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## Monday 20 September

Preventing another Mid-Staffs: debating the essential steps to secure patient safety in the NHS

Lord Clement-Jones 12:45–14:00, Hall 11B, ACC

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Baroness Northover 12:45–14:00, Hall 1C, ACC



A caring Big Society?

Paul Burstow MP 12:45–14:00, Hall 11C, ACC



Hearing the Unheard Voice: are health services failing the most vulnerable? Lord Clement-Jones 18:15–19:30, Hall 11B, ACC



Better outcomes for patients: NHS Dragons in the Den

John Pugh MP 18:15–19:30, Hall 1C, ACC



Getting in early: transforming care through early diagnosis and intervention John Pugh MP 18:15–19:30, Hall 11C, ACC



The Health Debate **THE HEALTH HOTEL**

John Pugh MP, Chair: Sam Lister, The Times  
20:00–21:15 Suites 3, 4, 5 combined, Jury's Inn Hotel

**THE HEALTH HOTEL** Reception

with an address by Paul Burstow MP (*invitation only*)  
21:30–23:00, Suites 3, 4, 5 combined, Jury's Inn Hotel

## Tuesday 21 September

Trust and Openness in the NHS: From Paternalism to Partnership John Pugh MP 12:45–14:00, Hall 11C, ACC



Solving the Public Health Crisis

Paul Burstow MP 12:45–14:00, Hall 1C, ACC



Smarter spending for better care

Paul Burstow MP 12:45–14:00, Hall 11B, ACC



New politics, new healthcare: Can the web help patients and clinicians transform the NHS? John Pugh MP 18:15–19:30, Hall 11C, ACC



Innovation as cure: how medical research can crack our toughest health problems Baroness Northover 18:15–19:30, Hall 11B, ACC



What's next for cancer survivors? Aftercare that works for all Paul Burstow MP 18:15–19:30, Hall 1C, ACC



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Welcome to the *Conference Directory* for the Liberal Democrat autumn 2010 federal conference.

This *Conference Directory* is your guide to the many sessions and events taking place outside of the main auditorium at conference. The *Directory* is designed to help you make the most of conference, from fringe, to exhibition, to key conference events – so please read it in conjunction with the *Conference Agenda* for all of your conference needs. It contains everything you need to know to help you get the most out of your time here in Liverpool.

The *Directory* also includes important information on security. This is significantly different from previous years. See *security* on **page 11**.

We have a packed fringe programme this year with a record number of events. A map and venue plan is enclosed to help you navigate your way around Liverpool and the ACC. Also included is the *fringe guide* and *conference diary* pullout, please use them to plan the fringe meetings you wish to attend and the debates in which you would like to participate whilst at conference. With such a number and variety there will be more than enough to keep you busy! As well as convenient information regarding transport, cashpoints and utilities, the *Directory* shows you where to go for food and drink when you need to refuel.

Should you have any questions whilst at conference please ask one of our stewards who will be happy to help. Alternatively, the **Information Desk**, situated in the Lower Galleria on the lower ground floor of the ACC, is available to assist you with procedural and general information requests.

Keep this guide handy and all you need to do is enjoy yourself. But if all else fails, ask!

Enjoy conference.

## The Conference Team



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For conference details and registration online:  
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# facing the future

by Ros Scott

Politics is, of course, an uncertain business.

**But to paraphrase Donald Rumsfeld, there are certain uncertainties, and the formation of the Westminster Coalition Government has taken us into the realm of uncertain uncertainties.**

Our new situation requires clear and firm leadership from the top of the Party, but our history tells us that we work best and are most successful when we all work together for a common goal.

This will require enormous efforts from all parts of the Party and the period since the announcement of the Coalition has been spent in a frenzy of activity in Parliament, Cowley Street and in the Federal Committees. But this is only the start.

As a way of kicking off a process which will involve members at this early stage, the Federal Executive has agreed to hold a consultative session in Liverpool, where conference representatives both individually and as members of groups and associations can discuss the challenges we face, the opportunities which being in Government brings to us and how we move forward.

Our Party's success in the future will, like its success in the past, be built on the commitment and hard work of its members and activists.

There is no doubt that this country has had an entrenched political system based on adversarial

positioning and the dialogue of distrust and rejection.

The Coalition Government provides us with a welcome opportunity to show how things can be different – that coalitions can be a new form of politics which is both effective and useful. In that, Westminster is following the lead shown in Scotland and Wales and in many councils up and down the land.

The best advocates for this change are our members and activists who see it as part of their role to explain what it is we are seeking to achieve, to represent the Party and defend it where necessary.

This brings us to consideration of how we recruit, support and inform our members. And beyond that how we link the views of members and activists back into the Parliamentary Party at Westminster.

The consultative session will be about the Party as a whole – in every community, the Devolved Assemblies and in Europe as well as in Westminster. It's about how we create a Liberal movement which articulates our beliefs and values across the country.



**Baroness Ros Scott of Needham Market is President of the Liberal Democrats**

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# liberals and liverpool

by Chris Davies MEP

As a student in the mid-1970s the very word 'Liverpool' excited me.

Here was a great city, albeit one with equally great problems – and at a time when our influence elsewhere hardly existed, it was being run by Liberals!

The party of Trevor Jones and Cyril Carr, David Alton and Mike Storey, made the breakthrough in 1973 and we have led Liverpool City Council, on and off, for half of the years since then.

Politics here can be rough and raw; running Liverpool isn't easy. Our conference centre is located in the ward I represented from 1980 to 1984. For decades it had been the safest Labour seat in England, with Liberals languishing behind the Communists. It included two cathedrals, but my voters lived in council flats in an environment that was as grim as anything in Britain.

The three years I served as a committee chairman gave me a sense

of achievement that is only sometimes rivalled by my work today in the European Parliament.

I am proud of that time, but I also remember it as one when Thatcherite deflationary policy cost Merseyside 60,000 jobs. Labour's 'Militant Tendency' were the beneficiaries of the anger and despair that generated, and their actions fouled the city's reputation for years.

I took the political lessons I had learnt and applied them elsewhere, but others stayed and have since changed Liverpool hugely for the good. Liberal Democrats at our conference will see the dramatic improvements made to the city centre. Public services are vastly better, the parks and riverside environment are a treat, exam results are above average, and the crime rate is low.

But this begs some questions. The quality of life in Liverpool can be better than in London, property is cheaper, costs are lower, and transport links are good – so why is the economy here still fragile? Indeed, why is the nation's economy so skewed in favour of the



**Chris Davies is MEP for the North West**



## liberals and liverpool continued

South East? Surely there is a failure of market forces that needs to be corrected by government intervention?

There's a lot to be done. In opposition, Liberal Democrats called for civil servants to be moved away from London; now we can influence this.

A government wanting to save money can insist that the public sector looks beyond the City for financial, legal and other services.

The experience of the USA's Community Reinvestment Act could be used to force banks to take a direct involvement in the regeneration of inner-city communities. And let's remember that councils need new

financial freedoms if greater investments are to be encouraged.

Enjoy your time at conference. The agenda of the coalition government will be the constant subject of debate in the hall and in the bars.

Liberals in Liverpool have known for a long time that politics is about winning power and using it effectively. People here will judge the government by what it does to improve the prospects of cities like this.



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# local elections 2011

by Tim Pickstone

5th May 2011 is turning out to be a big day for the Party. The referendum on Fairer Votes, General Elections for the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly, plus local elections in most of England.

2011 is the biggest 'round' in the four year cycle of local elections – nearly 9,500 councillors up for election in most of England outside of London. One of our two Elected Mayors, Dave Hodgson in Bedford, is also up for election as well as many parish and town councillors.

What makes the 2011 round of local elections particularly challenging is that it includes the many councils who have 'all-up' elections, as well as those by thirds. All-ups have particular issues – it's easier to see quite radical change in the number of councillors in one go (as we saw in London this year). Also some areas find it harder to keep up campaigning right through the four year period.

## Challenges for 2011

This will be our first time ever (in England) where we have to fight at a local level the party who are our coalition partners at a national level. Across many areas it's a Lib Dem / Tory battle and we need to be clear in how we let people know why a Lib Dem vote locally will make a real difference.

The AV referendum is going to be on the same day. Again uncharted territory, but materials will be on their way to help people build the campaigning into *FOCUS* and other materials. And for the first time in 15

years we'll be fighting Labour in opposition (and we're in Government) – not the same as we're used to, but given the mess they left the country in, not impossible.

Last time these seats were fought, 2007, was not our best year. We lost nearly 250 councillors, Labour lost 500, the Conservatives gained nearly 1000. This time nearly 1900 Lib Dem Councillors face the electorate – not too far short of half of our total.

## Help is at hand

There is plenty on offer this Conference to help us plan effectively for 2011. There is a busy training programme from ALDC, the Campaigns Department and others. Look out for the regional Election Planning Workshops and for the new 'Skills Builder' sessions aimed at giving you the tools to go back and train other members and helpers on how to win!

Right through to the election there will be templates and campaign ideas from both ALDC and the Campaigns Department to suit all different levels and abilities – come and talk to us at our stand if you need to know more.

Remember one simple fact – last time these seats were in up in 2007, Councillors who were ALDC members were **three and a half times** more likely to be re-elected than other Lib Dems!



**Cllr Tim Pickstone is Chief Executive of the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**  
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There is plenty on offer this Conference to help us plan effectively for 2011





# conference information

General information about this year's autumn conference is listed below in alphabetical order.

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*.

If you have any questions, please ask a conference steward or go to the conference **Information Desk** in the **Lower Galleria** on the lower ground floor of the **Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool (ACC)**.

## access

Entry to the **ACC** is via the **Cityside Entrance** on **Monarchs Quay**.

Access to all areas of the **ACC** 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 ACC 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 ACC during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events. See *security* on **page 11**.

If you are attending a training or fringe session in the **Jurys Inn, Hilton Liverpool** or **Holiday Inn Express**, conference photo passes are not necessary, unless you are attending a party training session, where you may be asked to show a valid photo pass or party membership card.

## accommodation

If you have not yet booked your accommodation, check the accommodation page of our website for information about availability in local hotels: [www.LibDems.org.uk/AutumnAccommodation](http://www.LibDems.org.uk/AutumnAccommodation).

## banking facilities

The Royal Mail Group are kindly providing a free ATM for the convenience of conference attendees, next to their stand, **B8**, in the exhibition in **Hall 2** on the **lower ground floor** of the **ACC**.

