEPENDENT FRINGE MEETING

HOW DO THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS MOVE CLOSER TO POWER?

**SPEAKERS: SIMON HUGHES MP, CHRIS HUHNE MP,
NICK CLEGG MP, LORD CHRIS RENNARD**

CHAIR: STEVE RICHARDS, THE INDEPENDENT

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Beyond Profit - Public sector services & the 3rd sector

Monday 18th September, 6.15pm to 7.30pm

The Glyndebourne Suite 2, Holiday Inn, Brighton Seafront

Does the 3rd sector have the capacity and capability to deliver public sector services that are fit for purpose? Speakers include **Nick Clegg MP**, Lib Dem Shadow Home Secretary and **Catherine A'Bear**, Chief Officer, Corporate Affairs, The Shaw Trust - **Free Refreshments Available**



Keeping the UK Competitive – What price success?

Tuesday 19th September, 6.15pm to 7.30pm

The Glyndebourne Suite 2, Holiday Inn, Brighton Seafront

Debating the investment needs of a globally competitive UK. Chaired by **James Blitz** of the Financial Times, speakers include **Ed Davey MP**, Lib Dem Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and **Neil Sherlock**, Partner, Public Affairs at KPMG LLP - **Free Refreshments Available**



The Royal British Legion Liberal Democrat Party Conference Reception

Tuesday 19th September, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

The Consort Room, The De Vere Grand Hotel, Brighton

Find out the countless ways the Royal British Legion supports their 10 million strong constituency of serving and ex-Service people and their dependants whilst enjoying an all-British menu of appetizers and fine British wines. **STRICTLY INVITE ONLY**



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Fringe



**Extended provision:
The changing landscape of the school**

**Monday, 18 September | 6.15pm – 7.15pm
Balmoral Suite, Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel**

How should schools and other agencies best work together to meet the needs of the whole child as part of the extended schools agenda?

Speakers: **Sarah Teather** MP, Shadow Secretary for Education and Skills
John Dunford, General Secretary, ASCL
Mick Brookes, General Secretary, NAHT

Chair: **Professor John Howson**, President of the LDEA



A fringe meeting hosted jointly by the Association of School and College Leaders, the National Association of Head Teachers and the Liberal Democrat Education Association.
www.ascl.org.uk | www.naht.org.uk | www.libdems.org.uk

Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm

Evening fringe cont.

THE FINANCIAL FRINGE Association of British Insurers

What next for pensions?
Chair: Malcolm Dean, *The Guardian*. Speakers: David Laws MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Richard Lambert, Director General, CBI; Jenny Watson, Chair, EOC; Stephen Haddrill, Director General, ABI.

18.15-19.30
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Beginnings

Engaging employers in welfare reform
Chair: Peter Barnett, UnumProvident. Speakers: Danny Alexander, Lib Dem Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions;

Matthew Lester, Director of Employment, The Papworth Trust; Steve Winyard, Head of Public Policy, RNIB.

18.15-19.30
Durham Gallery
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Association of School and College Leaders, Lib Dem Education Association and National Association of Head Teachers

Extended provision: the changing landscape
Sarah Teather MP will speak at a fringe meeting chaired by Prof John Howson and hosted jointly by ASCL, Lib Dem Education Association and NAHT.

18.15-19.30
Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

The Independent Newspaper

How do the Liberal Democrats move closer to power?

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Chris Huhne MP; Nick Clegg MP; Lord Chris Rennard. Chair: Steve Richards, *The Independent*.
18.15-19.30
Oxford Suite
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Forum for the Countryside

Can communities survive avian flu?
Dr Sally Leivesley, Crisis Management Consultant; Dr Ian Brown, VLA; Charles Bourn, NFU; and Roger Williams MP discuss the issues facing communities in an avian flu pandemic.

18.15-19.30
Surrey Suite 1
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Foreign Policy Centre

Russian democracy: the way forward

Michael Moore MP (tbc), Baroness Nicholson and Stephen Twigg (Chair) address a Foreign Policy Centre seminar on democracy, civil liberties and human rights in Russia. Sponsored by the EU-Russia Centre.

18.15-19.30
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

DAGGER

The future of British democracy
Come and join Tony Benn and DAGGER in discussing the future direction of our democracy. L. John Holman, Hon Sec.

18.15-19.30
Buckingham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

PLANNING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE



6.30 pm, Monday 18 September
Ash & Beech Room, Quality Hotel, West Street

Speakers include: **Baroness Scott** (Chair)
Tom Brake MP
Andrew Lee, Sharp UK
Robert Shaw, TCPA

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES – VITAL TOWN CENTRES

Disability Rights Commission

6.30 pm, Tuesday 19 September
Walnut Room, Quality Hotel, West Street

Speakers include: **Cllr Richard Kemp**, Liberal Democrat Leader, LGA
Julia Goldsworthy MP
Chris Holmes, TCPA
Gideon Amos, TCPA (Chair)

BALANCING ENGLAND – SUSTAINING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



6.30 pm, Wednesday 20 September
Walnut Room, Quality Hotel, West Street

Speakers include: **Cllr Jill Shortland**, English Regions Network & Chair, South West Regional Assembly
Andrew Stunell MP, Shadow DCLG
Norman Baker MP
John Shipley OBE, Leader, Newcastle City Council
Peter Hetherington, TCPA (Chair)

All Welcome
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LGA & National Consumer Council fringe meeting
made-to-measure public services: postcode lottery
or postcode choice?
Tuesday 19 September, 1-2pm, Ambassador Suite, Hilton
Metropole

Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Secretary of State for
Education; Baroness Ros Scott, Shadow Local
Government Minister; Ed Mayo, chief executive, National
Consumer Council; and Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA deputy
chair, LGA Liberal Democrat group leader
Jeremy Vine, editor, Times Public Agenda (chair)

Postcode choice means delivering high-quality public
services to everyone, and ensuring that local people can
decide what's important for them. This fringe debates
how we can ensure that postcode choice doesn't
become a postcode lottery, and why local councillors
and local organisations are critical.



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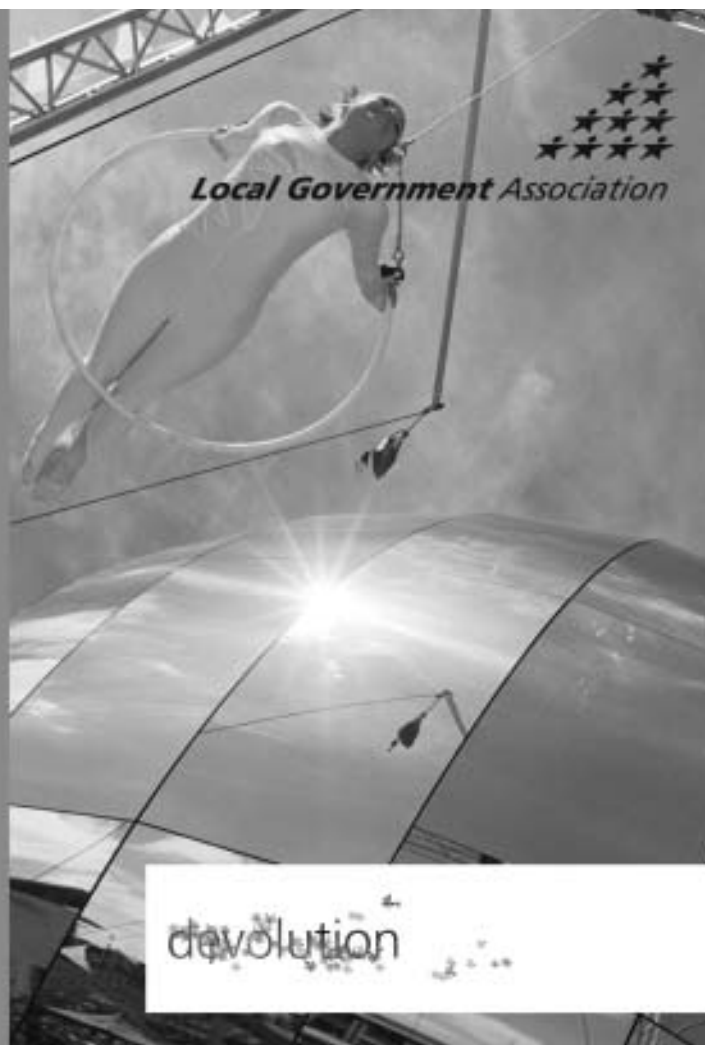
The local government reception

Tuesday 19 September, 8.00-9.15pm, Ambassador Suite,
Hilton Metropole
Key local government organisations join forces for the
local government reception



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LGA & IDEa fringe meeting
councils and the countdown
to equality: are you ready?

Wednesday 20 September, 1-2pm, Durham Gallery,
Hilton Metropole

Cllr David Rogers, chair, LGA community well-being
board (chair); Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, leader,
Portsmouth City Council; Stephen Williams MP, Shadow
Education Minister; and Mandy Wright, associate
director, IDEa

LGA Breakfast seminar (by invitation): the Olympics
2012 - ensuring a lasting national legacy

Wednesday 20 September, 7.45 - 8.45am, Gloucester
suite, Hilton Metropole

Environment fringe with Chris Huhne MP, Cllr Paula
Baker & Cllr Roger Symonds

Monday 18 September, 9.30pm-10.30am, Chartwell
Suite, Hilton Metropole

LGA Liberal Democrat group meeting with Shadow
DCLG team & Michael Lyons (invited)

Monday 18 September, 6.15pm - 7.30pm LO Lounge,
Hilton Metropole

Schools fringe with Sarah Teather MP and Cllr James
Kempton

Tuesday 19 September, 9.30am-10.30am, Chartwell
Suite, Hilton Metropole

Evening fringe cont.

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Human rights under attack

Defending the Act, enshrining civil liberties and securing a Bill of Rights. Lord Lester QC; Lord Goodhart QC; Prof Jeffrey Jowell QC; Shami Chakrabhati, Chair, Liberty; Jonathan Marks QC. Refreshments.

18.15-19.30

Ambassador Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group

Star billing LGA Group Meeting

Sir Michael Lyons is the guest speaker at the LGA Liberal Democrat Group

meeting. Open to all Liberal Democrat councillors.

18.15-19.30

Clarence Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Social Market Foundation and The Go-Ahead Group

Driven to distraction

How can we make transport meet the environmental challenges? Alistair Carmichael MP, Shadow Transport Secretary; Nick Lester, Director Transport Environment and Planning, Association of London Government; Charles Horton, Managing Director, SouthEastern.

18.15-19.30

Norfolk Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

National Energy Action (NEA)

Energy competition: power to people?

The impact on fuel poverty, the environment and consumers. Hosted by NEA, British Gas and Energy Watch.

18.15-19.30

Glyndebourne 1 Holiday Inn

The Shaw Trust

Beyond profit

Public sector services and the third sector. Does the third sector have the capacity and capability to deliver public sector services that are fit for purpose?

18.15-19.30

Glyndebourne 2 Holiday Inn

Core Cities Group

Our cities: our future

Chair: Peter Hetherington, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Dermot Finch, IPPR, Centre for Cities; Simon Marvin, Surf; Cllr John Shipley, Leader of Newcastle City Council.

18.15-19.30

Lancing Suite Holiday Inn

CentreForum

Can Britain compete?

The challenges and threats of the global economy. Speakers: Edward Davey MP; Lord Razzall. Chair: Michael Snyder, City of London. Refreshments. Sponsor: City of London.

18.15-19.30

Alexandra Room Grand Hotel

Champagne taste test

Evening reception

Julia Goldsworthy MP and Which? invite you to an evening reception at the 2006 Liberal Democrat Party Conference



On Monday 18 September from 19:00 to 20:00
Cambridge Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel,
Kings Road, Brighton

Buffet provided



Evening fringe cont.

Northern RDAs

Northern RDAs and the global economy
Northern RDAs, North West Development Agency, One NorthEast and Yorkshire Forward are working to exploit the opportunities and meet the challenges of the global economy.

18.15-19.30

**Albert Room
Grand Hotel**

The Smith Institute

Wealth or wellbeing?
Organised by The Smith Institute and East Midlands Development Agency.
Speakers: Paul Holmes MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Party tbc; Andrew Morgan, EMDA; Wilf Stevenson, Smith Institute.

18.15-19.30

**Sussex Suite
Old Ship Hotel**

The Smith Institute

New green technology
Organised by New Statesman and ATOS Origin. Speakers: Martin Horwood MP, Environment spokesperson, tbc; Stephen Hale, Green Alliance; David Vincent, Carbon Trust; Ben Davies, *New Statesman*.

18.15-19.30

**Tudor Suite
Old Ship Hotel**

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Town and Country Planning Association

Planning for climate change
Good planning can help save the planet. Delivering safe secure energy, improving energy efficiency, and designing sustainable communities is vital to combating climate change and maintaining our quality of life.

18.30-20.00

**Ash and Beech Rooms
Quality Hotel**

NFU

British agriculture: beyond price?

A debate on the value of farming to the country, and the countryside. Speakers: Sue Miller, LibDems; Meurig Raymond, NFU; Shaun Spiers, CPRE. Chair:

Martin Horwood MP. Free refreshments.

18.30-20.00

**Noblesse Room
Thistle Hotel**

Immigration Advisory Service and JCWI

Is economic migration just slavery?

Is modern day economic migration a form of slavery? Chair: Keith Best, IAS. Speakers: Habib Rahman, JCWI; plus invited speakers including MPs and trade union leaders. See www.iasuk.org and www.jcwi.org.uk for confirmed speakers.

18.30-20.30

Sussex Arts Club

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The Global Economy – a threat or opportunity for the North?

The economy of the North competes in a fast changing global economy. Our businesses are selling their goods and services across the world, and we are home to numerous international companies.

However, the North also faces challenges in outsourcing and manufacturing.

Regional Development Agencies in the North are working to exploit the opportunities and meet the challenges of the global economy. We're helping businesses export to new markets, bringing business and universities together and encouraging strong workforce skills.

We invite you to discuss this vital issue with us and Rt Hon Alan Beith MP, Member of Parliament for Berwick upon Tweed.

Monday 18 September, Evening Reception
6.15 – 7.30 pm, Albert Room, The Grand Hotel, Kings Road (Refreshments Provided)



Conference diary pullout

If you don't want to carry all your papers, make sure you carry your Conference Diary - an easy reference checklist for the whole week.

Check the fringe meetings you want to attend, tick the conference sessions you must be there for, add the notes on who to meet and where and when, and keep this useful pullout Diary in your pocket.

