



## 2008 FRINGE PROGRAMME

Monday

### MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

13.00 – 14.00

**Next Stop a Greener Future: Getting Britain onto public transport**

Mezzanine, Royal Bath Hotel

CHAIR: Michael McCarthy, The Independent (tbc)

SPEAKERS: Norman Baker MP; Benet Northcote, Greenpeace UK; Chris Burchell, Southern; Ian Mulheim, SMF

**Go-Ahead Transit**

### MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

18.00 – 19.00

**Doctor's Orders or Patient's Choice? Can real choice in healthcare become a reality?**

Mirabelle Room, Royal Bath Hotel

CHAIR: Jeremy Laurance, The Independent (tbc)

SPEAKERS: Norman Lamb MP; Diane Dawson, Centre for Health Economics (tbc); Don Redding, Picker Institute; Lyndsay Mountford, SMF

**Bayer HealthCare  
Bayer Schering Pharma**

### MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

19.30 – 20.30

**It's the Economy, Stupid! Can environmental issues still be a priority in the current economic climate?**

Mirabelle Room, Royal Bath Hotel

CHAIR: Ann Rossiter, SMF

SPEAKERS: Steve Webb MP (tbc); Vince Cable MP (tbc); Jeremy Warner, The Independent (tbc); Dr James Lovelock CBE (tbc)

### TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

08.00 – 09.00

**Talking Money: Is financial advice for all a realisable vision?**

Bay View Room, Royal Bath Hotel

CHAIR: Alex Barker, Financial Times (tbc)

SPEAKERS: Vince Cable MP; Alistair Matthews, Pfeg; Otto Thoresen, AEGON; Ann Rossiter, SMF

**AEGON**

### TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

13.00 - 14.00

**Nanny Knows Best? Should the Government do more to enforce healthier lifestyle choices?**

Mirabelle Room, Royal Bath Hotel

CHAIR: Ann Rossiter, SMF

SPEAKERS: Steve Webb MP (tbc); Dame Deirdre Hutton, Food Standards Agency; Martin Glenn, Bird's Eye (tbc); Tony Gilland, Institute of Ideas

**FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY**

### TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

18.00 – 19.00

**Subsistence is not Enough: How should we fund fulfilling lives for older people?**

Mirabelle Room, Royal Bath Hotel

CHAIR: Dr Simon Griffiths, SMF

SPEAKERS: Paul Burstow MP; Baroness Greengross; Christopher Manthorp, Epic Trust; Simon Bottery, IndependentAge

**IndependentAge**  
Supporting older people at home

### TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

18.30 – 19.30

**Science Fiction or Economic Reality: Will innovation deliver a globally competitive future?**

Purbeck Suite, Marriott Highcliff

CHAIR: Ian Mulheim, SMF

SPEAKERS: Stephen Williams MP; Robin McGill, Institution of Engineering and Technology

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# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## Party training

A range of free training events, for **party members only**, will take place between **09.15** and **17.30** in the **BIC** and **Connaught Hotel**. See *Training Brochure* for details.

## Morning fringe

### Centrepoint and YWCA England & Wales

*Money, debt and financial capability*

**Invitation-only breakfast.** The experiences of young people based on the policy work of Centrepoint (homeless young people) and YWCA (disadvantaged young women). Chaired by the Financial Services Authority.

**07.15 – 08.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford–Syndicate 3**

### The Work Foundation and ASDA

*The rising cost of living*

Speakers: Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor; Nick Isles, The Work Foundation; Bernard Hughes, ASDA.

**07.15 – 08.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

### CentreForum and Cambridge Assessment

*Pass or fail?*

Assessing the new exams regulator. Speakers: David Laws MP; Greg Watson, Chief Executive, OCR. Chair: Julian Astle, CentreForum. Breakfast served. Sponsor: Cambridge Assessment.

**07.45 – 09.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

### CentreForum and Alliance Boots

*Expanding pharmacy-based care*

Can commissioners and pharmacy deliver? Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Professor David Taylor, School of Pharmacy, University of London. Chair: Lord Clement-Jones. Breakfast served. Sponsor: Alliance Boots.

**07.45 – 09.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite**

### Citizens Advice

*Work for those who can*

Can welfare reform deliver? Speakers: Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; Diane Lightfoot, United Response; John Wright, Federation of Small Businesses.

**08.00 – 09.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite**

### Reform / The Smith Institute / Legal & General

*Effective welfare in the 21st century*

Speakers: Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer; John Goodfrey, Director of Corporate Communications, Legal & General. Chair: Andrew Haldenby, Director of Reform.

**08.00 – 09.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge**

### The Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders, Ltd.

*SMMT automotive breakfast reception 2008*

Breakfast discussion on the UK automotive industry and environmental policies for a sustainable future industry. Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Vince Cable MP (invited). Chair: Paul Everitt, CEO, SMMT.

**08.00 – 09.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli**

### The Work Foundation / Urban Hub

*Hard times*

What will the changing economic climate mean for cities? Speakers: Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat Party President (invited); Alexandra Jones, The Work Foundation. Chair: Will Hutton, The Work Foundation.

**08.00 – 09.00**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite**

### Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

*Morning praise*

Prayer and praise before conference. Baroness Garden will be speaking as part of our theme 'conscience in the life of David' on David sparing Saul's life. All welcome.

**08.15 – 08.45**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite**

## Sport Matters

*Are we fit for 2012?*

### Speakers:

**Don Foster MP** Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

**Darren Campbell** Olympic Gold Medallist

**Steve Grainger** Chief Executive, Youth Sport Trust

**Jennie Price** Chief Executive, Sport England

**John Steele** Chief Executive, UK Sport

**Wilf Stevenson** Smith Institute (Chair)



### Venue and timings:

1-2pm, Monday 15th September

Blandford Syndicate 3, Marriott Highcliff Hotel

Hosted by the Smith Institute

Refreshments provided



## NEWSTATESMAN

Fringe Events at the  
**Liberal Democrat  
 Party Conference  
 2008** in Bournemouth

Monday 15th September

1-2.00pm Trouville Hotel



### What price clean water? The hidden carbon cost

Barbara Gunnell, *New Statesman* (Chair)  
 Delvin Lane, *Carbon Trust*  
 Geoffrey Lean, *Independent on Sunday*  
 Chris Matthews, *United Utilities*  
 Roger Williams MP