## car parking

See parking under *transport and travel* on **page 16**.



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## childcare

We offer a conference **crèche** for members with children aged 6 weeks to 10 years. **As crèche staff are not allowed to accept children who are not pre-registered and the deadline for crèche registrations has now passed, further bookings cannot be accepted.** Information on how to register your child for next year's spring conference will be available in due course at [www.LibDems.org.uk/SpringCreche](http://www.LibDems.org.uk/SpringCreche).

A **babysitting** service can be booked via our crèche provider **Tinies** on 0845 330 1419. The booking fee is £25+VAT per nanny in advance, then £8.00 an hour (before midnight) or £10.00 an hour (after midnight) payable to the nanny at the end of the evening. There is a minimum booking of 3 hours, you must give at least 24 hours notice and each nanny can look after a maximum of two children in one room. All arrangements and payment are to be made to **Tinies** directly.

## cloakroom

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

There is a cloakroom in the **Galleria** on the **ground floor** of the **ACC**. A £1 charge per item applies.

On the last morning of conference, Wednesday 22nd September, your hotel should be able to store your luggage for you after checkout.

Alternatively suitcases may be deposited at the Jurys Inn hotel and must be collected by no later than 18.00. A small luggage charge may apply for non-residents of the Jurys Inn.

## conference information continued

### conference bags

You can pick up your biodegradable, environmentally-friendly conference bag from **bag collection** in the **Galleria** on the **ground floor** of the **ACC**, on production of your photo pass covering letter, which, if you register **before 30th July**, you will receive before conference. Conference bag collection is open at the following times:

Saturday	18th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	19th September	08.30 – 18.00
Monday	20th September	08.30 – 18.00
Tuesday	21st September	08.30 – 18.00
Wednesday	22nd September	08.30 – 14.00

### 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.

### 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 **conferences@libdems.org.uk** or ask for a member of staff from the Conference Office via the **Information Desk** at conference.

### conference extra

*Conference Extra* will give the timings of conference sessions and will contain amendments to motions,



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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](http://www.twitter.com/LibDemConf)**

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 14th September**. Hard copies will be available for collection from the **Information Desk** at conference.

To place an advert in *Conference Extra*, contact the Conference Office: **conferences@libdems.org.uk**. The booking deadline is 3rd September.

### consultative sessions

Consultative sessions take place on Saturday 18th September from 10.00 to 12.30 in the **Hilton Liverpool**, and as part of the morning sessions of conference on Sunday 19th and Monday 20th September in the **auditorium** in the **ACC**. See *Conference Agenda* for details.

### disabled access and parking

Please see *access and facilities for disabled people* on **page 14**.

### distribution of literature

***Distribution of literature is not allowed inside, or directly outside, the ACC and excessive distribution of promotional literature is not in line with the party's environmental policies.***

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.



## conference information continued

Any persons attempting to bring a large number of fliers into the conference centre may be prohibited from entering the secure area of the ACC and a dilapidation charge will be levied against any organisation or individual responsible for 'fly-posting'.

### documents for conference

The *Conference Agenda* and *Conference Directory* are two separate documents. For representatives registered **before 30th July**, these have been dispatched in two separate mailings.

Pre-register during August or September or register onsite (see *registration onsite* on **page 11**) and all papers will be available for collection in the **Galleria** on the **ground floor** of the **ACC** on production of your documentation voucher.

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

### exhibition

The exhibition is located in **Hall 2** on the **lower ground floor** of the **ACC**. See **pages 18–26** for opening times and exhibitor details.

### federal conference committee helpdesk

Do you have any questions on the conference agenda? Do you want any tips on filling in your speaker's card that'll make you more likely to be called to speak in a debate? Are you unclear about

any aspect of conference procedure? If so, drop by the **Federal Conference Committee Helpdesk**, where FCC members will be able to give you advice.

The Helpdesk is in the **Lower Galleria** on the **lower ground floor** of the **ACC** near the the Information Desk, and it will be open:

Saturday	18th September	13.00 – 15.00
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Tuesday	21st September	10.30 – 12.30

### feedback

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

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

In the event of needing First Aid assistance, please approach a member of the stewarding team (either Lib Dem or ACC) or go to the Information Desk. The stewards will then arrange for First Aiders to attend and/or request a paramedic.

### flash photography

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

### fringe

For details of fringe meetings, see the *fringe guide* on **pages 27–80**.

The official fringe meeting venues are the **ACC**, the **Jurys Inn**, the **Hilton Liverpool** and the **Holiday Inn Express**. See the *map of Liverpool city centre* on the **back cover** for locations of these and other fringe venues.

If you are attending a fringe session outside the ACC, conference photo passes are not necessary, unless you are attending a party training session where you

## Conference Daily

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

*Conference Daily* contains information, updates and changes, including amendments and emergency motions, which is vital to your understanding of the day's business.

## conference information continued

may be asked to show a valid conference photo pass or party membership card.

### headquarters' fringe events

#### Conference Rally

##### **Yes to Reform! Winning the Battle**

With Nick Clegg and guests.

A rally with the Electoral Reform Society to launch Liberal Democrat support for the *Yes! To Fairer Votes* campaign in next year's AV referendum.

*Conference photo pass required.*

**Saturday 18th September, 18.30 – 19.30**

**Auditorium, ACC Liverpool**

#### Glee Club

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

**Tuesday 21st September, 22.00 to late**

**Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool**



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The Business Centre is also able to do photocopying, faxing, secretarial services and sale of general items like pens, pads, etc.

### 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 Lower Galleria on the lower ground floor of the ACC.

### photo passes

All conference photo passes are mailed prior to conference if registration details are received before 27th August. We will endeavour to mail out photo passes for registrations received after 27th August. If you have not received your pass, please come to the **registration area** on **Keel Wharf**, next to Jurys Inn's cityside entrance.

### postal and telephone facilities

Royal Mail Group's stand, **B8**, in the **exhibition** area in Hall 2 on the lower ground floor of the ACC, offers a range of Post Office® services including a postbox with a daily collection Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd September.

There are no payphones in the ACC.

### information desk

The Information Desk is located in the **Lower Galleria** on the **lower ground floor** of the **ACC**, where members of the Conference Team can answer your questions.

The Information Desk is open at the following times:

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Tuesday	21st September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	22nd September	08.30 – 16.00

To contact the Information Desk:

telephone: 0151 239 6040 or

email: [conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk](mailto:conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk)

### internet access

The **Business Centre** is located in the **Galleria** on the **ground floor** of the **ACC**. This contains the Net Pod area which has 12 workstations with internet access – these are available to hire at a charge of £2 for 30 minutes.

Representatives will be able to access the internet from their laptops in the main Galleria via ACC Wireless at a charge of £6 for 24 hours. Vouchers can be purchased from the Business Centre.



# conference information continued

## prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located in **Hall 1 Backstage Room 7** on **level 3** of the **ACC**. The room is available during conference opening times – please be respectful of others using the room.

## recycling facilities

The ACC is one of the greenest venues in Europe, specifically designed with the most energy efficient, environmentally-friendly green criteria in mind. Recycling bins are provided throughout the venue. Please make use of them.

## refreshments

Hot and cold meals and alcoholic drinks are available in the exhibition area in Hall 2 on the lower ground floor of the ACC. Cold snacks, soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be on sale at catering points in the Lower Galleria, Galleria and Level 3.

## registration onsite

Onsite registration is available to representatives who have yet to register or need to query or change their current registration. The **registration area** is located on **Keel Wharf**, next to Jurys Inn's cityside entrance.

Registration is open at the following times:

Saturday	18th September	11.00 – 18.30
Sunday	19th September	08.30 – 18.00
Monday	20th September	08.30 – 18.00
Tuesday	21st September	08.30 – 18.00
Wednesday	22nd September	08.30 – 15.00

## smoking

All areas of the ACC are non-smoking.

The **riverside courtyard**, accessible via the Galleria on the ground floor of the ACC, is a small outside area within the secure area for smokers to use.

## 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 exclusions from conference.

## security and safety

The safety of the people who live in, work in and visit Merseyside is Merseyside Police's top priority. The Liberal Democrat Party has received and accepted advice from Merseyside Police regarding security measures for the autumn conference 2010. As a result, an enhanced security operation will be running for the duration of the conference. These measures have been agreed and put in place to ensure, as fully as possible, the safety of everyone attending the conference, as well as the residents and employees surrounding the venue.

**All those attending conference must have a pass issued by the Party in order to gain access to the conference venue. Conference photo passes must be worn visibly at all times within the ACC. Anyone found in the secure area without a valid pass will be escorted from the building.**

Everyone will be subject to an 'airport type' search process at the entry point. This will include metal detecting archways and x-ray searches of bags. Anyone wishing to bring small items into the venue will be able to pass them through the entry point x-ray machines. The maximum size is 640mm (W) x 430mm (H).

Packages too large will be subject to physical search by security staff. Boxes and packages should be left unsealed wherever possible. Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the ACC. Any bag left unattended will be brought to the attention of the police and may be removed and/or destroyed.

In order to ensure your process through the new security measures is as quick as possible please only bring essential items with you into the centre.

**Merseyside Police thanks you for your patience and co-operation. These search processes are in place to ensure and maintain the safety and security of the Liberal Democrat 2010 autumn conference.**



## training events

A wide range of free training events for party members is taking place from Saturday 18th to Tuesday 21st September. Only party members may attend training events – a valid conference photo pass or party membership card must be shown for entry. For details, see the *Training Programme* or go to [www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference).

## transport and travel

For information on transport to and around Liverpool, see **page 16**.

## twitter

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## venues

The main conference venue is:

Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool (ACC),  
Kings Dock, Liverpool Waterfront, L3 4FP

The main conference sessions will take place in the Echo Arena on the lower ground floor of the ACC.