Saturday 16th September		
15.00-17.30	Consultative sessions:	Climate change. Liberal Democrat crime policy: no soft options. Setting the agenda: moving the EU forward.
	Evening fringe	

Conference timetable 2007

Spring 2007: Harrogate, Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th March 2007

Deadline: constitutional amendments / amendments to Standing Orders	Wednesday 15th November 2006
Conference Committee	Saturday 22nd November 2006
Deadline: draft motions for drafting advice	Wednesday 6th December 2006
Deadline: policy and business motions	Wednesday 3rd January 2007
Conference Committee	Saturday 13th January 2007
Deadline: amendments / emergency motions / questions to reports	Tuesday 27th February 2007

Autumn 2007: Brighton, Saturday 15th - Thursday 20th September 2007

Deadline: draft motions for drafting advice	Wednesday 9th May 2007
Deadline: policy and business motions / constitutional amendments / amendments to Standing Orders	Wednesday 23rd May 2007
Conference Committee	Saturday 2nd June 2007
Deadline: amendments / topical motions	Wednesday 11th July 2007
Conference Committee	Saturday 21st July 2007
Deadline: amendments to topical motions / emergency motions / questions to reports	Wednesday 12th September 2007

Conference diary pullout

Sunday 17th September		
	Morning fringe	
10.00-12.30	Consultative sessions: Crime in the community, Future of the Trident system, Inequality, poverty and lack of opportunity	
11.30-12.30	Consultative session: Taking power	
12.30-14.15	Lunchtime fringe	
14.15-14.40	Report of the FCC Standing order amendments	
14.40-15.00	Report of the FPC	
15.00-15.50	Report of the FE Leadership and Presidential election regulations Specified Associated Organisations recognition	
15.10-16.00	Report of the Gender Balance Task Force	
16.00-16.30	Report of the FFAC Membership subscription and federal levy	
16.30-17.00	Constitutional amendment	
17.00-17.45	Reports of the Parliamentary Parties	
17.45	Close of Session	
	Evening fringe	
Monday 18th September		
	Morning fringe	
10.30-10.50	Formal opening of Conference	
10.50-11.10	Speech by Michael Moore MP	
11.10-12.25	<i>Stronger Families, Brighter Futures</i> (Children and families policy paper)	
12.25-12.45	Speech by Nick Clegg MP	
12.45-14.15	Lunchtime fringe	
14.15-14.45	Policy motion: Independent living	
14.45-15.25	Question and answer with Menzies Campbell MP	
15.25-15.55	Communications presentation by Edward Davey MP	
15.55-16.35	Business motion: Diversity and equality	
16.35-17.15	Urgent issue	
17.15-18.00	Policy motion: Rape convictions	
18.00	Close of Session	
	Evening fringe	

Conference diary pullout

Tuesday 19th September		
	Morning fringe	
09.00-09.30	Policy motion: Clean and ethical investment	
09.30-09.55	Presentation by Scottish Liberal Democrats	
09.55-10.15	Speech by Chris Huhne MP	
10.15-10.45	Policy motion: Setting small business free	
10.45-12.45	<i>Fairer, Simpler, Greener</i> (Tax reform policy paper)	
12.45-14.15	Lunchtime fringe	
14.15-15.00	Policy motion: Making the climate change switch: a micro solution to a macro problem	
15.00-15.40	Question and answer session on health	
15.40-16.00	Speech by Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP	
16.00-16.30	Policy motion: Sustainable management of water resources	
16.30-18.00	<i>Your Community, Your Choice</i> (English local government policy paper)	
18.00	Close of Session	
	Evening fringe	
Wednesday 20th September		
	Morning fringe	
09.00-09.30	Policy motion: Hospital nutrition	
09.30-10.00	Emergency motion	
10.00-10.20	Presentation by Liverpool City Council Lib Dem Group	
10.20-10.40	Speech by Dr Vincent Cable MP	
10.40-11.10	Policy motion: School headteachers	
11.10-11.20	Party awards	
11.20-11.40	Speech by Simon Hughes MP	
11.40-12.25	Policy motion: Rural communities	
12.25-12.45	Presentation by Lord Coe	
12.45- 14.15	Lunchtime fringe	
14.15-15.00	Policy motion: Transport and social exclusion	
15.00-15.20	Speech by Sarah Teather MP	
15.20-16.50	<i>Trust in People: Make Britain free, fair and green</i> (Report of Meeting the Challenge Working Group)	
16.50-17.30	Policy motion: End modern slavery and trafficking	
17.30-18.00	Urgent issue	
18.00	Close of Session	
	Evening fringe	

Conference diary pullout

Thursday 21st September

	Morning fringe	
09.00-09.30	Emergency motion	
09.30-10.00	Policy motion: Human rights in the United Kingdom	
10.00-10.20	Speech by Grigory Yavlinsky	
10.20-11.35	<i>Britain's Global Responsibilities: the international rule of law</i> (International law policy paper)	
11.35-12.45	Speech by the Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Rt Hon Sir Menzies Campbell QC MP	
12.45 (approx)	Close of Conference	

Stewarding at conference

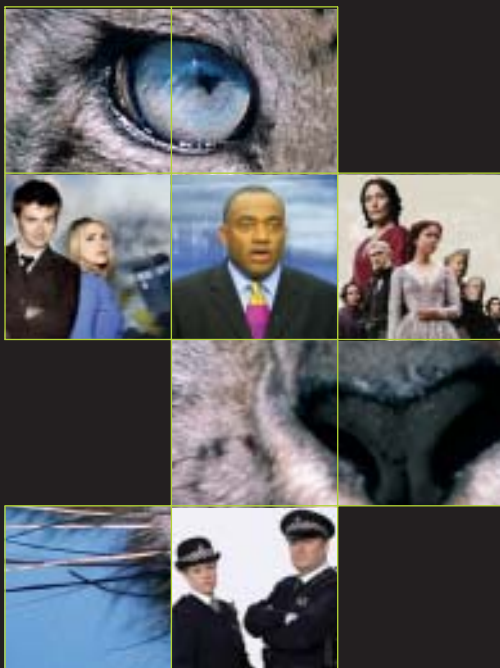


Have you been before and want to see another side of conference, or is this your first time and you're a little unsure of what to expect? Then the stewards team may be for you. The team consists of around 70 volunteers who carry out numerous tasks, from security to helping in the auditorium, working with VIPs, guests and party staff.

Stewarding at conference can be a rewarding experience. We offer a daily allowance, help with accommodation costs and free registration. You can help for a few hours a day or the whole week.

Why not give it ago? To find out more contact Chris Jennings, Chief Steward. chrisjennings@btinternet.com or call the Conference Office and leave a message.

Diary



Building digital infrastructure The BBC is working with partners such as ntl:Telewest, ITV, Channel 4 and Sky to deliver high-definition television

Quality content The BBC plans to invest more in providing innovative, high-quality output, like *Planet Earth* and *Bleak House*, together with more programmes from the independent production sector

New services We want to make our content easier for people to find, watch and listen to, across a range of platforms and devices

Local relevance The BBC wants to bring its content closer to where people live, with more local news and more production outside of London. We are planning a major move to Greater Manchester and more network drama from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland



The BBC Delivering digital Britain in partnership

Visit the BBC stand to see how the BBC is already starting to deliver on the commitments in the new Charter and Agreement

Trust in people

Evening fringe cont.

Which?

Which? champagne taste test reception

Hosted by Julia Goldsworthy MP.

19.00-20.00

Cambridge Room

Hilton Metropole Brighton

Yorkshire and the Humber Region

Conference reception

Yorkshire and the Humber Region members' reception. Meet friends and regional politicians.

Buffet/drinks. **Members and invited guests only.**

Sponsored by Northumbrian Water and Association of North East Councils.

19.00-22.00

Arundel 2

Holiday Inn

British Library

Redefining the library

How is the British Library adapting to retain its globally renowned reputation in face of the demanding challenges of the digital age? **Invitation only.**

19.30-23.00

Bar 106

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security

Clean investment

Why should public bodies invest billions in the arms trade? Liberal Democrat councillors and Campaign Against the Arms Trade show it is possible to invest responsibly and legally.

20.00-21.00

Lancing 3

Holiday Inn

Scottish Liberal Democrats

Power politics:

renewable energy

Thanks to Liberal Democrats, Scotland is leading the way on renewables. Come and find out why from Nicol Stephen, Scottish Deputy First Minister and Adam Bruce, Chief Executive, Airtricity. Sponsored by Airtricity.

20.00-21.15

Lo Lounge

Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL Healthcare Commission

The NHS: value for money?

NHS financial deficits, involvement of the private sector and uncertainty about the level of central



government investment post 2008: What are we getting for our money and is patient care improving?

20.00-21.15

Sandringham Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL

Sainsbury Centre for

Mental Health and

Rethink

Right to work

Why people with mental health conditions need equal access to employment. Speakers include Baroness Neuberger and Cliff Prior, Chief Executive of Rethink.

20.00-21.15

Osborne Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Age Concern England

Fish and chip supper

With Age Concern and Help the Aged, and special guest speaker David Law MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary.

20.00-21.15

Buckingham Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

ALDC

Are we really community politicians?

AGM of the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors followed by Ed Davey MP, Bernard Greaves and Gordon Lishman discussing the new theory and practice of community politics.

20.00-21.15

Lancaster Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Fringe



HELPTHEAGED WE WILL

The Age Concern and Help the Aged Fish and Chip Supper

Speaker:

David Laws MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary

Monday 18th September, 8 – 9.15 pm

Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel



Meeting the Challenges of an Ageing Society

Tuesday 19th October, 1 – 2 pm

The Balmoral Suite, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers:

Dr Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor

Robert Wyllie, Scottish Widows

Michelle Mitchell, Age Concern England

Chaired by **Teresa Perchard**, Citizens Advice

A buffet lunch will be provided

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For further details please contact 020 8765 7601 or eventsdept@ace.org.uk

THE SCOTTISH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

**POWER POLITICS:
RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SCOTLAND**

NICOL STEPHEN MSP Deputy First Minister and Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats

ADAM BRUCE Chief Executive, Airtricity

ED DAVEY MP Shadow Trade & Industry Secretary

Chaired by **ROSS FINNIE MSP** Scottish Environment Minister

At 8.00 pm on Monday 19th September
The Lo Lounge, The Metropole Hotel.

Sponsored by



Evening fringe cont.

Social Market Foundation and BUPA

Checking the pulse of healthcare

How should standards in healthcare be regulated? Sandra Gidley MP, Shadow Health Minister; Stephen Bondred, Chief Executive Audit Commission; Professor Peter Littlejohns, Clinical and Public Health Director NICE.

20.00-21.15

Norfolk Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat European Group

Can EU switch off climate change?



Chris Davies MEP, Chris Huhne MP and Fiona Harvey, Environment Correspondent for the *Financial Times*, discuss the EU's role in combating climate change. Chair: Ed Featherstone, Chair LDEG. Refreshments.

20.00-21.15

Chartwell Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

New Politics Network and Charter 88

Party funding: have your say

How should parties be funded? Make sure your views are heard! All comments will go to the Hayden Phillips Review of Party Funding. Host: David Heath MP.

20.00-21.15

York Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Membership Services

Penhaligon Award shortlist presentations

Local Parties shortlisted for the award will each give a

presentation. This award is for the Local Party that does the most to increase and involve members in its activities.

20.00-21.15

Surrey Suite 2

Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum and Centrica

Securing Britain's energy needs

What direction for UK foreign policy? Speakers: Christopher Lambert, Director, Westminster Energy Forum; Michael Moore MP; Jake Ulrich, Managing Director, Centrica Energy. Chair: Lord Wallace of Saltaire. Refreshments. Sponsor: Centrica.

20.00-21.15

Clarence Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

NSPCC

NSPCC bangers and mash reception

All delegates are invited to join NSPCC to discuss ending cruelty to children. Hosted by: Mary Marsh, NSPCC Director and Chief Executive and Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Education and Skills Secretary.

20.00-21.15

Windsor Restaurant

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Humanist and Secularist Group

Life and death choices

Liberal Democrat Humanists and Secularists invite you to one of the most interesting fringes at Brighton.

20.00-21.15

Ashdown Suite

Holiday Inn

National Union of Students

Fairly funded universities: challenges ahead

How should the government fund universities and students?

Hosts: NUS. Chair: Paul Holmes MP. Contributions: Stephen Williams MP; Gemma Tumelty, NUS President; Professor Peter Scott, Vice-Chancellor Kingston University; LDYS.

20.00-21.15

Glyndebourne 1

Holiday Inn

ALTDU

Slavery in the 21st Century

Discussion on contemporary slavery on the eve of the bicentenary of Britain's withdrawal from the slave trade.

Speakers from the

European Parliamentary Party, Trade Union Movement and Anti-Slavery International.

20.00-21.15

Lancing 1

Holiday Inn

Liz Lynne MEP

Combating modern slavery and trafficking

Liz Lynne MEP chairs a discussion on the crisis. With: Denise Marshall, Chief Executive, Poppy Project; Kate Allen, Director Amnesty; Dept Chief Insp Nick Kinsella; Mike Kaye, Anti-Slavery International.

20.00-21.30

Balmoral Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Marsh Marsh, Director and Chief Executive invites you to the

NSPCC Bangers and Mash Reception

Guest speaker: Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Education and Skills Secretary

Monday 18 September, The Windsor Room, Hilton Metropole, Brighton 8.00 – 9.15pm

This is an open invitation and we look forward to seeing you at our reception.



For further information please contact Karen Keenan on 0207 825 2757 or karen.keenan@nspcc.org.uk www.nspcc.org.uk/publicaffairs

NSPCC 
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Evening fringe cont.

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Disability Rights Commission and Child Poverty Action Group

Child poverty: the disability dimension

Families affected by disability are at the heart of the challenge of halving child poverty by 2020. In work poverty is growing at an alarming rate. How do we meet the challenge?

20.00-21.30
Walnut Suite
Quality Hotel

Liberal Democrat Friends of Pakistan (LDFP) / High Commission of Pakistan

Buffet reception

Speakers: Her Excellency Dr Maleeha Lodhi; Simon Hughes MP, Party/LDFP

President; Tom McNally, Lords Leader; Don Foster MP; Liz Lynne MEP; Baroness Jenny Tonge. Chair: Qassim Afzal. For invitation email: qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com
20.00-22.00
Durham Gallery
Hilton Brighton Metropole

DEMOS and Liverpool City of Culture

Teenage kicks

Nick Clegg MP and Sam Steele, Executive Producer Radio 1, join young artists from Liverpool to discuss anti-social behaviour and young people's contribution to building creative cities.

20.00-22.00
Koba, 135 Western Road

BAA plc

Scottish Liberal Democrat Reception

After our stunning victory in Dunfermline join Deputy First Minister Nichol Stephen to hear how the Scottish Party plans for greater success next year. Sponsored by BAA Scotland.

21.00-23.00
Hall 4

Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL

Health Hotel reception

Enjoy drinks and canapés with the 36 members of the Health Hotel. With an address by Professor Steve Webb MP, Shadow Health Secretary.

21.15-23.00

Dukes Suite

Hilton Brighton Metropole

CLIMATE CLINIC:

Energy Saving Trust

EST / Green Lib Dems reception

Please join Sir Menzies Campbell for a drinks reception and network session to discuss environment and energy issues.

21.30-23.00

Ambassador Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberty Network

Liberty Network conference drinks reception

By invitation only.

22.00-24.00

Clarence Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Subject to change: new thinking on the curriculum

Tuesday 19 September 2006

De Vere Grand, Brighton, 12.45pm – 2.00pm

The content of the National Curriculum is out of date and leaves young learners progressively demotivated. Discuss.

Come along to ATL's exciting fringe which will bring you up to date with our radical thinking – a curriculum designed locally, with more active learning, improving engagement and encouraging life-long learning with minimal national testing. We're sure you've got some views on this – so we look forward to seeing you there!

Speakers:

- Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Secretary for Education and Skills
- Dr Mary Bousted, General Secretary, ATL
- Mike Davies, Headteacher, Bishops Park College, Clacton-on-Sea

Chair:

Andy Ballard, Junior Vice-President, ATL

Hot Buffet lunch and wine provided. All welcome

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Any 2012 Questions?

Your chance to hear from the people responsible for organising the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in London in 2012.

Date and time

Tuesday 19 September 2006 at 1pm

Venue

Library, Hilton Brighton Metropole

Refreshments available



CREATIVE CONTENT VERSUS CREATIVE CONS What does the future hold for the 'text generation'?

ICSTIS, the regulator for all premium rate-charged communications, invites all delegates to a free Fringe Event.