6.15-7.30pm Trouville Hotel



### Is carbon reduction always ethical?

Peter Davis, *Ethical Corporation Magazine*  
 Geoffrey Lean, *The Independent*  
 Prof. Mark Maslin, *UCL Environment Inst.*  
 Chris Matthews, *United Utilities*  
 Jo Swinson MP

6.15-7.30pm Trouville Hotel



### From playpen to dragon's den - should business be in class?

Jackie Ashley (tbc) (Chair)  
 Rod Kenyon, *Centrica*  
 Andy Powell, *Edge*  
 Lynette Wieland, *National Learner Panel*  
 Stephen Williams MP

Tuesday 16th September

1-2.00pm Trouville Hotel



### Connecting the disconnected: does digital equality matter?

Ben Davies, *New Statesman* (Chair)  
 Don Foster MP (tbc)  
 Becky Hogge, *Open Rights Group*  
 Helen Milner, *UK online centres*  
 Andrew Pinder, *BECTA*

6.15-7.30pm Trouville Hotel



### Licensed to Skill

Peter Bennett, *Network Rail*  
 Ben Davies, *New Statesman* (Chair)  
 John Cridland, *CBI* (tbc)  
 Vivienne Parry  
 Phil Willis MP

6.15-7.30pm Trouville Hotel



### Can Social Cohesion be Policed?

Martin Bright, *New Statesman*  
 Harry Fletcher, *NAPO*  
 Chris Huhne MP  
 Paul McKeever, *Police Federation*  
 Suzanne Moore, *Mail on Sunday* (tbc)

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# Good For Children, Good For Teachers

[www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)



Monday

The interests of children are at the heart of the campaigns of the National Union of Teachers.

Children do not learn in a vacuum. Poverty and social deprivation have a significant impact on their educational chances. Teachers are at the forefront of tackling these issues. The NUT, in recognising the moral and educational imperative of tackling inequality, is an active supporter of the *Campaign to End Child Poverty*.

We believe that the potential of all children and young people can be met only through a comprehensive education system, where good local schools lie at the heart of local communities. Our view is informed by compelling international evidence and research, not ideological assertion.

Countries which achieve consistently high educational standards have in common a committed teaching profession. Teachers in this country offer dedication and professionalism. Yet excessive workload continues to undermine their health and morale, while successive below-inflation pay awards erode their standard of living. It is time to recognise the role that teachers play in educational achievement in this country.

Good for children, good for teachers. This is a 'golden rule' that should not be broken.



## UP FOR GRABS: WHO SHOULD RUN OUR SCHOOLS?

### FRINGE MEETING

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Monday 15 September  
TREGONWELL ROOM, ROYAL EXETER HOTEL

#### SPEAKERS:

#### David Laws MP

Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

#### Paul Holmes MP

#### Christine Blower

NUT Acting General Secretary

**CHAIR: Professor John Howson,**  
Liberal Democrat Education Association

LUNCH PROVIDED

## NUT FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER RECEPTION

8.00 pm - 11.00 pm Tuesday 16 September  
DORCHESTER ROOM, HIGHCLIFF MARRIOTT

Free supper reception for Liberal Democrat delegates  
and conference visitors.

Music provided by Music for Youth.



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For more information on NUT policies visit Stand No 126

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## Lunchtime fringe

### Lib Dem Muslim Forum

*EU, Turkey and the Kurds*

Can the EU be a catalyst for a peaceful resolution for the Kurdish conflict in Turkey? Speakers: Baroness Ludford MEP; Margaret Owen, Human Rights Lawyer and GAPS UK; Akif Wan, KNK.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Avon Room**

### ABHI / Breakthrough Breast Cancer / fpa / UNISON / Picker Institute Europe

*Personalised healthcare: help or hindrance?*

A consensus exists in favour of personalisation. But what are the implications for inequalities, how can information be shared, what role can technology play, and is personalisation preferable to 'choice'?

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 1**

### The Long-Term Conditions Alliance / Rethink / Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health

*Winning votes through mental health*

People affected by mental illness centre-stage to tell you – and Norman Lamb – how it really is and debate why mental health should not be treated as the NHS' poor relation.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 2**

### Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats

*Are we sleepwalking into segregation?*

Meral Ece, Chair of EMLD, will introduce a diverse panel including: Trevor Phillips (tbc) who coined the original phrase; Mohammed Shafiq, CEO, Ramadhan Foundation; and Neville Farmer, PPC Wyre Forest.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite**

### Liberal Democrat Disability Association

*Disability discrimination – employment and housing*

Livability's *Freedom to Live* report found that at the age of 26, disabled people are four times as likely to be unemployed as their non-disabled peers. Who cares about disability discrimination? Speaker: Rachel Christophides. Chair: Anne Diamond.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite**

### Medical Protection Society / Nursing and Midwifery Council / Patients Association

*The blame game*

Is the balance right between culpability and accountability in healthcare? Speakers: Baroness Tonge, Lords Spokesperson for Health; Stephanie Bown, Medical Protection Society; Representative, Nursing and Midwifery Council; Claire Rayner, Patients Association.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite**

Monday



## Guardian debate

# The next election: Threat or opportunity?

**Chair: Simon Hoggart**

**Panel: Chris Huhne MP, Sarah Teather MP,  
Professor John Curtice, Rt Hon Sir Menzies  
Campbell MP**

**Monday September 15, 1-2pm**

**De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel**

[theguardian.co.uk](http://theguardian.co.uk)

**Join the debate**

[guardian.co.uk/commentisfree](http://guardian.co.uk/commentisfree)

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

Sign language interpreter - Food and drink provided

## Keeping London moving... to keep Britain growing?

**Norman Baker MP** - Shadow Transport Secretary  
**Lord Bill Bradshaw** - chair **Others** - TBC

**Monday 15 September**  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Venue - Dorchester 2**  
Highcliff Marriott

**MAYOR OF LONDON**

**Transport for London**



Monday

### **ALDE Group**

*Protecting prostitutes' rights and safety*

Promoting the safety of sex workers. Speakers: Dr Belinda Brooks-Gordon, University of London; Catherine Stephens, activist with IUSW. Chair: Chris Davies MEP.

**13.00 - 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar**

### **IPSOS MORI**

*Happiness: a new political challenge?*

Drawing on happiness research, the panel discuss what politicians can do to improve our well-being. Speakers: Bobby Duffy, IPSOS MORI; Jo Swinson MP. Chair: Jackie

Ashley, columnist, *The Guardian*.