Conference and fringe hotels:

Jurys Inn Liverpool,  
31 Keel Wharf, Liverpool L3 4FN  
Tel: 0151 244 3777

Hilton Liverpool,  
3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool L1 8LW  
Tel: 0151 708 4200

Express By Holiday Inn, Britannia Pavillion,  
Albert Dock, Liverpool L3 4AD  
Tel: 08448 757575

## website

For conference details online, please see:

[www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference)



## conference rally

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**Auditorium, ACC Liverpool**

*Conference photo pass required for entry*



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For detailed information on motions and voting, registration and accommodation, participating in our fringe and exhibition, and much more, visit

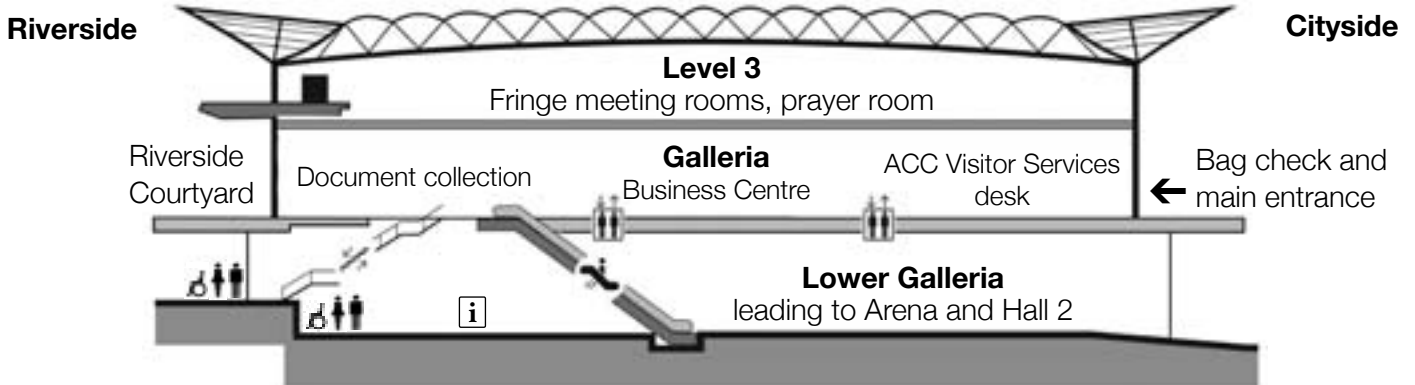
[www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference).



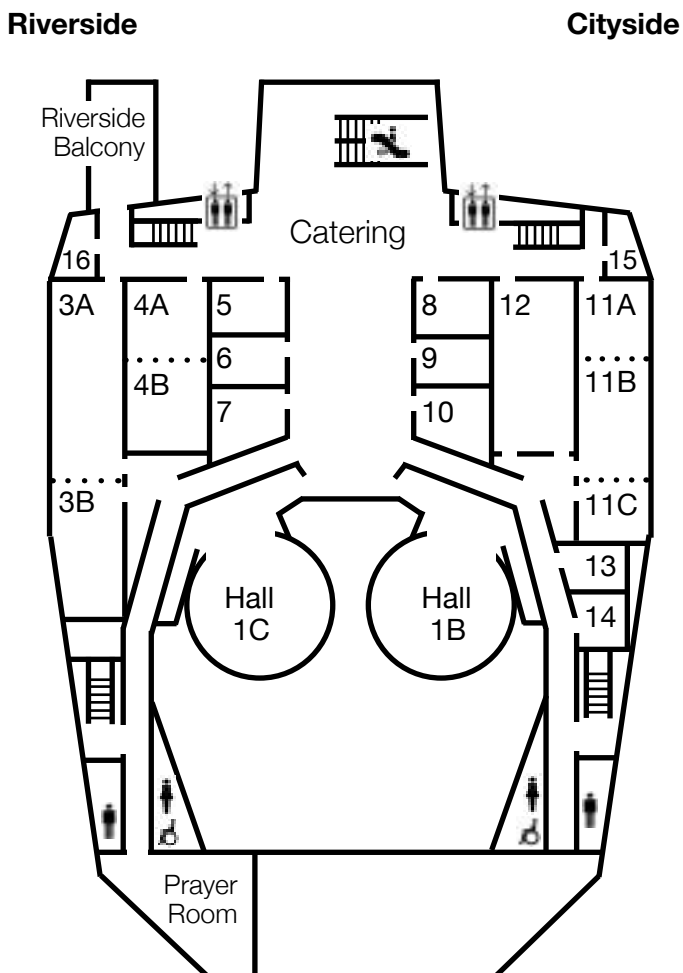
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plans of the arena and convention centre liverpool (acc)

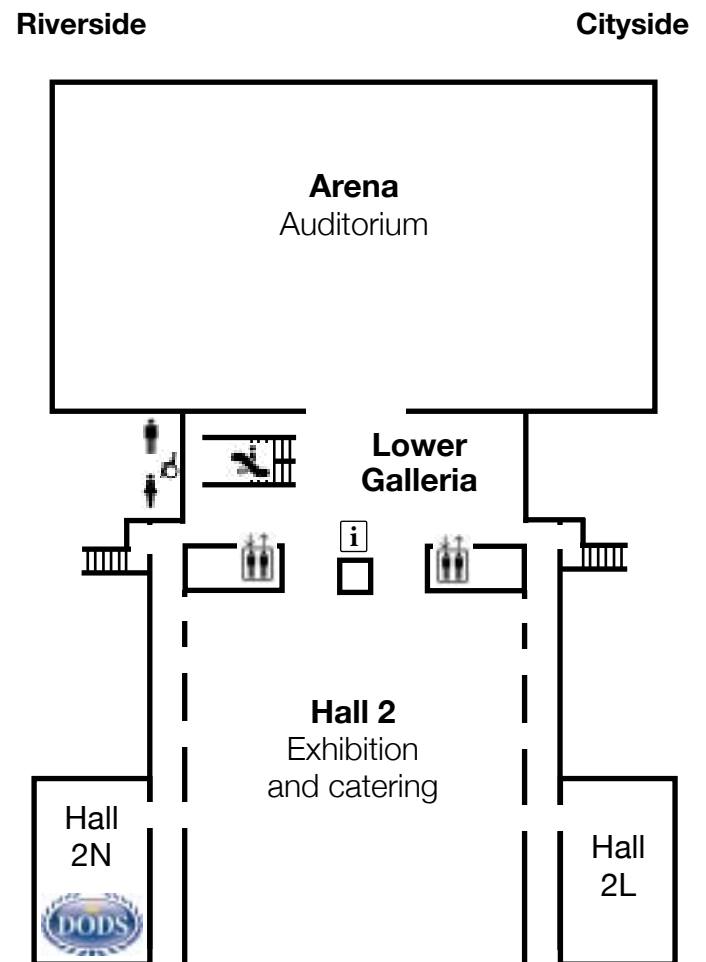
cross section



## plan of level 3



## plan of lower ground floor



Information Desk

Lift

Escalators to and from ground floor Galleria

Halls 1B, 1C, 2L and 2N, rooms 3A to 16 and Riverside Balcony are fringe meeting rooms

(Plans not to scale)



# access and facilities for disabled people

All areas of the **Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool (ACC)** and rooms in the **Jurys Inn, Hilton Liverpool** and **Holiday Inn Express** used for fringe meetings are fully accessible by wheelchair.

## liverpool

Liverpool Tourist Information telephone enquiries:

0151 233 2008

**DisabledGo** provides detailed information about the access to a variety of places across Liverpool – hotels, restaurants, tourist attractions etc.:

[www.disabledgo.com/en/org/liverpool-city-council](http://www.disabledgo.com/en/org/liverpool-city-council)  
email: [questions@disabledgo.com](mailto:questions@disabledgo.com)  
tel: 0845 270 4627; text: 07971 425213  
post: DisabledGo, Ardent House, Gates Way, Stevenage, SG1 3HG

## acc

Access to the ACC is via the Cityside Entrance on Monarchs Quay. There are lifts in the Galleria which give access to the **exhibition** and **auditorium** on the lower ground floor and the **fringe rooms** on Level 3.

The seating area in the **auditorium** (in the Arena on the lower ground floor of the ACC) will be mostly on the flat. Ramped access to the stage is available to the left of the stage.

Within the ACC, the information desk features a fixed loop hearing system. An induction loop is available in specific seating areas within the auditorium. Please ask a steward to direct you to these seats.

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

For 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.

There are **disabled toilets** on all levels of the ACC.

Royal National Institute of Blind People's Transcription Unit are providing information, advice and a free on-

## Services For The Blind And Visually Impaired

A range of electronic versions of the Conference Agenda and 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 the conference papers page at: [www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers](http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers)

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](mailto:conferences@libdems.org.uk)

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

site transcription service for conference or exhibition materials into large print, audio or braille. Visit them at stand A11b in the exhibition hall.

## conference and fringe hotels

**Hilton Liverpool:** all meeting rooms are located on Level 1 and are fully accessible via lifts from the foyer.

**Jurys Inn Liverpool:** the hotel is DDA compliant with lifts to all floors and accessible toilets in all public areas. All meeting rooms are located on Level 1.





# access and facilities for disabled people continued

**Express by Holiday Inn:** the hotel is accessible via ramps at the entrance and then a lift up to the main reception. Both meeting rooms are off the main reception.

## car parking

Accessible parking is available in the car park next to the ACC, although it is not free for Blue Badge holders. Car park lifts have a mirror to aid reversing out of the lift and visual and audible floor indicators. The route from the car park to the ACC entrance is accessible for wheelchairs, although assistance may be needed as there are some ramps. **All vehicles will be searched as a condition of entry to the car park, and this may take up to 20 minutes.**

See also *car* and *parking* under *transport and travel* on **page 16**.

For information on Blue Badge parking in Liverpool visit: [www.liverpool.gov.uk/Transport\\_and\\_streets](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/Transport_and_streets).

## rail

If you need mobility assistance at Liverpool Lime Street station go to one of the Customer Information Points or go to Station Reception on platform 1.

There are accessible departure boards, ramps for train access, accessible taxis, accessible public telephones, national key toilets, step-free access coverage, and disabled parking at Skelthorpe street car park. **Please note, there are no induction loops fitted at the booking office or ticket windows and there are no waiting rooms or tactile warning strips along the platform edges.**

If assistance is required at Liverpool station, contact your train operator at least 48 hours prior to travel so help can be tailored to individual needs and assistance given at each stage of the journey.

Virgin Trains  
08457 44 33 66 (textphone 08457 44 33 67)  
Northern Rail  
0845 000 0125 (textphone 0845 604 5608)  
London Midland  
0121 634 2040 (textphone 0844 811 0134)  
First Transpennine  
0800 107 2149 (textphone – not available)  
East Midlands  
08457 125678 (textphone 08457 078 051)

For further information on train services see *transport and travel* on **page 16**.

