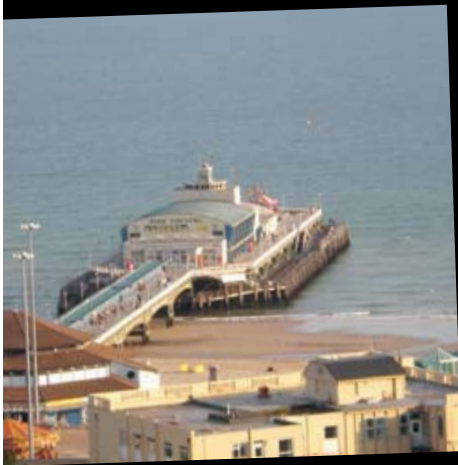




Autumn Conference

Bournemouth 19th – 23rd September 2009



Conference Directory

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Saturday 19 to Wednesday 23 September, Main Entrance, BIC



Monday 21 September

Buy now, pay later? Greg Mulholland MP
13:00–14:00, Durley Room, BIC



Winning the battle for hearts and brains Norman Lamb MP
13:00–14:00, Branksome Room, BIC



Patient safety: an election priority? Sandra Gidley MP
13:00–14:00, Avon Room, BIC



Will patients be safe in the Liberal Democrats' hands?
Sandra Gidley MP 18:15–19:30, Durley Room, BIC



Credit Crunch to Health Crunch Baroness Barker
18:15–19:30, Bayview Suite 2, BIC



A vote for health? Norman Lamb MP
18:15–19:30, Tregonwell Room, BIC



HAVE WE GOT HEALTH NEWS FOR YOU Norman Lamb MP
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20:00–21:15, Purbeck Suite, Highcliffe Marriott

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Health Hotel Reception with an address by Norman Lamb MP
21:45–23:15, Dorchester 2 Suite, Highcliffe Marriott *(invitation only)*

Supported by:



Tuesday 22 September

One in three: Tackling cancer is an election issue
Sandra Gidley MP 13:00–14:00, Tregonwell Room, BIC



Personalising care: the choices we face Norman Lamb MP
13:00–14:00, Durley Room, BIC



The Healthcare in Education Challenge Greg Mulholland MP
13:00–14:00, Branksome Room, BIC



Dementia decade: a cure by 2020? Greg Mulholland MP
18:15–19:30, Bayview Suite 1, BIC



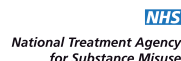
From Whitehall to the town hall – no longer a national health service? John Pugh MP 18:15–19:30, Tregonwell Room, BIC



Cash for health: paying the price for quality
Sandra Gidley MP 18:15–19:30, Branksome Room, BIC



Health Hotel non-fringe members:



For more information, see attached programme or visit: www.healthhotel.org.uk
If you require this advertisement in Braille, large print or audio, please contact 020 7401 5323

Introduction

Welcome to the *Conference Directory* for the Liberal Democrat autumn 2009 federal conference.

This *Conference Directory* takes you through everything taking place outside the main Auditorium at conference. It has been designed to help you make the most of conference, so even if you are a long-standing conference attendee, please familiarise yourself with the information in the following pages – we change and improve things all the time! If you still have any questions on anything you've read or are unsure about something onsite, simply head to the Information Desk where a member of the stewards team will be happy to help.

We're delighted to have hundreds of independent fringe events running again this year. With a huge range of topics, speakers and organisations involved, you'll be hard pushed to choose between them. Use the fringe guide and conference diary pullout to start planning your week.

When you fancy a break from the Auditorium, why not take a walk around the bustling Solent Hall to see what our various exhibitors have to offer? The exhibition pages detail the wide variety of organisations we have in this year's exhibition hall and where to find them.

Finally the enclosed map and venue plan will help you get your bearings around both the conference centre and Bournemouth itself. Don't forget to leave yourself some time to explore Bournemouth's local restaurants, shops and beautiful stretches of coastline. We hope this guide will help you make the most of your time in Bournemouth.

Have a good conference!

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See the separate **Conference Agenda** for details of the agenda, procedural information and standing orders.

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

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The Conference Rally

Liberal Democrats: Ready to Win



Floella Benjamin



Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP



Karen Hamilton



Charles Kennedy MP



Sarah Teather MP

Sarah Teather MP will comperre the Rally at the last Autumn Conference before the General Election. Nick Clegg MP will be joined by Charles Kennedy MP, TV personality and campaigner Floella Benjamin, and PPC for Birmingham Perry Barr Karen Hamilton, to set out why only the Liberal Democrats can deliver a *different, better Britain*.

Saturday 19th September

5.30 – 6.15pm, Welcome drinks, Solent Hall, BIC
kindly hosted by the Mayor of Bournemouth,

6.30 – 7.30pm, The Rally, Windsor Hall, BIC

Conference photo pass required for entry



MANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP

Demonstrating the strong partnership culture embedded within the city region, organisations from Manchester's public and private sectors will be exhibiting together on the Manchester stand. The partnership's focus is on the radical elements of Manchester's plans in relation to new city region governance agreements, transport, skills and innovation.

Visit Stand PS14 to meet representatives from the partnership and find out more about radical Manchester.



Welcome to Bournemouth

By Annette Brooke MP

I am delighted to welcome you for a second year to Bournemouth and Dorset.

Last year I promised you perfect weather! I also anticipated that not only would you find the Bournemouth International Centre an excellent venue for our conference but you would also find a wide range of activities and facilities in Bournemouth to occupy you and your family if you had any spare moments.

So a quick reminder: we have fabulous sandy beaches, a vibrant nightlife, excellent shops, and many attractions such as the promenade, the Chines, the land train, and the Bournemouth Eye. There is also a good range of eating places within walking distance of the Conference Centre.

Last year the sun shone on our conference despite the dreadful summer and rightly so! Just in case there is the odd shower this year, two places of interest to visit which I can recommend are the Oceanarium and the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum. The latter is celebrating its centenary this year.

If you do have time to travel whilst staying in Dorset, the coastline offers everything from picturesque harbours, long sandy beaches and dramatic cliff top formations to hidden coves and rock pools. At 185 million years old, the Jurassic Coast is England's only natural World Heritage Site, made up of Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous rocks.

The Purbeck part of my constituency provides the Gateway to the Jurassic Coast whilst the eastern edge shares its boundary with Bournemouth. I am

very proud to represent such a diverse and attractive area.

Liberal Democrat party conferences are popular with locals because they do not bring the town to a standstill and the police are not diverted from their other duties to any significant extent. People from neighbouring areas continue to use the town and our spending is an added boost to the local economy.

With its good supply of centrally located hotel accommodation, I am sure that Bournemouth will be popular with you.

Travelling from London you will have passed through Winchester and Eastleigh and you could have taken a slight diversion to Romsey and Portsmouth South. A small extension to your journey will take you to Mid Dorset and North Poole. This will be our last autumn conference before the General Election and it would be great to think we might fill in more of the gaps in areas of parliamentary representation.

This will be a particularly important conference for all of us setting out our distinctive policies and attending important training sessions. I am proud that we shall be in Bournemouth for this event and I hope that you have a great time politically and socially. 🕊



Annette Brooke is Liberal Democrat MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole

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My first Liberal Assembly

By Chris Rennard

My first conference was the Liberal Party Assembly in Southport in 1978.

The biggest debate was on a motion 'regretting the actions of Party Officers in discouraging the former Leader Jeremy Thorpe from attending'. The former Leader was awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to murder and the 'Lib-Lab Pact' that propped up Jim Callaghan's Government was deeply unpopular. It was the Autumn before an inevitable General Election. Most expectations were that the number of Liberal MPs would fall from the then total of 13.

Nothing seemed, however, to dampen the enthusiasm (and certainly not the drinking habits) of Liberals who attended. There was a great feeling of a family coming together (notwithstanding the feuds that sometimes break out on family occasions).

It gave me, as an 18 year-old Young Liberal having just finished school and having been living on my own since the death of my parents, a real sense of belonging. That sense of the Liberal family has never left me and I haven't missed a Liberal Assembly or Liberal Democrat conference since.

For me, that feeling of belonging is the most important thing about all these

Conferences and how they have helped to maintain our belief in a set of values, our confidence in our principles and our enthusiasm for a great cause.

The bars have played a large part. I understand that the only conference with a higher alcohol consumption per delegate than the Liberal Assembly was that of the Licensed Victuallers Association!

Early Liberal Democrat conferences took place in difficult circumstances. At Brighton in 1989 the very large hall seemed fairly empty, morale was at rock bottom after having polled 6% in the European elections and most of my colleagues at HQ had just been made redundant. It was a difficult personal decision not to accept the terms on offer and to keep faith in the family that I cared about very passionately.

Paddy's brilliant conference speeches kept us going. Our fortunes revived with hard work on the ground that maintained our local government base and delivered spectacular parliamentary by-election successes, starting with Eastbourne in 1990.

I will never forget scripting Charles Kennedy's Presidential closing remarks at Blackpool in 1990 when he summoned activists from all over the country to help us win Eastbourne



Chris Rennard stood down as the Liberal Democrat Chief Executive this summer

The Liberal Democrat Conferences have become increasingly professional as the party has become much more professional.




My first Liberal Assembly continued

(despite the scepticism of many about our prospects). Only one-inch-high lettering on his crib sheet prevented him summoning everyone to Bournemouth.

The Liberal Democrat conferences have become increasingly professional as the party has become much more professional. Great thanks are owed to those who have served on the Conference Committee, worked in the Conference Office and given their time to organise these great get-togethers.

Much is also owed to those who deliver the training programme that is the envy of every other party. The training is one of the most important parts of conference for many representatives.

It is on the training courses that the skills can be acquired that have seen a party grow from 13 MPs at my first Liberal Assembly to 63 at this year – as part of a team of 168 parliamentarians across Great Britain – and as a party that is now in first or second place in 40% of the Westminster seats. 

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of the Liberal
family has
never left me**

Conference Daily

Make sure you pick up a copy of *Conference Daily* from the Information Desk as you enter the BIC each morning.

Check the information, updates and changes they contain, which are vital to your understanding of the day's business.

*Want a bigger role in conference?
Want to make new friends and be part of the
team that makes conference happen?*

Join us!



If you want to experience a different side to conference or if this is your first time and you're a little unsure of what to expect, why not come as part of our stewards' team?

Our team of stewards ensures the smooth running of conference by helping with security and with registrations, coordinating the auditorium, looking after our guests, and much more! We provide free registration a daily allowance and help with accommodation costs. So if you're keen to get more involved, we'd love to have you on board.

To find out more, please contact Adrian Beavis, Chief Steward, at adrianbeavis@talktalk.net, or visit www.libdemstewards.co.uk.

Members' training

Free training for party members

An extensive range of training courses is taking place at Federal Conference, Saturday to Tuesday, between 09.15 and 17.30, in the Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Bath and Connaught hotels. Courses are free for all party members – party membership card must be shown.

Full details of the training courses are listed in the separate *Conference Training Guide* or online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference.

New to conference?

Unsure what Federal Conference is all about?

Anyone unfamiliar with conference is invited to come and join this session aimed at helping you to get the most out of your first – and subsequent! – visits.

Location: Old Harry's, Marriott Highcliff

Time: 21.45 – 22.30

Date: Saturday 19th September

Multi-faith prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located in the Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Corfe Suite 2 (Main Room). Please note that the room is on the second floor and unfortunately not wheelchair-accessible. The room is available all day throughout conference – please be respectful of others using the room.

Engage, the new Lib Dem Policy Network

By Jeremy Hargreaves

Coming to conference is a great opportunity to talk about policy, the party's future direction, and to take part in decision-making.

Those of us who come don't need any convincing what fun it is. But of course the great majority of party members don't come to conference – put off perhaps by the cost, not being able to take the time, or simply held back by not feeling comfortable taking part in the discussions we have here.

Too many members of our party – who don't live in a strong area which holds regular discussions, or don't want to spend time online in the thriving Lib Dem blogosphere, perhaps – don't have the opportunities to take part in political discussion with other members that they might like.

This is a real shame; after all, many people join the party because they believe in our values and ideas. Our campaigning success is vital, but we are a political party, not just a leaflet delivery cult.

A group of us have therefore set up a new group to tackle this. Engage, the Lib Dem Policy Network, is undertaking a range of activities to promote and support more policy and political discussion around the party.

We're particularly focusing on supporting political discussions organised by local parties and others. Our Instant Policy Discussion Kit contains everything a local group should need to get a discussion going

– briefings on a few areas of interest to structure a discussion, a list of potential guest speakers, and the opportunity to report back the outcome of the meeting. We'll then follow that up, if wanted, with advice on taking the ideas generated forward into the party's formal policy-making structures. Take a look at it at www.libdemvoice.org/engage.

We're producing an email newsletter with news on the latest developments in policy in the party and analysis on what's coming up. If you'd like to join the mailing list, email engage@libdemvoice.org.

We're also going to produce a range of other materials to support discussion, provide help and advice to anyone wanting to get involved, and generally make the case for talking about policy and politics to be an important part of our party. Many people join the party looking for more political discussion, and if we can meet their needs better than we do at the moment, then we will be able to retain more of them as members.

We always say we're proud that we are the only party where members can put forward ideas, take them to conference, and make party policy. Our aim is to get more party members engaging in doing just that.

To find out more about Engage, take a look at our website – www.libdemvoice.org/engage – or email us at engage@libdemvoice.org.



Jeremy Hargreaves is
Director of Engage

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Conference information

General information about this year's autumn conference is listed below in alphabetical order. If you have any questions, please ask a conference steward or go to the conference **Information Desk** in the Windsor Foyer, ground floor of the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC).

Information concerning the main conference sessions in the Auditorium, the conduct of the business of conference, submitting amendments and appeals, speaking etc, can be found in the separate **Conference Agenda**.

Access

Access to all areas of the **Bournemouth International Centre (BIC)** is possible **only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard**. You will be asked to show your pass when you enter the BIC and you are required to wear the pass with the lanyard visible **at all times** within the building.

Please allow time for security check queues at the BIC during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

If you are attending a training or fringe session in the Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Exeter, Royal Bath, Connaught or Wessex hotels, you may be asked to show a valid conference photo pass or party membership card.

Accommodation

If you have not yet booked your accommodation, please check the accommodation page of our website for further information about availability in our hotels: www.libdems.org.uk/conference/accommodation.



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Alternatively, contact the BIC Accommodation Bureau service on 01202 451722 or via the link above.

Banking facilities

The Royal Mail Group are kindly providing a free ATM for the convenience of conference attendees, next to their stand, **Stand 26**, in the **Solent Hall** of the BIC. There is also an HSBC cash machine immediately outside the front entrance of the BIC on Exeter Road.

Car parks

See **parking** under **transport and travel** on **page 14**.

Cloakroom

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the BIC.

There is a cloakroom in the **Windsor Foyer** on the ground floor of the BIC. A charge per item applies.

On the last morning of conference, Wednesday 23rd September, your hotel should be able to store your luggage for you after checkout.

Alternatively suitcases may be deposited at the Royal Exeter hotel and must be collected by no later than 18.00. There will be a small luggage charge for non-residents of the Royal Exeter hotel, the proceeds of which the hotel will be donating to charity.

Conference bags

Your biodegradable, environmentally-friendly conference bag will be available for collection in the **Windsor Foyer** of the BIC on production of your photo pass covering letter, which, if you register before 1st August, you will receive before conference.

Conference Agenda

The separate **Conference Agenda** contains full details of conference sessions and standing orders. It also includes all auditorium information: the procedure for submitting amendments, appeals and emergency motions and topical issues, eligibility to speak and vote, and the procedure for submitting questions to reports and requests for separate votes

See **documents for conference** on **page 8**.





Conference Daily

Conference Daily will be published every day at conference and will include last-minute changes to the order of business, movers, amendments, emergency motions, etc. (it replaces the old *Daily Announcements*). **Conference Daily** will be available at the start of each morning session from the **Information Desk**.

Please make sure you collect your copy of **Conference Daily** each morning, as the information it contains will always be vital to understanding the day's business.

You can place an advert in **Conference Daily** to give up-to-date information about your organisation or event to conference-goers. Contact Carol Caruana, carol.caruana@libdems.org.uk, 020 7227 1323 or via the Information Desk at conference.

Conference Extra

Conference Extra will give the timings of conference sessions and will contain amendments to motions, topical issues, emergency motions for debate or the ballot, questions to reports, and last-minute changes to the order of business, movers, etc. (it replaces the old *Advance Notice*). **Conference Extra** will be circulated by email to all party members and posted on the party website on **Tuesday 15th September**. Hard copies will be available for collection from the **Information Desk** at conference.

To place an advert in **Conference Extra**, contact Carol Caruana, carol.caruana@libdems.org.uk, 020 7227 1323.

Consultative sessions

Consultative sessions take place on Saturday 19th September between 10.00 and 12.30 in the **Highcliff Marriott**. See **Conference Agenda page 13** for details.

Crèche

The crèche is located in the **Highcliff Marriott** and will be open at the following times:

Saturday	19th September	13.00 – 18.00
Sunday	20th September	08.30 – 18.30
Monday	21st September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	22nd September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	23rd September	08.30 – 16.00

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. The deadline for crèche registrations has now passed. Information on how to register your child for the upcoming spring conference will be available in due course at www.libdems.org.uk/conference/creche.

Disabled access and parking

Please see **access and facilities for disabled people** on **page 12**.

Distribution of literature

Distribution of literature **is not allowed** inside, or directly outside, the BIC. 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, and any fliers found in these areas will be removed.

Excessive distribution of promotional literature is not in line with the party's environmental policies. Any persons attempting to bring a large number of fliers into the conference centre may be prohibited from entering the BIC.

Fly-posting is prohibited inside the BIC.

Documents for conference

The **Conference Agenda** and **Conference Directory** are two separate documents this year. For those representatives registered before 1st August, these have been dispatched in two separate mailings. Pre-register during August or September or register onsite (see **registration onsite** on **page 10**) and all papers will be available for collection in the **Windsor Foyer of the BIC** on production of your documentation voucher.



Conference information continued

Extra copies of the **Conference Agenda** and **Conference 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 **Windsor Foyer** and **Solent Hall** on the ground floor of the BIC. See **pages 16–22** for opening times and exhibitor details.

Feedback

Conference feedback questionnaires will no longer be available in hard copy. Instead, after conference, representatives will be emailed a link to an online questionnaire. For those representatives who don't have access to the internet, a PC will be available at the **Information Desk** for you to give your feedback onsite. Please ask at the information desk for a login code.

Your feedback is important to us. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire as your answers provide important information that helps us to improve conference.

First Aid

The First Aid suite is located in the **Windsor Foyer coffee bar** on the ground floor of the BIC.

Flash photography

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



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Fringe

For details of fringe meetings, see the **fringe guide** on **pages 25–71**.

The official fringe meeting venues are the **BIC** and the **Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Bath, Royal Exeter, Connaught** and **Wessex** hotels. See the map on **page 72** for locations of these and other fringe venues.

A valid conference photo pass is necessary for access to the BIC. For access to fringe events at the other hotels, you may be asked by a steward to show a photo pass or party membership card.

Headquarters' fringe events:

Civic Drinks Reception

Pre-Rally drinks reception – all representatives welcome. Kindly hosted by the Mayor of Bournemouth.

Saturday 19th September, 17.30 – 18.15
Solent Hall, BIC

Rally

The Liberal Democrats: Ready to Win

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Saturday 19th September, 18.30 – 19.30
Windsor Hall, BIC

New to conference?

Session to help you get the most out of conference.

Saturday 19th September, 21.45 – 22.30
Old Harry's Bar, Highcliff Marriott

Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new.

Tuesday 22nd September, 22.00 – 02.00
Dorchester Suite, Highcliff Marriott

Information Desk

The Information Desk is located in the **Windsor Foyer** on the ground floor of the BIC where members of the Conference Team can answer your questions.



Conference information continued

Information

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Tuesday	22nd September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	23rd September	08.30 – 16.00

To contact the Information Desk:

Telephone: 01202 586090 or email:
conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk

Internet café

There will be an Internet café in the **Bourne Lounge** on the first floor of the BIC. There will be a fee of £1 per half hour; vouchers are available at the Information Desk.

A **Wireless Internet System** is available in the BIC and internet connection is available to rent from IFB Ltd. Connection can either be made immediately onsite by viewing their website www.wifb.net and making payment with a credit or debit card at the time, or by pre-arrangement by calling 0845 270 2101 for sales or 0845 270 2100 for support. Please be aware, IFB charges £5 for 1 hour, £20 for 24 hours and £75 for 5 days. The conference organisers have no control over these prices.

Lost passes

A replacement fee of £25.00 applies and photo passes are reissued at the discretion of the Registration Manager.