**13.00 - 14.00**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite**

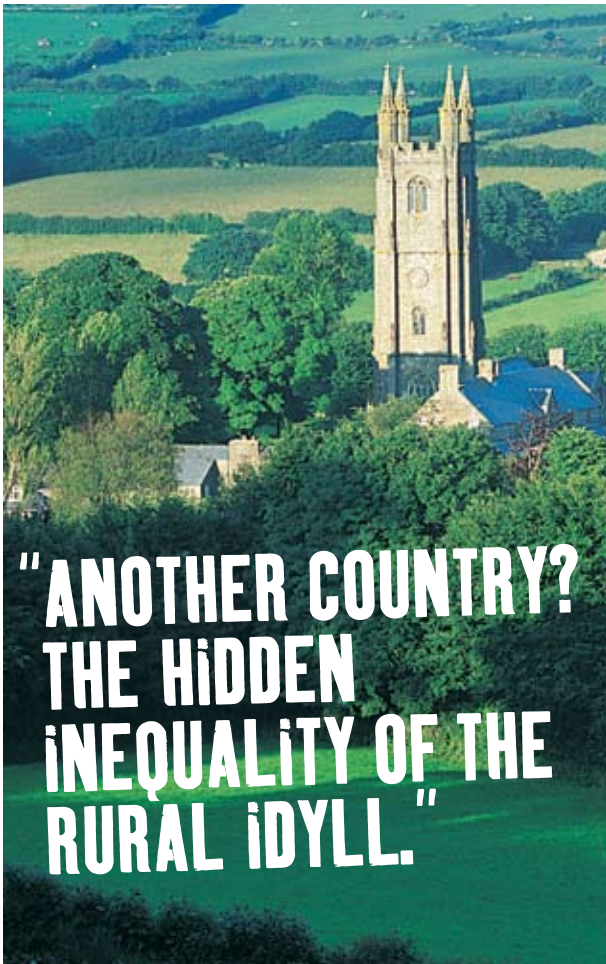
### **Chemical Industries Association**

*Science and society*

Science and the chemical industry - the public debate and tomorrow's world. Speakers: Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Science and Innovation Minister; Ed Sykes, Science Media Centre; Steve Elliott, Chief Executive, CIA.

**13.00 - 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford-Syndicate 2**



**Monday 15 September**

**Bryanston Suite,  
Highcliffe Marriott**

**1.00 - 2.00pm.**

Hot buffet lunch and wine provided



Join ATL to discuss rural poverty - the missing piece in the anti-poverty jigsaw. We will debate the challenges faced by rural schools and colleges, and the impact rural poverty has on the aspirations and life chances of over 70,000 children in the UK.

### **Speakers**

**Julia Goldworthy MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (invited)

**Dr Mary Bousted**, General Secretary, ATL

**Phil Jacques**, ATL Executive Member, Dorset

### **Chair**

**Shelagh Hirst**, Honorary Secretary, ATL

To find out more come and meet us on stand 24 in the Solent Hall.

[www.atl.org.uk](http://www.atl.org.uk)

Association of Teachers and Lecturers

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## The Smith Institute / Youth Sport Trust / Sport England / UK Sport

*Are we fit for 2012?*

Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; Darren Campbell, Olympic Gold Medallist; Steve Grainger, Youth Sport Trust; Jennie Price, Sport England; John Steele, UK Sport.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford-Syndicate 3**

## Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)

*The hidden inequality of the rural idyll*

ATL will discuss rural poverty – the missing piece in the anti-poverty jigsaw. Speakers: David Laws MP; Dr Mary Bousted, General Secretary, ATL. Hot buffet and wine.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## Electoral Reform Society with Lib Dem Voice

*Democracy Dragon's Den*

Winning party members get to pitch their ideas on democracy to an expert panel. Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP; Dr. Ken Ritchie, ERS; Cllr. Stephen Tall, Lib Dem Voice. Chair: Amy Rodger.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

## Transport for London

*Keeping London moving ... to keep Britain growing?*

Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Shadow Transport Secretary (invited); Caroline Pidgeon AM, London Assembly Transport Committee; Vernon Everitt, TfL. Chair: Lord Bill Bradshaw. Food and drink. BSL Interpreter.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2**

## Liberal Vision

*How should we combat Cameron?*

A debate about the electoral threat posed by David Cameron and how the Lib Dems should respond. An analysis of LibDem-Tory marginals will be released at the meeting. Speakers tbc.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Old Harry's Bar**

## Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority

*Revolutionising public transport*

Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Mark Hunter MP; Councillor Keith Whitmore; Paul Salveson, Northern Rail; Nicola Shaw, First Group. Chair: Alan Salter, transport correspondent.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

Monday

Date: **Monday 15 September 2008**

Time: **1.00pm – 2.00pm**

Venue: **Purbeck Suite, Highcliff Hotel**

Theme: **A transport strategy for an ever changing city region**

# REVOLUTIONISING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Speakers: **Alan Salter** (Chair) Transport correspondent  
**Norman Baker MP** Liberal Democrat Shadow Transport Secretary  
**Mark Hunter MP** Liberal Democrat Shadow Transport Minister  
**Councillor Keith Whitmore**  
Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority  
**Paul Salveson** Northern Rail  
**Nicola Shaw** FirstGroup



# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

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## The Electoral Commission

*Guidance for candidates and agents*

A briefing and discussion session on preparing for the 2009 elections. Speakers: Ros Baston, Senior Adviser, Party and Election Finance; Tom Hawthorn, Head of Performance Standards. Chair: Peter Wardle, Chief Executive.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

## The Smith Institute / NWDA

*Investing in enterprise and innovation*

Speakers: Lorely Burt MP, Shadow Minister, BERR; Will Hutton, Chief Executive, The Work Foundation (tbc); Jane Henderson, Chief Executive, SWRDA; Joop Tanis, Programme Manager, Health Launchpad, The Young Foundation.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge**

## The Guardian

*Next election: threat or opportunity?*

The Guardian debate. Panel includes: Chris Huhne MP; Sarah Teather MP; Sir Menzies Campbell MP; Prof John Curtice. Chair: Simon Hoggart. Refreshments provided.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite**

## NLGN / SWRDA

*A green and prosperous land?*

Can we combine environmentalism with economic development? Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP (invited); Cllr James Kempton, Leader, LB Islington; Jonathon Porritt, Chair, UK Sustainable Development Commission. Chair: Chris Leslie, Director, NLGN.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli**

## Social Market Foundation sponsored by the Go-Ahead Group and Transit Magazine

*Next stop a greener future: getting Britain on to public transport*

Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Benet Northcote, Greenpeace UK; Chris Burchell, Southern; Ian Mulheirn, SMF. Chair: Michael McCarthy, *The Independent* (tbc).