## taxis

See *taxi services* under *transport and travel* on **page 16**.

## electric scooters

The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of mobility scooters available free of charge to conference representatives, 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](mailto:conferences@libdems.org.uk).

## fringe access bus

All three fringe hotels are within a 10 minute walk from the ACC. However, for wheelchair users and representatives with mobility impairments, a small bus will be operating during lunch and early evening fringe meetings, between the ACC, Hilton Liverpool and Holiday Inn Express.

This daily service will have no specific timetable, to be more flexible to the users' needs. If you are a wheelchair user or would benefit from help getting between fringe meetings, please visit the Information Desk in the ACC 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](mailto:conferences@libdems.org.uk) before 27th 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 ACC.

**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](mailto:rlittlehales@aol.com), or ask for him at the **Information Desk** in the ACC.



# transport and travel

The **ACC Visitor Services desk** has a stock of local bus, ferry and Merseyrail timetables and can help you with up-to-the-minute information about local and national rail services, and can book you a taxi. The ACC Visitor Services desk is immediately to your left as you enter the ACC.

## air

A taxi from John Lennon airport to the city centre will take approximately 20 minutes or the express bus service Route 500 will take approximately 25 minutes, dropping off within a five minute walk of the ACC.

Alongside several domestic routes, the airport also has regular scheduled flights to dozens of locations across Europe. Services include Easyjet, KLM, Ryanair, Flybe and Wizzair. Visit the airlines' respective websites for further details.

## bus and coach

National Express offers several services to Liverpool from across the UK. The coach station is a 10 minute taxi ride to the ACC. For more information visit:

**[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)**.

For local bus services, visit Mersey Travel's website for up-to-date routes and timetables:

**[www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)**.

Or call Traveline on: 0871 200 22 33.

## car

If arriving by car, follow the brown and white tourist route signs for the Albert Dock, visible on the major routes into the city. The ACC is directly adjacent to the south side of the Albert Dock.

### your views are important to us!

Conference feedback questionnaires will no longer be available in hard copy.

Instead, following conference, representatives will be emailed a link to an online questionnaire.

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

For help planning your route visit:

**[www.rac.co.uk/route-planner](http://www.rac.co.uk/route-planner)**.

If you are using a satellite navigation system, enter the postcode L3 4BX, with the co-ordinates LAT:53.3 96007; LONG:2.99118.

***Please be aware that vehicle access around the conference site will be restricted.***

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

## parking

***Access to the ACC's multi-storey car park will be controlled and all vehicles will be searched as a condition of entry.*** This may take up to 20 minutes. The car park is signposted *Waterfront* on the city-wide 'available spaces' signage. The ACC offers a flat fee of £5/day for conference attendees.

Alternative car parking is shown on the *map of Liverpool city centre* on the **back cover**.

For disabled parking, see car parking under ***access and facilities for disabled people*** on **page 15**.

## taxi services

Blue Line Cars offer a 24-hour service with wheelchair accessible vehicles: 0151 709 0101.

The ACC Visitor Services desk will also be able to book you a taxi, either a private hire vehicle or a five-seater, wheelchair-accessible Hackney cab.

## train

Virgin Trains operates hourly, direct services from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street (with a journey time of just over two hours). Other long-distance rail services also operate into Liverpool Lime Street station.

For timetables, routes, fares and bookings, visit: **[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)**.

For local train services, up-to-date routes and timetables, visit Mersey Travel's website: **[www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)**.

Or call Traveline: 0871 200 22 33.

The ACC is a 20-minute walk from Lime Street station or a short taxi ride.



*The largest teachers' union in the UK*

# Championing Education

- Advancing equal entitlements and opportunities for all children and young people.
- Protecting national pay and conditions frameworks and pensions of teachers and headteachers.
- Securing high quality investment in schools and good value for public money.
- Ensuring democratic accountability.
- Maintaining high quality public services.
- Supporting the professional practice of teachers and headteachers.

## **RESEARCH ■ BRIEFINGS ■ ADVICE ■ INFORMATION**

The NASUWT is the largest union representing teachers and headteachers in the UK, with members in all sectors, including early years, primary, secondary and special schools, sixth-form colleges and FE colleges.

The NASUWT is an independent trade union and is not affiliated to any political party.

**To find out more  
visit the NASUWT stand (9/10)**

**[www.nasuw.org.uk](http://www.nasuw.org.uk)**

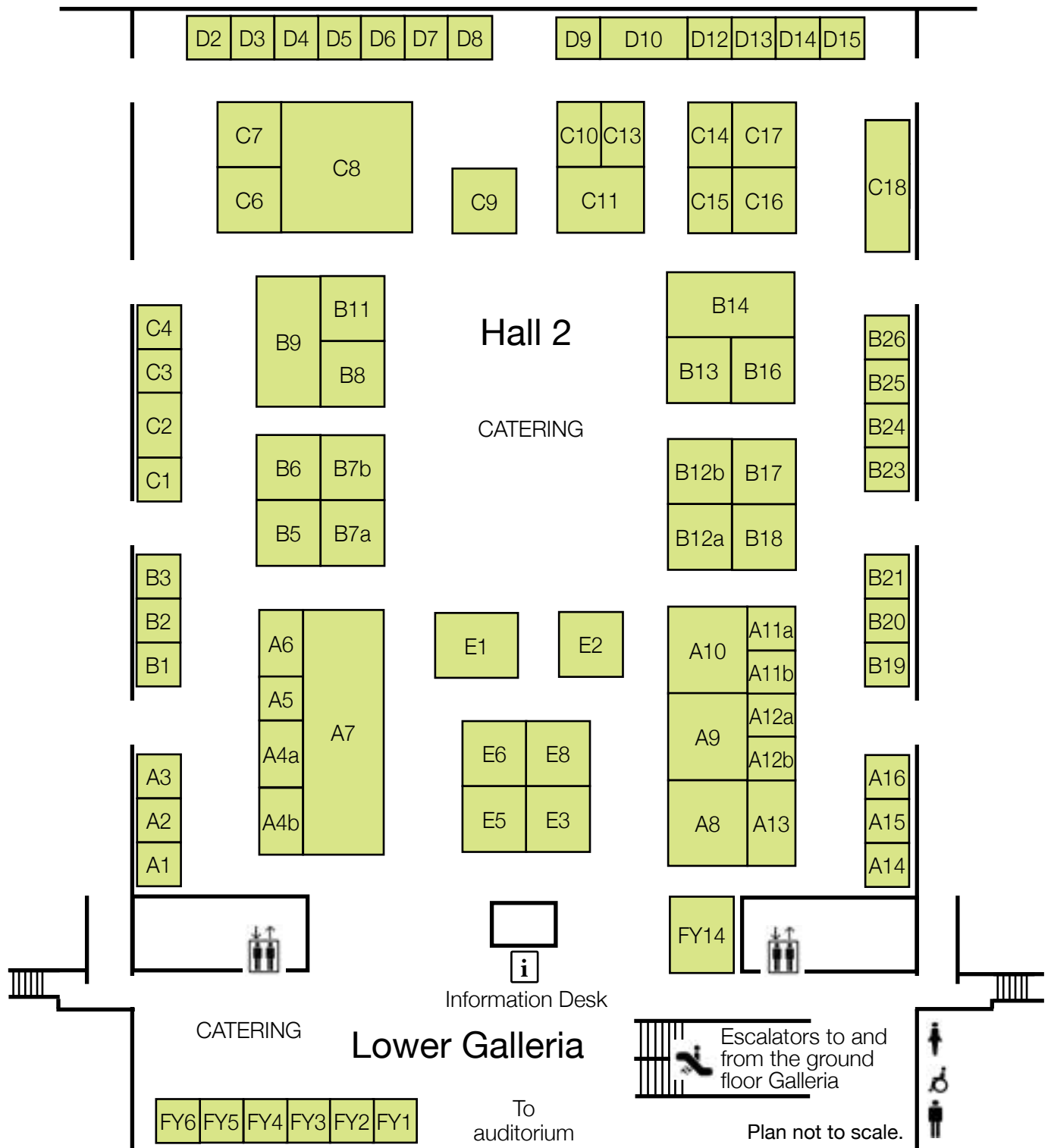
# the exhibition

The exhibition is located in **Hall 2** on the **lower ground floor** of the **ACC** (Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool), see *conference venue plan* on **page 13**. For *plan of exhibition* see below, and for key to stand numbers see *exhibitors listed by stand number* on **page 19**.

Exhibition opening times:

Saturday	18th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	19th September	08.30 – 18.30
Monday	20th September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	21st September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	22nd September	08.30 – 16.00

## plan of the exhibition



# exhibitors listed by stand number

- A1 BUAV
- A2 LGBT Lib Dems (DELGA)
- A3 Age UK
- A4a Liberal Democrats in England
- A4b BVCA
- A5 Prater Raines Ltd
- A6 Leeds City Region Partnership
- A7 Health Hotel
- A8 Federation of Small Businesses
- A9 Consumer Finance Education Body
- A10 pteg
- A11a Unlock Democracy
- A11b RNIB transcription service
- A12a White Ribbon Alliance
- A12b Money Advice Trust
- A13 Tobacco Retailers Alliance
- A14 Electoral Reform Society
- A15 NSPCC
- A16 British Humanist Association
- B1 Booktrust
- B2 Humanist and Secular Liberal Democrats
- B3 Counter Context
- B5 Harmsworth Printing Ltd
- B6 Riso UK Ltd
- B7a RNIB – Driving Down Sight Loss
- B7b Lloyds Banking Group
- B8 Royal Mail
- B9 NASUWT
- B11 Liverpool City Council
- B12a GovNet Communications
- B12b Guide Dogs
- B13 UKIE
- B14 The Manchester Partnership
- B16 Countryside Alliance
- B17 Recovery Group UK
- B18 PCA (Parliamentary Candidates Association)
- B19 Anti Academies Alliance
- B20 Prospects
- B21 Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)
- B23 Society of Chief Librarians and British Library
- B24 ALDE Group
- B25 North West Liberal Democrats

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exhibition

- B26 International Consortium of British Pensioners
- C1 Counsel and Care
- C2 Green Liberal Democrats
- C3 ALTER
- C4 Agents and Organisers Association
- C6 Union Learn
- C7 Trades Union Congress
- C8 Liberal Democrat Image
- C9 National Union of Teachers
- C10 Citizens Advice Bureau
- C11 Birmingham Convention Bureau
- C13 League Against Cruel Sports
- C14 CentreForum
- C15 NAHT
- C16 Local Government Association Liberal Democrats
- C17 Liberal Youth
- C18 Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and Local Government Improvement and Development
- D2 Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw
- D3 The Chard Group
- D4 Liberal Democrat Education Association
- D5 DAGGER
- D6 Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
- D7 Women Liberal Democrats
- D8 Campaign for Gender Balance
- D9 Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association
- D10 *Liberator*
- D12 Liberal International British Group
- D13 Liberal Democrat European Group
- D14 Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
- D15 EARS – Election Agents Record System
- E1 BBC
- E2 Digital UK
- E3 E.ON
- E5 Sheffield
- E6 Eaga
- E8 Animal Defenders International
- FY1 Liberal Democrat History Group
- FY2 ALDES – Engineers and Scientists
- FY3 ALDTU
- FY4 EMLD
- FY5 Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel
- FY6 Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)
- FY14 Nuclear Industry Association

## 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 A3

### Age UK

Age UK is the new force combining Age Concern and Help the Aged. We celebrate ageing and work to create opportunity in later life and we fight and challenge disadvantage wherever we find it. [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk).