Lost property

All items of lost property should be handed in to, and reclaimed from, the **Information Desk** in the Windsor Foyer on the ground floor of the BIC.

Photo passes

All conference photo passes are mailed prior to conference if registration details are received before 1st August. We will endeavour to mail out photo passes for registrations received after 1st August. If you have not received your pass, please come to the **Registration Desk** in the Windsor Lobby of the BIC (enter via Exeter Road at the front of the Centre).

Postal and telephone facilities

Royal Mail Group's stand, **Stand 26**, in the **Solent Hall** on the ground floor of the BIC, offers a range of Post Office® services including a postbox with a daily collection Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd September.

There are pay telephones located in the **Windsor Foyer** on the ground floor of the BIC.

Prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located in Corfe Suite 2 (Main Room) in the **Highcliff Marriott**. Please note that the room is on the second floor and unfortunately not wheelchair-accessible. The room is available all day throughout conference – please be respectful of others using the room.

Recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper and plastic will be provided in the BIC. Please make use of the collection bins.

Refreshments

Hot and cold meals and alcoholic drinks are available in the **Solent Hall** catering areas on the ground floor and the **Solent Hall Balcony** on the first floor of the BIC (from 13.00 on Saturday). Cold snacks, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be on sale in the **Windsor Foyer coffee bar**.

Registration onsite

Onsite registration is available to those representatives who have yet to register or need to query or change their current registration. The registration area is located in the **Windsor Lobby** of the BIC, **accessed via the front entrance in Exeter Road, at the front of the BIC**.

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Tuesday	22nd September	08.30 – 18.00
Wednesday	23rd September	08.30 – 15.00



Security and safety

All security measures are taken in consultation with the police and the BIC management.

Conference photo passes **must be worn visibly at all times within the BIC**. Anyone found in the secure area without a valid pass will be escorted from the building.

All bags will be searched at the main entrance to the BIC. Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the BIC. Any bag left unattended will be brought to the attention of the police and may be removed and/or destroyed.

Smoking

All areas of the BIC are non-smoking.

Stewards

The security team includes volunteer stewards who act under the direction of the Chief Steward, with advice from the local police, whose decision is final in any dispute regarding security.

Training events

Only party members may attend training events. For entry to training events, a valid conference photo pass or party membership card must be shown.

Transport and travel

For information on transport to and around Bournemouth, see **page 14**.

Twitter

During conference week, we will be tweeting live from the Auditorium. For updates on who's speaking, when agenda items are about to start and how conference has voted, follow us at **www.twitter.com/LibDemConf**.



Venues

The main conference venue is:

The Bournemouth International Centre
Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5BH
Tel: 01202 456400

The main conference sessions will take place in the **Auditorium** in the **Windsor Hall** of the BIC. See **conference venue plan** on **page 15**.

Conference and fringe hotels:

Highcliff Marriott Hotel
St. Michaels Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5DU
Tel: 01202 557702

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central
Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BZ
Tel: 0870 423 6462

De Vere Royal Bath Hotel
Bath Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2EW
Tel: 01202 557702

The Royal Exeter Hotel
Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5AG
Tel: 01202 438000

The Connaught Hotel
West Hill Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5PH
Tel: 01202 298020

The Wessex Hotel
11-13 West Cliff Rd, Bournemouth, BH2 5EU
Tel: 01202 551911

For locations of venues, see the **map of Bournemouth town centre** on **page 72**.

Website

For conference details online, please see

www.libdems.org.uk/conference



Access and facilities for disabled people

All areas of the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) and rooms in the Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Exeter, Royal Bath, Connaught and Wessex hotels that we will be using for fringe meetings are fully accessible by wheelchair.

Bournemouth

Visitor Information Centre: 0845 051 1700.

Disability Wessex have a wide range of information and advice for visitors to Bournemouth with disabilities. They can be contacted at:

The Ground Floor, Unit 5, Stratfield Saye,
20–22 Wellington Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8JN
Tel: 01202 589999; Text phone: 01202 293940
www.disabilitywessex.org.uk

The Bournemouth International Centre (BIC)

Access to the BIC is via the **main entrance on Exeter Road**. There are **lifts** in the Windsor Foyer by the main entrance and at the rear of the building which give access to the first floor.

The seating area in the **Auditorium** (on the ground floor of the Windsor Hall in the BIC) will be mostly on the flat. If you require **ramped access to the stage**, this can be found behind the drop curtain at stage left. Please ask a steward if you have any problems locating it.

An **infrared hearing system** is in operation throughout the Windsor Hall. To access the service you need to obtain additional equipment from the venue, available free of charge from the security office of the BIC, at the top of the escalators from the Windsor Foyer.

Sign language interpretation will be provided during all sessions held in the Auditorium. A number of seats are reserved in front of stage left for representatives using this service.

For those representatives who would benefit from being closer to the stage due to a visual impairment, a small number of seats are reserved at the front of the Auditorium.

Services For The Blind And Visually Impaired

A range of electronic versions of the Conference Agenda, Directory, Training Schedule and policy and consultation papers are available for download online. These include PDF files, plain text files for blind computer users and clear print versions (designed in line with RNIB guidelines). Download from: www.libdems.org.uk/conference/conferencepapers

If you are unable to access the Internet and would like any files emailed or posted to you, contact the Conference Office on 020 7227 1350 or at conferences@libdems.org.uk

For clear print copies of any papers whilst at conference (eg Conference Daily etc.), ask at the Information Desk.

There are **disabled toilets** on the ground and first floors of the BIC.

Conference and fringe hotels

The Highcliff Marriott: Wheelchair access via the car park entrance at the rear of the hotel. There are disabled toilet facilities and lifts in the hotel lobby.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central: Wheelchair access via a lift a couple of metres from the hotel's main doors (there is currently no disabled access from Metro Car Park into the hotel). There are lifts in the lobby and disabled toilet facilities on all floors. On the second floor, there are a few steps leading to the Connect Suites for which a wheelchair lift is available.



Access and facilities for disabled people cont.

The Royal Bath: Wheelchair access is via the De Vere Suite or temporary ramps at the main entrance, both on Bath Road; most of the fringe rooms are accessed via the De Vere Suite Entrance. There is a lift to all floors and a disabled toilet on the ground floor.

The Royal Exeter: Wheelchair access is via the front entrance. The fringe rooms are on the ground and lower ground floors. There is a lift just off the main lobby to access them. The disabled toilet is on the lower ground floor.

The Connaught: Wheelchair access via the main entrance at the front of the hotel. All the fringe rooms are on the ground floor and can be reached either via the hotel or via their own external wheelchair-accessible entrances. There are lifts and disabled toilets in the lobby.

The Wessex: Wheelchair access is via a ramped entrance at the rear of the hotel through the car park. There is a lift to the disabled toilet and fringe rooms on the ground floor.

Car parking

For information on disabled parking in Bournemouth, call 01202 454809, email parkingshop@bournemouth.gov.uk or go to: www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Residents/roads/parking/Disabled_Parking.asp.

The **BIC** has a recommended complement of parking facilities for disabled customers. Charges apply unless the vehicle is exempt from road tax. For information and fees, call 0844 576 3000 or go to: www.bic.co.uk/aboutus/bic/parking.asp.

Rail

Bournemouth Railway Station has level access to the ticket office, a subway between platforms and a fully accessible toilet. The station provides four disabled parking spaces. If assistance is required at Bournemouth station, contact the Assisted Travel telephone line on 0845 605 0440 at least 24 hours prior to travel so help can be tailored to individual needs and assistance given at each stage of the journey, both on South West Trains' and other train operators' services.

For further information on train services see *transport and travel* on **page 14**.

Taxis

See taxi services under *transport and travel* on **page 14**.

Electric scooters

The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of mobility scooters available to conference members, free of charge. They are available on a first come, first served basis and will need to be returned each evening for charging. To request use of a mobility scooter, email conferences@libdems.org.uk.

Shuttle bus service

Two free, timetabled shuttle bus services will be operating during lunch and early evening fringe meetings to assist those representatives who may struggle to move between meetings in time. Timetables may be picked up from the **Information Desk** in the Windsor Foyer of the BIC.

An additional wheelchair-only bus will be operating during lunch and early evening fringe meetings. This bus will have no specific timetable or route, to be more flexible to the users' needs. If you are a wheelchair user and need help getting between fringe meetings, please visit the **Information Desk** for details on booking this service.

Other requirements

If you have any specific requirements that are not mentioned, please contact the Conference Office: email conferences@libdems.org.uk before 28th August and they will endeavour to assist.

Information and assistance at conference

Anyone who requires assistance should approach a conference steward or one of the staff at the BIC 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 ask for him at the **Information Desk** in the Windsor Foyer of the BIC.



Transport and travel

For a map of Bournemouth town centre, please see **page 72**.

Air

Bournemouth International Airport is around 20 minutes from the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) via the A338 (Wessex Way). There is a shuttle bus from the airport to the town centre, and taxis cost around £16. Thomson Fly, Ryanair and Easyjet fly to and from numerous European locations; visit their websites for further information.

Bus and coach

From London: there is a National Express coach service to Bournemouth which leaves from London Victoria, taking between 2 1/2 and 3 hours.

Local bus services, contact:

Wilts and Dorset Buses

Tel 01202 673555

www.wdbus.co.uk

Yellow Buses

Tel 01202 636060

www.yellowbuses.co.uk

Car

From London: take the M25, then the M3, M27 and A31 to Ringwood. From Ringwood, follow the A338 (Wessex Way), to the Bournemouth West Roundabout.

From the North and West: head for the A31 / A338 junction (Ashley Heath) outside Ringwood, then take the A338 (Wessex Way) to Bournemouth and follow directions to the Bournemouth West Roundabout.

From the Bournemouth West Roundabout: take the first exit and follow the brown signs to the BIC. The BIC multi-storey car park is off the roundabout at the bottom of Priory Road.

Reduce congestion and pollution by using public transport or car-sharing where possible.

Parking

For information on parking in Bournemouth, see:

www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Residents/roads/parking.asp

For information on parking at the BIC and fees, and also information about parking in the rest of Bournemouth:

Tel: 0844 576 3000

www.bic.co.uk/aboutus/bic/parking.asp

For disabled parking, see **car parking** under **access and facilities for disabled people** on **page 13**.

Taxi services

The following companies provide a 24-hour local taxi service with a limited number of wheelchair-accessible vehicles. It is advisable to pre-book wheelchair-accessible vehicles:

Streamline Warrens Taxis 01202 555511

Poole Radio Cabs 01202 666333

United Taxis 01202 556677

(also contactable via the freephone telephone in the Windsor Foyer of the BIC)

Train

Bournemouth is served by two direct trains an hour from London Waterloo, taking just under two hours; for information, contact:

South West Trains

Tel 0845 6000 650

www.southwesttrains.co.uk

There are mainline rail links from Scotland and the North to Bournemouth; contact:

CrossCountry Trains

www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

Bournemouth Station is a 10 minute taxi ride from the BIC; taxi journeys cost approximately £5.



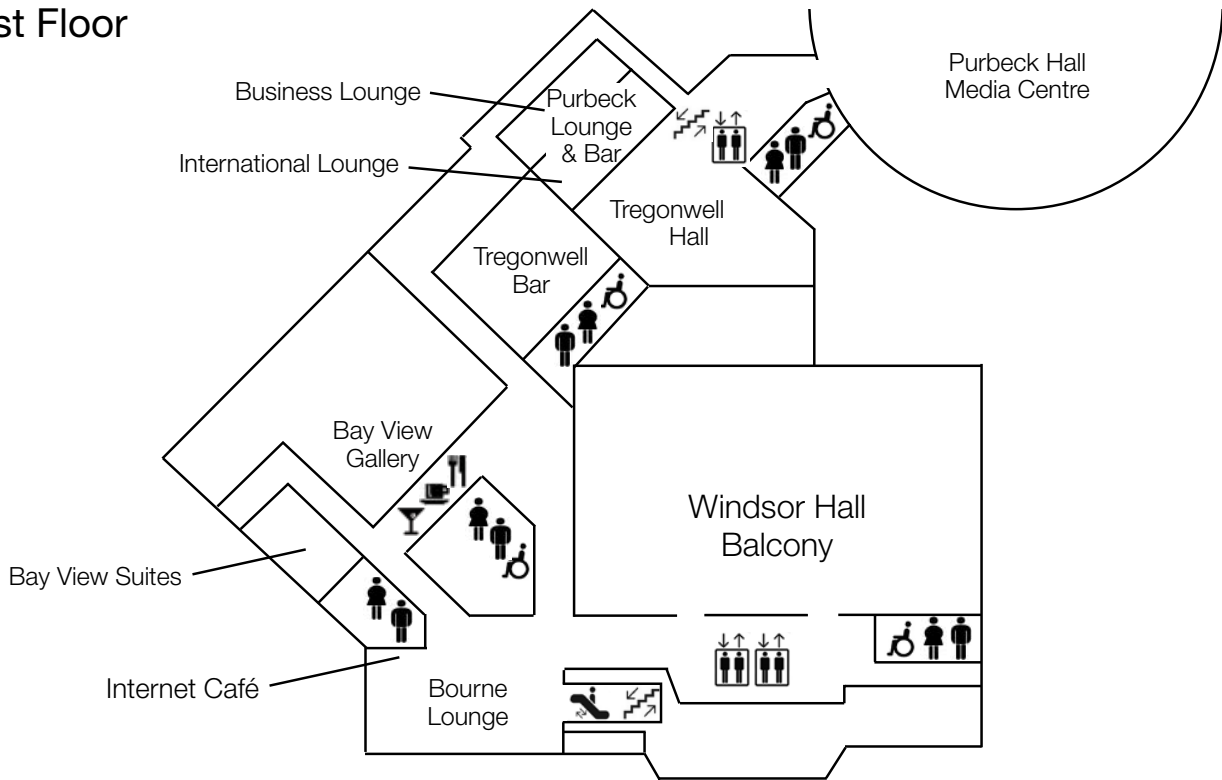
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Conference venue plan

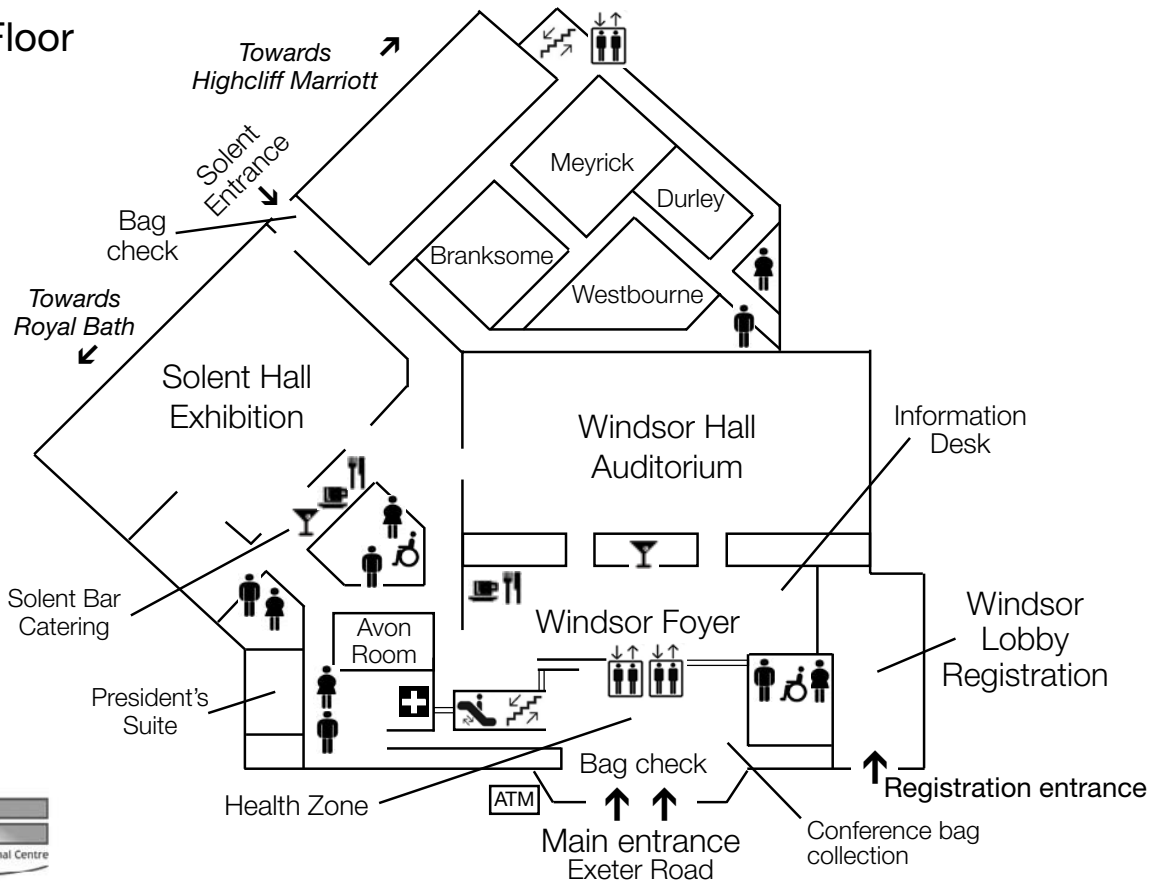
Plan of Bournemouth International Centre

First Floor



Information

Ground Floor



A fresh start for Britain
Choosing a different, better future



The exhibition

The exhibition is located in the **Windsor Foyer** and **Solent Hall** on the ground floor of the **Bournemouth International Centre (BIC)**. See **conference venue plan** on **page 15**.

Exhibition opening times:

Saturday	19th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	20th September	08.30 – 18.30
Monday	21st September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	22nd September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	23rd September	08.30 – 16.00



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Exhibition

Exhibitors listed by stand number

Windsor Foyer Health Zone

Solent Hall

- PS4 RNID
- PS6 Electoral Commission
- PS14 Manchester Partnership
- PS18 pteg
- PS20 Federation of Small Businesses
- PS21 Entertainment & Leisure Software Publishers Association (ELSPA)
- PS24 Benenden Healthcare Society
- 26 Royal Mail Group
- 28 BUAV
- 31 Audit Commission
- 32 Liberal Democrat History Group
- 34 Citizens Advice
- 36 Standards for England
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- 48 Financial Capability – FSA
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- 52/53 Association of School and College Leaders and NASUWT
- 56 Countryside Alliance
- 58 eaga plc
- 60 Riso UK Ltd
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- 72 Vote Cruelty Free
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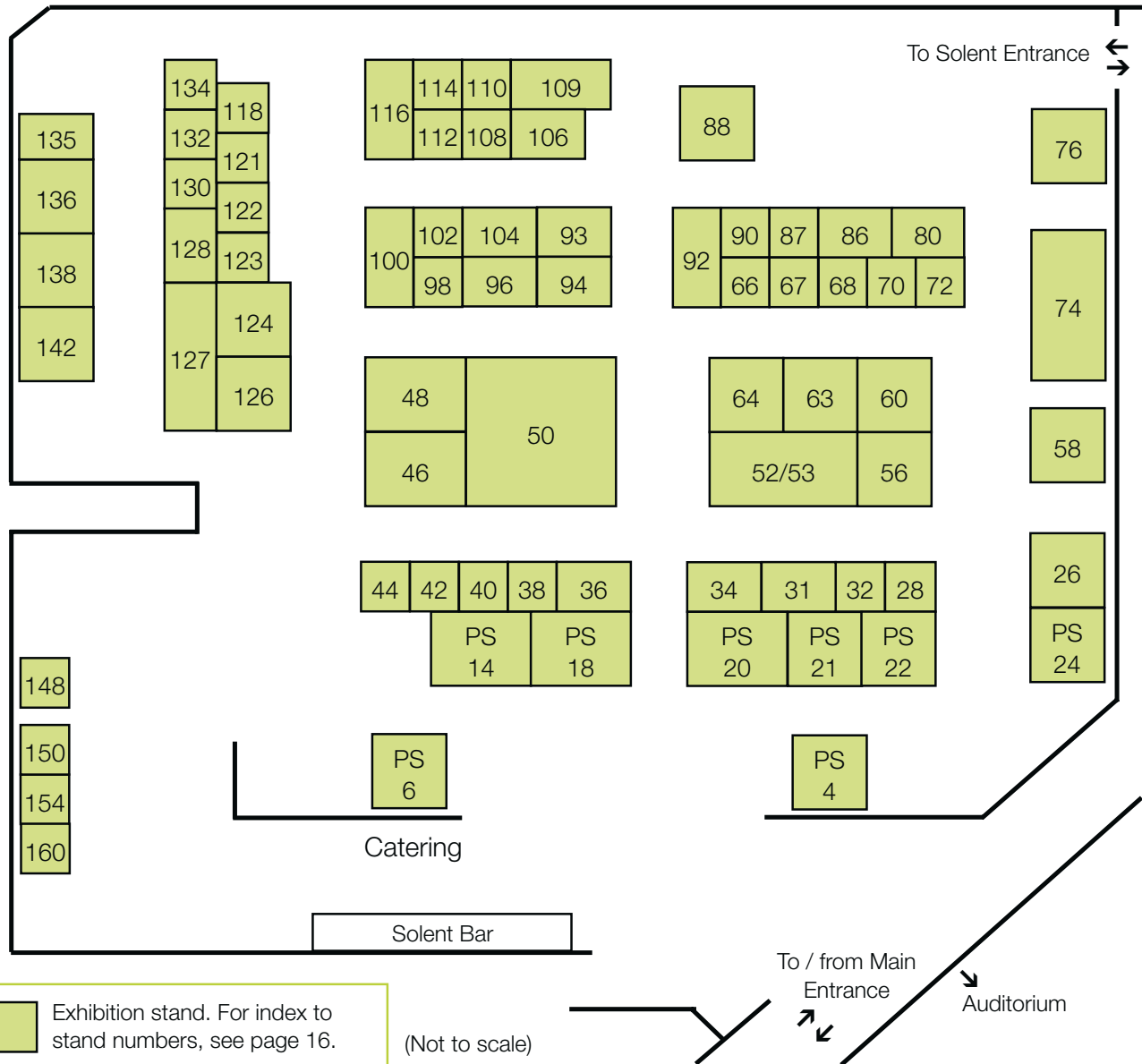
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- 88 Electrical Safety Council
- 90 Liberal International British Group
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- 126 National Union of Teachers
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- 130 ALTER
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Plan of exhibition

Solent Hall

Ground floor of Bournemouth International Centre



Get your message out at conference

You can promote your organisation, event or message to thousands of conference-goers by placing an advert or notice in *Conference Daily* – the official bulletin issued to all attendees each day at conference.