**13.00 – 14.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite**

## RIBA / Urban Hub

*The built environment*

Can the state design happiness? Speakers to include: Lembit Öpik MP, Shadow Housing Minister (invited); Richard Younger Ross MP, Shadow DCMS Minister; Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA; Catherine Fieschi, Senior Associate, DEMOS.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite**

## Protecting children in a digital world

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The impact of children's use of new technology and how to ensure appropriate protection measures are in place.

### Speakers:

Lorely Burt MP, BERR spokesperson

Philip Noyes, Director of Public Policy, NSPCC

Dr Jo Bryce, Cyberspace Research Unit, University of Central Lancashire.

Robin O'Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs, T-Mobile UK

Chair - Sandy Walkington

### Time and Venue:

1.00 - 2.00pm, 15 September, Bar-so, Royal Exeter Hotel

Free refreshments!

**NSPCC**  
Cruelty to children must stop. **FULL STOP.**

Charity number: 216401



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NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK

Transforming  
Revitalising  
Empowering

## A Green and Prosperous Land?

*Can we combine environmentalism with economic development?*

Supported by



South West RDA

Julia Goldsworthy MP (invited)

Cllr James Kempton, Leader, LB of Islington

Jonathon Porritt, Chair, UK Sustainable Development Commission

Chair: Chris Leslie, Director, NLGN

**Monday 15 September**

1.00-2.00pm

Disraeli Suite

Royal Bath Hotel

Lunch and Refreshments available



## Safe as Houses?

*Can local government solve the housing crisis?*

Lembit Öpik MP

Cllr John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council

Representative, National Housing Federation (invited)

Chair: Anna Turley, Deputy Director, NLGN

**Tuesday 16 September**

6.15-7.30pm

Connaught 3

Connaught Hotel

Refreshments available



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# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## ALDC

*ALDC members' fair trade reception*

ALDC and the Co-operative's reception with MPs Nick Clegg and Julia Goldsworthy. What can Europe and councillors do to promote fair trade? **Members only**. Tickets from stand. Refreshments.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite**

## T-Mobile / NSPCC

*Protecting children in the digital age*

This event will discuss the impact of children's use of new technology and how to ensure appropriate protection measures, exploring the role that parents, government and industry can play.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so Dome**

## The Times and Populus

*Liberal Democrats and the voters*

Speakers: James Harding, Editor, *The Times*; Vince Cable MP; Rick Nye, Director of Populus; Peter Riddell, Assistant Editor (Politics), *The Times*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Restaurant 1812**

## National Union of Teachers

*Who should run our schools?*

Speakers: David Laws MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families; Paul Holmes MP; Christine Blower, Acting General Secretary, NUT. Chair: Professor John Howson, LDEA. Lunch provided.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite**

## The Federation of Small Businesses

*Keep trade local campaign toolkit*

By 2010 many local communities will have no small shops or services. This campaign seminar will discuss the practical steps to prevent the death of our high streets. Chair: Simon Hughes MP.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two**

## Public and Commercial Services Union

*Welfare: who provides?*

Mark Serwotka, General Secretary PCS, and Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, debate who is best to provide welfare: the public, private or third sector.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Westcliff Bar**

Monday

# Trusting devolution – But devolve to who?

## SPEAKERS:

**Cllr Sean Brennan**

*Vice Chair, London Councils*

**Mike Tuffrey AM**

*London Assembly*

**Tony Travers**

*London School of Economics*

Discussions about devolution are all the rage right now, but what does this mean for Liberal Democrats? Who will take power at a local level? Councils or new service specific elected boards? What is the potential and what are the pitfalls?

**CHAired BY: David Walker**, Guardian PUBLIC

**DATE:** Monday, 15 September 1pm

**VENUE:** Connaught 2, The Connaught Hotel

*Refreshments provided*

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the guardian

**LONDON**  
COUNCILS

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

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*Engaging young people through volunteering*

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Youth & Equality spokesperson (invited); v20, v's youth advisory board.  
Chair: Elaine Bagshaw, Liberal Youth (invited). Includes film screening and free refreshments.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught One**

## London Councils

*Trusting devolution – but devolve to who?*

Speakers: Mike Tuffrey AM, London Assembly; Cllr Sean Brennan, Vice Chair, London Councils; Tony Travers, London School of Economics. Chair: David Walker, *Guardian Public*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Two**

## No ID, No Sale!

*ID cards – preventing under-age sales?*

Young people will be offered ID cards from 2010. Will it stop under-age sales more than existing ID? At what cost to customers, the taxpayer and civil liberties? Speakers from No2ID, GamCare, TMA and ACS.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Three**

## The NHS Confederation

*NHS Foundation Trusts: what next?*

Four years into the Foundation Trust model, we explore their contribution to the NHS and consider what the future holds for health and for the rest of the public sector.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Connaught Hotel, Priory 1**

## Finance & Leasing Association / Money Advice Trust / Royal College of Psychiatrists

*Mental health and debt*

Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor; Sandra Gidley MP, Shadow Health Minister; Joanna Elson, Chief Executive, MAT; Dr Ian Hall, Parliamentary Liaison, RCPsych.  
Chair: Stephen Sklaroff, Director General, FLA.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**The Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## Climate Clinic

*Action to tackle fuel poverty*

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Shadow Energy Minister; Chris Matthews, Co-operative Bank; Graham Meeks, Director, Combined Heat and Power Association; Jenny Saunders, Chief Executive, National Energy Action. Chair: Baroness Maddock, President, Micropower Council. Refreshments.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## Got Good Skills?