## Stand B19

### Anti Academies Alliance

The Anti Academies Alliance is composed of parents, teachers, unions, governors, councillors and MPs. The Academies Bill has opened the door to a future of a market-driven education system.



## Stand C4

### Agents and Organisers Association

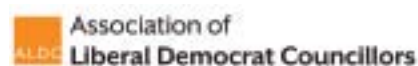
Advice, support and advocacy for all election agents and organisers. Come and meet us, get your questions answered, and get your hands on the 2010 *Agents' Manual!*



## Stand C18–C20

### Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and Local Government Improvement and Development

ALDC represents councillors and provides advice, information and resources for all councillors and activists. Visit us for publications, resources and advice from ALDC and Local Government Improvement and Development staff.



## Stand B24

### ALDE Group

Come and visit the stand of Chris Davies MEP to find out more about his work and achievements in the European Parliament and in the North West.



## Stand E1

### BBC

We'll be highlighting different aspects of the BBC each day of conference. Hear how we're focusing on our core role as a provider of distinctive public service content – doing fewer things, but better.



## Stand FY2

### ALDES – Engineers and Scientists

ALDES is the Liberal Democrat group for Engineering and Science. We're building a network of engineers, scientists, medics and technicians within the party.



## Stand FY3

### ALDTU

ALDTU aims to promote trade union interest within the party and Liberal Democrat policies within the trade union movement.



## Stand C11

### Birmingham Convention Bureau

Birmingham Convention Bureau is ready to help with accommodation booking, venue finding and city information services to make your 2011 autumn conference in Birmingham the best it can be.



## Stand C3

### 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 B1

### 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.



## Stand E8

### Animal Defenders International

ADI's investigations and reports have helped inform animal protection legislation worldwide. Current campaigns address the use of animals in circuses, and the replacement of animals in laboratories.



## Stand A16

### British Humanist Association

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



**Stand A1**

**BUAV**

The BUAV is the world's leading anti-vivisection organisation. Visit our stand to learn about animal experimentation and have all your questions answered.



**Stand A4b**

**BVCA**

The British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (BVCA) is the industry body and public policy advocate for the private equity and venture capital industry in the UK.



**Stand D8**

**Campaign for Gender Balance**

The Campaign exists to support and encourage potential women parliamentary candidates. It provides training, mentoring and development opportunities for women throughout the approval and selection process.



**Stand B21**

**Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)**

CND campaigns for the abolition of nuclear weapons worldwide. We work to scrap Trident and cancel its replacement and support an international agreement for a Nuclear Weapons Convention.



**Stand C14**

**CentreForum**

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



**Stand D3**

**The Chard Group (1992)**

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

**Stand C10**

**Citizens Advice Bureau**

Citizens Advice helps to resolve people's legal, money and other problems through free and independent advice and information. It also uses the evidence obtained from clients' problems to campaign for change. This year the stand is kindly sponsored by Barclays.



**Stand A9**

**Consumer Finance Education Body**

The Consumer Financial Education Body (CFEB) is an independent organisation established in April 2010 by the Financial Services Authority. Its overarching statutory remit is to help people understand money matters and to be better able to manage their finances. CFEB provides free, impartial financial advice online at [www.moneymadeclear.org.uk](http://www.moneymadeclear.org.uk), over the phone on 0300 500 5000 and face-to-face.



**Stand C1**

**Counsel and Care**

Counsel and Care is the national charity working with older people, their families and carers to get the best care and support. Computershare Voucher Services operates and administers its childcare voucher scheme for more than 14,000 organisations across the UK, including SMEs, FTSE 100 corporations and the public sector. [www.counselandcare.org.uk](http://www.counselandcare.org.uk); [www.computersharevoucherservices.co.uk](http://www.computersharevoucherservices.co.uk).



**Stand B3**

**Counter Context**

Counter Context is a niche communications company with 15 years experience of designing and delivering effective consultation programmes that connect public and private sector organisations to the communities they serve. [www.countercontext.com](http://www.countercontext.com).



**Stand B16**

**Countryside Alliance**

The Countryside Alliance champions the countryside and the rural way of life. The Alliance is uniquely placed to reflect the views of rural people and everyone who loves the countryside.



**Stand D5**

**DAGGER**

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

**Stand A2**

**LGBT Lib Dems (DELGA)**

Celebrating our 21st birthday this Conference, DELGA is the party's body for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans people. Learn about our policy and campaigning work, and our conference events!



## Stand E2

### Digital UK

Digital UK is the not-for-profit company responsible for leading the UK's switch to digital television. Our role is to communicate switchover to the public and manage the upgrade of the TV transmitter network. To find out when your area switches over and how we can support you and your constituents, visit us at stand E2.



## Stand E3

### E.ON

'Why would an energy company want me to use less energy?' Find out why we're talking to customers about this and how we're helping them to become Energy Fit.



## Stand E6

### Eaga

Eaga is a co-owned company employing more than 4,500 people. We operate at the forefront of the low carbon economy and work with central, devolved and local Government and the private sector providing solutions that address climate change and social inclusion.

[www.eaga.com](http://www.eaga.com).



## Stand D15

### EARS – Election Agents Record System

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 A14

### Electoral Reform Society

The Electoral Reform Society is campaigning to change the way we choose our politicians. We believe that a fair voting system will improve our democracy, allow politicians to better represent you the voter and help them to tackle the serious issues facing our society.



## Stand FY4

### EMLD

EMLD is an SAO of the Liberal Democrats and exists to develop the education, participation and representation of ethnic minorities within the party. It pursues a policy of equal opportunities for all.



## Stand A8

### Federation of Small Businesses



**Federation of Small Businesses**  
The UK's Leading Business Organisation

The Federation of Small Businesses is the UK's leading business organisation representing the self-employed and owners of small firms. It has 213,000 members across 33 regions and 194 branches. [www.fsb.org.uk](http://www.fsb.org.uk).

## Stand B12a

### GovNet Communications



GovNet Communications is the leader in Public Sector communications and produces a wide range of events and publications, which help the public sector deliver government policy, efficiently and effectively. 0161 211 3000. [www.govnet.co.uk](http://www.govnet.co.uk).

## Stand C2

### Green Liberal Democrats

We believe in a future that's sustainable. We work to ensure that the environmental agenda lies at the heart of party policy. See stand C2. *Renewables – living within our means.*



## Stand B12b

### Guide Dogs

Guide Dogs delivers mobility and access services that meet the needs and aspirations of blind and partially-sighted people in the UK.



## Stand B5

### Harmsworth Printing Ltd



**Harmsworth Printing**

Harmsworth Printing produce the weekly *LibDem News* and vast numbers of campaign tabloid newspapers for many constituencies. Visit our stand B5 for quotation.

## Stand A7

### Health Hotel



Supported by Pharmatrust, the Health Zone offers free health testing and advice by the Eye Health Alliance, MS Society, PharmaTrust, Sue Ryder and Specsavers Hearing Centres.

## Stand B2

### 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. Join our meetings here in Liverpool.





## Stand B26

### International Consortium of British Pensioners

Discover how to save £millions in government spending while expanding retirement possibilities for all UK workers.



## Stand D13

### Liberal Democrat European Group

We stimulate debate on European issues by working with our MEPs, publishing *Eurofile* and holding fringe meetings. We play a full role in European policy formation through our links with ELDR.

## Stand C13

### League Against Cruel Sports

The League Against Cruel Sports is a registered charity that brings together people who care about animals. Like the majority of the public, we believe that cruelty to animals in the name of 'sport' has no place in modern society.



## Stand FY5

### Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

LDFI works to develop a relationship of mutual trust and respect between Liberal Democrats and the Jewish Community, developing policies leading to peace and security in Middle East. [www.ldfi.org.uk](http://www.ldfi.org.uk).



## Stand A6

### Leeds City Region Partnership

The Leeds City Region is a partnership of eleven local authorities working together to accelerate economic growth and promote a sustainable and prosperous life for local communities. Visit our stand for more information. [www.leedscityregion.gov.uk](http://www.leedscityregion.gov.uk).



## Stand D14

### Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

The Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine exist to uphold Palestinian rights. We lobby within the party for International Law to be observed as the basis for a just peace.



## Stand D6

### The Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

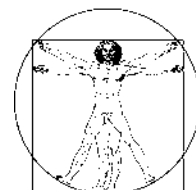
We are here to connect and support Christians within the party. Do come and visit us to find out what we are doing at conference.



## Stand FY1

### Liberal Democrat History Group

Discussion and research of the history of the Liberal Democrats, Liberal Party and SDP, and of liberalism. Subscribe to the *Journal of Liberal History*. Buy our new booklet, *Liberal History*.



## Stand FY6

### Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)

Liberal Democrat Disability Association – working to help the party use the skills and abilities of disabled people and gain their votes.

## Stand D2

### Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw

Collect pre-ordered Christmas Draw tickets from Stand D2 or place new orders. See how to maximise your income from the Draw.



## Stand C8

### Liberal Democrat Image

Visit Liberal Democrat Image for your election and campaigning supplies and save money on postage, or visit our website [www.libdemimage.co.uk](http://www.libdemimage.co.uk).