Chair: Charles Ping, Head of CRM, Guardian Newspapers and Chair of the Direct Marketing Association

Panel: Don Foster MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
George Kidd, ICSTIS Director

Jeff Jones, Vice President - Business Development and Strategy, Walt Disney Internet Group Europe

Diana Sutton, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, NSPCC

1.00pm Tuesday 19 September
The York Room
at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel
Free refreshments and buffet

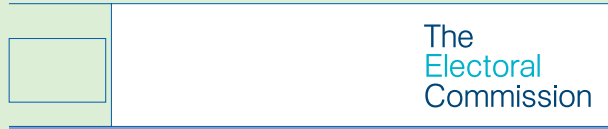


Diagnosing Democracy™ How can we revive the body politic?

With turnout in need of a boost, and party membership requiring resuscitation, come and hear our panel of specialists give their prescriptions for treating political disengagement.

TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Date	TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
Time	1 - 2pm
Speakers Invited	SIMON CARR (Parliamentary sketch writer and columnist for The Independent) MADELEINE BUNTING (Director of Demos and Guardian columnist) ED DAVEY MP (Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary) RT HON CHARLES KENNEDY MP
Chair	SAM YOUNGER (Chairman, The Electoral Commission)
Address	CHARTWELL ROOM, HILTON METROPOLE, BRIGHTON



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Morning fringe

Leadership Centre for Local Government

Leadership of place
Leadership of place is clearly very topical. Hear what our panel of speakers has to say on the subject that is gradually but profoundly changing the role of the councillor.

07.15-08.30
Buckingham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

YWCA

Making young women matter
Gender equality duty for public bodies will come into force in April 2007. What will this mean for young women in terms of local provision?

07.30-09.00
Gloucester Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL RNID

Welfare reform: the way forward
Can welfare reform deliver for more older workers? RNID and UnumProvident invite you to discuss this vital issue with Danny Alexander MP and Lord Kirkwood over an informal breakfast.

07.45-08.45
Chestnut Room
Quality Hotel

Arts Council, England and CentreForum

Hands up... if creativity matters
Can creativity transform schools for teachers and young people? Speakers: Paul Collard, Creative Partnerships; Mike

Fairclough, head teacher and artist; Greg Mulholland MP; Lembit Öpik MP. Chair: Anthony Rowlands, CentreForum. Breakfast provided. Sponsor: Arts Council, England.

07.45-09.00
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

National Youth Agency
NYA and young people now
Invitation-only. Ten-year strategy for children and young people. How children's services meet the needs, expectations and experiences of young people.

07.45-09.00
Surrey Suite 1
Hilton Brighton Metropole

New Local Government Network in partnership with CABE

Building better places: new housing and sustainable neighbourhoods
Dan Rogerson MP, Communities and Local Government Spokesperson, DCLG; Richard Simmons, CAB; Dick Sorabji, NLGN.

08.00-09.00
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE FINANCIAL FRINGE Investment Management Association

Saving for retirement post-Turner
Round table breakfast: turning the tide on pensions. Speakers include: David Laws MP,

Shadow Secretary of State for DWP; Nick Stace, Which?; Richard Saunders, Chief Executive, IMA.

08.00-09.00
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Citizens Advice

Scrambled justice: Legal Aid crisis
Simon Hughes MP, Shadow Minister, DCA; Carol Storer, Access to Justice Alliance; Jonathan Marks QC, Liberal Democrat Lawyers; James Sandbach, Citizens Advice. Breakfast provided.

08.00-09.00
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Social Market Foundation and The Abbey

Building the right foundations
How can the Liberal Democrats influence social housing policy? Andrew Stunell MP Shadow Secretary to ODPM; Mark Lupton, Policy Advisor Chartered Institute for Housing. Chair: Ann Rossiter, Director SMF.

08.00-09.00
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CLIMATE CLINIC WWF-UK and AXA

Climate change: who pays?
Speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Paul King, Director of Campaigns WWF-UK; Peter Hubbard, CEO AXA Insurance. Chaired by Phil Willis MP, Chair of Science and Technology Committee. Continental breakfast served.

08.30-10.30
Friends Meeting House

Risky Business

In a world of more extreme weather events, what role should the insurance industry play in tackling climate change?

Tuesday, 19 September, 8.30 am
Friends Meeting House (Climate Clinic),
Ship Street, Brighton

With continental breakfast

Chair:
Phil Willis MP Chair of the Science and Technology Select Committee

Speakers:
Chris Huhne MP Environment Spokesman
Paul King Director of Campaigns, WWF-UK
Peter Hubbard CEO of AXA Insurance

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Fringe

Morning fringe cont.

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group
Education, councillors, networking and ideas
With Sarah Teather MP and Cllr James Kempton. All councillors with an interest in education and young people's services welcome.
Invitation only, contact rob.banks@lga.gov.uk, 020 7664 3204.
09.30-11.30
Gloucester Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Lunchtime fringe

Social Market Foundation and the Health and Safety Commission
Risky business: is the UK being paralysed by the fear of a compensation culture?
Danny Alexander MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Spokesperson; Peter Andrews, Chair, Alarm; Bill Callaghan, Chair, Health and Safety Commission.
12.45-14.00
Norfolk Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Help The Aged
20-20 vision
Are plans for older and disabled workers unrealistic? Featuring Danny Alexander MP and policy experts. Hosted by Help the Aged and RNIB.
12.45-14.00
Ash and Beech Rooms
Quality Hotel

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Mental Health Alliance
Stand up for mental health
Come and find out why you need to stand up for mental health in parliament and beyond this year.
12.45-14.00
Chestnut Room
Quality Hotel

Association of Teachers and Lecturers
New thinking on the curriculum
The national curriculum is out-of-date and demotivates learners. We favour a locally designed curriculum, with more active learning, encouraging life long learning and minimal national testing. Let's discuss.
12.45-14.00
Albert Room
Grand Hotel

National Association of Local Councils
Local councils: power to deliver
Chair: Baroness Maddock.
Speakers: Tom Brake MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government Spokesperson; Cllr Hazel Williams NALC; Chris Leslie, NLGN.
12.45-14.00
Consort Room
Grand Hotel

The Work Foundation in association with AXA
Healthier workplaces vs. productive workplaces
Lorely Burt MP; Sandra Gidley MP (tbc); Kay Carberry, TUC; Dudley Lusted, AXA; will discuss whether better workplace organisation is the key to improving much of the nation's health. Chair: Lord Kirkwood.
12.45-14.15
Durham Gallery
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CLIMATE CLINIC Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership and Transport 2000
Road transport and climate change
Powering future vehicles: can road transport rise to the climate challenge?
Alistair Carmichael MP; Stephen Joseph, T2000, Chair: Geoffrey Lean, Low CVP.
12.45-14.15
Friends Meeting House

HEALTH HOTEL Asthma UK, General Medical Council and New Health Network
Trust me, I'm a patient
Is the NHS ready for an informed public? With:

Baroness Neuberger, spokesperson on health; Malcolm Dean, *The Guardian*; and speakers from Asthma UK, The GMC and The New Health Network.
13.00-14.00
Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL fpa, UNISON and NOF
NHS: "The best year ever"?
Your local NHS. Is the money getting through? UNISON, fpa and NOF investigate why the greatest ever investment in the NHS isn't reaching community services.
13.00-14.00
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL The Health Foundation
Improving hospitals' performance by prioritising patient safety
Will a focus on patient safety improve performance and do national policies and frameworks help patients?
13.00-14.00
Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat European Group
Question time on Europe
Lord Paddy Ashdown; Diana Wallis MEP; the Turkish Ambassador; and Steve Richards, Political Correspondent for *The Independent* answer your questions on Europe. Refreshments. Chair: Ed Featherstone. Sponsored by ALDE.
13.00-14.00
Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole



National Association of Local Councils

Tuesday 19 September

12.45 - 14.00 • The Consort Room, The Grand Hotel

LOCAL COUNCILS: THE POWER TO DELIVER?

Chair: **Baroness Maddock**

Tom Brake MP

Shadow Communities and Local Government Spokesperson

Cllr **Hazel Williams** NALC

Chris Leslie NLGN (invited)

Lunch time fringe

Refreshments served

Lunchtime fringe cont.

The Electoral Commission

Diagnosing democracy
With turnout in need of a boost, and party membership requiring resuscitation, come and hear our panel of specialists give their prescriptions for treating political disengagement.

13.00-14.00
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Age Concern England

Meeting the challenges of an ageing society
Supported by Scottish Widows. With Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor. Chaired by Citizens Advice. A buffet lunch will be provided.

13.00-14.00
Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

ALDC

ALDC members' reception with Green Switch Councils



By ticket only.
Refreshments provided. Speaker: Rt Hon Menzies Campbell MP. Including Green Switch Council best practice bazaar: Green ideas you can use on your council. Sponsor: Co-op.

13.00-14.00
Windsor Restaurant
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Countryside Alliance

Do the LibDems love the countryside?
Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Shadow EFRA Secretary; and David Seymour, Former Political Editor of The Mirror Group and Countryside Alliance board

member. Chair: Simon Hart, Countryside Alliance. Refreshments available.
13.00-14.00

Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

ICSTIS

Creative contents vs. creative cons
What does the future hold for the 'text' generation?
Chair: Charles Ping, *The Guardian*. Speakers: George Kidd, ICSTIS; Don Foster MP; Jeff Jones, Walt Disney Internet Group; Diana Sutton, NSPCC.

13.00-14.00
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association and NCC

Made-to-measure public services: postcode lottery or postcode choice?
Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Education Secretary; Baroness Ros Scott, Shadow, DCLG Minister; Ed Mayo, Chief Executive, NCC; Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group. Chair: Jeremy Vine, Editor, *The Times Public Agenda*.

13.00-14.00
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

New Economics Foundation (nef)

Towards a national wellness service
We ask how our health service can move from being an illness to a wellness service. With: David Boyle, nef; John Pugh MP; Geoff Mulgan, The Young Foundation.

13.00-14.00
Buckingham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

New Local Government Network

The age of regions?
Discussion on the role of cities and city-regions in delivering regional economic development and civic renewal. Colin Breed MP, Treasury

Spokesperson; Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council; Dick Sorabji, NLGN. Chair: Vivienne Russell, Public Finance.
13.00-14.00
Clarence Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Public and Commercial Services Union

Welfare provision: who's the best provider?
David Laws MP, Work and Pensions spokesperson and Mark Serwotka, PCS General Secretary debate the best provider of welfare services, and the role of the private and third sectors.

13.00-14.00
Gloucester Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

P.T.E.G.

Better public transport, better cities
Join our debate on public transport. Chair: Councillor John Shipley,

Leader Newcastle. Speakers: John Leech MP; Greg Mulholland MP; Roy Wicks, Chair PTEG. Buffet lunch and refreshments will be served.

13.00-14.00
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games

Any 2012 questions?
An opportunity to hear about progress on the 2012 Games.

13.00-14.00
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

National Association of Probation Officers (napo)

Social justice - safer streets
Is there a future for British justice? A *New Statesman* sponsored debate. With: Lynne Featherstone MP, Home Affairs spokesperson; Colin Moses, National Chair POA; Vicky Boroughs, National Vice-Chair, napo.

13.00-14.00
Surrey Suite 1
Hilton Brighton Metropole

**Social Justice - Safer Streets:
Is there a future for British justice?**

Tuesday 19th September, 1pm to 2pm
Surrey Suite 1, Hilton Metropole

Chair: Baroness Linklater

Speakers include:
Lynne Featherstone MP, HOME AFFAIRS SPOKESPERSON
Vicky Boroughs, NAPO NATIONAL VICE-CHAIR
Colin Moses, POA NATIONAL CHAIR
Martin Bright, THE NEW STATESMAN

Buffet lunch and drinks provided

Lunchtime fringe cont.

Local Government Information Unit

A new model councillor
Chair: Tim Thorogood, Chief Executive LGIU. Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, Liberal Democrat Communities and Local Government Spokesperson; Baroness Scott of Needham Market; Cllr Richard Kemp, Liberal Democrat Deputy Chair, LGA.
13.00-14.00
Arundel 2
Holiday Inn

Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne MEP

Jammu and Kashmir EP Report
Emma Nicholson MEP, the European Parliament Rapporteur for Jammu and Kashmir, will present the first draft of her report on the region inviting contributions from LibDem members and elected representatives.
13.00-14.00
Ashdown 1
Holiday Inn

Yorkshire & the Humber Region

All Northern Regions fringe event
Northern, North West,

Yorkshire and the Humber members. Building sustainable communities. Guest speakers, panel and lively debate. Sponsored by Northumbrian Water and Association of North East Councils.
13.00-14.00
Ashdown 2
Holiday Inn

Friends of Kashmir

Kashmiris call for justice
The people of Jammu Kashmir have seen three wars and continue to lose lives and get their human rights violated on a daily basis despite many UN Resolutions calling for a plebiscite.
13.00-14.00
Glyndebourne 1
Holiday Inn

Childcare Coalition

Quality childcare for all children
Five childcare organisations have come together to organise this fringe meeting to increase the profile and raise the issue of the need for quality childcare for all children.
13.00-14.00
Glyndebourne 2
Holiday Inn

Commission for Rural Communities

The concerns of rural people
Are MPs out of touch with rural people? Rural advocate, Dr Stuart Burgess chairs a panel of speakers.
13.00-14.00
Lancing 1
Holiday Inn

DEMOS

Lost in translation
Speakers including Charles Kennedy and Jo Swinson will discuss how politicians can better connect with voters, overcoming the apparent alienation voters feel from the political process.
13.00-14.00
Lancing 2
Holiday Inn

YMCA England

Teenagers: saints or sinners?
What can young people do to make a positive difference to their communities? With young people from YMCA, Jenny Willott MP (tbc) and Cllr James Kempton. Chair: Lord Redesdale. Refreshments provided.
13.00-14.00
Lancing 3
Holiday Inn

CentreForum and Power Inquiry

British democracy in crisis
Turning the Power Inquiry into reality. Speakers: Nick Clegg MP; Ferdinand Mount, Vice Chair Power Inquiry; Peter Riddell, *The Times*. Chair: Lord Shutt of Greetland. Refreshments. Sponsor: Power Inquiry.
13.00-14.00
Belgrave Suite
Belgrave Hotel

Refugee Council / Refugee charities fringe

UK refugee and asylum policy: fit for purpose?
Bemm Donkoh, UN refugee agency (UNHCR); Anna Reisenberger, Refugee Council; Kate Allen, Amnesty International; Lib Dem Spokesperson (invited).
13.00-14.30
Shelley Room
Brighton Thistle Hotel

Afternoon fringe

London Region Policy Committee

Protecting British freedoms
Is the wrong language allowing Labour to scrap our civil liberties? London Region discusses how it is time to change the language of the civil liberties debate.
16.00-17.30
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CLIMATE CLINIC Greenpeace

Decentralised energy: local power
Stephen Tindale, Executive Director of Greenpeace and Ed Davey, DTI Spokesperson, debate why decentralised energy is the best way of tackling CO2 emissions in the energy sector.
17.00-18.30
Friends Meeting House

Fringe



LibDems meet President Pervesh Musharraf on Peace Mission: Qassim Afzal, Simon Hughes MP, Don Foster MP, the late Patsy Calton MP, Cllr Ben Jephcott, all Building Bridges: Pakistan India Kashmir, Visit Our Exhibition P100

Afternoon fringe cont.

PRASEG

Securing a low-carbon future

This PRASEG fringe examines sustainable energy policy, ensuring security of energy supply and reducing emissions. Guest speakers: Malcom Bruce MP; David Green, UKBCSE; Nicola Pitts, National Grid. Sponsor: National Grid.