Contact Carol Caruana via the Information Desk in the Bournemouth International Centre.

Best stand competition

Help select the best stand – 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. Get an entry form from the Information Desk or from your conference bag.



Directory of exhibitors

Stand 98

Agents & Organisers Association



We support Liberal Democrat agents and organisers with training and information services. We publish the popular *Agents Manual*. Accreditation after our training helps agents demonstrate their status within the party.

Stand 87

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 130

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 127

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and IDEa

ALDC represents Liberal Democrat Councillors and provides advice, information and resources for all Councillors and Activists. Visit us for publications, online resources and advice from ALDC and IDEa staff.



Stand 135

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 52/53

Association of School and College Leaders

The Association of School and College Leaders is the professional association and trade union for secondary school and college leaders in Britain. To find out more, visit www.ascl.org.uk.



Stand 31

Audit Commission

oneplace will provide independent information to people about their local public services. It's a comprehensive area assessment made by independent watchdogs to see how well local services are improving. www.audit-commission.gov.uk



Stand 74

BBC

Visit our stand and see democracy live, find out more about the BBC archive collections and hear how the BBC is engaging with the debate around Digital Britain. Live broadcasts too!



Stand PS24

Benenden Healthcare Society

When it comes to healthcare the feeling's mutual. Benenden Healthcare offers discretionary, non-acute clinical care and tertiary healthcare services – many of its services in partnership with the NHS.



Stand 100

Birmingham Convention Bureau (BCB)

Birmingham is delighted to be hosting the spring conference in March 2010. Please visit the BCB stand for accommodation and other Birmingham visitor information. www.libdemsinbirmingham2010.com



Stand 44

Booktrust

Booktrust is an independent charity dedicated to inspiring a love of books for all. Booktrust programmes include Bookstart, Booktime and Booked Up, which all gift free books to children. query@booktrust.org.uk



Stand 93

Breast Cancer UK

BCUK is a patient advocacy charity dedicated to preventing breast cancer. Our campaigns focus on links between toxins in our environment and everyday products and the rising incidence of disease. www.breastcanceruk.org.uk



Stand 42

British Humanist Association

The British Humanist Association is the national charity supporting and representing non-religious people seeking to live good lives based on reason, experience and shared human values.



Stand 28

BUAV

Visit our stand to learn about the Clean Up Cruelty campaign, calling for a ban on testing household products on animals, and how to make your own office cruelty-free. info@buav.org



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Stand 132

Campaign for Gender Balance

For everyone who wants to see more Lib Dem women in Parliament. Thinking of standing? Or can you help women gain the skills they need? Come and let us know.



Stand 96

CentreForum



The CentreForum is an independent, free-thinking forum for new ideas and progressive debate.

Stand 68

Chard Group 1992

The Chard Group is a party organisation that encourages co-operation with others (as and where appropriate). Newsletter, quiz, traditional Lib Dem raffle(!) etc. to enjoy.

Stand 34

Citizens Advice

The Citizens Advice service helps to resolve people's legal, money and other problems through free information and advice. It also uses the evidence obtained to campaign for change. Find out more on our stand and celebrate our 70th birthday.



Stand 56

Countryside Alliance



The Countryside Alliance works for everyone who loves the countryside and supports the rural way of life. Visit stand 56 to discuss the issues affecting your countryside. james-legge@countryside-alliance.org

Stand 114

DAGGER

Liberal Democrats action group for gaining electoral reform in multi-member constituencies by means of the single transferable vote.

Stand 122

DELGA – Lib Dems for LGBT Equality

The party's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality group is open to all members who share our aims. We also offer advice on LGBT issues and campaigning.



Stand 76

Digital UK

Digital UK is leading the switch to digital television between 2008 and 2012. To find out when your area switches over and how we can support you and your constituents, please visit our stand. public.affairs@digitaluk.co.uk



Stand 58

eaga plc

Co-owned with 5000+ people, we work with all levels of Government and private sector delivering solutions addressing climate change and social exclusion, managing national energy efficiency programmes and other initiatives.



Stand 154

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 PS6

Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission is an independent body set up by the UK Parliament. Our aim is integrity and public confidence in the democratic process. We regulate party and election finance and set standards for well-run elections.



Stand 134

Electoral Reform Society

Campaigning to change the way we choose our politicians. A fair voting system will improve our democracy, allow politicians to better represent you and help them tackle the serious issues facing our society. Fairness, accountability and a real choice for voters should not be compromised.



Stand 88

Electrical Safety Council

The Electrical Safety Council is an independent charity whose mission is to reduce deaths and injuries caused by electrical accidents at home and work. Contact Clare Fleming; 0870 040 0561; 18 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB.



Stand PS21

Entertainment & Leisure Software Publishers Association (ELSPA)

ELSPA are demonstrating video games and highlighting the importance of the video games industry to UK culture and economy.



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Stand 80

English Liberal Democrats

Information on running your local party. Support for current and potential officers and executive members. In conjunction with workshops all week.

Stand 121

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrat

EMLD exists to develop the education, participation and representation of ethnic minorities within the party.



Stand PS20

Federation of Small Businesses



Federation of Small Businesses
The UK's Leading Business Organisation

The Federation of Small Businesses is the leading business organisation that represents the interests of the self-employed and those who run their own businesses. Please visit stand PS20.

Stand 48

Financial Capability – FSA

The FSA's National Strategy for Financial Capability provides information, education and guidance, to help consumers better understand their money needs. No Selling. No Jargon. Just The Facts.



Stand 46

GovNet Communications

With a 10-year track record, GovNet is the UK's leading public sector publisher and events organiser. We produce a wide range of public sector magazines, conferences, forums and training courses. 0161 211 3000. www.govnet.co.uk



Stand 128

Green Liberal Democrats

We exist to ensure that green issues in general, and radical action on climate change in particular, always top our party's political agenda. Check out our stand 128 – 'More from Less'.



Stand 64

Harmsworth Printing Limited

Harmsworth Printing produce the weekly *Lib Dem News* and vast numbers of campaign tabloid newspapers for many constituencies. Visit us on stand 64 for a quotation.



THE HEALTH ZONE

The **Health Zone**, in the Windsor Foyer on the ground floor of the BIC, offers free health testing, advice and massage, brought to you by the Health Hotel: www.healthhotel.org.uk.

The Eye Health Alliance – free retinal photo and eye health advice.

Sue Ryder Care – free reflexology treatment; learn about how they care for the whole person's needs.

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All the big health debates under one roof

Stand 150

Humanist and Secular Liberal Democrats

The organisation for Liberal Democrats who think that humanism and secularism need a louder voice within the party and across the UK.

Stand 38

International Consortium of British Pensioners

Discover how to defuse the UK's 'Ageing Population Time Bomb' while enabling constituents' freedom of movement and saving taxpayers and HM Treasury £billions. international@britishpensions.com



Stand 94

Leeds City Region Partnership

Visit the Leeds City Region Partnership stand to find out more about our pilot programme and our innovative work to support our ambition of becoming a world-class city region economy. www.leedscityregion.gov.uk



Stand 148

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.



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Stand 108

Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw

Maximise your return from the Christmas Draw. Come to stand 108 to see how.



Stand 118

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

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

Stand 67

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Publications and information available. Visit our stand to exchange and share ideas concerning education issues with members, who will be on hand to provide information about the LDEA.



Stand 86

Liberal Democrat European Group / ELDR

Budget rebate. CAP reform. MEPs. Constitution. We have the briefings and the campaign material: everything you need to know about Europe and how to campaign on it. www.ldeg.org

Stand 112

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

All welcome to visit our stand and fringe event: Monday 21st September, 20.00 – 21.00, Dorchester 2, Highcliff Marriott.



Stand 66

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

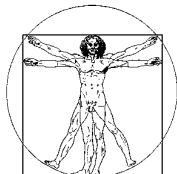
Friends of Palestine are a group of party members dedicated to influencing party policy by fighting for justice for the Palestinian people through international law.



Stand 32

Liberal Democrat History Group

We promote the discussion and research of historical topics relating to the Liberal Democrats and its predecessor parties. Subscribe to the *Journal of Liberal History*. Buy the *Dictionary of Liberal Thought*. The past illuminates the future. www.liberalhistory.org.uk



Stand 50

Liberal Democrat Image

Elections are coming soon. Update your campaign image by visiting the Lib Dem Image stand. Pre-order and collect at conference and save £££s for your campaign by avoiding postage.



Stand 102

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.libdemlawyers.org.uk

Stand 90

Liberal International British Group

Member of the World Federation of Liberal Political Parties, Liberal International. Rich programme: meetings, diplomats' reception, study trips etc. Promotes international affairs in the party. www.libg.org.uk



Stand 116

Liberal Youth

Young people are vital to your campaigning and the future of your local party. Find out how to campaign for more young voters, activists and members.



Stand 92

Liberator

Since 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 142

Local Government Association (Liberal Democrat Group)

LGA Liberal Democrats represent councillors throughout England and Wales. Pick up David Boyle's book *Greening Actually* on the environment and climate change – also get your ticket to the local government reception.



Stand PS14

Manchester Partnership

Demonstrating the strong partnership culture embedded within the city region, organisations from Manchester's public and private sectors will be exhibiting together on the Manchester stand. Visit our stand to find out more.



Stand 106

NAHT

The NAHT is an independent professional association/trade union representing over 28K school and college leaders across all phases of education in the independent and maintained sectors.



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Stand 52/53

NASUWT

The NASUWT is the largest teachers' union in the UK, representing teachers and head teachers. To find out more, visit www.teachersunion.org.uk.



Stand 126

National Union of Teachers

The NUT campaigns for proper investment in a publicly funded, democratically accountable education system that can unlock individual potential and build prosperity in all our communities.



Stand 104

NHS Evidence

NHS Evidence is an internet-based service for everyone who works in health and social care to help them make informed decisions about treatments and resources. The web portal provides free access to best practice, clinical and non-clinical information.

www.evidence.nhs.uk



Stand 70

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 40

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Stand PS18

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Stand 60

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Stand PS4

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Stand 26

Royal Mail Group

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john.rattle@royalmail.com www.royalmail.com

Stand 36

Standards for England

Working with local authorities, it's our job to promote high standards of conduct among our local politicians. We want to make sure that the public know that standards matter to local government.



Stand 123

Total Politics

Total Politics is a politically neutral lifestyle magazine, we aim to be positive about the political process and bring you interesting features from across the UK and the world. Contact 020 7091 1260, email: info@totalpolitics.com.



Stand 124

Trades Union Congress

The TUC is the voice of Britain at work with 61 unions representing 6 million working people from all walks of life. We work in partnership with all parties.



Stand 72

Vote Cruelty Free

Vote Cruelty Free is a coalition working to ensure animal issues are high on the political agenda. Visit our stand to see how to help make real change for animals. info@votecrueltyfree.org



Stand 160

Women Liberal Democrats

WLD exists to represent women within the party and works for changes to boost opportunities for women. Come and meet us on our stand.



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End SATs and league tables: give children time to learn



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We need assessment that is good for children,
good for teachers,
good for education *and*
good for communities.

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There should also be a national sampling test system to provide information about national standards in English, mathematics and science so that trends in performance can be monitored over time.



NAHT
The Association for all School Leaders

For more information go to
www.teachers.org.uk or www.naht.org.uk

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Conference fringe guide

Advertise in *Conference Extra* and *Conference Daily*

The official conference publications that get last-minute information to conference-goers.

Conference Extra – containing details of timings for conference sessions, amendments and emergency motions etc. – will be emailed to all party members and placed on the party website in the week before conference.

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BOURNEMOUTH

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS PARTY CONFERENCE
Saturday 19th – Wednesday 23rd September 2009

THE MAYOR OF BOURNEMOUTH
(Councillor Beryl Baxter)

on behalf of the Council has pleasure in inviting you to a

CIVIC WINE RECEPTION

Solent Hall, BIC, Bournemouth
Saturday 19th September 2009
5.30pm – 6.15pm



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Fringe venues

The official fringe meeting venues are the **Bournemouth International Centre (BIC)** and the **Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Bath, Royal Exeter, Connaught and Wessex** hotels. See *map of Bournemouth town centre* on **page 72** for locations of these and other fringe venues.

For entry to fringe events in the BIC, you must show a valid conference photo pass. For entry to fringe or training events in the other fringe hotels, you may be asked to show a valid conference photo pass or party membership card.

All fringe events listed in the official venues are wheelchair-accessible.

For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible. If you experience any access difficulties, please let the **Information Desk** know or make a comment on your **online feedback questionnaire**.

Key to fringe listings



Refreshments provided



Hearing loop provided



BSL signer provided



Members only



By invitation only



CENTREFORUM

the liberal think tank The best* events on the Bournemouth fringe

* Refreshments served at every meeting

Sat 19th 13.00-14.00
Dorchester 1 - Highcliff Marriott
British jobs for foreign workers: migration in a recession
Chris Hulme MP, Keith Best (Immigration Advisory Service), Bridget Anderson (COMPAS)
Sponsor: Barrow Cadbury Trust

Sat 19th 20.00-21.15
Dorchester 1 - Highcliff Marriott
After the Crunch: how do we beat poverty?
Steve Webb MP, Kate Green (Child Poverty Action Group), Paul Marshall (CentreForum)
Partners: Child Poverty Action Group, Fabian Society, Centre for Social Justice

Sat 19th 20.00-21.15
Shaftesbury - Highcliff Marriott
What a change of government might mean for education policy
David Laws MP, Prof Alan Smithers

Sun 20th 13.00-14.00
Bryanston - Highcliff Marriott
How entrenched are Labour's social reforms?
Steve Webb MP, Michael White (The Guardian, tbc), Charles Clarke MP (tbc), Julia Goldsworthy MP
Partner: Fabian Society

Sun 20th 18.15-19.30
Tregonwell - Royal Exeter Hotel
Can the G20 save globalisation?
Ed Davey MP, Steve Priddy (ACCA), John Willman (Financial Times, tbc)
Sponsor: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Sun 20th 20.00-21.15
Dorchester 1 - Highcliff Marriott
Economic growth or environmental protection: a false choice
Vince Cable MP, Graham Wynne (RSPB), Miles Templeman (Institute of Directors), Lord Wallace of Saltire
Sponsor: RSPB

Sun 20th 20.00-21.15
Shaftesbury - Highcliff Marriott
The recession and beyond: how do we deliver new homes?
Sarah Teather MP, Cllr Richard Kemp (LGA), Gideon Amos (Town and Country Planning Association), Kay Boycott (Shelter)
Sponsor: Shelter, Town and Country Planning Association

Mon 21st 07.45-09.00
Sherborne - Highcliff Marriott
Priorities for a new EU Parliament
Graham Watson MEP, Sharon Bowles MEP, Michael Izza (Institute of Chartered Accountants)
Sponsor: Institute of Chartered Accountants
By invitation only

Mon 21st 07.45-09.00
Shaftesbury - Highcliff Marriott
Can local primary care teams work more effectively for the patient?
Norman Lamb MP, Prof David Taylor (School of Pharmacy, University of London)
Sponsor: Alliance Boots

Mon 21st 13.00-14.00
Tregonwell Bar - BIC
A vision for energy: priorities for the next parliament
Simon Hughes MP, Barry Neville (Centrica), Dr Doug Parr (Greenpeace)
Sponsor: Centrica

Mon 21st 18.15-19.30
Sherborne - Highcliff Marriott
Crying out for protection: how reform can save children from abuse
Baroness Sue Garden, Floella Benjamin, Andrew Flanagan (NSPCC)
Sponsor: NSPCC

Mon 21st 18.15-19.30
Tregonwell - Royal Exeter Hotel
Keeping Britain moving: shaping better transport networks for business
John Thurso MP, David Frost (British Chamber of Commerce), James Hookham (Freight Transport Association)
Sponsor: Freight Transport Assoc.

Mon 21st 20.00-21.15
Tregonwell - Royal Exeter Hotel
Parental participation: making it work
David Laws MP, John Dunford (ASCL), Lord Clement-Jones
Sponsor: TreeHouse

Tue 22nd 07.45-09.00
Branksome BIC
Innovation out of recession
Jeremy Browne MP, Steven Udén (Microsoft)
Sponsor: Microsoft

Tue 22nd 09.15-10.15
Monet Room, Trouville
Environmental policy: why Europe must lead the way
Simon Hughes MP, Chris Davies MEP, David Norman (WWF), Richard Folland (JP Morgan), Zaki Cooper (Business for New Europe)
Sponsor: Business for New Europe

Tue 22nd 13.00-14.00
Bay View 1, BIC
What a minority or coalition government in Westminster would mean for politics and governance in the UK
Lord McNally, Peter Riddell (The Times), Sir Michael Bichard (Institute for Government), Jenny Randserson AM
Sponsor: Institute for Government

Tue 22nd 13.00-14.00
Bay View 2, BIC
Business and the recovery - what will the new British economy look like?
John Thurso MP, Simon Walker (BVCA), Neil Sherlock (KPMG)
Sponsor: BVCA, KPMG

Tue 22nd 18.15-19.30
Bryanston - Highcliff Marriott
Is Westminster dying?
Lord Ashdown of Norton sub Hamdon, Julian Astle (CentreForum)

Tue 22nd 18.15-19.30
Dorchester 2 - Highcliff Marriott
Britain's economic future: where now for the state and the market?
Vince Cable MP, Giles Wilkes (CentreForum), Anatole Kaletsky (The Times, tbc), Ian Mulheim (SMF)
Partner: Social Market Foundation



Conference fringe Saturday 19th September

Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

CentreForum and Barrow Cadbury Trust

British jobs for foreign workers: migration in a recession

Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Speakers: Bridget Anderson, Senior Researcher, Compass; Keith Best, CEO, Immigration Advisory Service; Chris Huhne MP.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



Liberal Democrat European Group

Liberal goals in the new European Parliament

Chair: George Dunk. Speaker: Andrew Duff MEP, Leader of the UK Liberal Democrat MEPs 2007–2009. Kindly supported by the Federal Union.

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar

Federal Policy Committee, Campaign for Gender Balance, Women Liberal Democrats

Real women, real lives: looking at the women's policy paper

Expert speakers discuss each of the areas covered in the women's policy paper. If you are interested in finding out more about the issues that will be debated, please come along!

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite

Participatory Budgeting Unit

Participatory budgeting: renewing democracy

Chair: Phil Teece, Programme Manager, PB Unit. Speakers tbc. An opportunity to hear and discuss how enabling local people to make decisions about spending public budgets can support community cohesion and build trust in democracy.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



Electoral Commission / LGiU

People power or the ivory tower

Chair: Jenny Watson, Electoral Commission. Speaker: Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGiU. How does the 2010 General Election affect you and your community?

Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite



Party training

Training events take place 09.15 to 17.30 in the Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Bath and Connaught hotels. For party members only. Free entry. For details see the *Training Brochure* or online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference.