## Stand D4

### 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 LDEA.



## Stand A4a

### Liberal Democrats in England

Coordinating the work of the 11 regional parties. Building the party through membership recruitment, development, supporting local parties and running the English Candidates' Office. We also have workshops all week.



## Stand D9

### 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](http://www.libdemlawyers.org.uk).

**Stand D12**

**Liberal International British Group**

Liberal International brings together liberals from all over the world to monitor, discuss and influence global politics and human rights. The British Group is your link to international affairs.



**Stand A12b**

**Money Advice Trust**

The Money Advice Trust is a charity formed in 1991 to increase the quality and availability of free, independent money advice and reduce unmanageable personal debt in the UK.



**Stand C17**

**Liberal Youth**

The youth and students wing of the Liberal Democrats. Essential information on integrating younger people with your campaigns. Youth-targeted literature available to order.



**Stand C15**

**NAHT**

Independent professional association/trade union representing over 28K school/college leaders across all phases of education. Provides member support, national negotiation on pay/conditions of service and a voice on policy.



**Stand D10**

**Liberator**

Liberator is bursting with articles with ideas to help the reader through these uncertain times. Along with lid lifting RB, and the unmissable Lord Bonkers. Subscribe – £25 a year.



**Stand B9**

**NASUWT**

The NASUWT is the largest teachers' union in the UK, representing teachers and headteachers. Members are supported by the national and regional network of local and professional services.



**Stand B11**

**Liverpool City Council**

Liverpool is a dynamic international and confident city, which has undergone a remarkable renaissance in the last decade and is now a major UK centre for enterprise, culture and technology.



**Stand C9**

**National Union of Teachers**

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



**Stand B7b**

**Lloyds Banking Group**

Visit us to learn about our support for homeowners and businesses through the recovery. You can also challenge your knowledge about your constituency with our interactive quiz.



**Stand B25**

**North West Liberal Democrats**

Welcome to Liverpool and the North West, a region where the party has made great advances in recent years. Visit the stand for information, publications, raffle and much more.



**Stand C16**

**Local Government Association Liberal Democrats**

We work with Liberal Democrat councillors, parliamentarians and ministers to provide a national voice for Lib Dems with an interest in local government. Come and visit us at stand C16.



**Stand A15**

**NSPCC**

Come and visit the NSPCC's stand at A15 in the exhibition hall and find out more about NSPCC helpline services, including ChildLine.



**Stand B14**

**The Manchester Partnership**

The Manchester Partnership demonstrate their collaborative approach to delivery of key messages including sustainable growth through transport in the new economy, city region governance and investment in skills. Visit stand B14.



**Stand FY14**

**Nuclear Industry Association**

NIA is the trade association for the UK's civil nuclear industry. It represents some 215 companies across the UK nuclear supply chain. NIA supports a diverse and balanced energy mix.



## Stand B18

### PCA (Parliamentary Candidates Association)

The PCA is *in the thick of it* representing the party's frontline campaigners. Meet the Executive and parliamentarians... and complete your entry for the new *Who's Who in the Liberal Democrats?*



## Stand A5

### Prater Raines Ltd

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## Stand B20

### Prospects

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[www.prospects.co.uk](http://www.prospects.co.uk)



## Stand A10

### pteg

pteg represents the six Passenger Transport Executives (PTEs) which serve more than eleven million people in Britain. The PTEs' aim is to provide integrated public transport networks accessible to all.



## Stand B17

### Recovery Group UK

Recovery Group UK consists of experts on treating problem drug-users through to chronic addicts. RGUK advocates a balanced treatment system, where drug-free recovery has equality with other health measures.

[info@therecoverygroupuk.org](mailto:info@therecoverygroupuk.org)



## Stand B6

### Riso UK Ltd

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## Stand B7a

### RNIB – Driving Down Sight Loss

How quickly can you drive a racing car around London? What happens when your sight starts to go? Visit our stand to find out.



## Stand A11b

### RNIB transcription service

Advice on ensuring that your communication messages reach two million blind and partially sighted people. Free transcription service for conference or exhibition materials into Large Print, Audio and Braille.



## Stand B8

### Royal Mail Group

Royal Mail Group / Post Office stand, offering a range of post office services, including a daily collection post-box, Saturday to Wednesday, Post Office card account services, postal services, banking and bill payments, and a free-to-use cash machine.



## Stand E5

### Sheffield

Sheffield's tourism team is on site in advance of spring conference in Sheffield. Find out about early bird accommodation, travel deals and a taste of what Sheffield has to offer.



## Stand B23

### Society of Chief Librarians

The Society of Chief Librarians is a local government association made up of the senior librarian from every library authority across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The society advocates for continuous improvement of public library services to develop excellence within our sector. We aim to maximise efficiency and quality through our regional networks sharing good practice and increasing value for money.



## Stand A13

### Tobacco Retailers Alliance

The Tobacco Retailers Alliance is a coalition of 26,000 shopkeepers who all sell tobacco products. Visit our stand to hear from our shopkeepers how tobacco regulation impacts on small businesses.



## directory of exhibitors continued

### Stand C7

#### Trades Union Congress

We are the voice of Britain at work. With 58 unions and 6 million members, we stand for decency and respect at work, a prosperous economy and quality public services.



### Stand A11a

#### Unlock Democracy

Unlock Democracy (incorporating Charter88) is the UK's leading campaign for democracy, rights and freedoms. A grassroots movement, we are owned and run by our members.



### Stand B13

#### UKIE

The Association for UK Interactive Entertainment UKIE (formerly ELSPA) are demonstrating video games and highlighting the importance of the interactive entertainment industry to UK culture and economy.



### Stand A12a

#### White Ribbon Alliance

A coalition of international NGOs are coming together to bring the Mum's Café to conference. Our friendly café is the ideal spot for a **free** cup of tea served by our 'tea ladies' giving you the chance to read up on maternal, newborn and child health worldwide.



### Stand C6

#### Union Learn

Unionlearn is the learning and skills organisation of the TUC. Unionlearn manages the £15 million Union Learning Fund provided by BIS. It runs training for union reps and officers; and provides information, advice and guidance to unions.



### Stand D7

#### Women Liberal Democrats

WLD influences policy and campaigns on issues that impact on women in the UK and worldwide. We encourage and support women to be active at all levels in the party.

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**Which?**, the largest consumer body in the UK, has produced a special guide to Liverpool for all Liberal Democrat party conference attendees – it's free of charge and available around the ACC.



# conference fringe guide

## fringe meeting venues

The official fringe meeting venues are the **ACC** (Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool), the **Jurys Inn**, **Hilton Liverpool** and **Holiday Inn Express**. See *map of Liverpool city centre* on the **back cover**.

**Access to fringe meetings in the ACC is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard.**

If you are attending a fringe meeting elsewhere, conference photo passes are not necessary, unless you are attending a party training session, where you may be asked to show a valid photo pass or party membership card.

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



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## key to fringe listings



Refreshments provided



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fringe

## Transport Hub

Putting transport at the heart of conference

**All events except reception take place at Jury's Inn, Liverpool**

- Sunday 19 September 18.15 – 19.30  
**FTA/Kapsch** *Making the most of little: Improving transport infrastructure*
- Sunday 19 September 20.00 – 21.15  
**AOA** *Making airports better, not bigger*
- Monday 20 September 13.00 – 14.15  
**ABTA/FlyingMatters** *Can overseas holidays be a force for good?*
- Monday 20 September 18.15 – 19.30  
**Question time** *Transport is vital to the economy. Discuss.*  
A range of topics raised by Transport Hub members and guests, hosted by an independent chairman
- Tuesday 21 September 20.00 – 21.15  
**Kapsch Transport Hub Reception** ACC Liverpool, Riverside Balcony



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Freightliner



# conference fringe saturday 18th september

saturday 18th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

## CentreForum, CJA, Fabian Society, Policy Exchange, Prison Reform Trust

*Inside out: achieving a political consensus on prison reform*

Speakers: Jon Collins, Criminal Justice Alliance; Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust; Rt Hon Lord McNally; Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI. Chair: Duncan Greenland, CentreForum.

ACC, Hall 11A



## Localis and Ernst and Young

*Can local government live without the formula grant?*

Chair: Alex Thomson, Localis. Speakers: Lord Tope (invited); Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth CC; Cllr Richard Kemp, Liberal Democrat Group LGA; Paul Raynes, LGA.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## ALDE Group and Lib Dem Friends of Palestine

*The strangling of Bethlehem: is it time for sanctions?*

Chair: Chris Davies MEP. Speakers: Ann Farr, Pax Christi; Baroness Tonge.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1

## ALTER

*Has the banking crisis strengthened the case for LVT?*

Speakers: Brian Hodgkinson, author of *A New Model of the Economy*; Lord Matthew Oakeshott, Lib Dem Treasury Team (invited); Lorely Burt MP, Lib Dem Business & Enterprise Team (invited).

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2

## Parliamentary Candidates' Association

*Entering the Coalition: our duty or our demise?*

PCA debates the coalition: Our hearts told us one thing, our heads another. Were we right to do it? Will our new role in government help us into No. 10 or blight our chances for a generation? Speakers: tbc.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3

## Liberal Democrat Education Association

*Consultation on the Pupil Premium Government proposals*

Chair: John Howson, President, LDEA. Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State at the Department for Education, will give an update on the Government's proposals. Preference for attendance will be given to conference delegates.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



## Party training

**Free training sessions for party members**



Training events take place on Saturday 18th September from 09.15 to 17.30 in the Jurys Inn and Hilton Liverpool. A party membership card or conference photo pass is required for entry. For details, see the *Conference Training Programme* or online at [www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference)

saturday 18th early evening 18.15 – 19.30

**18.30 – 19.30**

## Conference Rally

*Yes to reform! Winning the battle*

With Nick Clegg and guests. A rally with the Electoral Reform Society to launch Liberal Democrat support for the *Yes! To Fairer Votes* campaign in next year's AV referendum.

**ACC, Auditorium**

**(Photo pass required for entry)**

## Winning is a team game

Your core campaign team is your key to winning at all levels

***This key note session is a must for everyone looking to win at any level over the next five years***

Director of Campaigns Hilary Stephenson and Deputy Director of Campaigns (North) Dave McCobb will share some of the best practice coming out of the winning teams from the General Election. How did they build and keep a winning team?