17.30-18.45

Lecture Room

Friends Meeting House

THE INCLUSION HOTEL

Disability Rights Commission, Not Dead Yet and Peals

Euthanasia and disability rights

Can assisted dying law guarantee rights for disabled people? Dame Jane Campbell, Not Dead Yet; and Lord Joffe debate.

17.45-19.00

Ash and Beech Rooms

Quality Hotel

Evening fringe

New Politics Network / Charter 88

Answering the English questions

Simon Hughes MP; Jo Swinson MP; Peter Facey, New Politics Network. Chair: Debbie Chay, Charter 88.

18.00-19.00

Surrey Suite 2

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Leadership Centre / LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Next Generation launch MPs Tim Farron and Julia Goldsworthy join host Kate

Priestly, Leadership Centre, for a wine and canapés launch of Next Generation and meet the leaders and MPs of the future.

18.00-19.30

The Library

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Social Market Foundation and Mobile Operators Association

Science fact or science fiction?

How should politicians respond to media scare stories? Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Science Spokesperson; Alok Jha, Science Correspondent *The Guardian*; Mike Dolan, Executive Director MOA. Chair: Natalie Parry, SMF.

18.15-19.15

Norfolk Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

The University & College Union (UCU)

'Plumbing not Pilates' - is learning just for earning?

Speakers: Stephen Williams MP; Gemma Tumelty, President, NUS; Michelle Mitchell, Age Concern; Dennis Hayes and Steve Wharton, Joint Presidents, UCU. Chair: Ian Nash.

18.15-19.15

Surrey Suite 1

Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL

British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK

Who runs public health policy?

Government targets on food labelling, junk food advertising and salt reduction are threatened by industry indifference; should politicians lead big business towards making

healthy choices easier for their customers?

18.15-19.30

Edinburgh Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL

Sarah Day, AMRC

To boldly go ... ?

Breaking the barriers to medical research in the UK: the role for government. Chair: Jeremy Hughes, Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Speakers: Simon Denegri, AMRC; Richard Turner, ABPI.

18.15-19.30

Sandringham Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL

Marie Curie Cancer Care and MS Society

Real alternative to the NHS?

This collaborative fringe between two important charities aims to highlight the significant contribution the voluntary sector makes to health services. We ask: is our role an opportunity or an imposition?

18.15-19.30

Osborne Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Friends of Israel Annual Reception

Rabbi Gideon Sylvester works in the Prime Minister's Office in Israel. He gives a personal view of the current situation in the Middle East.

18.15-19.30

Ambassador Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole



Mobile Operators Association and Social Market Foundation Fringe Meeting

Science Fact or Science Fiction: How should politicians respond to media scare stories?

Speakers include Dr Evan Harris, Shadow Science Spokesperson and Alok Jha, Science Correspondent, the Guardian

**Tuesday 19th September, 6.15pm
Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole**

Evening fringe cont.

British Olympic Association and British Paralympic Association

From playground to podium
Developing British talent for success at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Supported by Visa.

18.15-19.30
Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Council for Arab-British Understanding (CAABU)

Iraq: half empty, half full?
Speakers: HR Dr Shaikhly, Iraqi Ambassador to U.K. and Michael Moore MP, Foreign Affairs spokesman. Chair: Colin Breed MP, Joint Chair of CAABU. Refreshments provided.

18.15-19.30
Buckingham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

British Council and BBC World Service

Global insecurity: 5 years after 9/11
Speakers: Lord Garden KCB, Lib Dem Defence spokesperson; Lord Ashdown, former Leader, Liberal Democrats; Gordon Corera, BBC Security Correspondent (tbc). Chair: BBC (name tbc).

18.15-19.30
Cambridge Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum and Nuclear Industry Association

Energy: is the Government right?

Has the energy review produced the best way forward for the UK?
Speakers: David Howarth

MP; John Thurso MP. Chair: Alasdair Murray, Centre Forum. Refreshments. Sponsor: Nuclear Industry Association.

18.15-19.30
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

General Social Care Council

Social care: improving well-being

Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP (invited); Bill Kilgallon, SCIE; Rodney Brooke, GSCC. Refreshments will be provided.

18.15-19.30
Clarence Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Forum for the Countryside

The politics of prejudice
Alan Beith; Claire Fox; Jenny Willott; Vince Cable and Lembit Öpik will talk on the link between politics and prejudice, sometimes camouflaged as necessity, behind much new legislation today.

18.15-19.30
Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Social Market Foundation and Working Links

Free to work?
Are we doing enough to get offenders into jobs?
Baroness Linklater of Butterstone; Cllr Greg Foxsmith; Keith Faulkner, Managing Director Working Links; Bobby Cummines, Chief Executive Unlock.

18.15-19.30
Durham Gallery
Hilton Brighton Metropole



A JOINT BBC WORLD SERVICE AND BRITISH COUNCIL FRINGE MEETING
GLOBAL INSECURITY: 5 YEARS AFTER 9/11, IS IT HERE TO STAY?

Chaired by a BBC Presenter (name to be confirmed)

Speakers:

Air Marshal Lord Garden KCB, Liberal Democrat Defence Spokesman
Rt Hon Lord Ashdown KBE GCMG, Former High Representative of the international community in Bosnia-Herzegovina
Leila Hourani, British Council Syria
Gordon Corera, BBC Security Correspondent (TBC)

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1815-1930
HILTON METROPOLE HOTEL, CAMBRIDGE ROOM
Refreshments will be provided



HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING NEED

Tuesday 19 Sept • 18.15-19.30 • Regent Room, The Grand Hotel

BRIDGING THE AFFORDABILITY GAP

Chaired by: **Baroness Maddock**

Keynote: **Andrew Stunell MP**

Shadow Secretary for Communities and Local Government

Speakers from housing and homelessness agencies including the YMCA, SHELTER, Chartered Institute of Housing and Places for People



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Refreshments



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The Small Business Reception

You are cordially invited to attend an FSB Reception at

The Liberal Democrat Party Conference

Buckingham Suite, Hilton Brighton Metropole, Brighton
8.00 pm - 9.00pm, Tuesday 19 September 2006

Guest Speaker: Dr Vincent Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader

with FSB National Chairman, Carol Undy

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Evening fringe cont.

Agents and Organisers Association

New rules Q&A and debate
Hear about new election regulations on registers and postal voting with the Electoral Commission. Refreshments available.
18.15-19.30

**Gloucester Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

ALDC

ALDC "smell the coffee"
Lessons for the locals 2007. Preparing for the largest round of local government elections across the U.K. Speakers from ALDC, LGA and Campaigns.

18.15-19.30
**Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)

Greater South East business reception
Collectively for the 'Greater South East', the three RDAs will present key priorities and objectives for the regions.

18.15-19.30
**Windsor Restaurant
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sweet charity
Are voluntary organisations just flavour of the month? Speakers: Danny Alexander MP; Peter Cardy, Macmillan Cancer Relief; David Brindle, *The Guardian*. Chair: Helen Donoghue, NCVO.

18.15-19.30
**York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole**

FINANCIAL FRINGE Associations of British Insurers

Tackling climate change: adapt and survive
Chair: Sarah Mukherjee, BBC. Speakers: Baroness Young, Chief Executive, Environment Agency; Stephen Haddrill, Director General, ABI; Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Secretary of State for DEFRA; Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK.

18.15-19.30
**Glyndebourne 1
Holiday Inn**

London First with KPMG and BAA

Keeping the UK competitive
What price success? Discussing the investment needs of a globally competitive UK. Speakers include Ed Davey MP and

Neil Sherlock from KPMG. Chaired by James Blitz, Political Editor of the FT.
18.15-19.30
**Glyndebourne 2
Holiday Inn**

ALDE Group

Palestine: let there be justice
Israeli oppression, EU double standards, Palestinian despair. Can the continuing crisis be resolved? Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Baroness Jenny Tonge; Richard Kuper, Chair, Jews for Justice for Palestinians. Refreshments.

18.15-19.30
**Lancing Suite
Holiday Inn**

Every 3 minutes a child dies on the world's roads

≡ MAKE ROADS SAFE

Make Roads Safe Campaign Reception

Chair: Lord Roberts of Llandudno
Guest speaker: Susan Kramer MP

The Albert Room, the Grand Hotel
Tuesday 19th September, 6.15 - 7.30pm.

If you would like to attend this event email libdems@makeroadssafe.org

www.makeroadssafe.org

Evening fringe cont.

Hansard Society and BT

Listen to me!

Can politicians ignore the new media? Speakers: Baroness Shirley Williams; Nick Clegg MP; Lembit Öpik MP; and Tim O'Sullivan, BT; will discuss how politicians can best communicate in a modern democracy.

18.15-19.30
Ashdown Suite
Holiday Inn

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Homelessness and Housing Needs

Bridging the affordability gap

Chair: Baroness Maddock. Keynote Speaker: Andrew Stunell MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government Secretary.

Other speakers from CIOH, Shelter, YMCA and Places for People. Supported by: Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

18.15-19.30
The Regent Room
Grand Hotel

FIA Foundation

Make roads safe

A child dies every three minutes on the roads of developing countries. Join International Development Spokesperson Susan Kramer MP at the 'Make roads safe' reception to find out more.

18.15-19.30
Albert Room
Grand Hotel

The Observer Interview

Confronting Cameron: how to tackle the new-look Tories
Andrew Rawnsley meets leading members of the Liberal Democrats to discuss this theme.

18.30-20.00
Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Town and Country Planning Association

Inclusive communities, vital town centres

Chaired by David Blunkett MP, the debate will focus on how best to create vibrant, accessible town centres and overcome challenges such as out-of-town retail, decline and depopulation.

18.30-20.00
Walnut Suite
Quality Hotel

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Disability Rights Commission and Age Concern

Lifetime homes: a sustainable future
A debate about the role lifetime housing can play in achieving genuinely sustainable development. Chair: Baroness Diana Maddock. Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP; Laurence Clark, comedian.

19.30-21.00
Ash and Beech Rooms
Quality Hotel

THE OBSERVER INTERVIEW

Confronting Cameron: how to tackle the new-look Tories

Date and time: Tuesday 19 September, 6.30-8pm

Venue: Hall 4, Hilton Brighton Metropole, Brighton

Refreshments provided

Andrew Rawnsley, Britain's leading political commentator, will be hosting the annual Observer interview, one of the key events of the party conference. This year Andrew will meet leading members of the Liberal Democrat party to discuss whether the Tories are really resurgent under David Cameron and, if they are, how the Liberal Democrats should meet the challenge.

Visit observer.co.uk/politics for full party conference coverage and online debates

The Observer

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Evening fringe cont.

Institution of Civil Engineers and Royal Institute of British Architects

Climate change: do your homework!
Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Environment Secretary, speaks at a reception hosted by the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Royal Institute of British Architects. Supported by the Carbon Trust.
19.30-21.00
Seasons Suite
The Belgrave Hotel

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security

Why replace Trident now?
The Labour Government is rushing towards a vote to replace Trident nuclear weapons. Why? What has happened to nuclear non-proliferation? Where would the money go? Join our panel debate.
20.00-21.00
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL British Medical Association, Kings Fund and NHS Confederation

The NHS: past its prime?
Sixty years on, debate the future of the NHS with: Professor Steve Webb MP; Malcolm Dean, journalist; Nigel Edwards, NHS Confederation; Dr Richard Lewis, Kings Fund; Dr Richard Vautrey, BMA.
20.00-21.15
Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

Information: the new health currency
Information is the new health currency. Who funds it? Who delivers it? Who accredits it?
20.00-21.15
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

HEALTH HOTEL: Association of British Healthcare Industries

Saving money, saving lives
Evidence shows that emergency treatment for conditions such as stroke not only saves lives but also money. Lack of investment will endanger lives and have economic implications for the NHS.
20.00-21.15
Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association

The local government reception: closer to people and places
LGA Liberal Democrat Group, LGIU, LGIB, NLGN, 4Ps and the IDeA join forces for the reception for local government.

Sponsored by Salix - working with the public sector to reduce carbon emissions.
20.00-21.15
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Federation of Small Businesses

Federation of Small Businesses reception
Hosted by FSB National Chairman Carol Undy with guest speaker Dr Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats.
20.00-21.15
Buckingham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice reception
Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Danny Alexander MP, Citizens Advice APPG and Shadow Minister, DWP; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice. Drinks and canapés provided.
20.00-21.15
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Women Liberal Democrats, EOC and Fawcett Society

Women's representation: international and domestic
Iraq, Mexico and Mozambique. What have the women in these countries got that we haven't? Speakers: Lorely, Burt MP; Mandana Hendsesi; Mary-Ann Stephenson; and EOC representative. Chaired by Sue Doughty.
20.00-21.15
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Social Market Foundation and General Teaching Council

Front of the class?
Can we engage parents in education? Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Education Secretary; Professor John Adams, National Governors Association; Carol Adams, Chief Executive General Teaching Council. Chair: Miranda Green, *Financial Times*.
20.00-21.15
Norfolk Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum

Britain after Blair: setting a liberal agenda
Book launch and discussion. Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP; Lynne Featherstone MP; Simon Hughes MP; David Laws MP; Sarah Teather MP. Chair: Paul Marshall, CentreForum. Refreshments.
20.00- 21.15
Durham Gallery
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Fringe

Citizens Advice reception

- Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury
- Danny Alexander MP, Citizens Advice Parliamentary Group
- Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice

Tuesday 19 September 20.00 - 21.15

Lancaster Room, Brighton Metropole

Refreshments will be provided



Evening fringe cont.

Barnardo's

Children's policy: at a crossroads?

Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Children's Minister, will set out Liberal Democrat children's policy for discussion, with Professor Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner; and Martin Narey, Barnardo's Chief Executive.

20.00-21.15
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

ELDR

EU fight against terrorism
Find out the European Liberal Democrats' position on EU actions to fight terrorism, data protection,

money laundering and organised crime. The US attitude to the war on terror will be discussed. Refreshments provided.

20.00-21.15
Clarence Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

LDCF says trade not slaves
LDCF confronts and examines the question of modern slavery and human trafficking. Who makes your stuff? Nick Clegg MP and national campaigners discuss. Sponsored by Premier Radio.

Refreshments provided.
20.00-21.15
Ashdown 1
Holiday Inn

Absolutely Equal

Looking forward to coming together

Absolutely Equal, with Barclays, will count down to the Commission for Equality and Human Rights. Join us for networking, welcome drinks, keynote speakers and DJ.

20.00-24.00
Oxford Suite
Hilton Brighton Metropole

South West Liberal Democrats

South West Liberal Democrats reception
Devon and Cornwall and Western Counties regions warmly invite their members to a reception. 21.45 till late. Cash bar.

21.45-23.00
Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

The Tablet hosts LDCF social
Members are invited to join the LDCF executive to informally discuss the new constitution and the future of LDCF. Sponsored by *The Tablet*, with refreshments and a brief presentation.

21.45-23.00
Ashdown 1
Holiday Inn

Liberal Democrat Treasurer's Unit

Treasurer's drinks reception
21.45-24.00
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Fringe

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Fringe



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DOES COMMUNITY STILL MATTER?

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Time and date : **Wednesday 20th September, 12:45pm**

Venue: **Norfolk Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel**

Speakers:

Baroness Shirley Williams


Matthew Taylor MP

Oona Muirhead, Local Government Association


Alastair Camp, Barclays

Tony Hawkhead, Groundwork






The fact and the fury. What should the Lottery fund?



