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Sunday, 14th September 2008

Nuclear - Solutions for the future

Partnered with the Nuclear Dialogue Group

13.00 - 14.00

The Connaught Hotel (Franklyn Suite)

Nuclear Dialogue



Northern lights: Strengthening the Economy of the North

Partnered with The Northern Way

18.15 - 19.30

Royal Bath Hotel (Mezzanine Room)

Moving Forward:
The Northern Way



Working for a better life

Partnered with the Shaw Trust

20.00 - 21.15

The Connaught Hotel (Connaught Two)



Tuesday, 16th September 2008

Ethics in the defence industry: fact or fiction?

Partnered with the Defence Industries Council

13.00 - 14.00

The Westcliff Brasserie (Marquee One)



The BIG debate: Green Taxes

Partnered with the FTA (Freight Transport Association)

18.15 - 19.30

Wessex Hotel (Purbeck Suite)



Joined up thinking to resolve global food security

Partnered with cru Investment Management

20.00 - 21.15

Royal Bath Hotel (Mezzanine Room)



The Future of Manchester

Partnered with the NWDA (North West Development Agency) and Manchester Enterprises

20.00 - 21.15

Royal Bath Hotel (Disraeli Room)



Conference fringe Saturday 13th September

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CLIMATE CLINIC

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

It's the greatest threat our civilization has ever faced. It's set to dominate the political and security agenda for the rest of our lives. So let's talk about it.

Climate change affects all of us - our environment, our food, our energy, and our economic stability. Which is why Climate Clinic is putting UK climate change policies to the test. Climate Clinic is a coalition of the world's leading environment and development organisations and we invite opinion formers, environmentalists, scientists, politicians, business leaders, party activists and members of the public to come together to discuss the hottest political issue of today. This is an unprecedented opportunity to debate the issues, spotlight solutions and press for urgent action and political leadership. **And it won't work without you.**

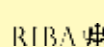
Please check www.climateclinic.org and **The Independent** for daily Climate Clinic fringe meeting updates.

Saturday 13th September - Wednesday 17th September

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Free wi-fi and fair trade refreshments in the Climate Clinic - Punshon Church House, Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5AJ

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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.

Lunchtime fringe

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats

Talking to the enemy

Should we engage Hamas, Hezbollah or isolate them? Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Muhammad Umar, Ramadhan Foundation; Daud Abdullah, MCB; rep from Israeli Embassy. Chair: Joseph Lee, EMLD.

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite

Liberal Youth

Role of Liberal Youth

A discussion about the role young people and students can have in the party and ways to involve them. Speakers: Elaine Bagshaw, Chair of Liberal Youth and other Executive Members.

13.00 – 14.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)

A quality-driven NHS

NICE's role in a quality-driven NHS: Lord Darzi has given NICE a new role in driving forward quality in the NHS. Here we discuss our enhanced role.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite

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The future of progressive politics

Which party can claim the 'progressive mantle'? What sets the Liberal Democrats apart? Speakers: Martin Kettle, *The Guardian*; Danny Alexander MP; Sarah Teather MP.

13.00 – 14.00

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

CentreForum, Barrow Cadbury Trust and Migrants' Rights Network

Fair world; fair Britain

The role of a progressive immigration policy. Speakers: Don Flynn, Director, MRN; Chris Huhne MP; Sukhvinder Stubbs, Chief Executive, Barrow Cadbury Trust. Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: Barrow Cadbury Trust.

13.00 – 14.00

Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee One

Evening fringe

All representatives' welcome drink

There will be a welcome drink for all representatives, kindly sponsored by the Climate Clinic.

17.30 – 18.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Windsor Foyer

Conference Rally

Power to the People – Remaking our Democracy

The conference rally is the must-see kick-start to conference. Hosted by Tim Farron MP. Keynote speakers: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats; Henry Porter, novelist and political columnist; Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford.