Saturday fringe

Early evening 18.15 – 19.30

17.30 – 18.15

Civic Drinks Reception

Pre-Rally drinks reception - all representatives welcome

Kindly hosted by the Mayor of Bournemouth.

Bournemouth International Centre, Solent Hall



18.30 – 19.30

Conference Rally

The Liberal Democrats: Ready to Win

Sarah Teather MP will comper the last Autumn Conference Rally before the Election. Nick Clegg MP will be joined by Charles Kennedy MP, TV personality and campaigner Floella Benjamin, and PPC for Birmingham Perry Barr Karen Hamilton, to set out why only the Liberal Democrats can deliver a different, better Britain.

Bournemouth International Centre, Windsor Hall



Passenger Focus

Weighing it up: do passengers need government more or less involved in bus and rail services?

Speakers include: Colin Foxall, Chair, Passenger Focus; Norman Baker MP; Jo Kay, Network Rail; James Duncan, Bournemouth Borough Council.

Note: this event will start at 18.00 and end at 21.00

Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite



Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

CentreForum, Child Poverty Action Group, Centre for Social Justice and Fabians

After the crunch: how do we beat poverty?

Chair: Paul Marshall, CentreForum. Speakers: Kate Green, CEO, CPAG; Charlotte Pickles, CSJ; Steve Webb MP.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



CentreForum

What a change of government might mean for education policy

Chair: Julian Astle, CentreForum. Speakers: David Laws MP; Professor Alan Smithers.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



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FOCUS on Conference

Labour slip to worst local election results for years and become the third party of Local Government in England - just 9% of county councillors are now Labour!

When you win, we win!

Our councillors and our campaigning are the lifeblood of the party. Thank you for all your work and your effort. Here are just a few of the victories from this last year . . .

Saturday fringe



FOCUS DIARY

SATURDAY

ALDC Annual General Meeting
8pm, Sherborne Suite,
Marriott Highcliff
All welcome

SUNDAY

ALDC Members Reception
1pm, Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Be a Councillor
1pm, Bryanston Suite, Wessex Hotel

Will the Bus get you back to work?
8pm, Clifton Suite, Hermitage Hotel

MONDAY

Reclaiming the Green Agenda
8pm, Dorchester 1,
Marriott Highcliff

THE Local Government Reception
10pm to late, Bryanston Suite,
Marriott Highcliff

TUESDAY

Local Council = Local Parliament
6.15pm, Mirabelle Suite, De Vere
Royal Bath Hotel

Winning against the Far Right
8pm, Sherborne Suite,
Marriott Highcliff

Next Generation Reception
8.30pm, Purbeck Suite,
Wessex Hotel

Come and see us at our stands

The Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors (ALDC) are stand 127 (with the IDeA) and the LGA Lib Dem Group are just opposite at stand 142.

We are both in the Solent Hall please do come along and have a chat with a member of the team - we want to hear about your work and successes.



Broadcaster and comedienne Sandi Toksvig was a special guest speaker at the Liberal Democrat LGA group meeting in Harrogate - where she called on the party to support getting more women elected as local councillors.

Working for local councillors all year round and not just at election time



Conference fringe Saturday 19th September continued

Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

ALDC's annual general meeting

Have your say at ALDC's annual general meeting followed by the first ever *Campaigner Awards* for local campaign literature. First prize £500. Drinks sponsored by Midshires and RISO.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



Lib Dem Muslims Forum

Turkey's road map for peace? An historic opportunity!

Speakers: Emrullah Cin, DTP Mayor of Viransehir; Akif Wan, KNC. A Road Map for Peace is announced. Can UK and EU play the key role to achieve lasting peace for the Kurds in Turkey? Check *Conference Daily* for more speakers.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1

LibDemVoice.org

Campaigning after Rennard

Key party campaigners outline their vision of how the party will continue to win elections after Lord Rennard stands down. Find out more at www.libdemvoice.org

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2

East of England Liberal Democrats

East of England reception and book signing by Andrew Duff MEP

Join parliamentarians, regional assembly members and party officers, councillors and members from the East of England for wine, light bites and a book signing by Andrew Duff MEP. Supported by ALDE and EERA Lib Dem Group.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught Suite



Green Liberal Democrats

AGM

Event to include committee reports, elections and briefing session on the conference agenda's environmental issues.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



Saturday fringe

Late evening 21.45 – 23.00

Federal Conference Committee

New to conference?

Unsure what Federal Conference is all about? Anyone unfamiliar with conference is invited to join us for a drink at this session aimed at helping you get the most out of your first – and subsequent! – visits.

Note: this event will end at 22.30

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



National Pure Water Association

Compulsory mass medication: where do you stand?

Chair: Ian Packington, co-Vice Chair, NPWA. Speaker: Stephen Peckham, Reader in Health Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



"Can kids ignore how Mum and Dad get on? Can we?"

Sunday 20 September
1-2pm Marriott Highcliff Hotel
Yeovil Suite

Deidre Sanders, Agony Aunt, The Sun

Annette Brooke MP

Claire Tyler, CEO Relate

Duncan Fisher, Kids in the Middle campaign



kids in the middle

HOMES FOR TOMORROW

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR HOUSING POLICY

Sunday 20th Sep 2009, 18.15-19.30
Bayview 2, Bournemouth
International Centre

Housing
Futures
Network

Chair: **Peter Hetherington**
The Guardian

Speakers: **Sarah Teather MP**
Liberal Democrat Housing Spokesperson

Dr Tim Leunig
LSE

Cllr Richard Kemp
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, LGA
Housing Futures Network Representative



Working in 21st Century Schools: The Workforce Guarantee

The workforce is at the heart of the delivery of the education service and plays a fundamental role in delivering the political vision for all schools. Join the NASUWT and UNISON in a debate on whether, in a political environment in which guarantees are being offered to parents and pupils, there should be a guarantee for the workforce.

Sunday 20 September 13:00-14:00

Branksome Suite, BIC

Speakers:

Shadow Minister for Children, Schools and Families (*tbc*)

Chris Keates, General Secretary, NASUWT

Christina McAnea, National Secretary UNISON Education and Children's Services

Buffet provided



Beyond the General Election: The Future of State Education

Public services are destined to be a key issue at the next General Election. Join the NASUWT and ASCL in debating the future of state education.

Monday 21 September 18:15-19:30

Connaught One, Connaught Hotel

Speakers:

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

John Dunford, General Secretary, ASCL

Chris Keates, General Secretary, NASUWT

Buffet provided



For more information, please visit the NASUWT on Stand 52 at Bournemouth International Centre.



Conference fringe Sunday 20th September continued

Morning 07.15 – 08.30

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning praise: character

The first in a series of morning praise events looking at the importance of character.

Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45
Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2

Party training

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Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

Charities Aid Foundation

The charity question time

Chair: David Brindle, *Society Guardian*. Speakers: Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Third Sector Minister; Dr John Low, CAF.

Bournemouth International Centre,
Bayview 1



All-Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group

Our rail network – what is the future for tram / train?

Chair: Paul Rowen MP. Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Councillor Keith Whitmore; Giles Thomas, Network Rail; Richard Montagu, Alstom.

Bournemouth International Centre,
Bayview 2



NASUWT and UNISON

Working in 21st Century schools: the workforce guarantee

Speakers: Shadow Minister for Children, Schools and Families (tbc); Chris Keates, General Secretary, NASUWT; Christina McAnea, National Secretary, UNISON Education and Children's Services.

Bournemouth International Centre,
Branksome Suite



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Visit us at stand 34



Getting through the worst: what can be done to protect those in greatest need?

Sunday 20 September, 1pm–2pm, Tregonwell Room, the Bournemouth International Centre

- **Olly Grender**, (invited)
- **Dr Vince Cable MP**, Shadow Chancellor (invited)
- **Clr Richard Kemp**, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrats



Refreshments provided

Citizens Advice 70th anniversary drinks reception

Sunday 20 September, 6.15pm–7.30pm,
Harry's Bar, Highcliff Marriott

- **With a very special guest**

Refreshments provided

Sunday
fringe

Food and drink. Sign language interpreter.

London: Getting Britain back on track

Norman Baker MP - Shadow Transport Secretary (invited)
Caroline Pidgeon AM - London Assembly Transport Committee
Chair: **Vernon Everitt** - Transport for London

Sunday 20 September - 1:00-2:00pm

Venue - Dorchester I, Marriot Highcliff

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Transport for London



A fresh start for Britain
Choosing a different, better future



DEMOS Liberal Democrat Party Conference

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

13.00–14.00 **Wessex Hotel** / Wessex Suite

Good Company: Can social enterprise build a more sustainable and ethical economy?

Phillip Collins, The Times (Chair); Danny Alexander MP; Claire Dove, Social Enterprise Coalition



18.15–19.30 **Connaught Hotel** / Priory 1

Lean Government: How to make cuts without wounding low earners

Jenni Russell, The Guardian (Chair); Jeremy Browne MP; Clive Cowdery, Resolution Foundation; Jamie Bartlett, Demos



18.15–19.30 **De Vere Royal Bath Hotel** / Bay View

Will a youth civic service fix Britain's teenagers?

Deborah Orr, The Independent (Chair – TBC); Lynne Featherstone MP; Shaks Ghosh, Private Equity Foundation; Sonia Sodha, Demos



MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

13.00–14.00 **Wessex Hotel** / Bryanston Suite

Putting the Us in Business: What role can empowered employees play in the new economy?

Richard Reeves, Demos (Chair); Julia Goldsworthy MP; Stefan Stern, Financial Times; Margaret Elliott, Director, Sunderland Home Care Associates

John Lewis Partnership

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

8.00–9.00 **Royal Exeter Hotel** / Tregonwell Suite

The Demos Power Debate

Vince Cable MP in conversation with Richard Reeves, Demos



13.00–14.00 **Premier Inn Bournemouth Central** / Connect 1

Supernanny State: Can we teach good parenting?

Richard Reeves, Demos (Chair); Annette Brooke MP; Penelope Leach, author and parenting policy expert; Stephen Scott, National Academy of Parenting Practitioners; Emma-Jane Cross, Beatbullying



Sunday fringe



Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy, LGA and GLD

Britain's future energy needs: how to get your community to achieve energy-saving lifestyles
If you are a Councillor or PPC and are interested in attending please contact the GLD chair:
green-ld@hotmail.com.
Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite



Tim Farron MP with the English Candidates Office

You're the target: what now?

Speakers: Tim Farron MP and others. You've done so well in 2010 that you are now a target seat! What will be expected of you – the PPC and the constituency organisation – and how can you prepare for the impact this will have?
Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite



Federal Conference Committee / Conference Access Group

Conference Access Forum
This is your chance to help improve disability access at future conferences. Join in an informal discussion and tell us – what else can be done?
Bournemouth International Centre, President's Suite



Citizens Advice

Getting through the worst: what can be done to protect those in greatest need
Chair: Olly Grender (invited). Speakers: Vince Cable MP (invited); Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrats; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; Richard Jenkins, Experian.
Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar



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Lost in transition:

helping the UK's 1 million unemployed young people

Sunday 20 September 2009

1.00-2pm

Shaftesbury Suite,
Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Bournemouth

David Laws MP Shadow Children, Schools and Families Secretary

Martin Narey Chief Executive, Barnardo's

Kay Allen Royal Mail Group Ltd.

Followed by Q&A.

Fish and chip lunch and refreshments provided.

Believe in children



Barnardo's

www.barnardos.org.uk

Barnardo's Reg Charity Nos. 216250 & SC037605 11581kb09



Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

The Smith Institute and Wm. Morrison Supermarkets

Feeding Britain

Speakers: Tim Farron MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Lord Whitty, Chair, Consumer Focus; Richard Taylor, Director of Corporate Affairs, Wm. Morrison Supermarkets.
Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite



The College of Occupational Therapists and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers

Supporting independent living in an ageing society

A roundtable discussion surrounding the way in which Occupational Therapists can assist the cared-for and their carers to enjoy life more independently. By invitation only: contact greg.stafford@cot.co.uk
Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Suite (Main Room)



Keep libel laws out of science, a Sense about Science campaign

Defending free speech – keep libel laws out of science

Chair: Prateek Buch. Speakers: Dr Evan Harris MP; Dr Ben Goldacre; Nick Cohen; Tracey Brown.
Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3



CentreForum and Fabian Society

How entrenched are Labour's social reforms?

Chair: Michael White, *The Guardian* (tbc). Speakers: Charles Clarke MP (tbc); Julia Goldsworthy MP; Steve Webb MP.
Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



Transport for London

London: getting Britain back on track

Chair: Vernon Everitt, Transport for London. Speakers: Kulveer Ranger, Mayor of London's office; others tbc.
Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



End Fuel Poverty Campaign

Fuel poverty – how do we get it off the back burner?

Speakers: Ed Mayo; Simon Hughes MP (invited); Kate Green; Ed Matthew; Patrick South.
Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



Liberal Vision

Moats, mortgages and mayhem: the expenses scandal

Come and join the discussion about the biggest political scandal of the year. How has it changed the attitudes of the electorate? Have the Lib Dems done enough to put our own house in order? Speakers tbc.
Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite

Barnardo's

Lost in transition: helping the UK's 1 million unemployed young people

Speakers: David Laws MP; Martin Narey, Chief Executive, Barnardo's; Kay Allen, Royal Mail Group.
Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



Kids in the Middle

Can kids ignore how mum and dad get on? Can we?

Speakers: Deirdre Sanders, *The Sun*; Annette Brooke MP; Claire Tyler, Relate; Duncan Fisher, Kids in the Middle.
Highcliff Marriott, Yeovil Suite



Liberal Democrat European Group and the European Movement

Can pro-Europeans win elections? 2009, 2010 and 2014

Chair: Antony Hook. Speakers: Graham Watson MEP, European Liberal Democrats Leader 2002–09; Willie Rennie MP, Vice-Chair, '09 Euro Campaign; Catherine Bearder MEP, newly elected; Chris Davies MEP.
Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1

The Foreign Policy Centre and KPMG

Liberal Democrats, internationalism and the general election

Chair: Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator, *The Independent*. Speaker: Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP, Ex-Leader, President of the European Movement and UK Vice-President of Liberal International.
Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2



Global Campaign for Education

One goal: education for all by 2015 – where to from here?

Speaker: Michael Moore MP; other speakers tbc.
Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge

The Smith Institute, King Sturge LLP and Eversheds

Regeneration in a downturn – a different future?

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government Minister; Dr Nicholas Falk, URBED (Urban and Economic Development), London; Andrew Ludiman, Partner, King Sturge LLP; Stephen Sorrell, Partner, Eversheds.
Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli Suite



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Conference diary pullout

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

Pencil in 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.

The conference sessions will take place in the morning or afternoon and in the order as listed. The precise times will be published in *Conference Extra* and in *Conference Daily*.

Conference diary Saturday 19th September

Morning 10.00 – 12.30:

Consultative Sessions:

Disability Issues – An Enabling Society?; Localism; Quality of Life

Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon 14.20 – 17.20:

Formal Opening of Conference

Report: Federal Conference Committee

Report: Federal Policy Committee

Policy Motion: *Real Women* (Women Policy Paper)

Policy Discussion: Campaigning on the Environment

Welcome drinks

Conference Rally

Evening fringe



During conference week, we will be tweeting live from the auditorium.

For updates on who's speaking, when agenda items are about to start and how conference has voted, follow us at:

www.twitter.com/LibDemConf

Your views are important to us!

Conference feedback questionnaires will no longer be available in hard copy. Instead, following conference, reps will be emailed a link to an online questionnaire.

For those reps who don't have access to the internet, a PC will be available at the Information Desk for you to give your feedback onsite. Please ask at the Information Desk for a login code.

Please take the time to complete the questionnaire as your answers provide important information that helps us to improve conference.



Conference diary Sunday 20th September

Morning fringe
Morning 09.00 – 12.40: Report: Campaign for Gender Balance Report: Diversity and Equality Group Policy Motion: The Future of Devolution Presentation: Liberal Democrat Group on Kingston-upon-Thames Borough Council Speech: Norman Lamb MP Policy Motion: <i>Thriving in a Globalised World – A Strategy for Britain</i> (Domestic Responses to Globalisation Policy Paper) Speech: Edward Davey MP
Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00
Afternoon 14.20 – 18.00: Speech: Tavish Scott MSP Q&A Session: Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats Policy Motion: Standing Up for Civil Liberties Policy Discussion: Privacy Commission Policy Motion: Tidal Solution – The Way Forward
Evening fringe

Conference diary Monday 21st September

Morning fringe
Morning 09.00 – 12.40: Policy Motion: Parliamentary Expenses Presentation: Liberal Democrat Group on Leeds City Council Policy Motion: Demanding the Truth on Torture Speech: Tim Farron MP Q&A Session: Crime Policy Speech: Dr Vincent Cable MP
Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00
Afternoon 14.20 – 18.00: Policy Motion: Development in a Downturn Speech: Sarah Teather MP Policy Motion: <i>Our Natural Heritage</i> (Natural Environment Policy Paper) Policy Motion: Reaffirming the Military Covenant Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee Business Motion: Membership Subscriptions and Federal Levy
Evening fringe



Conference diary Tuesday 22nd September

Morning fringe
Morning 09.00 – 12.40: Emergency Motion or Topical Issue Policy Motion: Rail Franchises Speech: Baroness Scott of Needham Market Policy Motion: <i>A Fresh Start for Britain: Choosing a Different, Better Future</i>
Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00
Afternoon 14.20 – 18.00: Policy Motion: Child Protection Speech: Chris Huhne MP Policy Motion: Energy and Climate Change Q&A Session: The Economy Report: Federal Executive Constitutional Amendment: Nomination of Presidential candidates Amendments to Election Regulations
Evening fringe

Conference diary Wednesday 23rd September

Morning fringe
Morning 09.00 – 12.40: Emergency Motion or Topical Issue Reports: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats Policy Motion: The Policing of Protest Speech: Lynne Featherstone MP Policy Motion: <i>Are We Being Served?</i> (Consumer Policy Paper)
Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00
Afternoon 14.30 – 16.00 (approx.): Party Awards Speech: Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Nick Clegg MP

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Diary



Conference timetable 2010

Spring Conference: Friday 12th – Sunday 14th March 2010 Birmingham

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	Monday 4th January 2010
Motions deadline	Wednesday 13th January 2010
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	Tuesday 23rd February 2010
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	Tuesday 9th March 2010

Autumn Conference: Saturday 18th – Wednesday 22nd September 2010 Liverpool

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	Wednesday 16th June 2010
Motions deadline	Wednesday 30th June 2010
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	Tuesday 24th August 2010
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	Tuesday 7th September 2010

Exhibition, Sponsorship and Fringe

Exhibition

The diverse and vibrant exhibition provides reps with the opportunity to find out more about the services and activities of participating organisations. Whether it's health checks, a game of political coconut shy, a chance to test one's strength, or advice on the switch-over to digital (to name but a few!), there's something of interest to everyone in the exhibition halls.

Sponsorship

Conference features a wide range of unique opportunities for sponsorship. Lanyards, conference bags, stewards' uniforms, receptions and the Internet café are just a few of the sponsorship options available to organisations who want to bring their brand to the attention of the Liberal Democrats.

For more information on exhibition and sponsorship, please contact **Carol Caruana, Commercial and Exhibition Manager, 020 7227 1323, carol.caruana@libdems.org.uk.**

Fringe

A dynamic line-up of fringe events at conference sees a huge range of animated discussions taking place around the clock. The fringe gives reps the opportunity to mingle with MPs, Peers and other leading party members, attend receptions and take part in a series of lively debates. Sometimes controversial, never dull, there is always food for thought in the fringe programme.

For more information on hosting your own fringe event, please contact **Siân Jenkins, Assistant Conference Organiser, 020 7227 1348, sian.jenkins@libdems.org.uk.**



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Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

Vote for Change

Vote for Change – electoral reform rally

Chris Huhne MP and other leading speakers turn up the heat on the government to give the people their say on voting reform. Vote For Change is the cross-party public campaign for a referendum.

Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite



Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats

Reflecting Britain: forum on increasing ethnic minority representation within the party

Chair: Cllr Nader Fekri. Speakers: tbc.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Restaurant 1812



Brussels & Europe Local Party in association with Peace & Security Group

Global governance for a peaceful world – how can we get it?

Global problems require global solutions. But without a system of global politics, how can the world find solutions which are fair and just and which bring us the peace we need? Food, soft drinks and wine provided.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



Badenoch & Clark / Jo Swinson MP

Wellbeing: a real recovery from recession?