Wednesday 20 September
1pm to 2pm


Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole



Young people, village halls, communities, play, education, elderly people, charities, social enterprises, health, voluntary groups, well-being, ideas, environment, infrastructure, research, international, veterans.... and those Peruvian guinea pigs.

Join our panel to discuss risk, reputation and good grant making.

Speakers:

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- Don Foster MP, Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary
 - Sir Clive Booth, Chair, Big Lottery Fund
 - David Hunter, Policy and Development Officer, ACEVO
 - Martin Brookes, Head of Research, New Philanthropy Capital

Chair:

- Nick Higham, Media Correspondent, BBC

Buffet and refreshments provided.

For more information visit us at stand PS32.



Big Lottery Fund is the joint operating name of the New Opportunities Fund and the National Lottery Charities Board (which made grants under the name of Community Fund).

Morning fringe

Paul Rowen MP

Light rail meeting

A chance to discuss light rail - where we are now, and finding a positive way forward. Speakers from Manchester and Edinburgh will discuss their tram networks. Light breakfast.

07.30-08.45

The Library

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association

LGA breakfast seminar

The Olympics 2012: ensuring a lasting legacy.

By invitation only.

07.45-08.45

Gloucester Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum and Microsoft

Levelling the playing field

How IT can promote social inclusion. Speakers: Danny Alexander MP; David Laws MP. Chair: Paul Marshall, CentreForum. Breakfast.

By Invitation only.

Sponsor: Microsoft.

07.45-09.00

Osborne Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

CLIMATE CLINIC Energy Saving Trust

Boosting biofuels to save energy

Join our debate with Chris Huhne MP on the biofuels breakthrough: promoting opportunities to boost biofuels for lower carbon and improved air quality for transport.

08.00-09.30

Friends Meeting House

Liberal Democrats Christian Forum

Morning praise "created for compassion"

Prayer and praise before conference as part of our theme "created in God's image". All welcome.

08.15-08.45

Devon Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Lunchtime fringe

Environmental Services Association

Making Britain a recycling society!

How can Lib Dems lead towards a recycling society through local action and national policy? Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Environment Secretary; Dirk Hazell, Chief Executive, Environmental Services Association. Lunch provided.

12.30-13.30

Regent

Grand Hotel

CLIMATE CLINIC Micropower Council

Reconnecting people with their power

Chair: Baroness Maddock. Speakers: Ed Davey MP, Shadow Environment Spokesperson; Martin Horwood MP, Shadow

Environment spokesperson; Dave Sowden, Chief Exec. Micropower Council; Tim German, Director Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership. Refreshments available.

12.30-14.00

Friends Meeting House

UNISON

Making local government work

Chair: Baroness Sally Hamwee. Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, spokesperson Communities and Local Government; Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Heather Wakefield, UNISON.

12.45-14.00

Buckingham Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Disability Rights Commission and the National Centre for Independent Living

The future of social care

The GRC, ADSS, NCIL, CSCI and Liberal Democrat health teams discuss the future of social care and the potential solutions the Independent Living Bill offers to current and future problems.

12.45-14.00

Walnut Suite

Quality Hotel

ALDE Group

Assisted suicide: a human right

Why must British citizens travel to Switzerland to seek help to die? Speakers: Ludwig Minelli, founder of Dignitas; Chris Davies MEP; Wyn Crew. Refreshments.

12.45-14.15

Arundel 2

Holiday Inn

Liberal Democrat History Group

Yellow Book versus Orange Book

Is it time for a new New Liberalism? Which way now for the Liberal Democrats? What can lessons can we draw from history? Debate with Paul Marshall and Ed Randall.

13.00-14.00

The Library

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Big Lottery Fund

The fact and the fury. What should the Lottery fund?

Join our panel to discuss risk, reputation and good grant-making. With: Don Foster MP, Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary; Sir Clive Booth, Chair, Big Lottery Fund; David Hunter, Head of Policy, ACEVO; Martin Brookes, Philanthropy Capital. Chair: Nick Higham, Media Correspondent, BBC.

13.00-14.00

Balmoral Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

UNISON

Wednesday 20 September • 12.45-14.00
Buckingham Room, The Hilton Metropole

**Making Local Government Work
- for the public and employees**

Chair: **Baroness Sally Hamwee**
Speakers:
Andrew Stunell MP Shadow Secretary for Communities and Local Government
Cllr Richard Kemp Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group
Heather Wakefield UNISON

Lunchtime Fringe Meeting Refreshments

Lunchtime fringe cont.

Centre Forum, IPPR and KPMG

Making cities work: what next?

Panel members: David Frost, Director General, British Chamber of Commerce; Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council; Andrew Stunell MP; Professor Tony Travers, LSE. Chair: Neil Sherlock, KPMG. Refreshments. Sponsor: KPMG.

13.00-14.00
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

The Children's Society

Childhood: an idea that needs to grow up?

Speaker: Annette Brooke MP, Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Children. Chair: Bob Reitemeir, CEO, The Children's Society.

13.00-14.00
Chartwell Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council

Natural resources for a creative society

The museums, libraries and archives sector is at the forefront of democratisation and enfranchisement. The collections held in these institutions provide the building blocks for knowledge, inspiration and creativity.

13.00-14.00
Devon Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Local Government Association and IDEa

Councils and the countdown to equality: are you ready?

With: Stephen Williams MP, Shadow Education

Minister; Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth City Council; Cllr David Rogers, Chair, LGA Community Well Being Board; Mandy Wright, Associate Director, IDEa.

13.00-14.00
Durham Gallery
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Reform

Paying for a reformed NHS
How can the NHS face the twin challenge of rising demands and a spending slowdown from 2008?

Speakers include Steve Webb MP. Refreshments.

13.00-14.00
Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Association of London Government

Sustainability: the local challenge

Liberal Democrat councillors are at the forefront of delivering sustainability. Join: Sean Brennan, Leader, Sutton; Sue Smith, Leader, Woking; and others to discuss what you can do in your area.

13.00-14.00
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Social Market Foundation, Groundwork and Barclays

Love thy neighbour?

Does community still matter? Baroness Shirley Williams; Matthew Taylor MP, Shadow Social Exclusion Minister; Oona Muirhead, Director of Communications and Strategy, LGA; Tony Hawkhead, Chief Executive Groundwork; Natalie Tarry.

13.00-14.00
Norfolk Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Green Liberal Democrats AGM

All GLD members are welcome to join us for our Annual General Meeting and the launch of the Young Green Liberal Democrats. Membership available at our conference stand. Refreshments served.



13.00-14.00
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CARE

Family fortunes?

An opportunity to consider the issues facing families today, with a more detailed look at the policy options surrounding the impact of family finance upon child poverty.

13.00-14.00
Surrey Suite 1
Hilton Brighton Metropole

ALDES

Life without science?

Unfounded scientific myths can deny Britons the benefits of good science and technology. Independent charity 'Sense About Science' will review the dangers and explain how scare-mongers are challenged. AGM follows.

13.00-14.00
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrat Youth and Students

Stop homophobic bullying
www.standuptobullying.org
Take part in a lively panel discussion, as we set out the problems of homophobic bullying in schools and how Liberal Democrats are fighting it.

13.00-14.00
Lancing 1
Holiday Inn

League Against Cruel Sports

Snares: the silent killer?
Snares: indiscriminate and unnecessary. With nearly 75% of Liberal Democrat MPs supporting the prohibition of snares, can the Liberal Democrats secure a legislative end to these ruthless and inhumane killers?

13.00-14.00
Ashdown 1
Holiday Inn

CORE, The Corporate Responsibility Coalition

Companies Bill: making corporates accountable?
Columnist Polly Toynbee chairs Ed Davey MP, David Howarth MP and Friends of the Earth lawyer Phil Michaels on whether environmental and social reporting is needed to ensure corporate responsibility.

13.00-14.00
Glyndebourne 2
Holiday Inn

Afternoon fringe

Liberal Democrats Christian Forum

Liberal Democrats Christian Forum AGM
The LDCF executive invites all members to the AGM, to reflect on progress this year and the proposed constitutional amendments. **Members only.**

14.30-15.45
Clarence Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Evening fringe

ITV Granada

NW Lib Dems reception
 Sponsor: ITV. ITV's Annual Reception. Refreshments and Entertainment. Hosts: Susan Woodward, MD, ITV Granada and Gill Gardiner, Chair, NW Lib Dems. **Entry strictly by ticket only.**
17.45-19.00
Buckingham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Holocaust Educational Trust

Too much emphasis on Hitler?
 Why is Holocaust education a crucial component of the history curriculum? Refreshments will be served.
18.00-19.30
Norfolk Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

The Work Foundation in association with Tesco

Skills and social mobility
 Sarah Teather MP; Andy Westwood, CESI; and a Tesco spokesperson; will discuss the skills gap and the problem of widening inequality and declining social mobility. Chaired by Will Hutton. Refreshments.
18.00-19.30
Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL: Disability Rights Commission

DRC health inequalities investigation
 Barrister David Wolfe, DRC Director Liz Sayce and Professor Eric Emerson will present the DRC's investigation into physical health inequalities experienced by people with

learning disabilities and/or mental health problems.

18.00-19.30
Ash and Beech Rooms
Quality Hotel

Equalities Review

Trevor Phillips, Chair of the Equalities Review; Bert Massie, DRC; and Jenny Watson, EOC; will present the review to date, with Andrew Stunell MP. Chair: Chris Huhne MP.
18.15-19.30
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Electoral Reform Society

Treating a sick democracy
 Sticking plaster or long term cure? Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Polly Toynbee of *The Guardian*; and Ken Ritchie; discuss the best way to revive our ailing democratic systems.
18.15-19.30
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

ALDC

ALDC / ESA collections and elections
 ALDC and the Environmental Services Association. The politics of making waste a resource. Refreshments provided.
18.15-19.30
Surrey Suite 2
Hilton Brighton Metropole

The International Reception

A reception, hosted by the Rt Hon Menzies Campbell CBE QC MP, for diplomats, international guests and VIPs. Kindly sponsored by ELDR and LIBG. Drinks and canapés served. **By invitation only.**
18.15-19.30
Balmoral Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Association of Convenience Stores

Your local shop: its future?
 Planning policy has a significant impact on where and how we chose to shop. This event is an opportunity to discuss how the government can do more to promote local shops.
18.15-19.30
The Library
Hilton Brighton Metropole

CentreForum and Help the Aged

Generation clash
 Could age rather than class become the key divide within British society? Speakers: Tom Clark, *The Guardian*; Leon Kreitzman, author of *The 24 Hour Society*; Professor Steve Webb MP; Jenny Willott MP.

Chair: Duncan Greenland, CentreForum.
 Refreshments.
18.15-19.30
Clarence Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberty

Tough liberalism: LibDems and crime
 Is LibDem criminal justice policy tough enough? How can LibDems protect rights and liberties? Lynne Featherstone MP; Shami Chakrabhati, Liberty; and others debate at the Liberty Fringe.
18.15-19.30
Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Fringe

Public, private, voluntary... who should be delivering children's services?

Speakers: Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Minister for Children; Christine Durance, Head of Policy Development, UNISON; Elaine Peace, Director of Children's Services, NCH

Chair: Richard Vize, Editor, *Local Government Chronicle*

Wednesday 20 September 2006, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Wine and canapés will be provided

For further information, please contact the Events and Multimedia team on 020 7704 7148 or eventsteam@nch.org.uk



the children's charity
www.nch.org.uk

Evening fringe cont.

Leadership Centre for Local Government

Managing change
Hear from mentors and mentees about a unique programme pairing an experienced leader with one expected to take power for the first time after opposition.

18.15-19.30
Ashdown 1
Holiday Inn

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group

Putting the environment first
Liberal Democrats have led the way on the environment but have not got the credit. This will bring together portfolio holders responsible for enacting local change.

18.15-19.30
Lancing 3
Holiday Inn

NCH, the Children's Charity

Public, private, voluntary ...
Who should be delivering children's services?
Speakers: Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Minister for Children; Christine Durance, UNISON; Elaine Peace, NCH. Chair: Richard Vize, *Local Government Chronicle*.

18.30-19.30
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

THE INCLUSION HOTEL Town and Country Planning Association

Connecting England, framework for development
Peter Hetherington, Regional Affairs Editor, *The*

Guardian and TCPA
Commissioner will chair this debate exploring the challenges and potential for successful regional development to tackle disparity and raise quality of life.

18.30-20.00
Walnut Suite
Quality Hotel

Barnardo's, ECP, JRF, NCH, Save the Children and The Children's Society

Ending child poverty: Is the government doing enough?
Speakers: David Laws MP, Shadow Work and Pensions spokesperson; Donald Hirsch, Special Adviser, JRF; Colette Marshall, Regional Director, Save the Children. Chair: Martin Narey, Chief Executive, Barnardo's.

20.00-21.00
Ambassador Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

ALDC

Fighting the Greens
How to combat the Greens in our local campaigning. Strategy tactics and case studies from around the UK.



20.00-21.15
Sandringham Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal International British Group

Palestine, Lebanon and the road to peace
The LIBG international fringe of the week.
Speakers: a representative from the Palestinian Authority London; the Lebanese Embassy; Lord Tim Garden; and Paul Keetch MP.

20.00-21.15
Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Chard Group (1992)

The West Lothian question
With speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Jo Swinson MP; and Jenny Willott MP.

20.00-21.15
Lancaster Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP)

The waste strategy review: an agenda for business?
Is the government doing enough to reduce business waste? Ed Davey MP; Peter Laybourn, NISP; Ian Apsley, Marley Eternit; and Sue Doughty.

Refreshments.
20.00-21.15
Cambridge Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liberal Democrats Online

The future of campaigning
Ed Davey MP, Mark Pack and Martin Tod will discuss the latest campaign learning from the US, Canada and the UK.

20.00-21.15
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

National Union of Teachers

NUT fish and chip supper
Music provided by Music for Youth. Free admission.

20.00-23.00
Hall 4
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Electoral Reform Society

Electoral Reform Society whisky reception

By invitation only.
21.45-23.00
Osborne Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Liverpool Culture Company

Capital of Culture 2008 reception

An informal reception to celebrate Liverpool's status as European Capital of Culture 2008. Performances from Liverpool artists. Food and drink will be provided.

22.00-24.00
Albert Room
The Grand Hotel

GLEE CLUB

Including an appearance by the Liberal Revue.

22.00-02.00
Regency Suite
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Best stand competition

Help select the best stand and win a bottle of champagne

Each year we run a competition to find the best exhibition stand in each of three categories: best Party stand, best commercial/charity stand, and stand that communicates its message most effectively.

You can help choose the winners by nominating stands and giving the reasons for your choice. Your entry will go into a draw for a bottle of champagne.

Entry forms are available from the Information Desk and will be printed in the *Advance Notice* sheet.

Morning fringe

**Liberal Democrats
Christian Forum**

Morning praise "created to create"

Prayer and praise before conference as part of our theme "created in God's image". All welcome.

08.15-08.45

Devon Room

Hilton Brighton Metropole

Afternoon fringe

Federal Conference Committee

First-time representatives feedback session

How did you enjoy your first conference experience?

Come and let the Federal

Conference Committee

know what worked and what

didn't so we can continue to

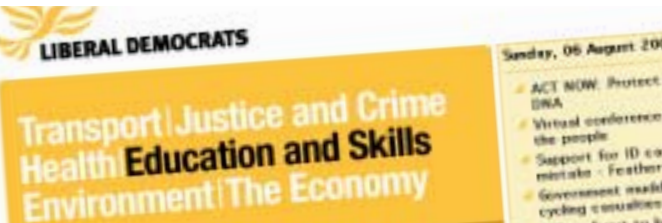
improve conference.