Engaging young people through volunteering

**Monday 15th September, 1pm**  
**Connaught One, Connaught Hotel**

**Lynne Featherstone MP.**  
Youth and Equality Spokesperson (Invited)  
v20, members of v's youth advisory board

**Chaired by Elaine Bagshaw.**  
Liberal Youth (Invited)

Includes Film Screening  
Lunch Provided



**JOIN THE DEBATE**  
**COMMUNITY AND WORKFORCE**  
**EMPOWERMENT - CAN WE TRANSFORM**  
**PUBLIC SERVICES TOGETHER?**

Chair **Baroness Ros Scott**  
Local Government Spokesperson

**Dan Rogerson MP**  
Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government  
**Cllr John Shipley**, Leader, Newcastle City Council  
**Andy Sawford**, Chief Executive,  
Local Government Information Unit  
**Heather Wakefield**, UNISON

**Monday 15th September, 13.00-14.00**

**Granville Suite, Trouville Hotel • Refreshments Served**

## Climate Clinic

*Coal / renewables: a moral choice?*

Speakers: Liberal Democrat speaker (tbc); Sara Vaughan, E.ON; Christian Aid speaker (tbc); Matthew Lockwood, IPPR. Refreshments available. Chair: Jonathan Leake, *Sunday Times*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## New Statesman / United Utilities

*What price clean water? The hidden carbon cost.*

Speakers: Geoffrey Lean, *The Independent*; Delvin Lane, Carbon Trust; Chris Matthews, United Utilities; Roger Williams MP. Chair: Barbara Gunnel, *New Statesman*.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Lounge**

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## UNISON

*Community and workforce empowerment*

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government; Andy Sawford, LGIU; Heather Wakefield, UNISON; Cllr John Shipley, Newcastle City Council. Chair: Baroness Scott.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite**

## CentreForum and EDF Energy

*A lighter footprint*

Delivering low-carbon energy for the future. Speakers: Vincent de Rivaz, Chief Executive, EDF Energy; Martin Horwood MP; Stephen Hyde, Director, Green Alliance. Chair: Lord Wallace of Saltaire. Refreshments. Sponsor: EDF Energy.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Trouville Hotel, St Malo and Monet Suite**

## National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)

*Whatever happened to adult education?*

Baroness Sharp and Councillor Richard Kemp, LGA Liberal Democrat Group, join Tom Schuller, NIACE, to discuss the changing role of adult education in meeting individual, community and economic needs.

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Whitehall Hotel, Large Lounge**

Liberal Democrat  
Friends of Israel



## Ongoing steps towards peace: Israel, the Palestinians and the neighbouring Arab states

### **Speakers:**

Willie Rennie MP

Talya Lador-Fresher

(Israeli Deputy Ambassador)

### **Chair:**

Cllr Monroe Palmer OBE

**18.15-19.30, Monday 15 September**

**Tregonwell Bar, BIC**

**Wine and light refreshments**

Monday

## THE INDEPENDENT FRINGE MEETING

# TAX CUTS - PROGRESSIVE OR A SWING TO THE RIGHT?

VINCE CABLE, MP in conversation with  
STEVE RICHARDS, THE INDEPENDENT

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 18.00 - 19.15  
DE VERE SUITE, ROYAL BATH HOTEL

THE INDEPENDENT

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## Evening fringe

### Social Market Foundation sponsored by Bayer

*Doctor's orders or patient's choice?*

Can real choice in healthcare become a reality? Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Diane Dawson, Centre for Health Economics (tbc); Don Redding, Picker Institute; Lyndsay Mountford, SMF. Chair: Jeremy Laurance, *The Independent* (tbc).

**18.00 – 19.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite**

### Local Government Information Unit (LGIU)

*People power: towards democratic balance?*

Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford; Caroline Pidgeon, AM. Chair: Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGIU.

**18.00 – 19.00**

**Bournemouth International Hotel, Ottershaw Lounge**

### Climate Clinic

*Eco-towns: solution or white elephant?*

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Minister CLG; Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA; Adam Sampson, Chief Executive, Shelter; Dermot Finch, Director, Centre for Cities. Free refreshments.

**18.00 – 19.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

### Climate Clinic / Green Alliance

*Green verdict on environmental politics*

Hosted by nine leading environmental groups. Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Shadow Secretary of State DEFRA; Jonathon Porritt, Chair, Sustainable Development Commission; Stephen Hale, Director, Green Alliance; Sue Holden, Chief Executive, Woodland Trust. Refreshments.

**18.00 – 19.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

### The Independent

*Tax cuts – progressive or a swing to the right?*

Vince Cable in conversation with Steve Richards, *The Independent*, and Richard Lambert, Director General, CBI.

**18.00 – 19.15**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite**

### Stonewall / DELGA

*A safer Britain for all*

Speakers: Lord Rennard; Lynne Featherstone MP; Baroness Ludford MEP; Ben Summerskill, Stonewall. Chair: Jen Yockney, DELGA. Wine and refreshments provided.

**18.00 – 20.00**

**The Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

### Core Cities / Urban Hub

*Financing the future of cities. Who pays?*

Speakers to include: Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow CLG spokesperson (invited). Chair: Cllr John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council.

**18.15 – 19.15**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite**

### The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, by invitation of the Liberal Democrats Training Task Group

*Personal safety for campaigners*

How safe are you and your campaign team? What steps can you take to make sure that you stay safe whilst still working hard to win every vote?

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Avon Room**

### Asthma UK / NHS Confederation / Royal College of Nursing

*Health policy: winning the debate*

Leading politicians, commentators and key health stakeholders debate the competitive battleground of health policy. How can we develop and deliver an NHS that wins support from patients, staff and taxpayers?

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 1**

### Marie Curie Cancer Care and Help the Hospices

*Whose death is it anyway?*

Following England's first-ever End of Life Care Strategy, we look at patient needs and care for the dying. Speakers: Baroness Tonge; Graham Elderfield, Earl Mountbatten Hospice; Marie Curie nurse.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Bay View 2**

## The Rural Reception

Sponsored by  
The British Association for Shooting and Conservation  
and The Fisheries and Angling Conservation Trust



**Monday 15 September**  
**6.15pm – 7.30pm**

**Blandford Room,**  
**Bournemouth Marriott Highcliff Hotel,**

Lord Redesdale Spokesperson for Agriculture  
Tom Brake MP, Shadow Minister for Home Office  
Lord Addington, Spokesperson for Sport

*Drinks and canapes provided*

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## ALDC / GMPTA

*Off the beaten track!*

How can transport authorities service isolated and excluded communities and still get value for money? Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Wendy Taylor, Newcastle; Keith Whitmore, Vice Chair, GMPTA. Refreshments.