Chair: Jo Swinson MP. Speakers: Martin Horwood MP; Professor Rachel Jenkins; Neil Wilson, Badenoch & Clark. Can we reshape our economy to focus less on GDP and more on improving well-being? Free chocolate.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 1

Lib Dems' Agents' & Organisers' Association

Agents Manual 2009 launch and AGM

The all new *General Election Agents' Manual* – fully revised and updated for 2010 – is ready! Come and hear about the changes, which will affect *your* campaign, with Editor and Agents' Association President, Candy Piercy.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Be a councillor

Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP (tbc); Cllr Laura Willoughby, London Councils; Steve Hitchins, Leadership Centre. Promoting your community or becoming a councillor – we all need diversity and talented candidates to stand.

Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite



ALTER: Action for Land Taxation and Economic Reform

Book launch: The Case for a New People's Budget

Chair: Tony Vickers. Speaker: Chris Huhne MP; with authors of essays reflecting on 1909's famous Liberal Budget and looking forward to another one – attacking poverty, restoring enterprise.

Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite

Demos in partnership with the Social Enterprise Coalition

Can social enterprise build a more sustainable economy?

Chair: Richard Reeves, Director, Demos. Speakers: Danny Alexander MP; Claire Dove, Social Enterprise Coalition.

Wessex Hotel, Wessex Suite



Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

ALDC members' reception 'Community commitment in the crunch'

ALDC welcomes the leader and deputy leader, Nick Clegg MP and Vince Cable MP, to our annual reception. Can business honour its community commitment in the lean years? Refreshments sponsored by the Co-operative Group.

Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite



Sunday fringe



The grey economy – how are the over-50s weathering the recession?

Steve Webb MP

Rachel Vahey, AEGON UK

Patrick South, Age Concern and Help the Aged

6.15–7.15pm, Sunday 20 September

Shaftesbury Suite, Marriot Highcliff
Buffet and refreshments provided



Making social care the big election issue

Norman Lamb MP (invited)

Imelda Redmond, Chief Executive, Carers UK

Chair: Yvonne Roberts, writer, journalist and Senior Associate, Young Foundation

1–2pm, Monday 21 September

Bayview Suite 1, Bournemouth International Centre
Buffet lunch provided



Age Concern England (charity number 261794) has merged with Help the Aged (charity number 272786) to form Age UK, registered charity number 1128267.



Sunday fringe

PARTNERSHIP & INNOVATION

BBC at the Liberal Democrat Party Conference

Visit our stand **Solent Hall 74** to see *The World at One* and *PM* broadcast live. See Democracy Live, the new politics portal, find out more about the BBC Archive collections and hear how the BBC is engaging with the debate around Digital Britain.

BBC fringe events – refreshments will be available

BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* fringe debate

Public Services – A New Beginning?

Martha Kearney chairs a panel including a senior MP, Lord Digby Jones and Ed Fordham PPC. Highlights will be broadcast.

Date: Sunday 20 September, 18.15–19.30

Venue: De Vere Suite, De Vere Royal Bath Hotel

BBC and Reform fringe

Digital Britain: white paper or white noise?

Speakers: Don Foster MP and a senior BBC executive

Date: Tuesday 22 September, 13.00–14.00

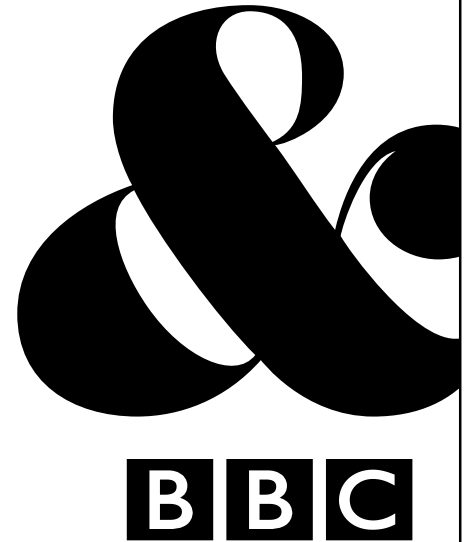
Venue: Wessex Suite, Wessex Hotel

BBC Democracy Live – Politics that Affect You

Speakers: Mark Byford, Deputy Director-General, BBC and Nick Robinson, Political Editor, BBC

Date: Tuesday 22 September, 18.15–19.30

Venue: Sherbourne Suite, Marriott Highcliff Hotel



stand up for education:

Liberal Democrat education policy – a fair chance for all?

Sunday 20th September
6.15 pm - 7.30 pm
Dorchester Suite 1
Marriott Highcliff

Speakers:

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|---------------------|--|
| David Laws MP | Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families |
| Stephen Williams MP | Shadow Innovation, Universities and Skills Secretary |
| Christine Blower | NUT General Secretary |
| Sally Hunt | UCU General Secretary |

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Early evening 18.15 – 19.30

Housing Futures Network

Homes for tomorrow: new directions for housing policy

Chair: Peter Hetherington, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Housing Minister; Dr Tim Leunig, LSE; Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, LGA. Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 2



BECTU and the National Union of Journalists

Digital Britain: attack on the BBC?

Chair: Gerry Morrissey, BECTU. Speakers include: Don Foster, Shadow DCMS Secretary (tbc); the BBC. Plans to top-slice the licence fee risk the BBC's independence. What future for public service broadcasting? Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite



Liberal Democrats for Drug Policy Reform

What can be gained from thoughtful drug policy reform?

Speakers include Danny Kushlick of the Transform Drug Policy Foundation; others to be confirmed. Would bringing the drugs trade under strict regulatory controls improve society, save billions and win votes? Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite



The Refugee Council

Communication asylum in the General Election

Chair: Neil Serlock. Speakers: Fiyaz Mughal OBE, advisor to Nick Clegg MP on extremism and community cohesion; Donna Covey, Chief Executive, the Refugee Council. Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite



The Smith Institute and Asthma UK supported by Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd

Can we fund tomorrow's NHS?

Dr John Pugh MP, Shadow Treasury Minister; Rosie Newbigging, Executive Director Nations, Regions and Services, Asthma UK; Dr Anna Dixon, Head of Policy, The King's Fund; Senior Rep, Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite



National Union of Teachers / University and College Union

Stand up for education

Speakers: David Laws MP; Stephen Williams MP; Christine Blower, NUT; Sally Hunt, UCU. Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



Citizens Advice

70th anniversary drinks reception

Special guest to cut our birthday cake at the start of the reception. Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



APA / ACPO / PSA

The thin blue line: building public confidence in policing

Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Home Secretary; Sir Hugh Orde, Incoming President, Association of Chief Police Officers; Ian Johnston, President, Police Superintendents' Association. Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



Age Concern and Help the Aged with AEGON UK

The grey economy – how are the over-50s weathering the recession?

Speakers: Steve Webb MP; Rachel Vahey, AEGON UK; Patrick South, Age Concern and Help the Aged. Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



The Co-operative Group

Pressure groups engage young people more than party politics

Chair: The Co-operative Group. Speakers: UKYCC; Institute for Citizenship; Streetgames; Hull City Council. Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



Transport and General Workers Union, Parliamentary Staff Branch

Working with MPs for fair and funded Parliamentary internships

Drinks reception for all hard-working staff of Liberal Democrat MPs. Dan Whittle, Chair of the Parliamentary Staff Branch, will speak alongside another speaker tbc. Highcliff Marriott, Yeovil Suite

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Privacy law: a rogue's charter?

Chair: Alistair Webster QC. Speakers: Desmond Browne QC, Chairman of the Bar; Katie Ghose, Director British Institute of Human Rights. Is a legal right to privacy desirable or dangerous? Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



Liberal Democrats Training Task Group

Training: reaching out and drawing in

Speakers: Baroness Scott; Hilary Stephenson. New ideas from the party's new Capability Board, lessons from the Obama campaign, and a taster for the late autumn Election Planning Workshops. Wine and nibbles.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2



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Early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

Sunday fringe

RSPCA

RSPCA beer and curry night

Join the RSPCA for this now infamous event – enjoy a higher welfare meat (or vegetarian) curry and chat about the key animal welfare issues of the day. Speaker: Roger Williams MP.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Gallery Suite



Demos in partnership with the Private Equity Foundation

Would a youth civic service fix Britain's teenagers?

Chair: Deborah Orr, columnist, *The Independent*.

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP; Shaks Ghosh, Chief Executive, Private Equity Foundation; Sonia Sodha, Head of Capabilities Programme, Demos.

Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



BBC Radio 4 The World at One fringe debate

Public services – a new beginning?

Chair: Martha Kearney. Speakers: Lord Digby Jones; Ed Fordham, PPC; a senior Lib Dem MP.

Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite



RSA, Ipsos MORI, 2020 Public Services Trust

Public services: what would you cut?

Speakers: Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor; Matthew Taylor, CE, RSA; Gideon Skinner, Ipsos Mori; Robert Chote, Director, IFS.

Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite



Shaw Trust

Can the Liberal Democrats get the UK working again?

Chair: David Brindle, Public Services Editor, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Paul Rowen MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions; Stuart Knowles, Executive Director of Employment, Shaw Trust.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



North West Liberal Democrats

Regional Reception

Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport; Heidi Mottram, Managing Director, Northern Rail; Cllr Keith Whitmore, Chair, GMITA. All North West Region delegates welcome. Sponsored by Northern Rail.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome



CentreForum and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Can the G20 save globalisation?

Chair: Giles Wilkes, CentreForum. Speakers: Edward Davey MP; Steve Priddy, ACCA; John Willman, *Financial Times* (tbc).

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT)

Children at risk – what should be the role of the state?

Speakers: Annette Brooke, MP for Mid Dorset & North Poole, Shadow Minister for Children, Young People and Families; John Hemming MP, Birmingham Yardley; Kevin Williams, Chief Executive, TACT.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 1



UK Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology

Gender equality practices and policies

Recognising gender equality and diversity strategies within any organisation is vital for the UK to remain ahead in science, engineering and technology. Join the UK's experts to debate gender equality practices within these.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 2

Liberal Democrat History Group

A delicate balance

Holding the balance of power offers opportunities and threats. Martin Pugh (1920s), Lord McNally (Lib-Lab Pact, 1970s) and David Laws MP (Scottish Parliament, 1999) discuss the Liberal record. Supported by *The Guardian*.

Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite

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**Public Services:
What would you
cut?**



De Vere Royal Bath Hotel,
Gladstone Suite
Sunday 20th September, 18.15-19.30

Confirmed speakers:

- **Vince Cable:** Liberal Democrat Treasury Spokesman
- **Matthew Taylor:** Chief Executive of the RSA
- **Gideon Skinner:** Ipsos Mori
- **Robert Chote:** Director IFS

RSA

Ipsos MORI

2020 Public Services Trust

at the RSA



Conference fringe Sunday 20th September continued

Early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

Demos in partnership with the Resolution Foundation

How to make cuts without wounding low earners

Chair: Jenni Russell, writer and commentator, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Clive Cowdery, Chair, Resolution Foundation; Jamie Bartlett, Demos.
Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



Park Communications and Liberal Democrats Campaigns Department

Park Communications and Campaigns Department reception

Speakers: Hilary Stephenson, Director of Campaigns, Liberal Democrats; Heath Mason, CEO, Park Communications. An informal meet and greet, with a few words from Heath and Hilary, and a glass or two...
Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite



The Foreign Policy Centre, World Vision and UNICEF UK

Prevention over cure? True cost of improving global health

Chair: Lord Roberts of Llandudno. Speakers: Rt Hon. Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, International Development Committee; Baroness Northover; Robyn Hunter, BBC News; Sue Mbaya, World Vision; David Bull, UNICEF UK.
Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite



Liberal Democrats Peace & Security Group

Useless, expensive and dangerous

Chair: David Grace. Speaker: Kate Hudson, Chair, CND.
Do we need an alternative to Trident?
Wessex Hotel, Wessex Suite

Sunday fringe

media partner



Liberal Democrats Party Conference Bournemouth 2009

Debating the future for UK cities
- from recession to recovery

Venue: Trouville Hotel, 5-7 Priory Road,
Bournemouth BH2 5DH - adjacent to the secure zone

Sunday 20 September



- 19:30 – 20:30** **Cities Question Time: Urban Hub's flagship event on the future of UK cities**
Chair: **Baroness Ros Scott** (Liberal Democrat Party President) Speakers: **Julia Goldsworthy MP** (Shadow Communities & Local Government Secretary) **Clr Warren Bradley** (Leader, Liverpool City Council) **Clr Carl Minns** (Leader, Hull City Council)
- 20:30 – 22:00** **Urban Hub Launch Reception – invite only**
Speakers: **Lord McNally** (invited) (Liberal Democrat Leader, House of Lords) **Clr Warren Bradley** (Leader, Liverpool City Council) **Barbara Janke** (Leader, Bristol City Council) **Clr Carl Minns** (Leader, Hull City Council) **Clr John Shipley** (Leader, Newcastle City Council)

Monday 21 September



- 08:00 – 09:00** **Developing a Manifesto for Londoners – invite only**
Speakers: **Vince Cable MP** (Deputy Leader & Shadow Chancellor) **Clr Sean Brennan** (Vice Chair, London Councils) **Lord Tope CBE**
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Generating investment for a sustainable economy**
Speakers: **Jeremy Browne MP** (invited) (Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury) **Julia Goldsworthy MP** (invited) (Shadow Communities & Local Government Secretary) **Clr Warren Bradley** (Leader, Liverpool City Council) **Chris Murray** (Director, Core Cities Group)
- 18:15 – 19:15** **Job City Plus: why cities hold the key to tackling unemployment**
Speakers: **John Barrett MP** (invited) (Shadow Work & Pensions Minister) **Prof John Philpott** (Chief Economist, CIPD) **Dave Simmonds** (Chief Executive, CESI) **Will Hutton** (Executive Vice-Chair, The Work Foundation) **Emma Reynolds** (Government Affairs Manager, Tesco)

Tuesday 22 September



- 13:00 – 14:00** **Tomorrow's city economies: where will the new jobs come from?**
Chair: **Dermot Finch** (Director, Centre for Cities) Speakers: **Phil Willis MP** (Chair, Innovation, Universities, Science & Skills Select Committee) **Clr Warren Bradley** (Leader, Liverpool City Council) **Simon Hughes MP** (Shadow Energy & Climate Change Secretary) **Bob Challacombe** (Regional Director Midlands Wales & West, Openreach)
- 18:15 – 19:15** **The Rise of the YIMBY: can Government incentivise development?**
Chair: **Dermot Finch** (Director, Centre for Cities) Speakers: **Dan Rogerson MP** (Shadow Communities & Local Government Minister) **Ruth Reed** (President, RIBA) **Dr Tim Leunig** (Reader of Economic History, LSE) **Clr John Shipley** (invited) (Leader, Newcastle Council)

For the latest Urban Hub speakers, news and events go to www.urban-hub.org/lib-dem



Leader's Fringe Events

Imagining New Britain: Forging a New National Identity

Anger and fear generated by the recession and the political crisis threaten community cohesion across Britain. Progressives have a duty to reclaim the national identity as a unifying force in these difficult times. Nick Clegg and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown will discuss the steps we now need take to foster new inclusive ideas about what it means to be British in a multicultural society.

DATE: Sunday 20 September 2009

TIME: 20:00-21:00

VENUE: De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel

Speakers: Nick Clegg MP and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

Kindly Hosted and Sponsored by ASDA

Welcome by Bernard Hughes (Head of Government Affairs, ASDA)



Leadership in a Global Age: The Economy, The Environment and Globalisation

A conversational fringe with Nick Clegg and leading expert on Economic Globalisation and Sustainability Professor Noreena Hertz, on how Britain can rebuild a greener, fairer economy and why the Liberal Democrats are the party to do it.

DATE: Monday 21 September 2009

TIME: 13.00-14.00

VENUE: Gallery Suite, Premier Inn

Chair: Steve Richards (The Independent)

Speakers: Nick Clegg MP and Noreena Hertz

Part of the Climate Clinic events series



The Liberty Fringe: Common Values and Liberal Democracy

Nick Clegg in conversation with Shami Chakrabarti.

DATE: Tuesday 22 September 2009

TIME: 13.00-14.00

VENUE: De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel

Speakers: Nick Clegg and Shami Chakrabarti

Kindly sponsored and hosted by Liberty



Conference fringe Sunday 20th September continued

Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

Urban Hub

Cities question time: flagship event

Speakers: Baroness Ros Scott, Party President; Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Cllr Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool City Council; Cllr Carl Minns, Leader, Hull City Council.

Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 20.30
Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite

CentreForum and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Economic growth or environmental choice: a false choice

Chair: Lord Wallace of Saltaire. Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Miles Templeman, Director General, Institute of Directors; Graham Wynne, CEO, RSPB.
Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



Nuclear Industry Association

New nuclear: building the low-carbon future

Discussing the impacts of new nuclear – local implications, jobs and opportunities.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



NLGN supported by British Gas

Drinks reception: tackling climate change in our communities

Speaker: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Local communities play a key role in reducing carbon emissions and promoting energy efficiency. Join us to hear how NLGN's Innovation Network of councils are at the forefront tackling this issue.

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



CentreForum, Shelter and the Town and Country Planning Association

The recession and beyond: how do we deliver new homes?

Speakers: Gideon Amos, CEO, TCPA; Kay Boycott, Communications Director, Shelter; Cllr Richard Kemp; Sarah Teather MP.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



Liberal Democrat Friends of Kashmir (LDFK)

Kashmir – the way forward

Chair: Qassim Afzal, Parliamentary Spokesman, Manchester Gorton. Speakers: Paul Rowen MP for Rochdale; HE Wajid Shamsul Hasan, the High Commissioner for Pakistan; leading Kashmir Minister (tbc); Simon Hughes MP (tbc).

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



The Chard Group (1992)

The railways – public v private?

Speakers: Lembit Öpik MP; other parliamentarian speakers to be confirmed.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2

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Sunday fringe

New nuclear: part of the solution

Sunday 20 September 8:00pm

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2 Suite

The UK is seeing ongoing progress along the road towards nuclear new build.

What are the implications for your community?
What jobs and opportunities will nuclear bring?
How will this be affected by policy?



Join us for a lively discussion, buffet and wine.

Tackling climate change in our communities

Supported by **British Gas** 8.00-9.15pm Sunday 20th September
Old Harry's Bar, Marriott Highcliff Hotel

Local authorities and energy suppliers are playing a key role in helping to reduce carbon emissions and promote energy efficiency. Join us at this **drinks reception** to learn about how NLGN's Innovation Network of councils and their partners are working together to tackle climate change. **Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government**



NLGN

In a tight financial climate, is public service reform dead?

1.00-2.00pm Monday 21st September
Bayview Suite, Royal Bath Hotel

With all political parties currently debating the impact of spending and potential cuts to public services, join us at this event to discuss how this will impact on the Liberal Democrats' approach to public services.

- Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury
 - Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council
- Chair: Chris Leslie, Director, NLGN

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Lunch available



Conference fringe Sunday 20th September continued

Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

LGBT Liberal Democrats

DELGA annual general meeting

Join us for a short AGM and then a practical discussion around developing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender representation in the party, and campaigning to reach the LGBT communities.

Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Nick Clegg MP / ASDA

Imagining new Britain: forging a new national identity

Anger and fear generated by the recession and the political crisis threaten community cohesion across Britain. Nick Clegg MP and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown will debate what progressives must now do to reclaim national identity.

Note: this event will end at 21.00

Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite



VELUX

Sustainable living: health and well-being in building design

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP (invited); Tim Farron MP (invited); Dr Richard Hobday, Department of Architectural Studies, University of Wales Institute; Kevin Brennan, Head of Sustainability, VELUX.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



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.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome

National Union of Students / Million+

The higher education debate: Parties and promises

Speakers: Stephen Williams MP; Phil Willis MP; Aaron Porter, Vice President (Higher Education), NUS; Professor Les Ebdon, Vice Chancellor, University of Bedfordshire and Chair, Million+.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



The Foreign Policy Centre and Coca-Cola Great Britain

Can business have a positive impact on development?

Chair: Baroness Kishwer Falkner. Speakers: Michael Moore MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development; Peter Guest, *Financial Times*; Claire Melamed, ActionAid UK; Euan Wilmshurst, The Coca-Cola Company.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Will the bus get you back to work?

Chair: GMITA. Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Cllr Caroline Pidgeon AM; Cllr Keith Whitmore. Does the Local Transport Act go far enough to help councils achieve local employment objectives? Refreshments sponsored by GMITA.

Hermitage Hotel, Clifton Suite



Urban Hub

Urban Hub reception

Speakers: Lord McNally, Lib Dem Leader in the House of Lords (invited); Cllr Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool City Council; Cllr John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council; Cllr Carl Minns, Leader, Hull City Council; Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader Bristol City Council.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite



Sunday
fringe

Late evening 21.45 – late

Liberal Democrats / LibDemVoice.org

Blog of the Year awards

LibDemVoice.org Editor at Large Stephen Tall presents the all-star not-to-be-missed glitzy award ceremony to the winning bloggers selected by our jury during August.