13.00-14.00

East Mezzanine

Brighton Centre

Keep in touch with the Lib Dems on the Internet



www.libdems.org.uk

Britain Against Cancer

ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON CANCER

This year's **Britain Against Cancer** conference follows the successful launch of the Group's 'New Vision for Cancer' and will examine the issue of inequalities in cancer care; be they caused by ethnicity, disability, gender, age, the type of cancer, your postcode, access to private medical cover or the community you live in. The conference will provide the opportunity to share ideas and formulate policy proposals.

The conference is being held on **THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER** in central London.

For registration details or further information and assistance, please see the APPG on Cancer's website www.appg-cancer.org.uk or contact the Conference Secretariat:

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www.appg-cancer.org.uk

Fringe

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CLIMATE CHANGE ISN'T A FRINGE EVENT, IT'S THE MAIN EVENT.

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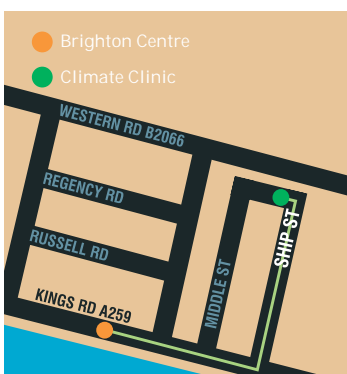
This year global warming has its own conference within a conference. It's called the Climate Clinic and it's putting UK climate change policies under the knife. Opinion formers, environmentalists, scientists, political and business leaders and the public will come together to debate the issues, spotlight solutions and press for urgent action and vigorous political leadership. It's an unprecedented political event jointly organised by a coalition of the world's best known environment groups. And it won't work without you.



Please check www.climateclinic.org and The Independent for daily Climate Clinic fringe meeting updates

Climate Clinic

Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF
 Sunday 17th – Wednesday 20th September 2006



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The exhibition

The Exhibition is located in the Brighton Centre, in the Entrance Hall on the ground floor and the Hewison Hall and landings on the first floor (see plan on page 71). Exhibition opening times:

Sunday	17 September	11.00 – 17.30
Monday	18 September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	19 September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	20 September	08.30 – 18.30
Thursday	21 September	08.30 – 13.30

The Westminster Bookshop

Libdem Books in association with **The Westminster Bookshop**
Stand 82

Essential books on the Liberal Democrats past and present.
For every book bought at conference at least 20% of the profits go to Party funds!



Directory of exhibitors

Stand PS24

Action for blind people



Action for blind people

Play the 'Degeneration Game'. Champagne prizes. Find out more about the daily challenges facing blind and partially sighted people and why national and local government need to re-prioritise visual impairment. Helen Dearman, 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE. Helen.dearman@rnib.org.uk Contact at conference: Helen Dearman 07961 044230.

training and information services. We publish the popular Agents Manual. Accreditation after our training helps agents demonstrate their status within the Party.

Stand P189
ALDC



The Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors is at the cutting edge of campaigning and provides essential support to all activists and councillors. We produce an extensive range of publications on campaigning and local government issues and provide support and training.

Stand P146
ALDES – Engineers & Scientists



ALDES is building a network of engineers, scientists and medics to support the Party's policy making in technical matters and ensure the voice

of engineers and scientists is heard.

Stand P108
ALTER



ALTER: the Party's economic special interest group with a focus on sustainable tax. Discover more about the next generation 'Green Switch' here.

Stand 62/64
ASCL



The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) is the new name for the Secondary Heads Association. We are the only professional association representing leaders of secondary schools and colleges. www.ascl.org.uk

Stand PS70
Association of Home Information Pack Providers (AHIPP)



Visit us for information on how Home Information Packs will affect the UK property

market and understand industry's preparation for its introduction, as well as pick up a sample pack.

Stand P106
Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists
ALDTU aims to promote trade union interest within the party and Liberal Democrat policies within the Trade Union Movement.

Stand 136
Association of Teachers and Lecturers



ATL. The education union, led by 160,000 education professionals throughout the UK, recognises the link between education policy and our members' conditions of employment. Evidence-based policy-making enables us to campaign and negotiate from a position of strength. Affiliated to the TUC we work with government and employers through social partnership. Association of Teachers and Lecturers, 7 Northumberland Street, London, WC2N 5RD. 020 7930 6441. www.atl.org.uk www.new2teaching.org.uk

Stand PS20

ADI, Animal Defenders International



ADI is a major international animal protection group, lobbying on issues such as animals in circuses; worldwide traffic in endangered species; vegetarianism; factory farming; pollution and conservation.

Stand P156
Agents & Organisers Association

We support Liberal Democrat agents and organisers with

Directory of exhibitors continued

Stand 162

BBC



Find out about our plans for local television; hear how we aim to move more BBC production to the North; see the breathtaking quality of high definition television.

Stand PS32

Big Lottery Fund



Big Lottery Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people in need. Find out what we have funded and how your community could benefit.



Stand 46

Camelot



Buy tickets from Camelot's stand – raising funds for good causes with the chance to win. To date National Lottery players have raised over £18.6 billion benefiting good causes through more than 238,000 grants. Policy & Public Affairs Team, Burleigh House, London, WC2R 0HS.

West and east landings

Climate Clinic Technology Exhibition



Join the Energy Saving Trust

and see the latest in environmental technology including solar panels, wind turbines, biomass burners, CHP units and much more at the Climate Clinic Exhibition.

Stand PS40

Campaign for Crossrail



Campaign for Crossrail is a broad coalition of supporters including businesses, business organisations, trade unions, Mayor of London; Transport for London, and City of London. The Campaign's aim is to make Crossrail a reality to help keep the UK's economy competitive. www.campaignforcrossrail.com

Stand 192

Cancer Research UK



Cancer Research UK is urging politicians to commit to planning now for the future of cancer. Real improvements in cancer services have been made, but are we ready to face future challenges? Visit our stand to pledge your support for **Cancer 2020** and find out more.

Stand P158

CentreForum



CentreForum is the UK's only Liberal Think Tank. At our stand this year we present our websites, most recent publications and details of our subscription packages.

Stand 42

Citizens Advice



The Citizens Advice service is a network of charities that helps people resolve their problems by providing information and advice, and by influencing policy makers. How much do you know about the levels of debt in your area? Come and do our interactive quiz and find out.

Stand 52

CND



CND campaigns non-violently to bring about the abolition of Britain's nuclear weapons system. Our current priority is to ensure full parliamentary debate and vote on the replacement of Trident.

Stand P98

DAGGER

The Democrats Action Group for Gaining Electoral Reform pursues party policy by promoting the single transferable vote in multi-member constituencies, seeking also to reach the wider public.

Stand P144

DELGA



The Liberal Democrat Organisation representing the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Stand PS18

Disability Rights Commission

Disability Rights Commission



Public authorities must produce their Disability Equality Scheme by 4 December 2006. Leadership in implementing the duty is essential. Visit our stand for more information and a free memory stick.

Stand P90

EARS



EARS, HandS and Casework Manager, the complete solution. EARS for campaigning and elections, HandS for membership and supporters, Casework Manager for casework. Try them all on our stand. Training available.

Stand 140

Efkon Road Pricing



As the nationwide debate over road tolling heats up, come and discuss the merits of the different systems available with Efkon. Please visit www.efkon.com for more information.

Directory of exhibitors continued

Stand PS22

The Electoral Commission



We are an independent body that was set up by the UK Parliament. Our mission is to foster public confidence and participation by promoting integrity, involvement and effectiveness in the democratic process.

Stand 44

ELDR



The ELDR is your party at European Level. It brings together 49 political parties with common liberal democratic ideals and is the forum to develop a co-ordinated policy.

Stand 16

Electoral Reform Society



Electoral Reform Society

ERS is the oldest membership organisation campaigning for fairer elections and stronger democracy through electoral reform. Play our quiz to find out why our democracy is sick and the cure.

Stand P160

English Liberal Democrats State Party

Information on running your local party. Support for current and potential officers and executive members. In conjunction with workshops all week at Lancing 3, Holiday Inn Hotel. Free Resource CD available.

Stand 48

GLA

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY



Visit the joint Greater London Authority, Transport for London and London Development Agency stand to learn about how we are continuing to deliver real improvements to Londoners. www.london.gov.uk www.tfl.gov.uk www.lda.gov.uk

Stand P126

Green Liberal Democrats

The Green Campaign Group of the Liberal Democrats.

For more information, see our website: www.greenlibdems.org.uk

Stand PS24

Guide Dogs



Guide Dogs

Play the 'Degeneration Game'. Champagne prizes. Find out more about the daily challenges facing blind and partially sighted people and why national and local government need to re-prioritise visual impairment. Contact at conference: Helen Dearman 07961 044230.

Stand PS4

The Independent newspaper



The Independent newspaper's mission, to take the broader view, remains as it stood when the paper launched in

1986; beholden to no one political party and economically and socially liberal.

Stand P136

John Stuart Mill Institute

The John Stuart Mill Institute is a liberal think tank independent of the Liberal Democrats and with charitable status. It promotes long-term thinking through publications, research, lectures and seminars.

Stand 138

League Against Cruel Sports



Actively campaigning against blood sports for over 80 years, Currently focusing on the brutal practice of snaring, legitimised by the gamebird shooting industry, condemned by many.

Stand PS34

LGA



Local Government Association

In the driving seat...

The LGA speaks for nearly 500 local authorities that represent over 50 million people. The LGA exists to promote better local government and wants to bring power closer to people and the place where they live. Try our 'in the driving seat' game to show you how councils are already doing this. For further information contact [Lgconnect 020 7664 3131](mailto:Lgconnect@lga.gov.uk) email info@lga.gov.uk or visit www.lga.gov.uk.

Stand 142

LGA Liberal Democrats

Local Government is at the heart of all that the Liberal Democrats represent. The Local Government Association exists to articulate and fight for a real commitment to community politics.

Stand 86

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum



Open to Liberal Democrats of all denominations. We hold fringe meetings and services during Party Conferences, attend Regional Conferences and publish a quarterly newsletter. Meet us at our stand.

Stand P104

Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw



Don't falter for lack of funds. Talk to the draw team on our stand.

Stand P134

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

We want to help you win the votes of disabled people. Lib Dems take seriously ALL aspects of diversity and equality. Add your voice – join LDDA!

Stand P112

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Publications and information available. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on Liberal Democrat education issues.

Make Britain fairer

Directory of exhibitors continued

Stand P148

Liberal Democrat European Group

The Party organisation dedicated to promoting the European Project, supporting our MEPs and helping members to campaign on European issues. www.ldeg.org.

Stand P128

Liberal Democrat Forum for the Countryside

The LDFC is dedicated to the preservation of the countryside and the traditions of rural communities. We have invited the Middle Way Group to share our stand again – visit us on our stand.

Stand P94

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

All welcome to visit our stand and our fringe meeting in the Hilton Metropole Hotel on Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm.

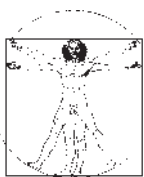
Stand P100

Liberal Democrat Friends of Kashmir

Have a Kashmir cup of tea with Qassim Afzal. See Peace Delegation pictures of Lib Dem parliamentarians in Kashmir Vale before and after earthquake and the schools refugee camps meetings with Leadership. Give your view. qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com Mobile: 07956 873046.

Stand P124

Liberal Democrat History Group



We promote the discussion and research of historical topics relating to the Liberal Democrats, the Liberal Party

and the SDP. The past illuminates the future. Come and discover. www.liberalhistory.org.uk

Stand P102

Liberal Democrat Humanist and Secularist Group

The organisation for Liberal Democrats who think that humanism and secularism need a louder voice within the party and across the UK. Join our meetings here in Brighton.

Stand P80

Liberal Democrat Image



Keep campaigning with Liberal Democrat Image. Visit us on stand 27 and tell us what new products you need. You can now order online at www.libdemimage.co.uk

Stand P110

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association is the link between the Party and those in, or interested in, the justice system and justice for all. New members welcome. www.libdems.org.uk

Stand P194

Liberal Democrat Youth & Students



Pick up campaign ideas, learn about our fringes and training, discover how to support us and how we can support you. www.ldys.org.uk

Stand P154

Liberal Democrats On Line (LDO)



Use email and websites to gain supporters and win votes! Pick up your free guides to using the internet for campaigning at our stand or visit our website: www.online.libdems.org.

Stand 150

Liberal International (British Group)



Member of the World Federation of Liberal Political Parties, Liberal International. Rich international programme (London and Scotland) meetings, diplomats' reception, study trips. Promotes international affairs in the Party. www.libg.org.uk

Stand P114

Liberator

Since being first published in 1970, *Liberator* has provided a platform for Liberals to discuss and read ideas and enjoy light thrown into dark corners of their party. Come and subscribe.

Stand 60

Manchester Airports Group



The Manchester Airports Group is the largest British-owned airport operator and comprises the four airports of Manchester, Humberside, Nottingham, East Midlands and Bournemouth. Visit stand 60 to learn more.

Stand 62/64
NASUWT



NASUWT the largest union representing teachers and head teachers throughout the UK has, by engaging in constructive dialogue with the Government, secured improvements in members' pay and working conditions.

Stand 190

National Union of Teachers



The NUT campaigns for free, high-quality education delivered through good local schools as the best means for students and young people to develop their abilities and full potential.

Stand PS20

NAVS, National Anti-Vivisection Society



NAVS, founded in 1875, was the world's first group to campaign against the use of animals in experiments and carries out research and educational activity today.

Stand 58

The Northcliffe Press

The requirements of newspaper printing are different from that of leaflets and magazines. To ensure you get the very best quality reproduction of your newspaper, call Northcliffe on 01332 595607.

Trust in people

Directory of exhibitors continued

Stand PS36

Ordnance Survey



Ordnance Survey is Britain's National Mapping Agency, providing the framework of intelligent geographic information across government in key policy areas.

Stand 14

Palestine Solidarity Campaign



PSC aims to build a mass campaign to raise public awareness and press British and Israeli governments to bring policies in line with international law. We oppose anti-Semitism and racism, including the apartheid and Zionist nature of the Israeli state.

Stand P174

Parliamentary Candidates Association (PCA)

Find out more about the Parliamentary Candidates Association and how it can help you with your campaigning. Whether you are a new member or a familiar face, come along and visit the stand.

Stand PS72

ReBlackpool



ReBlackpool, Blackpool Urban Regeneration Company, is leading the delivery of Blackpool's Masterplan to bring radical economic and social regeneration which will transform Blackpool into a

21st Century, world-class destination.

Stand 74

Riso UK Ltd



A range of single, two and full-colour printers will be shown. These all offer high-speed promotion of canvassing and Party materials at lowest costs to support party objectives.

Stand 50

RNID and UnumProvident



With an ageing workforce, more employees will be faced with a disability. 40% of workers over 50 have some hearing loss, so come and try our free telephone hearing check.

Stand 166

Royal British Legion



Britain's premier ex-service organisation, safeguarding the welfare, interests and memory of those who have served or are serving in the armed forces and their dependents.

Stand 168

Royal Mail Group

Royal Mail Group gives you access to everyone in the UK, every working day. Our stand offers a range of Post Office

services and a postbox with a daily collection.

Stand 10

Royal National Institute for the Blind



RNIB are here to put information into audio, large print and Braille. We can also advise business and constituency parties on providing services to blind and partially sighted people. Contact Helen Dearman: 07961 044230 at conference or helen.dearman@rnib.org.uk

Stand PS38

RSPCA



Since its inception in 1824 the RSPCA has endeavoured to improve the conditions animals are kept in. The Animal Welfare Bill provides a unique opportunity to significantly improve animal care standards and encourage people to be responsible pet owners. To find out more visit our stand.