**18.15 – 19.30**

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite

## Women Liberal Democrats

*Are we nearly there yet?*

Dr Miranda Whitehead asks 'How long do you think it really takes?' Come and share some chocolates! Advice available on standing for party committees. Chair: Lorely Burt MP.

**18.15 – 19.30**

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite

## The Health Foundation, Royal College of Midwives, Royal College of Surgeons, England

*Making outcomes public: who benefits?*

Mortality figures and patient ratings – join us for a lively debate on whether publishing health outcomes will lead to better care and empowered patients.

**18.15 – 19.30**

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite

## Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

*Ongoing steps towards peace*

The quest for peace between Israel, the Palestinians and the neighbouring Arab states. Speakers: Willie Rennie MP; the Deputy Israeli Ambassador. Chair: Cllr Monroe Palmer OBE. Wine and light refreshments.

**18.15 – 19.30**

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar

## Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists

*Trade unions and climate change*

Discussion on climate change with relevance to its impact on the workplace and trade unions. Speakers from the parliamentary party, trade unions and the Campaign Against Climate Change.

**18.15 – 19.30**

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite

## The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) and the Fisheries and Angling Conservation Trust (FACT)

*The rural reception*

Speakers: Lord Redesdale, Spokesperson for Agriculture; Tom Brake MP, Shadow Minister for Home Office; Lord Addington, Spokesperson for Sport.

**18.15 – 19.30**

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room

Monday

## Teaching to the Test?

### A discussion about testing, assessments and targets

Monday 15 September 2008

Sherborne Suite, Marriott Hotel, Bournemouth – 1815-1930

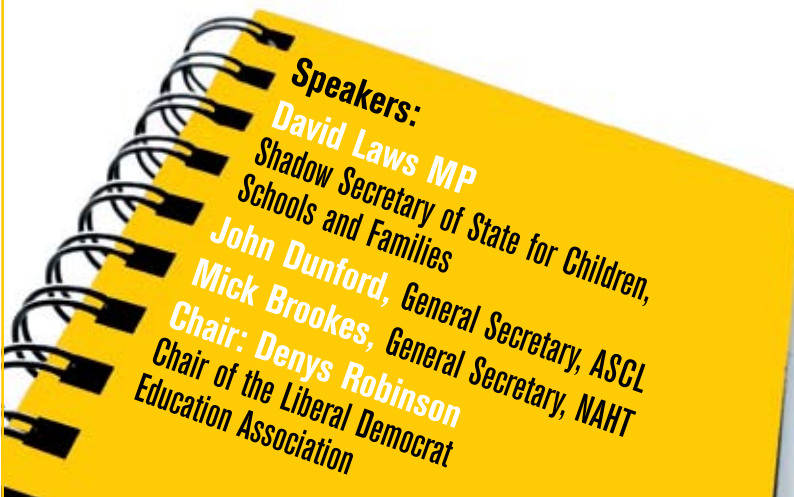
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## Unlock Democracy

*Where now for democratic renewal?*

To mark 20 years of Charter 88, Unlock Democracy, Billy Bragg and Baroness Scott discuss the need for radical constitutional change in the UK. Refreshments and canapés provided.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## LGA

*Local government question time*

No speeches, just loads of questions. Refreshments provided. Send your questions in advance to [questiontime@lga.gov.uk](mailto:questiontime@lga.gov.uk).

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2**

## ippr / Resolution Foundation / Norwich Union

*Care crunch: older people's future?*

Care needs and the costs of care are rising faster than the ability of the current system to pay for them. What would a fair and sustainable system look like?

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

## Council for Arab-British Understanding

*Middle East question time*

Panellists answer questions on a range of topics relating to the Middle East. Speakers include Sir Menzies Campbell MP and other experts on the region. Chair: Colin Breed MP.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite**

## NAHT / ASCL / LDEA

*Teaching to the test?*

A discussion about testing, assessment and targets. Speaker: David Laws MP. Chair: Denys Robinson, President LDEA. Hosted jointly by ASCL, LDEA and NAHT.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

## Kent County Council

*Skills fit for the C21st*

Transforming education, skills and training to equip all young people for employment – what role for local government? Speakers: Shadow Minister (tbc); Cllr Paul Carter, KCC; Peter Gilroy, Kent CC. Wine and canapés.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Yeovil Suite**

## University and College Union

*University and College Union reception*

Stephen Williams MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, invites colleagues to join him and Sally Hunt, General Secretary of UCU, for a drinks reception to celebrate education professionals.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge**



## When the Earth ran dry: Do we demand more water than we have?

A short presentation followed by a debate about our consumption of water

### Speakers

**Chair:** Julian Rush, Science Correspondent, Channel 4 News  
Martin Horwood MP, Shadow Environment Minister  
David Nussbaum, CEO, WWF-UK  
Peter Bull, HSBC Climate Partnership

**Monday 15 September, 18:15 – 19:00,**  
Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee 2. Refreshments provided



## TRANSATLANTIC BRIDGE? BRITAIN, EUROPE AND THE POST-BUSH ERA

**Chair:**  
**Lyse Doucet**, Presenter and Reporter,  
BBC World Service and BBC World News

**Speakers:**  
**Ed Davey MP**, Shadow Foreign Secretary  
**Bill Barnard**, Chair, Democrats Abroad UK  
**Dr Timothy Lynch**, Senior Lecturer in US Foreign Policy, University of London  
**Stephan Roman**, British Council Regional Director for Western Europe & North America

**MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**  
**18.15-19.30**  
**HARDY SUITE, HERMITAGE HOTEL**  
Refreshments will be provided

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## National Autistic Society

*Cocktails and conversation about SEN*

Think differently about autism education. Discuss special educational needs with Annette Brooke and other MPs. This event is part of the consultation for the party's working group on 5–19 education.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite**

## BBC World Service and British Council

*Transatlantic relations after Bush*

Speakers: Ed Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; William Barnard, Chair, Democrats Abroad UK; Dr Timothy Lynch, Lecturer in US Foreign Policy; Stephan Roman, British Council. Chair: Lyse Doucet, BBC World Service.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite**

## Northern and Yorkshire & the Humber Liberal Democrats

*Regional reception*

All delegates from Northern and Yorkshire & the Humber Regions are invited to our reception. Sponsored by the Association of North East Councils and Northumbrian Water.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar So**

## Building stronger families skills, support, trust

**When families need support, working with people they trust is crucial. What's really working now to build and support stronger families and help them raise their children well?**

This session is led by the new National Academy for Parenting Practitioners whose pioneering role is to make sure that world-class research and learning is the bedrock of family support at home and in the community.