Note: this event will start at 22.00 and end at 23.30

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



Conference fringe Monday 21st September

NEWSTATESMAN at the Liberal Democrat Party Conference

Date	Fringe	Speakers	Time & Venue	
21 Sept	Should the public trust the police?	Chris Huhne MP; Paul McKeever, <i>Police Federation</i> ; James Macintyre, <i>Chair</i>	12:30-1:30pm Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth	
21 Sept	Can the education system change fast enough?	Baroness Garden , <i>Spokesperson for children, schools and families</i> (tbc); Andy Powell, <i>Edge</i> ; Alyssa McDonald, <i>Chair</i>	6:30-7:30pm Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth	
22 Sept	A skilful future: wheres the smart money?	Baroness Shirley Williams (tbc); John McNamara, <i>Alliance</i> Sophie Elmhirst, <i>Chair</i>	12:30-1:30pm Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth	
22 Sept	Personalised care services....who knows best? Genuine reform or just an illusion?	John Barrett MP; Barry Oldham, <i>The Disabilities Trust</i> ; Mary Bishop, <i>Livability</i> ; Jenni Russell, <i>Chair</i>	6:30-7:30pm Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth	

More events to be confirmed. Hot buffet and refreshments will be served will be served at all events.
To view the *New Statesman's* extensive fringe programme at all three party conferences go to www.newstatesman.com/conference



social care
institute for excellence



Protecting Children - the challenges for social care workers

How do we keep our children and young people safe from abuse or neglect?

21 September, 1 - 2pm Marriott, Bournemouth Highcliff,
The Dorchester Suite 1

David Brindle
Public Services Editor, Guardian (Chair)

Annette Brooke MP
Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Children

Margaret Dillon
Deputy Chief Executive, Action for Children

Rosie Varley OBE
Chair, General Social Care Council (GSCC)

Allan Bowman
Chair, Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

Refreshments provided



Monday
fringe



Education for Economic Recovery

Monday 21 September,
1pm - 2pm
Wessex Suite
Wessex Hotel
West Cliff Road
Bournemouth BH2 5EU

Speakers: David Laws MP
Pat Bacon (AoC)
John Dunford (ASCL)
Greg Watson (OCR)
Chair: Mike Baker
(former BBC Education editor)

Education required in a recession may not be the same as that needed for the upturn. Is the system fit for purpose now? Does it ensure young people leave school or college with the best chance of avoiding unemployment? What change is needed? How do we address the gaps and use the undoubted strengths to best advantage?

Lunch provided



Monday
fringe

The future of rail in the north – our vision for travel and the economy

Venue

Deauville Suite, Trouville Hotel
Monday 21 September 2009, 1.00pm – 2.00 pm

Speakers

Chair – Andy Crane, TV Presenter
Lord Tom McNally, Liberal Democrat Leader, House of Lords
Tim Farron MP, Westmorland and Lonsdale
Councillor Keith Whitmore, Chairman GMITA
Jo Kaye, Route Director, Network Rail



Morning 07.15 – 08.30

Hyde Housing Association

How can affordable housing transform people's lives?

Chair: David Eastgate, Chief Executive, The Hyde Group.
Speaker: Andrew George MP, member of CLG Select Committee.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3



Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Breast Cancer Campaign, Breast Cancer Care

Breast cancer – tackling health inequalities

A breakfast discussion where politicians, clinicians and policy experts will determine how to reduce health inequalities for people affected by breast cancer.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



Leeds City Region

Economic leadership: the future of the city region

Chair: Peter Hetherington, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Julia Goldworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (tbc); Dermot Finch, Centre for Cities; Howard Kew, Leeds Financial Initiative.

Note: this event will start at 07.30 and end at 08.30

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



CentreForum and Alliance Boots

Can primary care teams work more effectively for patients?

Chair: Lord Clement-Jones. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Professor David Taylor, School of Pharmacy, University of London.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



CentreForum and Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Priorities for a new EU Parliament

Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Speakers: Sharon Bowles MEP; Michael Izza, CEO, ICA; Graham Watson MEP.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



Party training

Training events take place 09.15 to 17.30 in the Highcliff Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Bath and Connaught hotels. For party members only. Free entry. For details see the *Training Brochure* or online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference.

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning praise: character – compassion

The second morning praise looking at the importance of character and compassion with Tearfund and World Vision.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 08.45

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2



The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited (SMMT)

UK automotive in a low-carbon economy

Speaker: John Thurso MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. Discussion on challenges and opportunities for the UK automotive industry in a low-carbon economy.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli Suite



National Youth Agency and Children & Young People Now

Positive contribution and portrayal of young people

Chair: Cllr David Bellotti. Speaker: Lynne Featherstone MP. Invitations only in advance, contact: jonathanh@nya.org.uk

Note: this event will start at 07.30 and end at 08.30

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



London Councils / Urban Hub

Developing a manifesto for Londoners

Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP, Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor; Cllr Lord Tope CBE; Cllr Sean Brennan, Vice Chair, London Councils.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge



Monday fringe

Invitation only

Breakfast briefing

Economic leadership
when it counts, where it counts - the future of the city region

Monday 21st September, 7.30 - 8.30 am
Purbeck Suite, Highcliff Marriott Hotel

Chair: Peter Hetherington, the Guardian
Julia Goldworthy MP, Shadow Communities Secretary (tbc)
Howard Kew, Leeds Financial Services Initiative
Dermot Finch, Centre for Cities
Cllr Andrew Waller, Leeds City Region Leaders Board

To find out more about what is happening in the Leeds City Region
please visit stand 94 • www.leedscityregion.gov.uk



Guardian debate

HOW CAN WE FIX POLITICS?

Is this the Liberal Democrats hour?

Chair Simon Hoggart, The Guardian

Panel Norman Baker MP, Dr Vince Cable MP, Professor John Curtice

Date Monday 21 September, 1pm-2pm

Venue De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel

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2009 FRINGE PROGRAMME

Liberal Democrat Party Conference

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MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 13.00 – 14.00

**Culture, Today and Tomorrow:
Arts, Heritage and Sport**

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Bryanston Suite
SPEAKERS: Don Foster MP; Tony Hall, Chair of the Cultural Olympiad (tbc); Christina Coker, Youth Music (tbc); Carole Souter, Chair of the Lottery Fund
CHAIR: Ian Mulheirn, SMF



MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 20.00 – 22.00

Pub Quiz

Come and join the SMF for a traditional pub quiz. For full information please contact events@smf.co.uk or 020 7222 7060
60 Million Postcards, 19 – 21 Exeter Road
SPEAKERS: Julia Goldsworthy MP (tbc)



TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 13.00 – 14.00

The Future for Home Ownership

Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite
SPEAKERS: Sarah Teather MP; Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice Bureau; John Socha, National Landlords Association; Carol Sergeant, Lloyds Banking Group
CHAIR: James Lloyd, SMF



MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 18.30 – 19.30

**Upskilling in a Downturn:
The unemployed and the recession**

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2
SPEAKERS: Paul Rowen MP; Anne Daguerre, Middlesex University; Janette Faherty, Avanta
CHAIR: Ian Mulheirn, SMF



TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 13.00 – 14.00

**Public Transport and the Environment:
One journey we can't afford to miss?**

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Purbeck Suite
SPEAKERS: John Leech MP; Edmund King, AA; Alex Carter, Wilts and Dorset
CHAIR: Ian Mulheirn, SMF



TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 18.30 – 19.30

**Keynote – Britain's Economic Future:
Where now for the state and the market?**

Marriott Highcliff Hotel, Dorchester 2
SPEAKERS: Vince Cable MP; Giles Wilkes, Centre Forum; Anatole Kaletsky, The Times (tbc)
CHAIR: Ian Mulheirn, SMF



Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

The Work Foundation / City & Guilds

What comes after the recession? The UK skills system after crash

Speakers: Vince Cable MP (invited); David Coats, The Work Foundation; David Kester, CEO, Design Council; Andrew Sich, City & Guilds.

Note: this event will start at 12.45

Trouville Hotel, St Malo



The Health Hotel, CQC, GMC, HPC, NMC

Patient safety: an election priority

Speaker: Sandra Gidley MP. Effective healthcare regulation is essential for patient safety, high-quality care and professional and public confidence. Our panel will present their vision and priorities for the future.

Bournemouth International Centre, Avon Room



Age Concern and Help the Aged, Counsel and Care, Carers UK

Making social care the big election issue

Chair: Yvonne Roberts. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP (invited); Imelda Redmond, Chief Executive, Carers UK; Julia Clark, Head of Political Research, Ipsos MORI.

Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 1



LGiU

Active communities

Chair: Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGiU. Speakers: Tom Brake MP, Shadow Olympics Minister (invited); Phillip Darnton, Chair, Cycling England; Helen Phillips, Chief Executive, Natural England; Cllr Rodney Berman.

Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 2



The Health Hotel, BHF, Marie Curie, The Stroke Association

The battle for hearts and brains

Speaker: Norman Lamb MP. How can the next government best continue the fight for better heart, stroke and end-of-life care to ensure patients receive the treatment they deserve?

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite



The Health Hotel, ABPI, Eye Health Alliance, RNID

Buy now, pay later?

Speaker: Greg Mulholland MP. How preventative measures such as early intervention and early treatments can help meet the pressures of treating an ageing population and secure the long-term financial stability of the NHS.

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite



The Smith Institute and Accord

Bank bailouts: who have they benefited?

Speakers: Colin Breed MP, Shadow Treasury Minister; Julia Finch, City Editor, *The Guardian* (tbc); Ged Nichols, General Secretary, Accord.

Bournemouth International Centre, President's Suite



CentreForum and Centrica

A vision for energy: priorities for the next parliament

Chair: Duncan Greenland, CentreForum. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Barry Neville, Director of Public Affairs, Centrica; Dr Doug Parr, Policy Director, Greenpeace.

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar



Chemical Industries Association

The chemistry of a low-carbon economy

Chair: Andrew Duff MEP. Speakers: Steve Elliott, Chief Executive, CIA; Simon Hughes MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Syndicate 3



Social Market Foundation and Camelot

Culture, today and tomorrow: arts, heritage and sport

Chair: Ian Mulheirn, SMF. Speakers: Don Foster MP; Carole Souter, Lottery Fund; Christina Coker, Youth Music (tbc).

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



Action for Children, GSCC, SCIE

Protecting children – the challenges for social care workers

Chair: David Brindle, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Annette Brooke MP, Spokesperson for Children; Margaret Dillon, Deputy Chief Executive, Action for Children; Rosie Varley, Chair, GSCC; Allan Bowman, Chair, SCIE.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LINE

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
Monday 21st September, 13.00 - 14.00
Bayview Suite, BIC

Chair **Andy Sawford**, Chief Executive, LGiU
Tom Brake MP, Shadow Olympic Minister (invited)
Phillip Darnton, Chair, Cycling England
Helen Phillips, Chief Executive, Natural England
Rodney Berman, Leader, Cardiff Council (invited)

refreshments served





Public Sector Pensions: Defusing the Timebomb

Prof. Steven Webb MP
Shadow Secretary of State
for Work and Pensions

Heather Stewart (Chair)
Economics Editor of the Observer

Miles Templeman
IoD Director General

Monday 21 September, 1–2pm
Highcliff Marriott Hotel, Purbeck Suite
(Refreshments available)

PCS Debate


Public services after the next election

Speakers:
Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary
to the Treasury
Mark Serwotka, PCS General Secretary

Chair:
Steve Comer, PCS NEC and
Liberal Democrat councillor in Bristol City

1–2pm Monday 21 September
Purbeck Suite, Wessex Hotel, West Cliff Road,
Bournemouth
Light refreshments provided

The Public and Commercial Services Union
represent over 300,000 members working across
the civil service in most government departments
and agencies delivering vital public services to
communities across the country. With all political
parties agreed that public finances will be tight
after the next election come and debate what public
services will look like.

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The Royal British Legion Fringe Meeting

Monday 21st September, 1:00-2:00 pm
Old Harry's, Highcliff Marriott

A manifesto for the whole Armed Forces family. Find
out how you can ensure politicians do their bit beyond
the general election.

www.britishlegion.org.uk

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Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

National Energy Action and Energy Retail Association

Innovation and change; a new direction for fuel poverty policy

Chair: Diana Maddock. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Dr Garry Felgate, Energy Retail Association; Maria Wardrobe, National Energy Action.
Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



The Royal British Legion

A manifesto for the whole armed forces family

Speaker: Nick Harvey MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence. Find out how you can ensure politicians do their bit beyond the general election.

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



Institute of Directors

Public sector pensions: defusing the timebomb

Chair: Heather Stewart, Economics Editor, *The Observer*. Speakers: Prof. Steve Webb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Miles Templeman, Director General, IoD.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



The Children's Society

Talkin' 'bout my generation: promoting better relations

Chair: Elaine Hindal, Director, The Children's Society. Speakers: Baroness Walmsley, Spokesperson for Children, Schools and Families, House of Lords; Dr. Tanya Byron, Clinical Psychologist, writer and TV presenter.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



Charity Commission

Crunch time for charities – collaborate, compete, collide?

Chair: Richard Reeves, Director, Demos. Speakers: Jenny Willott MP; Kevin Curley, Chief Executive, NAVCA; Stephen Remington, Chief Executive, Action for Blind People; Dame Suzi Leather, Chair, Charity Commission.

Highcliff Marriott, Yeovil Suite



Tomorrow's People

Getting families ready for work

Chair: Debbie Scott, CEO, Tomorrow's People. Speakers: Danny Alexander MP; Kate Green, CEO, Child Poverty Action Group; Steve Webb MP (tbc).

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



Equality and Human Rights Commission

Equality 2020: The next generation

Speakers: Trevor Phillips, Chair, EHRC; Jo Swinson MP, Shadow Foreign Affairs; Cllr Laura Willoughby, Islington Council. What will equality in Great Britain look like in 2020? Are we laying the right foundations for the next decade?

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2



Nick Clegg MP / Climate Clinic

Leadership in a global age

Chair: Steve Richards, *The Independent*. Speakers: Nick Clegg MP; Professor Noreena Hertz. How Britain can rebuild a greener, fairer economy and why the Liberal Democrats are the only party to do it.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Gallery Suite



NLGN supported by City of Westminster and Social Investment Business

In a tight financial climate, is public service reform dead?

Chair: Chris Leslie, NLGN. Speakers: Cllr Barbara Janke, Bristol City Council; Jeremy Browne MP; Sarah Teather MP (tbc).

Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



The Guardian

How can we fix politics? Is this the Liberal Democrats' hour?

Chair: Simon Hoggart, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Norman Baker MP; Professor John Curtice.

Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite



James Whale Fund for Kidney Cancer

Price of life: valuing treatment for late-stage cancer

Speakers: Dr Evan Harris MP, Shadow Science Minister; Mike Hobday, Macmillan Cancer Care; Professor Chris McCabe, Chair in Health Economics at the Leeds Institute of Health Sciences; other panellists tbc.

Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli Suite



The Times

Liberal Democrats and the voters

Chair: James Harding, *The Times*. Speakers: David Laws MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families; Andrew Cooper, Founder and Strategic Director, Populus; Peter Riddell, Assistant Editor (Politics), *The Times*.

Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite



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Conference fringe Monday 21st September continued

Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

Nuclear Dialogue Group

The future of nuclear energy in the UK

Speakers: Martin Horwood MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Minister for Environment, Energy, Food and Rural Affairs; Phil Willis MP, Chair, Innovation, University, Science and Skills Committee.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)

NICE setting standards for good health

Speakers: Sir Michael Rawlins, Chair, NICE; MP tbc. Following Lord Darzi's Next Stage Review final report, we discuss the new roles that NICE has taken on as part of his vision to ensure high-quality care for all.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome



Vote Cruelty Free

Vote Cruelty Free – meet the chief executives

Your opportunity to ask experts from BUAV, Compassion in World Farming, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), League Against Cruel Sports and Respect for Animals any animal protection questions.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Restaurant 1812



Kids Count

Crime and our communities – protecting our young people

Chair: Linda Lawrence. Speakers: John Drew, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Board; Leonie Hodge, Founder, Teen Boundaries; Barry Mizen, Father of Jimmy Mizen; Pariss Docherty, Youth Board Chair, Kids Count; MP tbc.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



Construction Industry Council

Constructing the new Britain

Speakers: a Liberal Democrat spokesperson; Mark Farrer, Construction Skills; Nelson Ogunshakin, CE, Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE). A discussion on the role of the construction industry which underpins every social programme of government.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 1



British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC)

Regeneration through partnership: public-private engagement

Chair: Dan Rogerson MP. Speakers: Councillor Stuart Bray, Local Government Association; Jeremy Collins, President, BCSC.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 2



The Foreign Policy Centre, BBC World Service Trust and International Alert

Democracy in danger? The future of conflict-affected states

Chair: Baroness Northover. Speakers: Edward Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; Yasmin Aibhai-Brown, *The Independent*; James Deane, BBC World Service Trust; Dan Smith, International Alert.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



Demos in partnership with the John Lewis Partnership

What role can empowered employees play in the new economy?

Chair: Richard Reeves, Director, Demos. Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP; Stefan Stern, columnist, *Financial Times*; Margaret Elliot OBE, Director, Sunderland Home Care Associates.

Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite



Public and Commercial Services Union

Public services after the next election

Chair: Steve Comer, PCS NEC and Lib Dem councillor in Bristol. Speakers: Mark Serwotka, General Secretary, PCS; Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Join the debate on the shape of public services after the election.

Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite



Association of Colleges

Education for economic recovery

Chair: Mike Baker, former Education Editor, BBC. Speakers: David Laws MP; Pat Bacon, AoC; John Dunford, ASCL; Greg Watson, OCR.

Wessex Hotel, Wessex Suite



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The Future of Social Work?

Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health (invited)

Tim Chittleburgh, Chair, British Association of Social Workers

Moira Gibb, Chair, Social Work Taskforce (invited)

Helga Pile, Head of Social Services, UNISON

Monday 21st September, 13.00-14.00

Granville Suite, Trouville Hotel • Refreshments Served



Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

Core Cities Group / Urban Hub

Generating investment for a sustainable economy
 Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP (invited); Julia Goldsworthy MP (invited); Cllr Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool City Council; Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities Group.
 Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge



Greater Manchester ITA / Network Rail

The future of rail in the north
 Chair: Andy Crane, TV presenter. Speakers: Lord McNally; Tim Farron MP; Councillor Keith Whitmore; Jo Kaye, Network Rail.
 Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite



UNISON

The future of social work
 Speakers: Normal Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health (invited); Helga Pile, Head of Social Services, UNISON; Moira Gibb, Chair, Social Work Taskforce (invited).
 Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite



National Institute of Adult Continuing Education

Learning through life – new thinking on lifelong education
 Stephen Williams MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, joins Tom Schuller, Director of the Inquiry into the Future of Lifelong Learning, to explore policy challenges for the coming decade.
 Whitehall Hotel, The Lounge

ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY WATER GROUP

**The Water Debate:
 Facing the Challenges Ahead**

Chair **Cllr Paul Burali**, Liberal Democrats' Natural Environment Working Group
Martin Horwood MP, Shadow Environment Minister
Pamela Taylor, Water UK
Mike Keil, Ofwat
Steve Bloomfield, UNISON
Tony Smith, CCWater
Michelle Lewis, Yorkshire Water

Monday 21st September, 18.15 - 19.30
 Dorchester 1, Highcliff

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Policy Exchange at the Liberal Democrat Conference 2009

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER



The Future of Television

CHAIR: Anna Fazackerley, Head of Arts & Culture Unit, Policy Exchange
SPEAKERS: Marc Watson, CEO, Television and Online Services, BT; Further speakers tbc
 18.00, Menzies Carlton

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Why is Profit a Dirty Word in the Public Services?

CHAIR: Natalie Evans, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange
SPEAKERS: Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Health Secretary; Further speakers tbc
 08.00, Menzies Carlton



A Model Sustainable Council

Speakers to be confirmed
 13.00, The Royal Bath Hotel

www.policyexchange.org.uk

Further events to be confirmed

The Family Room

A coalition of twelve leading family charities



**Supporting families:
 A liberal agenda?**

Event date: 21st September 2009

Event time: 18.15 – 19.30

Venue: Branksome Suite, BIC

Speakers:

- Maggie Jones**, Chief Executive, Children England
- Pamela Park**, Chief Executive, Parenting UK
- Baroness Walmsley**, Lib Dem Spokesperson for Children, Schools and Families in the House of Lords
- Cllr Paul Scriven**, Lib Dem leader, Sheffield City Council
- Ravi Chandiramani**, Editor, Children & Young People Now



Monday fringe



THE  **LIVE!**
INDEPENDENT

Sir Menzies Campbell
in conversation with
Steve Richards,
The Independent

Plus a Q&A session with the audience

Monday 21 September 18.00 (for 18.15 start)
De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel

Monday
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Small Businesses:
The Job Creators...
...The Economic Drivers

Monday 21st September, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Bournemouth International Centre

Room: Bay View 1

Guest Speakers:

Dr Vincent Cable, Deputy Leader & Shadow Chancellor

Vicky Wright, CIPD President

Chaired by: John Wright, FSB National Chairman

www.fsb.org.uk



Federation of Small Businesses

The UK's Leading Business Organisation



Early evening 18.15 – 19.30

The National Autistic Society

Annual cocktails and conversation: is welfare working?