Stand P118

South Central and South East Regions

South Central and South East Regions start the south east European Campaign with a bang in Brighton. Visit the stand for information, publications, auction, raffle and much more.

Stand P88

The CHARD Group (1992)

The party organisation that welcomes dialogue and

agreement with other parties, newsletters, quizzes.

Stand 12

The Standards Board for England



We aim to increase public confidence in local democracy by working in partnership with central and local government to champion and regulate standards of member conduct across local government.

Stand 152

Trades Union Congress



The TUC is the voice of Britain at work with 64 unions representing almost 6.5 million working people from all walks of life. We work in partnership with all political parties.

Stand 78

WMD Awareness Programme



Our aim is to raise awareness of current nuclear weapons policies and proliferation with a focus now on promoting an open and informed debate on Trident replacement.

Stand P84

Women Liberal Democrats

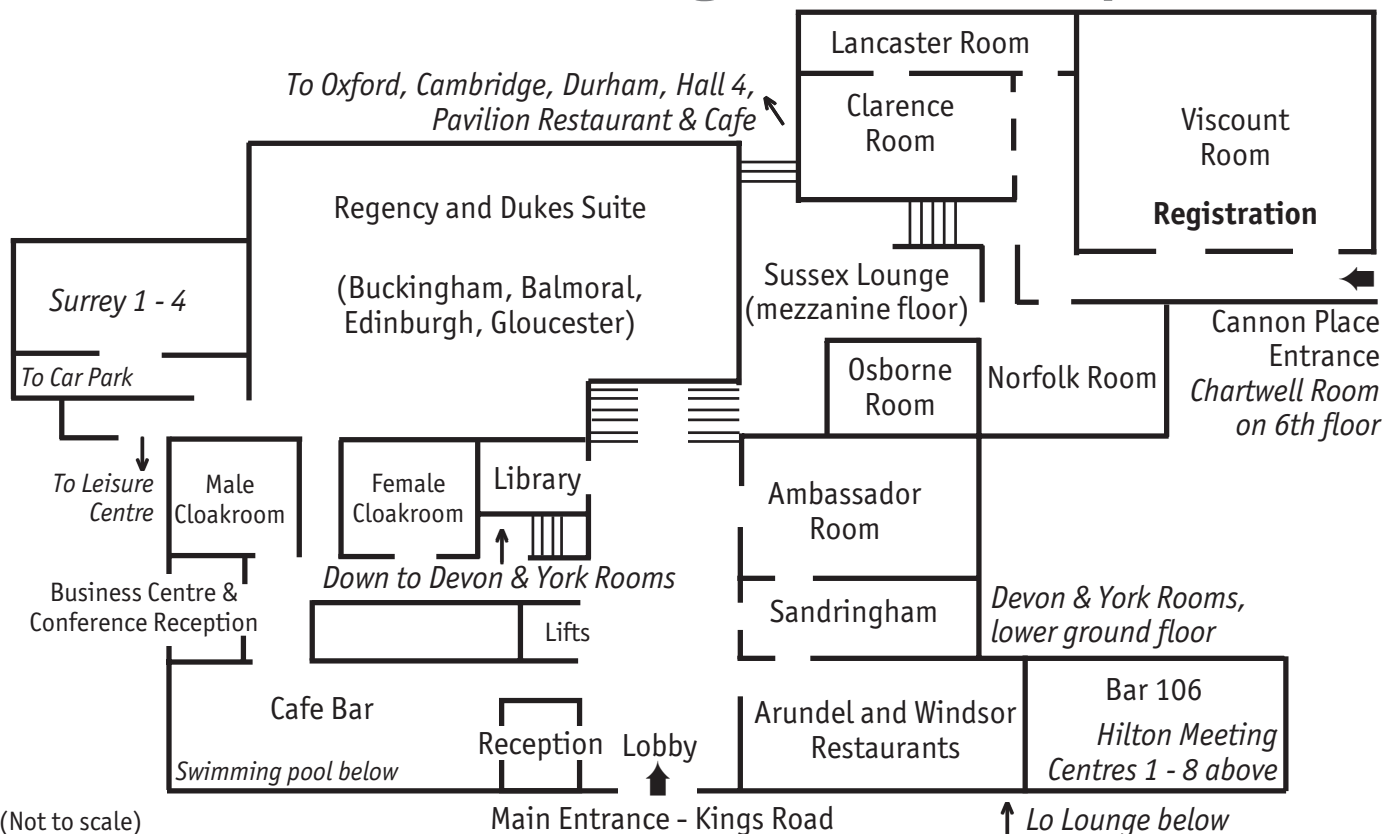
WLD is a lively and energetic organisation providing support for all women within the Party, influencing policy and campaigning on women's issues. WLD are committed to women's equality.

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East and west landings: Climate Clinic

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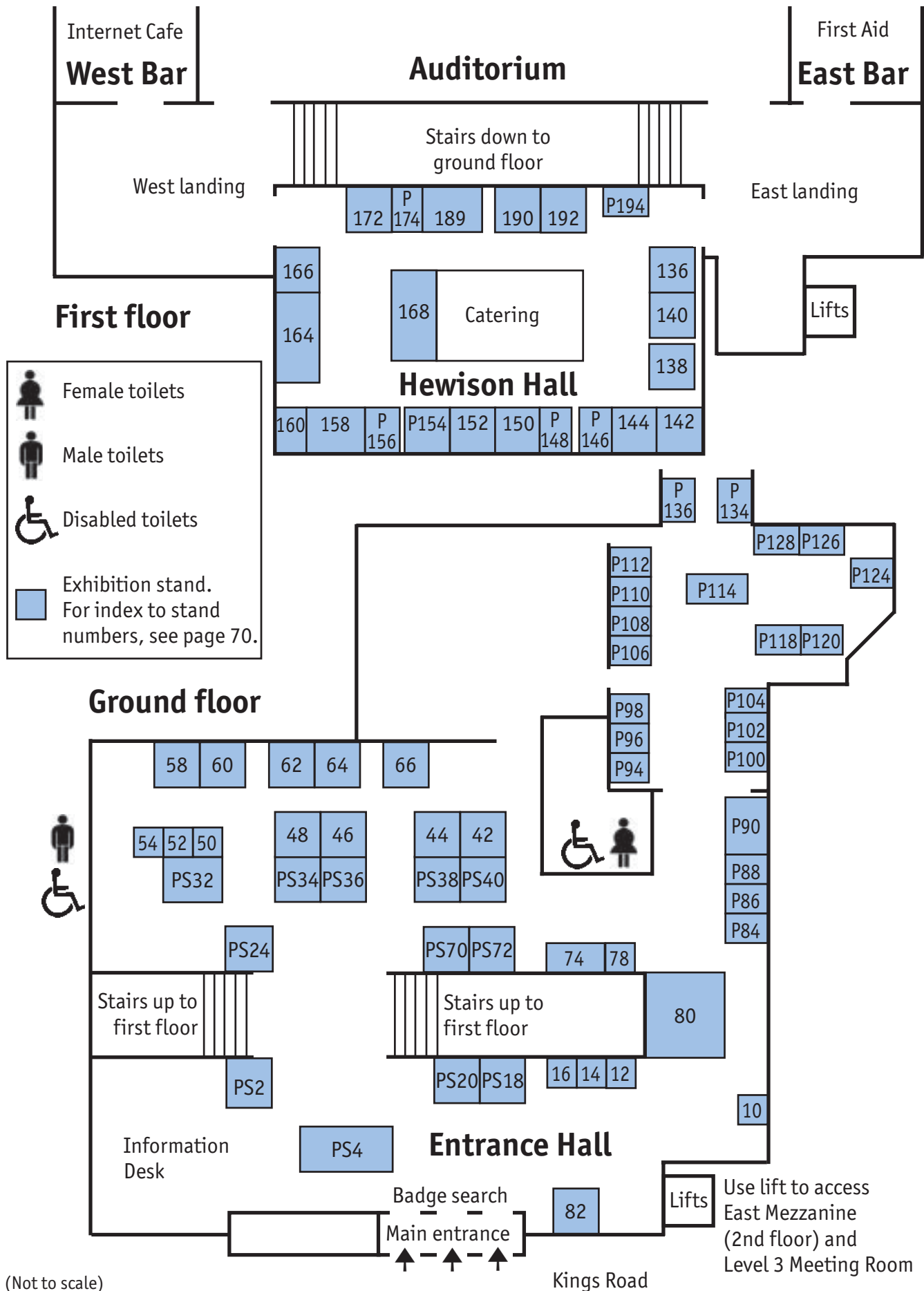
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Main Entrance - Kings Road

↑ To Lounge below

Trust in people

Plan of Brighton Centre and exhibition



Conference information

Everything you need to know about this year's Conference is listed in alphabetical order. If you have any questions, please ask a Conference steward or go to the Conference Information Desk on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre.

For procedural information on the conduct of the conference, see pages 3 to 5 of the Conference Agenda. For a plan of the Brighton Centre and Hilton Brighton Metropole, see pages 70 and 71.

Access

Access to the Brighton Centre and Hilton Brighton Metropole is only possible with a valid, visible Conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard. You will be asked to show your pass when you enter these buildings and you are required to wear the pass with the lanyard visible at all times.

If attending a training session in the Holiday Inn or Quality Hotel, you may be asked to show your membership card. A photo pass is not required.

Please allow time for security check queues at the Brighton Centre and the Hilton Brighton Metropole during key times - particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

Accommodation

The Party's Conference Office is responsible for organising accommodation in the conference hotel, the Hilton Brighton Metropole.

Rooms are available on a first-come, first served basis by sending in the accommodation form available at: www.libdems.org.uk/conference/booking/accommodation.html. At the time of printing there are plenty of rooms available, from £145 per night for a standard room double or single occupancy. **Do not miss this opportunity to be at the centre of things during Conference!**

For help with all other accommodation, contact:

The Brighton and Hove City Council
Conference Delegate Accommodation Bureau
1st Floor, Brighton Town Hall, Brighton, BN1 1JA
Tel: 01273 292626, fax: 01273 292617,
Email accom.bureau@brighton-hove.gov.uk
www.delegates.brighton-hove.gov.uk
(pin number: 31, password: libdems06)

Banking facilities

There is a cash point in the foyer of the Brighton Centre, which charges £1.50 per transaction. The nearest free cash points are Lloyds TSB in West Street and National Westminster Bank in Churchill Square.

Car parks

See parking under transport and travel on page 79.

Cloakroom

There is a cloakroom on the right-hand side ground floor of the Brighton Centre behind stands 74 – 78. A charge per item applies. Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the Brighton Centre.

On the morning of Thursday 21st September, bags may be deposited at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel and must be collected no later than 17.00. There will be a charge for non-residents of the hotel.

Crèche

The crèche is located in the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel in Meeting Rooms 1, 2 & 3 on the first floor and will be open at the following times:

Sunday	17th September	13.00 – 21.00
Monday	18th September	08.30 – 19.30
Tuesday	19th September	08.30 – 19.30
Wednesday	20th September	08.30 – 19.30
Thursday	21st September	08.30 – 13.30

The Children Act 1991 strictly controls the ratio of staff to children in crèches. This means that the crèche staff are not allowed to accept children who are not pre-registered (deadline 30th August). If you would like to receive information on the crèche for



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Conference information continued

future conferences please call the Conference Office on 020 7227 1350. Forms are also available for download from the Party website.

Disabled access and parking

See access and facilities for disabled people, page 78.

Distribution of literature

Distribution of literature will not be allowed inside the Brighton Centre. Any literature for the attention of representatives may be distributed outside the main entrance, subject to the discretion of the Chief Steward, Brighton Centre management and Police. Exhibitors may only distribute material, sell raffle tickets etc., directly from their stands. Gangways, stairways, entrances and catering areas must not be used for this purpose.

Please note that flyposting is prohibited inside the Brighton Centre.

Documents for conference

If you pre-registered for this year's conference you will receive a covering letter with your photo pass. Please bring this letter to the Information Desk on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre to pick up your conference pack, badge holder and lanyard.

If you register at conference (see registration on page 74), after having registered, you will be able to collect all documents from the Information Desk.

Extra copies of the Conference Agenda and Directory are available for sale from the Information Desk for £5.00 each. You can also purchase a complete pack of policy papers from the Information Desk for £25.00.

Exhibition

The exhibition is located in the Entrance Hall on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre, and the Hewison Hall and landings on the first floor. Please see page 65 for opening times and exhibitor details.

Exhibitors

We welcome all our exhibitors to Conference. We hope that non-Party exhibitors will make use of the Business Lounge in the Skyline Restaurant on the 3rd floor of the Brighton Centre, where there are daily

briefings by Parliamentarians and senior researchers. Our Parliamentarians will be making daily tours of the exhibition – photos will be available for purchase in the Business Lounge at the end of each day. Don't forget the Exhibitors' Reception on Sunday 17th September, ***by invitation only***, 19:30 Buckingham Room, Hilton Brighton Metropole.

First Aid

The First Aid suite is located off the East Bar on the first floor of the Brighton Centre.

Flash photography

Representatives vulnerable to epilepsy should note that flash photography is frequently used in the conference auditorium.

Information Desk

The Information Desk is located in the entrance hall on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre (turn left from main entrance). Members of the Conference Team can answer your questions.

Telephone: 01273 720105

email: conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk

Opening times:

Saturday	16th September	15.00 - 19.00
Sunday	17th September	09.00 - 17.30
Monday	18th September	08.30 - 18.30
Tuesday	19th September	08.30 - 18.30
Wednesday	20th September	08.30 - 18.30
Thursday	21st September	08.30 - 13.30

Internet Café

The Internet Café is located in the West Bar on the first floor of the Brighton Centre. Cost £1 per half hour, tickets available at the West Bar.

Lost passes

Photo passes are reissued at the discretion of the Chief Steward, for a fee of £10.00.

Lost property

All items of lost property should be handed in to, and reclaimed from, the Information Desk on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre.

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Mobile phones and pagers

Please ensure that all mobile phones and pagers are switched off before entering the Auditorium.

Newspapers

The Independent will be distributed free of charge at the entrance to the Brighton Centre.

Photo passes

All conference photo passes are mailed prior to conference if registration details are received before 31st August. If you have not received your pass, please come to the Registration Area in the Viscount Room of the Hilton Brighton Metropole (Cannon Place entrance).

Photo pass colours and codes are:

- Party members - Yellow
 - Voting Representative - VOR
 - Non-voting Member- NVO
 - Parliamentarians - PAR
 - Day Visitor – DA-sun/mon/tue/wed/thu
 - Party Officers – POF
- Non-members - Grey
 - Commercial Observers - OBS
 - Diplomats - DIP
 - International Guests - ING
 - Sister Party Members - SPG
 - Exhibitor Observers - EXO
 - Exhibitor - EXH
 - NGO / Charity Observers - NGO
 - Exhibition Technician - TEC
- Media - Pink
 - Press or Media journalists - JOR
 - Camera crews / Photographers - PHO
 - Technicians – MTE
- Staff - Orange
 - Headquarters staff - HQS
 - Parliamentary staff - PST
 - POLD staff - POL
 - State, Regional & Constituency staff - SRC
 - Local Government staff - LGS
- Conference Management - Green
 - Conference organisers – ORG – Striped
 - Federal Conference Committee – FCC – Light Green
 - Stewards – STW – Dark Green

- Fringe and Training - Purple
(Access only to the Hilton Brighton Metropole)
 - Training member – TRM
 - Trainers - TNR
 - Fringe Organiser - FRO
 - Fringe guest only - FRG

Postal facilities

Royal Mail Group's stand, in the Hewison Hall on the first floor of the Brighton Centre, offers a range of Post Office® services including a postbox with a daily collection Monday 18th to Thursday 21st September.