18.30 – 19.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Hall

Federal Conference Committee

Introduction to conference

Anyone unfamiliar with conference is welcome to come and join this session aimed at helping you to get the most out of your conference week. Refreshments served.

17.30 – 18.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar

Federal Executive

Diversity Engagement Group (DEG) launch

Vince Cable MP will be launching the new accountable body set up by the FE and responsible for delivering the Party's Equalities and Diversity Plan.

17.30 – 18.30

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

ALDC / ERS

PR for local government

STV, how it works in Scotland and how we're going to get it for England and Wales. Willie Rennie MP, the Electoral Reform Society and local government speakers. Refreshments.

20.00 – 21.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite

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Achieving a global climate deal

What obligations will countries need to take on to prevent dangerous climate change and how should developed and developing countries' actions differ? Speakers include Steve Webb MP.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Blandford Room

Sat 13th 13.00–14.00

Westcliff Brasserie

Fair world: fair Britain

Progressive immigration policy

Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Don Flynn, Sukhvinder Stubbs

Sponsor: Barrow Cadbury Trust

Partner: Migrants' Rights Network



Sat 13th 20.00–21.15
Dorchester 1, Marriott Highcliff
60 years of the welfare state: celebrating its success and securing its future
Speakers: Kate Green (CPAG), Jenny Willott MP
Sponsors: Public and Commercial Services Union and Child Poverty Action Group



Sat 13th 20.00–21.15
Sherborne Suite, Marriott Highcliff
Waste not, want not: why and how we should waste less and recycle more
Speakers: Martin Horwood MP, Liz Goodwin (WRAP), Cllr Keith House
Sponsor: Waste and Recycling Action Programme



CENTRE FORUM
the liberal think tank
fringe programme 2008

refreshments served at all events

Sun 14th 13.00–14.00
Bryanston Suite, Marriott Highcliff
Labour and Lib Dems: allies or enemies?

Speakers: Stephen Williams MP, Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP, David Lammy MP and Dr Vince Cable MP

Partner: Fabian Society



Sun 14th 13.00–14.00
Blandford Room, Marriott Highcliff
Who Gives? the role of philanthropy in funding civil society

Speakers: Susan Kramer MP, John Low (CAF) and John Humphrys (Today Programme) tbc
Partners: Smith Institute and Charities Aid Foundation



Sun 14th 18.15–19.30
Westcliff Brasserie
How to make tax fair
Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP, Kate Green (CPAG), Francesca Lagerberg (ICAEW), Chair: Steve Richards (The Independent)
Sponsor: Institute of Chartered Accountants



Sun 14th 20.00–21.15
Shaftesbury Suite, Marriott Highcliff
Conflict or coexistence? Sustaining the natural environment and delivering renewable energy
Speakers: Steve Webb MP; Mark Avery (RSPB)
Sponsor: RSPB



Mon 15th 07.45–09.00
Mirabelle Room, Royal Bath
Expanding pharmacy-based care: can commissioners and pharmacy deliver?

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP and Prof David Taylor

Sponsor: Alliance Boots
Breakfast served



Sun 14th 20.00–21.15
Dorchester 1, Marriott Highcliff
Making homes more affordable
Speakers: Lembit Opik MP, Adam Sampson (Shelter), Dorothy Thornhill (Mayor of Watford)
Partner: Policy Exchange
Sponsor: Shelter



Mon 15th 18.15–19.30
Granville, Trouville
Afghanistan: can the war still be won?
Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon
Chair: Julian Astle

Mon 15th 13.00–14.00
St Malo and Monet Suite, Trouville
A lighter footprint: delivering low carbon energy for the future
Speakers: Martin Horwood MP, Vincent De Rivaz (EDF Energy) Stephen Hyde (Green Alliance),
Sponsor: EDF Energy



Mon 15th 20.00–21.15
Westcliff Brasserie
Sustainable communities: how do we turn good intentions into reality?
Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, Deborah Cadman (EEDA), Dominic Church (CABE)
Sponsor: East of England Development Agency



Mon 15th 07.45–09.00
Sherborne Suite, Marriott Highcliff
Pass or fail? Assessing the new exams regulator
Speakers: David Laws MP, Greg Watson (OCR)
Sponsor: Cambridge Assessment
Breakfast served



Mon 15th 18.15–19.30
Westcliff Brasserie
Terrace Talk – what supporters really think about the future of football
Speakers: Don Foster MP, David Boyle (Supporters Direct)
Sponsor: Virgin Media



Tues 16th 07.45–09.00
Westcliff Brasserie
Business schools - What is the role of business in education?