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; adult with autism. Table hosts: John Barrett MP; Paul Holmes MP; Baroness Thomas of Winchester; Paul Burstow MP; John Leech MP.

Note: this event will start at 18.00 and end at 19.00

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



The Independent

Sir Menzies Campbell in conversation with Steve Richards

Chair: Steve Richards, *The Independent*. Speaker: Sir Menzies Campbell MP.

Note: doors open at 18.00

Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite

Financial Times / City of London

Delivering economic recovery: the role of financial services

Chair: Brian Groom, *Financial Times*. Speakers: Vince Cable MP, Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor; Stuart Fraser, City of London; Neil Sherlock, KPMG.

Note: this event will start at 18.00

Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite



The Federation of Small Businesses

Small businesses: the job creators, the economic drivers

Chair: John Wright, National Chairman, FSB. Guest Speakers: Vincent Cable MP, Deputy Leader and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer; Vicky Wright, President, CIPD.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 1



The Health Hotel, fpa, Rethink, Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health

Credit crunch to health crunch

Speaker: Baroness Barker. Public health is more than alcohol, cigarettes and obesity. Hidden issues are also vital. We explore how recession affects demand for and investment in mental and sexual health services.

Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 2



The Family Room

Supporting families: a liberal agenda?

Speakers: Maggie Jones, Children England; Pamela Park, Parenting UK; Baroness Walmsley, Lib Dem Spokesperson for Children, Schools & Families; Cllr Paul Scriven, Leader, Sheffield Lib Dems; Ravi Chandiramani, Children & Young People Now.

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite



The Health Hotel, RCM, RCS, SHCA

Will patients be safe in the Liberal Democrats' hands?

Speaker: Sandra Gidley MP. Patient safety is an urgent and headline – grabbing challenge for the health service. Expert speakers will introduce lively debate on a range of issues from the local to national level.

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite



The College of Occupational Therapists and Allied Health Professions Federation

Every Child Matters: why AHPs are the integrators of care

Who provides the integrator role in healthcare pathways for children? In these stringent financial times it is important that the integrator of care comes from within the existing provision to ensure best use of resources.

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite



The Health Hotel, BMA, The King's Fund, Royal College of Nursing

A vote for health?

Speaker: Norman Lamb MP. As the economic downturn takes hold while patient expectations and demand for services rise, are the Liberal Democrats best for health as we head towards the next election?

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar



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All Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure invites you to an evening reception

Building a low-carbon economy

Speaker: Dr Vince Cable MP, Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

Monday 21 September

18.30

Purbeck Suite, Wessex Hotel, West Cliff Road



**THE BBC WORLD SERVICE
BROADCAST DEBATE**

**BULLETS, BALLOTS
AND BLOGS**

IS SOCIAL MEDIA GOOD FOR DEMOCRACY?

PRESENTER

Nik Gowing (Presenter, BBC World News)

GUESTS

Ed Davey MP (Liberal Democrat Shadow Foreign Secretary)

Sadeq Saba (Head of BBC Persian)

Evgeny Morozov (blogger, ForeignPolicy.com)

Other guests to be announced

**MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 09 1815 – 1930
HERMITAGE HOTEL, HARDY SUITE**

Refreshments will be provided



The Rural Reception

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

**Monday 21 September
6.15pm – 7.30pm**

Yeovil Suite,

Bournemouth Marriott Highcliff Hotel

Hosted by Lord Redesdale Spokesperson for Agriculture

Speakers: Tim Farron MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport and Shadow Minister for the Olympics (tbc)

Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Home Secretary

Drinks and canapés provided



National Association of Local Councils

**A Living Working Countryside
Making localism work for rural communities**

Invited speakers

Chair: **Elinor Goodman, CRC**

Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State CLG

Matthew Taylor MP (tbc)

Shaun Spiers, CPRE

Michael Chater, NALC

Monday 21st September, 18.15 - 19.30

Granville Suite, Trouville

Monday
fringe

3 years to go

Ask London 2012

18.15-19.30
Monday 21st September
Royal Exeter Hotel,
Bar So-Dome

Fringe event
with refreshments

Don Foster MP,
Shadow Secretary
of State for Culture,
Media and Sport
and Shadow
Olympics Minister

Seb Coe, Chair,
London Organising
Committee of the
Olympic Games and
Paralympic Games

John Armitt, Chair,
Olympic Delivery
Authority

Jonathan Edwards CBE,
Olympian,
London 2012 Nations
and Regions Group



Early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

MS Society, Mencap and Leonard Cheshire Disability

Social care speed debating

Speaker: Greg Mulholland MP. Join us for a lively interactive debate on how the social care system can deliver for disabled people.

Bournemouth International Centre,
Westbourne Suite



All-Party Parliamentary Water Group

The water debate: facing the challenges ahead

Chair: Cllr Paul Burall, Natural Environment Working Group. Speakers: Martin Horwood MP; Pamela Taylor, Water UK; Steve Bloomfield, UNISON; Mike Keil, OFWAT; Tony Smith, Consumer Council for Water; Michelle Lewis, Yorkshire Water.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



Social Market Foundation and Avanta

Upskilling in a downturn: the unemployed and the recession

Chair: Ian Mulheirn, SMF. Speakers: Paul Rowen MP; Anne Daguerra, Middlesex University; Janette Faherty, Avanta.

Note: this meeting will start at 18.30

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Informal reception

Chair: Janet Bibby.

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



CentreForum and NSPCC

Crying out for protection

How reform can save children from abuse. Chair: Floella Benjamin. Speakers: Baroness Garden; Andrew Flanagan, Chief Executive, NSPCC.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



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

The rural reception

Host: Lord Redesdale. Speakers: Tim Farron MP; Chris Huhne MP; Tom Brake MP (tbc).

Highcliff Marriott, Yeovil Suite



CAFOD, Christian Aid, Malaria Consortium, Saferworld, Save the Children and others

Can we afford to care about internationalism?

Speakers: Lord Ashdown; Michael Moore MP; David Mepham, Director of Policy, Save the Children; Sarah Montague, presenter, BBC Today Programme. What role should the UK play internationally?

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH)

Promoting local leadership, devolution and innovation

Chair: Cllr Carl Minns, Leader of Hull City Council.

Speakers: Robin Hambleton, author of *Civic Leadership and Public Service Innovation*; Dr Su Maddock, The Whitehall Innovation Hub; Carole Hassa, Chief Executive, LGYH.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2



British Humanist Association

Reason under threat – the war on irrationality

Chair: Arnie Gibbons. The Liberal Democrat Humanists are delighted to welcome Professor Richard Dawkins to Bournemouth. A meeting open to everyone, followed by book signing.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Gallery Suite

Environment Agency

Flooding: Your questions answered

Speaker: Robert Runcie, Director of Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency.

Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Skills Dialogue Group

The skills debate: new opportunities for the UK workforce

Speaker: Stephen Williams MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



London 2012

3 years to go – Ask London 2012

Chair: Jonathan Edwards CBE. Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and Shadow Olympics Minister; Seb Coe, Chair, LOCOG; John Armit, Chair, Olympic Delivery Authority.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome



CentreForum and Freight Transport Association

Keeping Britain moving. Shaping better transport networks for business

Chair: Tim Hames, BVCA. Speakers: David Frost, Director General, British Chamber of Commerce; James Hookham, Managing Director, FTA; John Thurso MP.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



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Early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

NASUWT and ASCL

Beyond the general election: the future of state education

Speakers: David Laws MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families; John Dunford, General Secretary, ASCL; Chris Keates, General Secretary, NASUWT.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 1



Eaves Housing for Women

Demand change! Tackling the demand for prostitution

Chair: Sandrine Leveque. Speakers: Gunilla Ekberg; Denise Marshall; Sasha Rakoff. A debate on the demand for prostitution and human rights.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure

Evening reception: building a low-carbon economy

Host: Mike Hancock MP. Speaker: Vince Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor. Supported by the Institution of Civil Engineers, ConstructionSkills and the Construction Industry Council.

Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 22.30

Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite



Stonewall with DELGA

Equality in a cold climate

Chair: Jen Yockney, DELGA. Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP; Stephen Williams MP; Stephen Gilbert, PPC.

Note: this event will end at 20.00

Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite



BBC World Service and BBC World News

Bullets, ballots and blogs. Is social media good for democracy? The BBC World Service broadcast debate

Presenter: Nik Gowing, BBC World News. Guests: Edward Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; Sadeq Saba, Head, BBC Persia; other guests tbc.

Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite



The Work Foundation / Urban Hub / Tesco

Job city plus. How can cities tackle unemployment?

Speakers: John Barrett MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Minister (invited); John Philpott, CIPD; Dave Simmonds, CESI; Will Hutton, the Work Foundation; Emma Reynolds, Government Affairs, Tesco.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge



The Work Foundation / Working Links

Whitehall: the real barrier to social inclusion

Chair: Will Hutton, the Work Foundation. Speakers: John Barrett MP (invited); Carey Oppenheim, Director, IPPR; David Coats, the Work Foundation; Brian Bell, COO, Working Links.

Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 19.45

Trouville Hotel, Deauville Suite



National Association of Local Councils

A living, working countryside

Chair: Elinor Goodman, CRC. Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Matthew Taylor MP (tbc); Shaun Spiers, CPRE; Michael Chater, NALC.

Trouville Hotel, Granville Suite



National Farmers Union / Food and Drink Federation

Sustainable, safe and secure food supplies – can we have it all?

Chair: Lembit Öpik, MP. Speakers: Tim Farron MP; Julian Hunt, Director of Communications, Food and Drink Federation; Meurig Raymond, Deputy President, National Farmers Union.

Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 21.00

Trouville Hotel, St Malo / Monet Suite



Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

President Obama's quest for Middle East peace

A panel discussion on President Obama's prospects of achieving peace in Israel/Palestine and the wider Middle East.

20.00–21.15,

Monday 21 September

Dorchester Suite 2,

Highcliff Marriott Hotel

Wine and light refreshments



Conference fringe Monday 21st September continued

Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

LibDemVoice.org

Liberal drinks

Come and join bloggers and friends for an informal drink and chat at one of Bournemouth's best real ale pubs.

Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 23.00

Goat and Tricycle

Candidates' Office

Approved candidates' reception

Reception for all approved candidates, PPCs, assessors, returning officers and candidates' committee members. Sponsored by Tesco and hosted by Nick Clegg MP.

Note: this event will end at 23.00

Bournemouth International Centre, Purbeck Lounge



Northern and Yorkshire Liberal Democrats

Northern night reception

Delegates from Northern and Yorkshire are invited to a northern night reception. Kindly sponsored by Northumbrian Water and the Association of North East Councils.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Reclaiming the green agenda

How should we develop our environmental campaigning and make voters aware of our great record and commitment on green issues? Speakers include: Simon Hughes MP; Friends of the Earth; and leading councillors. Drinks.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

President Obama's quest for Middle East peace

An update on President Obama's ongoing efforts to achieve peace in Israel / Palestine and the wider Middle East.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



The Health Hotel and The King's Fund supported by Benenden Healthcare Society

Have We Got Health News For You – topical debate

Speaker: Norman Lamb MP. The topical debate will take on a new 'Have I Got News For You' style format this year. This high-profile event features a panel of renowned commentators, journalists and politicians.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



Women Liberal Democrats

Restorative justice

Chair: Lynne Featherstone MP. Speakers: Nick McGeorge, Quaker Representative to UN Commission on Criminal Justice and Crime; and others (tbc).

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Providing affordable housing: opportunities and challenges

Speakers include: Tim Farron MP; Alison Gelder, Housing Justice / Faith in Affordable Housing.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2

Liberal Democrats Friends of Pakistan (LDFP)

High Commission for Pakistan, 9th annual party reception

Chair: Qassim Afzal, PPC, Manchester Gorton. Speakers: HE Wajid S Hasan; Nick Clegg MP; Baroness Scott, President of the Liberal Democrats; Lord McNally, Lib Dem Leader in the House of Lords; Simon Hughes MP. Invitations: info@qassim-afzal.com or 07956 873046.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite



EDF Energy

Delivering a low-carbon energy future

Chair: Ed Crooks, *Financial Times* (invited). Speakers: Tom Burke, Founding Director, E3G; Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson, Managing Director for Nuclear New Build, EDF Energy; Lembit Öpik MP.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



Coalition for Young People

Putting young people first

Reception hosted by Simon Hughes MP. Guest speakers: NYA, NCB, NCVS, UKYP, BYC, 4Children, UKYouth, Clubs for Young People. Supported by V.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite



CentreForum and TreeHouse

Parental participation: making it work

Chair: Lord Clement-Jones. Speakers: David Laws MP; Gaynor Simmonds, MAGIC parent group; John Dunford, Secretary General, Association of School and College Leaders.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



Social Liberal Forum

Overcoming political barriers to equality

A joint Social Liberal Forum and Compass fringe with Steve Webb MP and Neal Lawson.

Note: this event will start at 20.15

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 1

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Monday fringe



Conference fringe Monday 21st September continued

Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists

Is the EU anti-trade union?

Speakers: Sharon Bowles MEP and a trade union speaker.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1

TUC

The untold story of middle-income Britain

Chair: Danny Alexander MP. Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Brendan Barber, General Secretary, TUC; Jessica Asato, Progress. For all the talk of Middle Britain, how are those in the real middle doing?

Note: this event will end at 21.00

Wessex Hotel, Wessex Suite



Social Market Foundation and British Beer and Pub Association

Pub Quiz

Come to join the SMF for a traditional pub quiz. Speaker: Julia Goldsworthy MP (tbc). For more information, please contact events@smf.co.uk.

Note: this event will end at 22.00

60 Million Postcards



Late evening 21.45 – late

The Health Hotel supported by UK Vision Strategy

The Health Hotel reception

Speaker: Norman Lamb MP. This invitation-only event is a prime opportunity to network with stakeholders in health including ministers, MPs, peers and conference delegates.

Note: this event will end at 23.00

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



LGA Liberal Democrat Group

The local government reception

This is the best party in town for all those who care about grassroots activism and winning elections.

Note: this event will start at 22.00 and end at 00.45

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



South West Liberal Democrats

South West Liberal Democrats reception

All members of Devon and Cornwall and Western Counties regions are invited to a reception to meet and talk with others from our regions who are at conference. Cash bar.

Note: this event will end at 23.00

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite

Monday fringe

Does spending on children in the recession really pay off?



Speakers: Jan Leightley, Strategic Director for Supporting Families, Action for Children; Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Minister for Children, Young People and Families; Professor Richard Wilkinson, author of *The Spirit Level*; Nic Marks, nef (the new economics foundation)



Chair: (tbc)

Tuesday 22 September 7pm–8pm
Oceanarium, Pier Approach, Bournemouth
Fish and chip supper from 6.45pm

Contact: eventsteam@actionforchildren.org.uk

Registered charity nos. 1097940/SC038092/Company no. 4764232



Sure Start Children Centres

what do Liberal Democrats plan to do next?

Chair **Yvonne Roberts**, Journalist

Annette Brooke MP
Christina McAnea, UNISON
Anne Longfield, 4Children

Tuesday 22nd September, 18.15 - 19.30
Wessex Suite, Wessex Hotel • Refreshments Served




LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLOOD FORUM

Tuesday 22nd September, 18.15 - 19.30
Dorchester 1, Highcliff
refreshments served

Chair **Dr Andy Johnston**, Head of Centre for Local Sustainability, LGIU
Tim Farron MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment (invited)
Cllr Richard Brett, Leader, Leeds City Council (invited)
Representative from London Councils
Cllr Andrew Waller, Leader, York City Council



Conference fringe Tuesday 22nd September

Morning 07.15 – 08.30

Centrepoint and Learn Direct

College without walls

Chair: Linda Jack, member, Federal Policy Committee.
Speaker: Sarah Teather MP. By invitation only in advance,
contact: jhopkins@centrepoint.org

Note: this event will start at 07.30

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



CentreForum and Microsoft

Innovation out of recession

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP; Steve Udin, Microsoft.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Bournemouth International Centre,
Branksome Suite



Demos

The power debate

Richard Reeves, Director, Demos, in conversation with
Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham and Shadow Chancellor
of the Exchequer.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite





Party training

Training events take place 09.15 to 17.30 in the Highcliff
Marriott, Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Royal Bath
and Connaught hotels. For party members only. Free
entry. For details see the *Training Brochure* or online at
www.libdems.org.uk/conference.

2020 Public Services Trust

at the RSA

The future of public services reimaged

- Tuesday 22 September, 13.00-14.00, Shaftesbury Suite, Highcliff Marriott
"The progressive faultlines in public services" **Norman Lamb MP**, Shadow Health
Secretary; **Jeremy Browne MP**, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; **Ben Page**, Ipsos
MORI; **Craig Baker**, Partner, Ernst & Young; **Ben Lucas**, Director 2020 Public Services
Trust - Chair 
- Tuesday 22 September, 18.15-19.30, Westbourne Suite, BIC
"Empowered Citizens or Surveillance State: Who controls data in public
services?" **Lynne Featherstone MP**, Chair of the Technology Advisory Board, (tbc);
Tim Kelsey, Chairman, Dr Foster Intelligence; **Ben Lucas**, Director 2020 Public
Services Trust - Chair 



PAC-MAN

DO HEADS DESERVE A
BONUS ROUND?

Tuesday 22 September, 1.00 - 2.00pm
Dorchester Suite 2, Marriott Highcliff Hotel
Buffet lunch and wine provided, all welcome!

Join ATL to discuss how a bonus culture is creeping into state education as some
school leaders take large rewards over and above the nationally agreed pay scales

Speakers: David Laws, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families
Dr Mary Bousted, ATL General Secretary • Hank Roberts, ATL Executive Member

Chair: Alice Robinson, ATL Junior Vice President

www.atl.org.uk



Tuesday
fringe



Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

CentreForum and Institute for Government

Hanging together or falling apart – what a minority or coalition government means for governance

Chair: Alasdair Murray, CentreForum. Speakers: Sir Michael Bichard, Institute for Government; Lord McNally; Jenny Randerson AM; Peter Riddell, *The Times*.
Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 1



CentreForum, British Venture Capital Association and KPMG

Business and recovery. What will the new British economy look like?

Chair: Neil Sherlock, KPMG. Speakers: John Thurso MP; Simon Walker, CEO, BVCA.
Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 2



The Health Hotel, Asthma UK, Diabetes UK, NCYPE

The healthcare in education challenge

Speaker: Greg Mulholland MP. Many children with long-term conditions find their health needs are not accommodated at school and many experience discrimination or exclusion. Will a Lib Dem Government do enough for these children?

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite



The Health Hotel, Help the Hospices, MND Association, PRTC

Personalising care: the choices we face

Speaker: Norman Lamb MP. Personalisation hopes to revolutionise health and social care in England. We will explore the practical implications for local commissioning, providers, carers and patients, and debate the choices we may face.

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite



UNISON

The future of academy schools?

Chair: Gerald Kelly, TES. Speakers: Paul Holmes MP; Alasdair Smith, Anti-Academies Alliance; Mike Butler, Independent Academies Association (invited); Sampson Low, UNISON; Jerry Bartlett, NASUWT.

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite



The Smith Institute sponsored by ASDA

Are supermarkets progressive – yes or no?

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Bernard Hughes, Head of Government and Public Affairs, ASDA; Lucy Shea, Director, Futerra.

Bournemouth International Centre, President's Suite



The Health Hotel, Breast Cancer Care, CRUK, Macmillan Cancer Support

One in three: tackling cancer is an election issue

Speaker: Sandra Gidley MP. More than 1 in 3 people will develop cancer. Join three leading cancer charities in a question time debate on what the next government's priorities should be for cancer research, diagnosis, treatment and care.

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar



The Smith Institute and PRUPIM

Planning for the upturn: how development can stimulate growth

Speakers: Julia Goldworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Cllr Paul Tilsley MBE, Deputy Leader, Birmingham City Council; Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader, Lib Dem Group, LGA; Peter Best, Head, UK Asset Management, PRUPIM.