Press Office

Telephone: 01273 720251

The Press Office, located in the Brighton Centre, will be open at the following times:

Sunday	17th September	10.00 - 18.30
Monday	18th September	08.30 - 19.30
Tuesday	19th September	08.30 - 19.30
Wednesday	20th September	08.30 - 19.30
Thursday	21st September	08.30 - 15.00

Recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans will be provided in the Brighton Centre. Please make use of the collection bins.

Refreshments

Hot and cold meals and soft drinks will be available in the Hewison Hall on the first floor of the Brighton Centre (from 11am on Sunday). Alcoholic drinks, tea and coffee will be on sale in the East and West Bars.

Registration: on-site

The on-site Registration Area is in the Viscount Room at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel (via the entrance in Cannon Place). **There are no registration facilities at the Brighton Centre.** If you have any questions one of our Conference Team in the Registration Area will be happy to help.

To register on-site as a voting, substitute, or non-voting member, you will need to bring:

- Party membership card
- Proof of personal identity

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- Completed registration form (available on-site or download from www.libdems.org.uk)

You can register on-site at the following times:

Saturday	16th September	13.00 – 19.00
Sunday	17th September	09.00 – 19.30
Monday	18th September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	19th September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.30
Thursday	21st September	08.30 – 11.45

Party members without a valid photo pass who arrive after registration has closed will be able to obtain a free temporary pass for the hotel and fringe events only. This will be available from the temporary registration desk in the Hilton Brighton Metropole foyer, on completion of a registration form and presentation of your membership card or Hilton booking confirmation. This service will only be available until 22.30.

You can save time on-site by downloading and completing a registration form before you arrive or you can register online up to midnight 9th September: see www.libdems.org.uk.

Registration: party members, full registration

Cost: £106 for the whole conference, £29 claimants. Proof of claimant status is required.

All Party members are entitled to attend all sessions of conference once registered. **Only** elected representatives may vote. Any member who has paid the full registration fee is eligible to submit a speaker's card to speak in a debate.

Registration: party members, day visitors

Cost: Full day: £22. Afternoons only: £15.
Claimants: Full day: £10. Afternoons only: £7.



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Day visitors are not allowed to vote at conference or to speak except in consultative sessions.

Registration: non-members

Non-members can register for conference up until 20.00 every evening. A typical non-member, 2-day commercial observer pass costs £350. Please present proof of personal identity and a completed registration form at the Registration Area.

No one will be able to get access to the fringe or exhibition areas in the Brighton Centre or the Hilton Brighton Metropole without a valid pass.

Registration: first-time attendees

As an incentive to encourage new conference-goers, a special rate of £54 is available to those attending Brighton as their first Liberal Democrat conference. This is not cumulative with any other discount and is subject to confirmation of first-timer status.

Representation

Local party and Youth and Student representation is as follows (Article 6.2 of the constitution):

Membership	Representatives
30-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-250	7
251-300	8
301-350	9
351-400	10
401-450	11
Together with a further representative for every 100 members (or part thereof) in excess of 450.	

Security and safety

All security measures are taken in consultation with the Police and the Brighton Centre management.

Conference photo passes must be worn visibly at all times within the Brighton Centre and the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel. Anyone found in the secure area without a valid pass will be escorted from the building.

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All bags will be searched at the main entrance to the Brighton Centre and the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel. ***Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the Centre.*** Any bag left unattended will be brought to the attention of the Police and may be removed and/or destroyed.

Some queues will be inevitable so do allow plenty of time ahead of popular events. Please be patient and understand this is being done for your safety.

Smoking

All areas of the Brighton Centre are non-smoking.

Stewards

The security team includes volunteer Stewards who act under the direction of the Chief Steward, whose decision is final in any dispute regarding security.

The Chief Steward reserves the right, acting in conjunction with Police advice, to search anyone in the Brighton Centre at any time. He also reserves the right to remove anyone from the building.

Telephone facilities

Pay telephones are located near the cloakrooms at the rear of the ground floor of the Brighton Centre.

Transport and travel

For information on transport around Brighton and travel to Brighton, see page 79.

Venues

Conference Centre The Brighton Centre Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2GR Tel: 01273 290131
Conference hotel Hilton Brighton Metropole Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU Tel: 01273 775432
Official fringe venues Quality Hotel West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RQ Tel: 01273 220033, Fax: 01273 778000

Holiday Inn (Brighton-Seafront)
Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2JF
Tel: 01273 828250, Fax: 01273 7755

Note: The Registration Area is in the Viscount Room of the Hilton Brighton Metropole (Cannon Place entrance), not in the Brighton Centre.

Voting and non-voting status

You will only be able to register as a voting representative if:

- 1) The Membership Department has already received in writing notification from the Returning Officer of your Local Party that you have been elected as a voting representative*; or
- 2) You are a substitute elected by your Local Party after a voting representative has indicated that they are unable to attend, and the Membership Department has received in writing appropriate notification from the Local Party*; or
- 3) The Membership Desk at Conference receives written notification from the Returning Officer of your Local Party that you have been elected as a voting representative or as a substitute.

* To ensure that a voting badge is sent out before conference this must be received by 31st August. Otherwise you will be sent a non-voting pass.

If you have received a non-voting photo pass but believe you are attending conference as a voting or substitute voting representative, you need to:

- 1) Contact an officer of your local party.
- 2) Ask them to write a letter to Membership Services confirming your voting status or giving the name, address and membership number of the representative you are substituting for, as well as your own full details before 12.00 noon, Friday 9th September.
- 3) Bring a copy of this letter to the Membership Desk in the Registration area in the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel (Cannon Place entrance), to have your voting status verified.
- 4) Collect a replacement pass from the Membership Desk in the Registration area.

Website

For conference details online, please see www.libdems.org.uk/conference.

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Access and facilities for disabled people

All areas of the Brighton Centre, and of the Hilton Metropole, Quality and Holiday Inn hotels used for fringe meetings, are fully accessible by wheelchair.

Brighton Disability Advice Centre

Brighton Disability Advice Centre has a wide range of information and advice for visitors to Brighton with disabilities. Contact them at 6 Hove Manor, Hove Street, Hove BN3 2DF, tel/minicom 01273 203 016; disabilityadvice@bhfederation.org.uk; www.bhfederation.org.uk

General

Visitor Information Centre: 0906 711 2255 (50p per minute).

The areas around and between the Brighton Centre and main fringe hotels are flat. The route from the train station to the front, although steep and with some uneven paving, is manageable by wheelchair.

The Brighton Centre

Access the Centre via the main entrance on Kings Road (sea front). Lifts to the right of the entrance give access to the auditorium on the first floor. There are disabled toilets on the ground and first floors.

The Hilton Brighton Metropole (conference hotel)

For the Balmoral, Buckingham, Ambassador, Gloucester and Churchill rooms, Kent and Surrey suites in the Hilton Brighton Metropole, use the front entrance of the hotel (accessible via a ramp). Access all other rooms via the entrance in Cannon Place.

There is a toilet suitable for wheelchair users on the ground floor at the front of the hotel.

Quality Hotel (fringe venue)

Wheelchair access to the Quality Hotel is through the main hotel entrance on West Street; there is a disabled toilet in the main lobby.

Holiday Inn (fringe venue)

Access to the Holiday Inn is via a side gate to the left of the hotel as you face it.

Services for the blind and visually impaired

The Conference Agenda and Directory and consultative and policy papers are available in audio format (produced by RNIB).

All conference documents can be made available as pdf files, in large format and on coloured paper.

Please contact Emma Harris at the Conference Office on 020 7227 1350, email: emma.harris@libdems.org.uk by 10th September.

At conference contact RNIB Stand 10.

Car parking

As well as a limited number of on-street disabled parking bays, blue badge holders can park for free in pay & display, voucher parking and shared pay & display / permit-holder bays. Parking is available in the NCP car park behind the Hilton Brighton Metropole; charges apply to non-hotel-residents.

For further information on car parking telephone Brighton and Hove Council on 01273 293225 for parking in Brighton or 01273 292426 for parking in Hove, or National Car Parks on 01273 329145. For disabled parking at the Brighton Centre, contact Emma Harris on 020 7227 1350 in advance.

Rail

Brighton Station, Queens Road, is staffed continuously. 24 hours notice is required for assistance: phone 0800 138 1016. There is full disabled access to the ticket office, platforms and trains. There are also disabled parking bays and RADAR key toilets at the station.

Taxis

Both taxi services listed under transport and travel below have some taxis which can accommodate wheel chairs. They charge normal taxi rates and should be booked in advance.

Public toilets for disabled users

Unisex toilets with RADAR National Key Scheme (NKS) locks are located on Bond Street, Churchill Square, North Street, Kings Road, Prince Albert St, Old Steine and Madeira Drive.

Electric buggies and wheelchairs

The Shopmobility service at the Churchill Square Shopping Centre next to the Brighton Centre has a fleet of wheelchairs and electric scooters available for hire at a daily rate of £10 per vehicle. Please contact David Johnson at Brighton Shopmobility on 01273 323239 or shopmobility@bhfederation.org.uk.

In the auditorium

The principal seating areas in the auditorium will all be on the flat. An induction loop is fitted to cover all seating areas in the auditorium.

Sign language interpretation will be provided during all conference sessions in conjunction with the Sign Language Centre.

Other requirements

If you have any specific requirements that are not mentioned, please contact Emma Harris, email emma.harris@libdems.org.uk before 1 September, and she will endeavour to assist if it is at all possible.

Information and assistance at conference

Anyone who requires assistance should approach a conference steward or one of the staff at the Brighton Centre or hotel.

Robert Littlehales is the disabled access steward at conference. You can contact him both in advance of and during conference on 07712 667702 or at rlittlehales@aol.com or via the Stewards' table.

Transport and travel

For a map of Brighton, please see page 80.

Bus services (local)

There are regular services to all parts of Brighton and the surrounding area.

Bus information is available on 0870 608 2608 and at www.buses.co.uk.

Parking

There are a number of multi-storey car parks in the town centre, which are well signposted. The nearest car parks (NCP) are Churchill I, Churchill II and Russell Road behind the Brighton Centre. **Parking in Brighton is not cheap.** The map on page 80 shows the local car parks.

For disabled parking, please see car parking under access and facilities for disabled people on page 78.

Taxi services

The following companies provide a taxi service:

Brighton Streamline	01273 747474
Hove Streamline	01273 202020

By Car

Brighton is easily accessible from all areas. From London take the M23/A23. Journeys can be planned in detail at: www.theaa.co.uk

Reduce congestion and pollution by using public transport or car sharing where possible. For the Liberal Democrats Conference car-share scheme, see www.liftshare.org.

By Air

London Gatwick Airport is 28 miles from Brighton via the M23/A23, taking an average of 30 minutes by car.

By coach

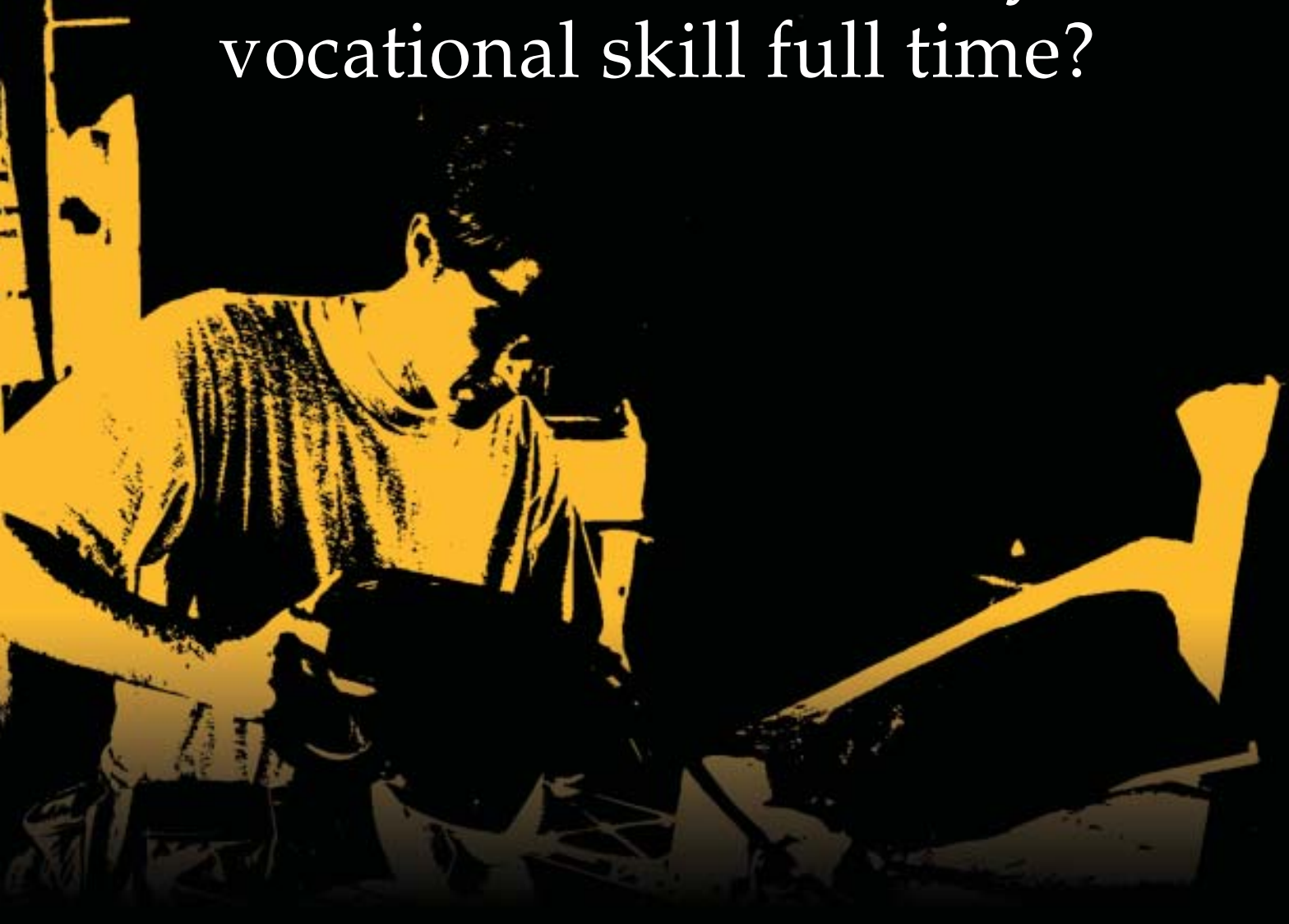
National Express Coach Services run to and from Brighton. Further details are available from any National Express Agent. Tel: 08705 808080.

By Train

Brighton's Rail station is only a 10 minute walk from the Brighton Centre. There are direct trains to London and frequent services from Portsmouth, Worthing, Lewes, Seaford, Eastbourne and Hastings.

School's out?

Should 14-year olds be able to leave school to study a vocational skill full time?



Speakers:

Sarah Teather MP, Shadow Education Secretary

Dr John Brennan, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges

Monday 18th September 2006, 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Albert Room, De Vere Grand Hotel, Brighton

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