Speakers: David Laws MP, Matt Lambert
Sponsor: Microsoft
Breakfast served - by invitation only



Tues 16th 09.15–10.15
St Malo and Monet Suite, Trouville
Dynamism or decay: the future of European business
Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP, Paul Marshall
Partner: Business for New Europe



Tues 16th 13.00–14.00
Tregonwell, Royal Exeter
After the credit crunch: lessons learned, building a fairer, more robust system
Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, John Willman (FT), Paul Marshall, Neil Sherlock
Sponsor: KPMG



Tues 16th 18.15–19.30
Tregonwell, Royal Exeter
Climbing the ladder: can social mobility end child poverty in the 21st century?
Speakers: David Laws MP, Martin Narey (Barnardo's), Kate Wareing,
Sponsors: Webb Memorial Trust, Oxfam



Webb Memorial Trust

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CentreForum, Child Poverty Action Group, Public and Commercial Services Union

60 years of the Welfare State

Celebrating its success and securing its future. Speakers: Kate Green, Chief Executive, CPAG; Jenny Willott MP; PCS speaker. Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsors: CPAG and PCS.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 1

East of England Liberal Democrats

East of England regional reception

Join parliamentarians, regional assembly members, regional party officers, councillors and other members from the East of England at our reception. Wine and light bites. Sponsored by EERA Liberal Democrat Group.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2

London Region Lib Dems

London region reception

By invitation only.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Old Harry's Bar

Trade Unions for Safe Nuclear Energy

Nuclear – workers, skills and future

The UK nuclear industry is involved in decommissioning and looking to the possibility of new build. Do we have the skilled workers needed? Join us for lively discussion, buffet and wine.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite

CentreForum and Waste and Recycling Action Programme

Waste not, want not

Why and how we should waste less and recycle more.

Speakers: Liz Goodwin, Chief Executive, WRAP; Martin Horwood MP; Keith House, Leader, Eastleigh Council.

Chair: Russell Eagling, CentreForum. Refreshments. Sponsor: WRAP.

20.00 – 21.15

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Sherborne Suite

Amnesty International – Campaign supported by Women Liberal Democrats (WLD)

Trapped in violence and abuse

Is the UK government failing to tackle violence against women? Invited speakers: Chris Huhne MP; Jo Swinson MP;

Baroness Tonge. Chair: Miranda Whitehead, WLD.

20.00 – 21.15

Westcliff Brasserie, Marquee Two

Sunday 14th September

Dr Evan Harris MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Minister for Science *

Students or business: Who are universities for and who pays in the knowledge economy?

13.00 – 14.00, Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Old Harry's Room



David Laws MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

Every Child Counts – the new importance of education and skills

18.00 – 19.00, Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Shaftesbury Suite



Norman Lamb MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Health *

Paying for social care: Can the private sector raise the quality bar?

18.30 – 19.30, Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Monday 15th September

Dr Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer *

John Godfrey, Director of Corporate Communications, Legal & General
From cradle to grave – effective welfare for young and old in the 21st century

08.00 – 09.00, Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Jeremy Browne MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury *

Simon Walker, Chief Executive, BVCA

Private equity: Hero or villain?

18.30 – 19.30, Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Blandford Syndicate 3



Norman Lamb MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Health *

Dr David Batman Head of Occupational Health and Safety and Chief Medical Officer, Nestlé UK and Ireland

Working for a living – how healthy employees help the NHS

18.30 – 19.30, Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Old Harry's Room



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