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite



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Transport in the cities – what should we offer the voters?

Chair: Cllr John Shipley, Leader of Newcastle Council.

Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Lord Bradshaw; Neil Scales, Chair, pteg. It's your public transport – let us hear your views.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



Institute for Public Policy Research

The end of politics as we know it?

Chair: Carey Oppenheim, ippr. Speakers: Dr Vince Cable MP; Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



ATL, the education union

Do heads deserve a bonus round?

Chair: Alice Robinson, ATL Junior Vice President.

Speakers: David Laws MP; Dr Mary Bousted, General Secretary, ATL; Hank Roberts, ATL Executive. Join ATL to discuss how a bonus culture is creeping into state education.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



Social Market Foundation, The Go-Ahead Group and Transit

Public transport and the environment: one journey we can't afford to miss?

Chair: Ian Mulheirn, SMF. Speakers: John Leech MP; Edmund King, The AA; Alex Carter, Wilts & Dorset.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



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Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

2020 Public Services Trust / Ernst & Young

What are the progressive faultlines in public services?

Chair: Ben Lucas, Director, 2020 Public Services Trust.
Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Jeremy Browne MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Ben Page, Ipsos MORI; Craig Baker, Ernst & Young.
Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite



The Co-operative Group

Food vision: a shared responsibility?

Chair: Jonathan Fryer. Speakers: Cathryn Higgs, The Co-operative Group; Sue Davies MBE, *Which?*; Chris Davies MEP.
Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



Demos in partnership with the National Academy for Parenting Practitioners

Supernanny state: can we teach good parenting?

Chair: Richard Reeves, Director, Demos. Speakers: Annette Brooke MP; Penelope Leach, author and parenting policy expert; Stephen Schott, NAPP; Emma-Jane Cross, Beatbullying.
Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



Liberal Democrat European Group and Chris Davies MEP

The Copenhagen Climate Summit: what can Europe achieve?

Chair: Phil Bennion. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP, Environment Spokesman; Fiona Hall MEP, new Leader of the UK Liberal Democrat MEPs; Jo Swinson MP, Shadow Minister for Europe.
Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2

Localis and Policy Exchange

Giving the green light: saving money and the environment

Chair: James Morris, Chief Executive, Localis. Further speakers tbc.
Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Liberty / Nick Clegg MP

The liberty fringe: common values and liberal democracy

Nick Clegg MP in conversation with Shami Chakrabarti, Director, Liberty.
Royal Bath Hotel, De Vere Suite



NHS Confederation and NICE

How should the NHS prioritise its resources in a downturn?

Speakers: David Stout, PCT Network Director, NHS Confederation; Dr Gillian Leng, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer for NHS Evidence, NICE; Dan Wellings, Head of Public Health Research, Ipsos MORI.
Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli Suite



Lib Dem Friends of Turkey with Islington Lib Dems and Ethnic Minority Lib Dems

Turkey and the EU: why it matters to the Lib Dems

Thousands of British voters come from the Turkish community, making a difference in elections. The Lib Dems need to show them that we champion their issues, including Turkey's EU membership. Join the debate with our MEPs!
Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite

Defence Matters

Britain in an uncertain age: defence and security choices

Chair: Douglas Barrie, Aviation Week. Speakers: Rt Hon Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon KBE; Edward Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; David Ruff, MD, Babcock Defence Services.
Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



Parliamentary Flood Prevention Group

The future of flood prevention

Chair: Norman Baker MP, Chair of the All-Party Group. Speakers: Tim Farron MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment; Cllr Carl Minns, Leader of Hull City Council, LGA; Dominic Clayden, Director of Technical Claims, Aviva.
Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite



Northumbrian Water, Association of North East Councils and NHS North East

Investing in a sustainable future

Chair: Sir Alan Beith. Speakers: Fiona Hall MEP; John Mowbray, Northumbrian Water; Claire Riley, NHS North East. How are we positioning the North East to create a sustainable future for all?
Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome



British Red Cross, UNHCR and WFP

Aid under pressure?

Interview with Michael Moore MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, about the future of international humanitarian aid.
Royal Exeter Hotel, Restaurant 1812



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Reform and Engineering the Future

Picking winners: can engineering succeed where finance failed?

Chair: Andrew Haldenby, Director, Reform. Speaker: Vincent Cable MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer. Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



JUSTICE and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

A British Bill of Rights: thinking through the issues

Chair: Baroness Ludford MEP. Speakers: David Howarth MP; Roger Smith OBE; Alistair Webster QC. Connaught Hotel, Connaught 1



Green Fiscal Commission with the Green Liberal Democrats

More jobs, less carbon: isn't it time for green tax reform?

Chair: Susan Heinrich. Speakers include: Prof. Paul Ekins; Chris Huhne MP. They will discuss the implications of the Green Fiscal Commission's work exploring the potential impact of a major environmental tax reform in the UK. Connaught Hotel, Connaught 2



NESTA

After the storm: rebuilding the UK economy

Chair: Jonathan Kestenbaum. Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Francis Carpenter, Former Head of the European Investment Bank; Philip Stephens, *Financial Times*. Connaught Hotel, Franklyn Suite



LibDemFORUM21

Hunting for animal welfare

Chair: Brian Friend. Speakers: Jim Barrington, MWG; Andrew George MP; Lembit Öpik MP. With repeal of the Hunting Act likely – what can be done to legislate to protect wildlife and human liberty? Connaught Hotel, Priory 1



Social Market Foundation and Lloyds Banking Group

The future for home ownership

Chair: James Lloyd, SMF. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP; Theresa Perchard CAB; John Socha, National Landlords Association; Carol Sergeant, Lloyds Banking Group. Wessex Hotel, Bryanston Suite



Children with Leukaemia

Councillors' planning workshop on homes, schools and powerlines

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government; LGA Liberal Democrat Group Spokesperson. Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite



Reform and the BBC

Digital Britain: white paper or white noise?

Chair: Elizabeth Truss, Deputy Director, Reform. Speakers: Don Foster MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; a senior BBC executive (tbc). Wessex Hotel, Wessex Suite



Total Politics and Henley Business School

Trust in politics: how we lost it and how to get it back

Chair: Iain Dale. Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP; Prof Anthony Seldon; Prof. Chris Banes. How can politics recover after the expenses scandal and how do politicians restore trust in themselves and parliament? Hermitage Hotel, Hardy Suite



Centre for Cities / Urban Hub

Tomorrow's city economies: where will the new jobs come from?

Speakers: Phil Willis MP; Cllr Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool City Council; Simon Hughes MP; Dermot Finch, Centre for Cities; Bob Challacombe, Regional Director, Openreach. Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge



No ID, No Sale!

Small shops: preventing underage sales

Speakers: John Wright, Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses; Christopher Ogden, Chief Executive, Tobacco Manufacturers' Association; Andrew Chevis, No ID, No Sale!. La Strada Restaurant



Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new. Tuesday 22.00 – 02.00, Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite.

Pick up your copy of the *Liberator* songbook so you can raise the roof, with songs from the days of Gladstone and Lloyd George to satirical songs from 20 years of the Liberal Revue.

Selected beers will be available at £2.50 per pint, wines at £3.00 per glass and soft drinks at £1.50 per glass.

See you there!



Early evening 18.15 – 19.30

The Health Hotel, ART, Alzheimer's Society, Age Concern/Help the Aged

Dementia decade: a cure by 2020?

Speaker: Greg Mulholland MP. 1,000,000 people will develop dementia in the next 10 years. It costs over £17bn annually. Why is dementia research underfunded? Will the Liberal Democrats seize the initiative to defeat dementia?

Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 1



Care Quality Commission, and Age Concern / Help the Aged

The future of care: what are priorities for next parliament?

Chair: Jackie Ashley, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Cynthia Bower, Care Quality Commission; Andrew Harrop, Age Concern / Help the Aged.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Bournemouth International Centre, Bayview 2



The Health Hotel, MPS, New Health Network, National Patient Safety Agency

Cash for health: paying the price for quality

Speaker: Sandra Gidley MP. What do we mean by quality in healthcare and what really matters to patients? This fringe asks what weighting we give to cost, safety, health outcomes and experience when establishing what we mean by quality.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Bournemouth International Centre, Branksome Suite



Institute of Development Studies

Evaluating international development

Dr Lawrence Haddad, Director of IDS, will draw on 250 partners, a survey of 5000 respondents in the UK and a review of agriculture aid in Africa to reflect on key lessons about how to evaluate development aid.

Bournemouth International Centre, Durley Suite



The League Against Cruel Sports

The importance of preserving the Hunting Act

Chair: Douglas Batchelor, The League's Chief Executive; with a lineup of distinguished speakers.

Bournemouth International Centre, Meyrick Suite



South East County Leaders

Bringing it home – making public services local services

Chair: David Blackman, Acting Editor, *Local Government Chronicle*. Speakers: Julia Goldsworthy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Cllr Derek Osbourne, Board Member, IDeA; Cllr Henry Smith, Chairman, SECL.

Bournemouth International Centre, President's Suite



Health Hotel, ABHI, BDA, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Parkinson's Disease Society

From Whitehall to the town hall

Speaker: John Pugh MP. Health and social care services are increasingly being determined at local level. But will this deliver better services in every area? Join us to debate current Lib Dem policy and decide: is localism working?

Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell Bar



2020 Public Services Trust / Dr Foster Intelligence

Empowered citizens or surveillance state?

Chair: Ben Lucas, Director, 2020 PST. Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Chair, Technology Advisory Board (tbc); Tim Kelsey, Chairman, Dr Foster Intelligence.

Bournemouth International Centre, Westbourne Suite



White Ribbon Campaign UK: Ending male violence against women

Engaging men in prevention, education and awareness raising

WRC will be speaking about initiatives inviting men and boys to work to challenge beliefs and behaviours, breaking the cycles of violence against women, including campaigns in sport, music, education and policy-making.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Suite (Main Room)

CentreForum

Is Westminster dying?

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

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



LGiU

Local Government Flood Forum

Chair: Andy Sawford, LGiU. Speakers: Tim Farron MP (tbc); London Councils; Cllr Andrew Waller, Leader, York City Council.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 1



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Tuesday fringe



Early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

Social Market Foundation and CentreForum

Britain's economic future: where now for the state and the market?

Chair: Ian Mulheirn, SMF. Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Giles Wilkes, CentreForum; Anatole Kaletsky, *The Times*.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite 2



Fawcett Society / UNISON

The Equality Bill – will it deliver to women?

An event to consider the implications of the Equality Bill for women. Speakers include: Lynne Featherstone MP, member of the Equalities Bill Committee; Liane Venner, UNISON; Kat Banyard, Fawcett Society; other speakers tbc.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite

BBC

BBC Democracy Live – politics that affect you

Chair: Pete Clifton, BBC. Speakers: Mark Byford, Deputy Director-General; Nick Robinson, Political Editor.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



Localis and CLES

The contribution of localism to economic resilience

Speakers: James Morris, Chief Executive, Localis; Neil McInroy, CLES; others tbc.

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 1



Development Initiatives

The future of aid: a guarantee to eliminate poverty

Speakers: Michael Moore MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development; Judith Randel, Development Initiatives; Karin Christiansen, Publish What You Fund; Baroness Northover, Development Spokesperson (invited).

Premier Inn Bournemouth Central, Connect 2



The British Red Cross and Volunteering England

Volunteering at the heart of civil society

Jenny Willott MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; CEO of VE and Interim UK Director of BRC. A discussion around the role of volunteering within civil society.

Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Every Disabled Child Matters in partnership with the Family Fund

Disabled children's manifesto for change

Chair: Christine Lenahan, Council for Disabled Children.

Speakers: David Laws MP; Steve Webb MP.

Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli Suite



Testing Times: HIV in the UK

Gilead Sciences

Chair: Dr Evan Harris MP, Vice-Chair, APPG on AIDS. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Health (invited); Sir Nick Partridge OBE, Chief Executive, Terrence Higgins Trust.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Local Council = Local Parliament

Chair: Cllr Richard Kemp. Speakers: Lord Wallace of Saltaire (tbc); Cllr John Shipley (tbc); Dr Richard Grayson (tbc). Clawing back powers to people and communities, the Liberal Democrat way.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mirabelle Suite



FOREST, The Free Society and Liberal Vision

Politics and prohibition – part one

Smoking, drinking, gambling, eating: who's got the bottle to save us from the nanny state? Panel discussion.

Speakers include: Mark Littlewood, Liberal Vision; Simon Clark, FOREST.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome

NHS Confederation

Will necessity be the mother of invention in the NHS?

Challenges for the next government

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health; Nigel Edwards, NHS Confederation; David Furness, Social Market Foundation.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



Launch of Lib Dem Spokesperson paper on Anaerobic Digestion sponsored by ADBA

De-carbonising the gas grid through anaerobic digestion

40% of our domestic gas could come from green waste. This technology will do more to combat climate change than almost any other. Find out how.

Connaught Hotel, Connaught 2

LibDemFORUM21

MPs expenses, an English Parliament and reforming Westminster

Chair: Brian Friend. Speakers: David Wildgoose, Campaign for an English Parliament; Canon Kenyon Wright; Andrew George MP; Norman Baker MP. With Westminster mired in a scandal of self-serving MPs, do we need an English Parliament?

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1

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Mansfield King

The sugar disease – are you heading for Type 2 diabetes?

Chair: tbc. Speakers: Tony Lees, BDS; keynote speaker tbc. The logical approach to the health of the nation.

Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite

4Children

Sure Start children's centres: what would a Liberal Democrat future bring?

Chair: Yvonne Roberts, writer. Speakers: Annette Brooke MP, Shadow Minister for Children, Young People and Families; Anne Longfield, 4Children; Christina McAnea, UNISON.

Wessex Hotel, Wessex Suite



Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) / Urban Hub

Rise of the YIMBY

Can Government incentivise development? Chair: Dermot Finch, Centre for Cities. Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government Minister; Ruth Reed, RIBA; Dr Tim Leunig, LSE; Cllr John Shipley, Leader, Newcastle City Council.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Trouville Hotel, Deauville Lounge

The Young Foundation

Fixing the future – manifesto ideas towards 2015

Chair: Geoff Mulgan, author of *Good and Bad Power*. Imaginative thinkers and optimists welcome... there will be some senior politicians too.

Little India Restaurant

Commission for Rural Communities, ACRE, CLA, Countryside Alliance, CPRE, NALC

Rural reception

A reception to mark one hundred years of rural representation at the heart of government, following the creation of The Rural Development Commission in 1909, and its successor organisations.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Miramar Hotel



Action for Children

Does spending on children in the recession really pay off?

Speakers: Jan Leightley, Strategic Director for Supporting Families, Action for Children; Annette Brooke MP; Prof. Richard Wilkinson, author of *The Spirit Level*; Nic Marks, nef.

Note: this event will start at 19.00 and end at 20.00, with fish and chip supper from 18.45

Oceanarium, Offshore Café



Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

FOREST, The Free Society and Liberal Vision

Politics and prohibition – part two

Drinks party with canapés, refreshments, live music and guest speakers. Warning: Big Government is watching you ... eat, drink, smoke, think.

Note: this event will start at 19.30

Royal Exeter Hotel, Bar-so-Dome



Climate Clinic and Stop Climate Chaos in association with Liberal Youth

Copenhagen: the world awaits – reception with special guests

In Copenhagen this December the world will come together at what are the most important climate change talks so far. Come along and show support for an urgent deal to prevent catastrophe and protect poor people's rights.

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



Campaign for Gender Balance

Annual fundraising auction!

Don Foster MP will be auctioneering a range of fabulous prizes to raise much-needed funds for the Campaign. Come along and support a fantastic cause... and bring those chequebooks!

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



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Conference fringe Tuesday 22nd September continued

Mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

ALDC and Chris Davies MEP

Winning against the far right

With the BNP now holding office at a European level, we discuss how to combat their rise and hear from those who have taken on the BNP and won. Speakers include: Chris Davies MEP; Nick Lowles, *Searchlight*. Drinks.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite



The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS)

Azerbaijan and the EU

Chair: Tale Heydarov, Chairman, TEAS. Speakers: Edward Davey MP; Ambassador Gurbanov. Explores the opportunities presented by the Eastern Partnership programme, and the substantial EU (and UK) investment in the region.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Royal Bath Hotel, Bay View Lounge



Retailers Against Smuggling Campaign (Tobacco Retailers Alliance)

Stop tobacco smuggling – what can be done?

Chair: Sandra Gidley MP. Speakers: Ken Patel, National Spokesperson, TRA; Debbie Corris, South England Spokesperson, TRA, and Whitstable shopkeeper; Christopher Ogden, Chief Executive, Tobacco Manufacturers' Association.

Royal Bath Hotel, Disraeli Suite



National Union of Teachers

NUT fish and chip supper reception

Numbers strictly limited. Please collect your invitations from the NUT Stand Number 126. Reception music provided by Music for Youth.

Royal Bath Hotel, Gladstone Suite



The Institution of Engineering and Technology

Boardroom cynics – is the UK set for a low-carbon economy?

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (invited); Martin Horwood MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Energy, Food and Rural Affairs (invited); John Loughhead, Executive Director, UKERC.

Royal Bath Hotel, Mezzanine Suite



Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

Talk and AGM

Edward Davey MP will speak to the group on a range of issues in the Middle East. Group AGM will follow.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Next Generation reception

Young, elected and a councillor? – this is the event you should be at.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Wessex Hotel, Purbeck Suite



The National Council for Palliative Care

Dying matters – let's talk about it

Chair: Eve Richardson, Chief Executive, NCPCC.

Speakers: Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham and Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer; Greg Mulholland, MP for Leeds North West; Hilary Fisher, Coalition Director, NCPCC.

Royal Exeter Hotel, Tregonwell Suite



Late evening 21.45 – late

The Arts Alliance

The Arts Alliance late-night cabaret

The Arts Alliance presents a late-night cabaret to make the case for rehabilitation through the arts. Commentators, comedians and ex-offenders take a sideways look at the arts in the criminal justice system.

Note: this event will start at 21.45 and end at 23.00

Highcliff Marriott, Sherborne Suite

Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new. Pick up your copy of the *Liberator* songbook so you can raise the roof, with songs from the days of Gladstone and Lloyd George to satirical songs from 20 years of the Liberal Revue. Cash bar.

Note: this event will start at 22.00 and end at 02.00

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite



Conference fringe Wednesday 23rd September

Morning 07.15 – 08.30

Network Rail

The future of rail in London and the southeast

This event will provide the opportunity for Liberal Democrat parliamentarians and candidates to learn more about Network Rail's commitments to deliver more trains, more seats and better journeys across the region.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford
Syndicate 3



Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning praise: character

The final morning praise looking at the importance of character.

Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite

Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

Chinese Embassy

A changing China in a changing World

Chair: Lord Clement-Jones, Spokesperson for Culture, Media and Sport. Speakers: Madam Fu Ying, Chinese Ambassador; Edward Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; Lord McNally, Lib Dem Leader in the House of Lords.

Bournemouth International Centre,
Bayview 2



Liberal Democrat Disability Association

AGM

Speaker: Anne Diamond.

Bournemouth International Centre,
Westbourne Suite



Tim Farron MP with the English Candidates Office

Keeping it together as a candidate

A lot can happen in nine months, including the next General Election. How do you stay on top of it all and keep your team together? A panel of battle-scarred MPs have some suggestions for you.

Highcliff Marriott, Bryanston Suite



Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats / Chinese Liberal Democrats

Children on the edge

Chair: Merlene Emerson PPC for Hammersmith. Panel: Chris Huhne MP; Amanda Shah; Julian Fountain.

Highcliff Marriott, Old Harry's Bar



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Beyond Twitter – e-engagement in local and national politics

Mark Pack and Jo Swinson MP join the panel to discuss the future of engaging with the public from both a Westminster and a local perspective.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite

Lib Dem Muslim Forum

Afghanistan – mission impossible? Should we pull the plug?

Lib Dems' last debate on Afghanistan before the campaign trail. Do we know what we are doing in Afghanistan? It is clear we had no strategy on entry, but is there an exit strategy? Check *Conference Daily* for speakers.

Connaught Hotel, Priory 1

End of fringe listings

During conference week, we will be tweeting live from the auditorium.

For updates on who's speaking, when agenda items are about to start and how conference has voted, follow us at:

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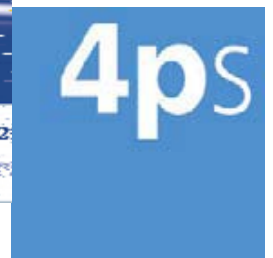
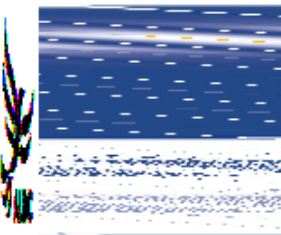
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