### Speakers include:

Professor Stephen Scott, The Academy

**Chaired by Angela Sibson, Academy CEO**

Monday, 15 September 2008

18.15 – 19.30

Connaught Room 1  
Connaught Hotel  
Bournemouth

**Refreshments  
provided**

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## Kids Count

*Reclaiming the streets*

Speakers: Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner for England; Jennifer Blake, ELSC project; Ann Oakes-Odger, KnifeCrimes.org; Simon Hughes MP, Party President; Paris Arnold, Chairman of Kids Count Youth Board; MP (tbc).

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite**

## CentreForum and Virgin Media

*Terrace talk*

What supporters really think about the future of football. Speakers: Dave Boyle, Chief Executive, Supporters Direct; Martin Kettle, *The Guardian*; Don Foster MP. Chair: Anthony Rowlands, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: Virgin Media.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One**

## WWF

*When the Earth ran dry?*

Do we demand more water than we have? Speakers: Julian Rush, Channel 4 News; Martin Horwood MP, Shadow Minister for the Environment; David Nussbaum, CEO, WWF-UK; Peter Bull, HSBC Climate Partnership.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two**

## National Academy for Parenting Practitioners

*Stronger families – skills, support, trust*

How parents can be supported to raise their children well. Speakers include: Professor Stephen Scott, King's College London. Chair: Angela Sibson, National Academy for Parenting Practitioners.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught One**

## Vodafone Ltd

*Children and technology; whose responsibility?*

Join us and our panel of experts to debate how teachers, industry and parents can help children to be safe online and encourage responsible use of new technologies.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Two**

## StreetGames

*StreetGames: doorstep sport*

StreetGames develops community-led sport with councils and voluntary organisations. Check if StreetGames is right for you: hear about the successes in London. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Brian Dickens MBE.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Priory 1**

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

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## Making money work for hardworking families

6.30pm Monday 15th September, Deauville Suite, Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth

### Speakers:

**Jenny Willott MP**  
Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary

**Anne Longfield OBE**  
Chief Executive, 4Children

**Simon Hughes MP**  
Liberal Democrat Party President (tbc)

**Chris Pond**  
Director of Financial Capability, Financial Services Authority

**Lord Kirkwood**  
Lords spokesperson on Work and Pensions

**Chair: Steve Richards**  
The Independent (tbc)



### Foreign Policy Centre and World Vision

*Should we reclaim humanitarianism?*

Speakers: Ed Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; Patrick Watt, Head of Public Affairs & Campaigns, World Vision; John Kampfner, Former Editor, *New Statesman* (tbc). Chair: Stephen Twigg, Director, FPC.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**The Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

### Hansard Society / Channel 4

*People like us?*

Is British society fairly reflected in Parliament? Speakers: Lord Dhlokia; Chris Huhne MP; Simon Hughes MP; Lembit Öpik MP; Jo Swinson MP. Chair: Katie Razzall, Channel 4 News.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Bourne Hall Hotel, Bourne Suite**

### New Statesman / Climate Care

*Is carbon reduction always ethical?*

Speakers: Jo Swinson MP; Peter Davis, *Ethical Corporation Magazine*; Prof Mark Maslin, UCL Environment Institute. Chair: Geoffrey Lean, *The Independent*.

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge**

### New Statesman / Edge

*From playpen to dragon's den*

Should business be in class? Speakers: Rod Kenyon, Centrica; Andy Powell, Edge; Lynette Wieland, National Learner Panel; Stephen Williams MP. Chair: Jackie Ashley (tbc).

**18.15 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Lounge**

### CentreForum

*Afghanistan - can it still be won?*

Speaker: Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon. Chair: Julian Astle, CentreForum. Refreshments.

**Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite**

### The Smith Institute / Reform / BVCA

*Private equity: hero or villain?*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Simon Walker, Chief Executive, BVCA; Andrew Haldenby, Director, Reform.

**18.30 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Syndicate 3**

### The Smith Institute / Reform / Nestlé UK

*How healthy employees help the NHS*

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Dr David Batman, Head of Occupational Health and Safety and Chief Medical Officer, Nestlé UK; Prof Nick Bosanquet, Consultant Director, Reform.

**18.30 – 19.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Old Harry's Bar**



**Sarah Teather MP and Which? invite you to an evening reception at the 2008 Liberal Democrat Party Conference to launch Consumers vote: The Which? manifesto**

**Monday, 15 September 2008, 20.00 - 21.00**

**Sherborne Suite, Marriott Highcliff**

**St Michaels Road, West Cliff, Bournemouth**

**FREE buffet and drinks provided**



# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## 4Children and Financial Services Authority

*Making money work for families*

Speakers: Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary; Simon Hughes MP, Party President (tbc); Lord Kirkwood; Anne Longfield, 4Children; Chris Pond, FSA. Chair: Steve Richards, *The Independent* (tbc).

**18.30 – 19.30**

**Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite**

## National Farmers' Union

*Food security: the role of UK agriculture and horticulture*

Speakers: Roger Williams MP; Paul Temple, Vice President, NFU. Chair: Lord Redesdale. Free refreshments – all welcome.

**18.30 – 21.00**

**Trouville Hotel, Malo & Monet Suite**

## Climate Clinic

*Creating low-carbon citizens*

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Shadow DEFRA; Phil Downing, IPSOS MORI; Philip Sellwood, Energy Saving Trust; Dave Sowden, Micropower Council; Jenny Saunders, National Energy Action. Chair: Malcolm Bruce MP. Free refreshments.

**19.00 – 20.00**

**Punshon Church House, Climate Clinic**

## Social Market Foundation sponsored by Keynote

*It's the economy, stupid!*

Can environmental issues still be a priority in the current economic climate? Speakers: Vince Cable MP (tbc); Steve Webb MP (tbc); Jeremy Warner, *The Independent* (tbc); Dr James Lovelock CBE (tbc). Chair: Ann Rossiter, SMF.

**19.30 – 20.30**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite**

## Urban Hub

*Cities question time: flagship event*

The political, economic, cultural and social issues facing cities. Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow CLG spokesperson; Carl Minns, Leader, Hull City Council; Steven Hassel, Westfield. Chair: Jeremy Vine, *Times Public Agenda*.

**19.30 – 20.30**

**The Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite**

## WHICH?

*Consumers vote: Which? manifesto launch*

Evening reception hosted by Sarah Teather MP. Free buffet and drinks provided.

**20.00 – 21.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite**

Monday

**AGE**  
*Concern*



**HELPTHEAGED WE WILL**

## The Age Concern and Help the Aged Fish and Chip Supper

**Jenny Willott MP**

Shadow Minister for Work & Pensions (invited)

**8 – 9.15pm**

**Monday 15 September**

Purbeck Suite, Marriott Highcliff

## Low pay, fuel poverty and pensions: Why is the choice still heat or eat?

**Susan Kramer MP**

Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office

**Jenny Saunders, NEA**

**Deborah Littman, UNISON**

**Patrick South, Age Concern England**

**1 – 2pm**

**Tuesday 16 September**

Purbeck Suite, Marriott Highcliff

Lunch will  
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## **The Chard Group (1992)**

*Green taxation*

Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP, other parliamentarian speakers to be confirmed. Tax my burnings not my earnings.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite**

## **LibDemFORUM21**

*Hunting act repeal: what next?*

The 2004 Hunting Act is likely to be repealed. What will replace it? Speakers: Lord Livsey; David Renney B.Vet. Med., MRCVS; Dr. Lewis Thomas MRCVS, Sec, VAWM; Jim Barrington, Middle Way Group; Chair: Brian Friend.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite**

## **ALDE Group**

*The high-speed rail revolution*

Time to build a TGV network for Britain. Speakers: Colin Elliff, railway civil engineer; Christian Wolmar, leading commentator on railway matters. Chair: Chris Davies MEP.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar**

## **Liberal Democrat Christian Forum**

*Conscience in the public square*

The role of faith in public life is increasingly under attack – what place for conscience in 21st century Britain? Come debate with MPs Phil Willis and Tim Farron and others.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite**

## **Town and Country Planning Association / Places for People**

*Where will our children live?*

In decent, affordable homes in sustainable communities such as eco-towns, or in overcrowded soulless estates? Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP; Cllr Richard Kemp, Liverpool City Council; Zenna Atkins, Places for People.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

## **Age Concern England and Help the Aged, supported by Digital UK**

*Fish and chip supper*

Speaker: Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Minister for Work & Pensions (invited).

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

## **ABCUL, Credit Action, Cattles plc**

*Squeezed out? The outlook for consumers in a tight credit market*

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP (tbc); Mark Lyonette, Chief Executive, ABCUL; Chris Tapp, Director, Credit Action; John Lamidey, Cattles plc.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge**

## **The Equality and Human Rights Commission**

*Reception to celebrate human rights*

Rights for all: A reception to celebrate 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite**

## **Citizens Advice**

*Citizens Advice reception*

Speakers: Danny Alexander MP, Vice Chair Citizens Advice All-Party Parliamentary Group (invited); Teresa Perchard, Director of Policy, Citizens Advice.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so**

## **CentreForum and East of England Development Agency**

*Sustainable communities*

How do we turn good intentions into reality? Speakers: Paul Burall, Board Member, EEDA; Dominic Church, Senior Policy Adviser, CABE; Andrew Stunell MP. Chair: Anthony Rowlands, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: East of England. Development Agency.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One**

## **Liberty**

*Human rights, common values*

Chris Huhne, Liberal Democrat Shadow Home Secretary and Shadow Secretary of State for Justice, and Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty, discuss future challenges for rights protection in the UK.

**20.00 – 21.15**

**The Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite**

## **ippr / ETB / Serco**

*Innovation debate and reception*

How do we make change happen? Are we in danger of having a less than innovative approach? Speaker: Vince Cable MP.

**20.00 – 21.30**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite**

## **Barnardo's / NCH / NSPCC / Save the Children / The Children's Society**

*End child poverty reception*

Hosted by Bob Reitemeier, Chief Executive, The Children's Society. Guest Speaker: Shadow Minister (tbc). Refreshments provided.

**20.00 – 22.00**

**The Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite**

# Conference fringe Monday 15th September

## GovNet Communications / Moderngov presents ...

*American election update*

Speakers: Rt. Hon Sir Menzies Campbell MP, CBE, QC; Edward Davey MP; Representatives from Democrats Abroad and Republicans Abroad. Chair: Lord Kirkwood. **Admission by invitation only.** Buffet provided.

**20.00 – 20.45** Fringe.

**21.00 – 23.00** Reception.

**The Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite**

## Arts Council England

*Arms length or arm lock?*

Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Culture Secretary; Alan Davey, Chief Executive, Arts Council England. Live music. Hot food provided. Sign language interpreter.

**20.30 – 22.30**

**The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Suite**

## The Health Hotel

*The Health Hotel reception*

Address by Norman Lamb MP. This is a key opportunity to engage with hundreds of stakeholders in health. **By invitation only.**

**21.30 – 23.00**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite**

## South West Liberal Democrats

*South West joint regional reception*

Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions warmly invite their members to a reception. Cash bar.

**21.45 – 23.00**

**Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One**

## LGA

*The local government reception*

Cllr Richard Kemp, leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group, invites you to attend the local government reception. Kindly sponsored by the Mersey Partnership. Wine and refreshments will be served.

**21.45 – 00.45**

**Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1**

## Nobby Shuttleworth and the Humour Balance Working Party

*The Liberal Revue – unplugged*

More laughs than at a training session on leaflet folding.

Entry by ticket only – £10 each from the *Liberator* stall (or book online before 5th September at [www.liberator.org.uk](http://www.liberator.org.uk)).

**22.30 – 00.00**

**De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite**

Monday



POLITICIANS  
SHOULD HAVE  
**MORE**  
CONTROL  
OVER THE ARTS

**Whichever way you see it...**

**You are invited to the political debate  
'Arms Length or Armlock?'**

Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and Alan Davey, Chief Executive, Arts Council England.

Location: The Connaught Hotel, Connaught Suite.

Date: Monday 15 September 8.30 - 10pm.

Live music. Hot food provided.

Sign language interpreter.

POLITICIANS  
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