***Don't miss this session if you want to win Saturday 18th, 4pm, Suite 3/4/5, Jurys Inn***



# conference fringe saturday 18th september cont.

saturday 18th mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

## East of England Liberal Democrats

### *Regional reception*

Join parliamentarians, councillors and other members from around our region for a glass of wine, as an expression of our thanks for your hard work in the recent general election. Supported by ALDE.

ACC, Hall 3A



## European Commission Representation in the UK

### *European Commission in the UK Reception*

2010 saw a new Commission, then a new UK Government, and now we have a new team at the Commission's UK Representation. So let's get together and see how we can work with each other.

ACC, Hall 11A



## Campaign for Gender Balance

### *CGB Annual Fundraising Auction*

Don Foster MP will be auctioneering a range of fabulous prizes at this annual fundraising event. Proceeds will help to support our future women MPs – please come along and bring those chequebooks!

ACC, Hall 12



## The Mersey Partnership

### *Private Sector Drives Economy with Low Carbon and Logistics*

Liverpool City Region's private sector is developing port, logistics and manufacturing assets to drive growth and realise the renewable energy potential of the Irish Sea. Join us for drinks and a buffet to find out more.

ACC, Riverside Balcony



## CentreForum, CPAG, Fabian Society, ResPublica

### *The poverty challenge: is the coalition delivering fairness?*

Speakers: Phillip Blond, ResPublica; Imran Hussain, Child Poverty Action Group; Tim Horton, Fabian Society; Sarah Teather MP. Chair: Paul Marshall, CentreForum.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## London Liberal Democrats

### *The London Reception*

Meet Team London and the capital's leading Lib Dem activists. Sponsored by Canary Wharf Group. **London members only.**

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



## Say No to Trident (a Lib Dem ACT group) / Liberal Democrats for Peace and Security

### *The Real Cost of Trident*

Speakers: Kate Hudson, Chair, CND; Julian Huppert MP. In these days of austerity, should Britain be spending billions on nuclear weapons? We discuss the implications, both for the nation's defence and wider society.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



## Liberal Youth and University and College Union

### *The Future of Higher Education Funding*

An invaluable insight into the impact of changes to the tuition fee system (Q&A). Presented by Liberal Youth and UCU, the UK's largest trade union and staff association representing people who work in post-16 education.

Jurys Inn, Suite 8



## Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

### *ALDC's Annual General Meeting*

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

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



## North East Liberal Democrats

### *North East Parliamentary Group*

Question and answer session with members of the recently formed North East of England Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Group, including Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP, Ian Swales MP, Fiona Hall MEP, Baroness Maddock and Lord Shipley OBE.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



## ALDE Group

### *CCS in your region – a driver of economic growth?*

Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP (invited); Dr Jeff Chapman, Carbon Capture and Storage Association; David Nussbaum, WWF-UK (invited).

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



## Ethnic Minority Lib Dems and Chinese Lib Dems

### *Impact of the Immigration Cap on Communities*

Discussion on government policy to have a cap on immigration numbers and its impact on the UK economy, HR and migrant communities. Panel includes: Lynne Featherstone MP; Don Flynn, Director, MRN; Neville Farmer, PPC.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



## Green Liberal Democrats

### *What now for Green Issues in the Coalition?*

Now we are in government, what will happen nationally to sustainability and environmental issues? Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Energy Minister, leads the discussion including a speaker from the Conservative Environmental Network.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



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# conference fringe saturday 18th september cont.

saturday 18th mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

## Campaign for Freedom of Information

*Freedom of information – scrutiny at a time of cuts*  
Speakers: Rt Hon Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, responsible for freedom of information; Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, Justice Committee; Maurice Frankel, Director, Campaign for FOI.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## CAABU and Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

*Accountability for War Crimes*  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## Micropower Council

*Microgeneration: Cleaner Energy begins at Home*  
Chair: Geoffrey Lean, *Telegraph*. Speakers: Andrew George MP (tbc); Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, Micropower Council; speaker from Consumer Focus and an industry speaker. Full details: special *Independent* supplement.

**Note: this event will start at 19.45 and end at 20.45**

Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



saturday 18th late evening 22.00 – 23.30

## www.LibDemVoice.org

### Blog Of The Year Awards

Join LDV and online friends for a walk down the yellow carpet to award the 2010 BOTYs. Categories, nominations and public voting all happen in August on [www.libdemvoice.org](http://www.libdemvoice.org).

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1

## Northern Rail and North West Liberal Democrats

### North West Regional Reception

Members from across the North West are invited to join us for our North West reception. Kindly sponsored by Northern Rail.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



saturday fringe

Hosted by Places for People



## HOW WILL WE PAY FOR TOMORROW'S HOMES?

Sunday 19th September 6.15pm - 7.30pm  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Rooms 6/7

**Chair:** Cllr. Richard Kemp  
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, LGA

**Speakers:** David Cowans  
Group Chief Executive, Places for People

Andrew Stunell MP  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG

Refreshments served

## Can the Coalition crack the "North-South" divide?

**Sir Ian Wrigglesworth** - Deputy Chair, Regional Growth Fund (invited)  
**Mark Littlewood** - Institute of Economic Affairs  
**Deborah Orr** - The Guardian  
**Alexandra Jones** - Centre for Cities

Sunday 19 September, 1815-1930  
Suite 1, Jurys Inn (directly opposite the Liverpool ACC)

drinks & debate




## Girls' Attitudes:

### WHAT DO GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN REALLY THINK?

Join us for the launch of the 2010 Girls' Attitudes Survey followed by a lively debate with young Girlguiding UK members on how girls' views can be better promoted and acted upon.

**1pm to 2pm Sunday 19 September**  
**Hall 13, ACC Liverpool**

**Speakers to include:**  
Jo Swinson MP, Nicola Grinstead, Girlguiding UK Trustee  
**Chair:** Charlotte Hawkins, Sky News

Refreshments provided







# DEMOS Liberal Democrat Party Conference

13.00 – 14.00 / Sunday 19 September / Suite 8 / Jury's Inn



## Child-friendly communities: Tackling child poverty at the local level

Sarah Teather MP; Anita Tiessen, UNICEF UK; David Powell, Dorset County Council;  
A young person involved with Child Friendly Communities; Decca Aitkenhead, The Guardian (Chair)

18.15 – 19.30 / Sunday 19 September / Suite 6 / Jury's Inn



## The Demos Grill: An in-conversation

Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; Danny Finkelstein, The Times

18.15 – 19.30 / Sunday 19 September / ACC Liverpool / Hall 11C



## Public service reform in an age of cuts: Where next?

Paul Burstow MP (invited); Ben Lucas, 2020 Public Services Trust (invited);  
Stephen Bubb, ACEVO; Roy O'Shaughnessy, CDG; Randeep Ramesh, The Guardian (Chair);

8.00 – 9.00 / Monday 20 September / Holiday Inn Express / Albert Dock / Britannia 1



## Tackling Britain's worklessness: How to get the Work Programme working

Lord German; Jill Kirby, Centre for Policy Studies (invited); Mark Lovell, AAe;  
Allegra Stratton, The Guardian (Chair) *By invitation only*

8.00 – 9.30 / Monday 20 September / Hilton Liverpool / Meeting Room 6–7



## Learning to Succeed: Building culture and ethos in challenging schools

Duncan Hames MP; Daisy Christodoulou, Teach First; Professor Dylan Wiliam,  
Institute of Education, University of London; Chris Kirk, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP;  
Philip Collins, Demos (Chair) *By invitation only*



13.00 – 14.00 / Monday 20 September / Blue Bar / Albert Dock



## Tackling child poverty in an age of austerity

Sarah Teather MP; Kate Stanley, ippr; Sally Copley, Save the Children; Philip Collins, Demos (Chair)

18.15 – 19.30 / Monday 20 September / PanAm Bar / Albert Dock



## City growth and the new economy

Jeremy Browne MP (invited); Cllr Howard Sykes, Oldham Council; Barbara Spicer, Salford City Council (invited);  
Angie Robinson, MIDAS; Mike Blackburn, British Telecom; Kitty Ussher, Demos (Chair)

8.00 – 9.00 / Tuesday 21 September / Hilton Liverpool / Grace Suite 3



## Remodelling financial services: The role of mutuals in improving stability, competition and trust

Jeremy Browne MP (invited); Maxine Taylor; Nationwide Building Society; Neil Sherlock, KPMG (Chair) *By invitation only*

13.00 – 14.00 / Tuesday 21 September / Hilton Liverpool / Meeting Room 8



## More for Less: Can healthcare reform save money and lives?

Norman Lamb MP; Dr Peter Carter, Royal College of Nursing; Roger Taylor, Dr Foster Intelligence;  
Jenni Russell, The Guardian (Chair)

20.00 – 21.15 / Tuesday 21 September / ACC Liverpool / Hall 11C



## Working well? The Liberal Democrats' big ideas for work and welfare

Steve Webb MP; Lord Freud; Dan Finn, University of Portsmouth; Cllr Howard Sykes, Oldham Council (invited);  
Chris Melvin, Reed in Partnership; Jenni Russell, The Guardian (Chair)

# CENTRE:FORUM

## the liberal think tank

Sat 18th 13.00-14.00 Hall 11a ACC  
CentreForum, Fabian Society, Policy Exchange, Prison Reform Trust, Criminal Justice Alliance

**Inside out: achieving a political consensus on prison reform**

With Jon Collins, Criminal Justice Alliance; Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust; Lord McNally; Ben Page, Ipsos MORI; Duncan Greenland, CentreForum

Sat 18th 20.00-21.15 Suite 1, Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, CPAG, Fabian Society, ResPublica

**The poverty challenge: is the coalition delivering on fairness?**

With Phillip Blond, ResPublica; Imran Hussain, CPAG; Tim Horton, Fabian Society; Sarah Teather MP; Paul Marshall, CentreForum

Sun 19th 13.00-14.00 Suite 3/4/5 Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, Fabian Society

**Is the Lib-Lab coalition gone forever?**

With Prof Richard Grayson; Norman Lamb MP; David Lammy MP; Stephen Twigg MP tbc; Michael White, The Guardian

Sun 19th 18.00-19.30 Hall 11c, ACC  
CentreForum, Business for New Europe, Aviva

**Britain, Europe and a shifting global order: what do we want and how do we achieve it?**

With Jeremy Browne MP; Roland Rudd, BNE, Graham Watson MEP

Followed by a reception

Sunday 19th 20.00-21.15 Hall 1C ACC  
CentreForum, Shelter, Premier Guarantee

**Beyond the recession: are we entering a new era for housing?**

With Richard Kemp, LGA; Campbell Robb, CEO, Shelter; Andrew Stunell MP; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum

Sun 19th 21.15-22.30 Hall 3B, ACC  
CentreForum, RSPB

**Preparing for the future: how to save the planet and save money**

With Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; Mike Clarke, Chief Executive, RSPB; Tim Hames

Mon 20th 07.45-09.00 Suite 1, Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, TheCityUK

**Looking beyond London for the next driver for growth in financial services**

Introduction by Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; with Lord Newby; Chris Cummings, TheCityUK

Mon 20th 18.15-19.30 Hall 4a, ACC  
CentreForum, Premier League

**Qué sera, sera: is it time to get a grip on football club finances and ownership?**

With Don Foster MP; Paul Marshall, Red Knight; Paul Rawnsley, DeLoittes; Richard Scudamore, CEO, Premier League; Julian Astle, CentreForum

Mon 20th 18.15-19.30 Suite 8, Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

**The Coalition and Europe**

With Michael Izza, ICAEW; Rt Hon Sir Menzies Campbell QC MP; Prof Helen Wallace; Graham Watson MEP; Duncan Greenland, CentreForum

Mon 20th 18.15-19.30 Britannia 1, Holiday Inn  
CentreForum, Association Of British Insurers

**Improving outcomes for consumers**

With Ed Davey MP; Maggie Craig, Acting Director General, ABI; Elizabeth Rigby, Financial Times

Mon 20th 20.00-21.15 Hall 13, ACC  
CentreForum, Clifford Chance

**Funding the UK's entrepreneurs of the future**

With Ed Davey MP; Daniel Doll-Steinberg, Tribeka Ltd; John Walker, Federation of Small Businesses; Oliver Bretz, Clifford Chance

Tues 21st 13.00-14.00 Suites 3/4/5, Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, BVCA, KPMG

**The role of private capital in rebuilding the economy**

With John Thurso MP tbc; Tim Hames BVCA; Neil Sherlock KPMG

Tues 21st 13.00-14.00 Meeting rm 6/7, Hilton Hotel  
CentreForum, Centrica

**Energy for tomorrow: how to deliver a low carbon future**

With Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP; Barry Neville, Centrica; Doug Parr, Greenpeace; Sarah Mukherjee

Tues 21st 18.15-19.30 Grace Suite 1, Hilton  
CentreForum, Core Cities Group

**Driving economic recovery: the core cities**

With Edward Davey MP; Barbara Jancke, Bristol City Council; Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities Group; Paul Scriven, Sheffield City Council; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum

Tues 21st 18.15-19.30 Meeting Rm 6/7 Hilton  
CentreForum, SMF

**Keynote speech by Rt Hon Vince Cable MP**

Chair - Ian Mulheirn SMF

# bringing liberal ideas into government

Wed 22nd 07.45-09.00 Suite 1, Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, General Electric Corporate

**Subsidising the green revolution**

With Andrew George MP; John Springford, CentreForum

Wed 22nd 13.00-14.00 Suite 3/4/5, Jury's Inn  
CentreForum, City and Guilds and Union Learn

**No Let Up on Skills: How to ensure a skilled workforce for a prosperous future**

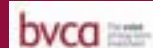
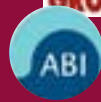
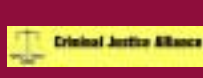
With Francis O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary, TUC; Andrew Sich, City and Guilds; and a senior parliamentarian

Wed 22nd 13.00-14.00 Hall 4a, ACC  
CentreForum, Quilliam Foundation

**Tolerating the intolerant: what should be the Liberal approach?**

With Sir Alan Beith MP tbc; Evan Harris; Maajid Nawaz, Director and Founder, Quilliam Foundation; Gita Sahgal, Women against Fundamentalism

**Refreshments served at all CentreForum events**



# conference fringe sunday 19th september cont.

sunday 19th morning 07.15 – 08.30

## London Detainee Support Group: the Detained Lives campaign

*The real cost of indefinite immigration detention*  
The detention system needs reform. Migrants who cannot be deported are detained for years, at great human cost. How can we change the detention system to respect civil liberties, based on the manifesto pledge?  
Jurys Inn, Suite 9



## NEF, Greenpeace and Climate Clinic

*Banking for the Low-Carbon Economy*  
Chair: Andrew Simms, nef. Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Larry Elliot, *The Guardian*; Tony Greenham, nef.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.30**  
Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



## Party training

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sunday 19th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

## www.LibDemVoice.org

*LibDemVoice Fringe*  
www.LibDemVoice.org are having a *Mystery Event* with a Mystery Co-sponsor to chew the fat on the coalition – from some surprising perspectives! Full details on our website closer to the time.  
ACC, Hall 1B

## Liberal Democrats for Engineering and Science (ALDES)

*Inventing the Future Economy*  
Can invention and industry provide jobs and growth? What should we do to support inventors, developers and startups? Does the patent system work in our best interests? Trevor Baylis OBE, Rt Hon Vince Cable MP (invited) and others.  
ACC, Hall 1C



## Communication Workers Union and Dods

*Royal Mail and the new politics: the modernisation agenda*  
An opportunity to discuss the future of Royal Mail and the new model being proposed by the Communications Workers Union. Speakers include: Bill Hayes, general secretary; Dave Ward, deputy general secretary, postal.  
ACC, Hall 2N



## LDEG

*Will the New CAP fit?*  
George Lyon MEP explains what the CAP will look like after 2013. George has drafted the European Parliament's view on the impending reform of the CAP. The NFU have been invited to outline the aspirations of farmers.  
ACC, Hall 4A

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sunday fringe

# London's transport upgrade Britain's future growth

**Norman Baker MP** - Transport Minister

**Caroline Pidgeon AM** - Leader of the London Assembly Liberal Democrats

**Matthew Pencharz** - Mayor of London's Office

**Chair: Vernon Everitt** - Transport for London

Food and drink. Sign language interpreter.

**Sunday 19 September** - 13:00-14:00

**Venue - Hall 11A, ACC Liverpool**

**MAYOR OF LONDON**

**Transport for London**



# conference fringe sunday 19th september cont.

sunday 19th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

## **Nuclear Industry Association**

*Nuclear decommissioning – skills, bills and opportunities*

Decommissioning our nuclear legacy is one of the most important tasks facing the UK today. Join us for buffet and wine to discuss the unique skills required, challenges faced and the opportunities presented.

ACC, Hall 4B



## **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?

ACC, Hall 10



## **Transport for London**

*London's Transport Upgrade – Britain's Future Growth*

Chair: Vernon Everitt, Transport for London. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister; Caroline Pidgeon AM, Leader of the London Assembly Liberal Democrats; Matthew Pencharz, Mayor of London's Office.

ACC, Hall 11A



## **EMLD and Friends of Turkey**

*Turkey and her Developing Foreign Policy*

Panel includes Baroness Meral Ece (Chair), Baroness Sarah Ludford MEP, Lord William Wallace (tbc) and Turkish MPs Sait Dilek and Lutfi Elvan to debate topical issues such as the Gaza Flotilla and Turkey's entry into the EU.

ACC, Hall 11B



## **The Adolescent & Children's Trust (TACT) and The Fostering Network**

*More for less: Improving outcomes for children in care*

The public sector will face severe cuts over the next parliament. If investment in the care system for looked after children and young people is reduced this may bring short-term savings but would threaten improved outcomes.

ACC, Hall 11C



## **Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**

*ALDC Members' Reception*

ALDC welcomes Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and Simon Hughes MP. How can we devolve financial power and ensure ethical investments? Refreshments sponsored by the Co-operative.

ACC, Hall 12



## **Girlguiding UK**

*Girls' Attitudes: What girls and young women really think*

Chair: Charlotte Hawkins, Sky News. Speakers to include: Jo Swinson MP; Rosi Prescott, Central YMCA; Nicola Grinstead, Girlguiding UK Trustee; and young Girlguiding members.

ACC, Hall 13



## **Our Life**

*Whose food is it anyway?*

A lively debate on the future for food policy in the UK.

Chair: Andy Crane, BBC Manchester. Panellists: Prof Simon Capewell, University of Liverpool; Julian Hunt, Food and Drink Federation; Dr Alison Giles, Our Life.

ACC, Hall 14



## **The University and College Union (UCU) / National Union of Students (NUS)**

*Question Time: Fees, Funding and Fairness in Higher Education*

Join UCU General Secretary Sally Hunt, NUS President Aaron Porter and Liberal Democrat MPs to debate the future of higher education. This *Question Time* format gives you a chance to have your say. Lunch provided.

ACC, Riverside Balcony



## **All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group**

*Fair play for trams*

Chair: John Leech MP. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister; Cllr John Shipley OBE, Newcastle City Council; Cllr Keith Whitmore, GMITA; Robert Whyte, Alstom.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## **CentreForum and Fabian Society**

*Is the Lib-Lab coalition gone forever?*

Speakers: Prof Richard Grayson; Norman Lamb MP; David Lammy MP; Stephen Twigg MP (tbc). Chair: Michael White, *The Guardian*.

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



## **The Childcare Forum: Daycare Trust, NCMA, NDNA, PLA, 4Children**

*Childcare: what's next for families and the early years?*

*Guardian* columnist Yvonne Roberts chairs a panel of policymakers and key opinion formers from the early years sector to discuss the role of childcare in securing the best start for children and families.

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# conference fringe sunday 19th september cont.

sunday 19th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

## Demos in partnership with UNICEF UK

*Child-Friendly Communities: Tackling child poverty locally*

Chair: Philip Collins, Demos. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Children and Families; Anita Tiessen, UNICEF UK; David Powell, Dorset County Council; a young person involved with child-friendly communities.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 8



## Greenpeace, Pugwash UK and WMD Awareness Project

*Trident – what next?*

Why is now the time to reduce nuclear weapons? What are the real alternatives to replacing Trident? How can the Liberal Democrats effect change? Speakers: Baroness Williams; Tim Farron MP; Dr Nick Ritchie, Bradford University.

Jurys Inn, Suite 9



## FairPensions and The Co-operative Asset Management

*Responsible investment: a key to a sustainable economy?*

This roundtable seeks to apply the lessons of the financial crisis to the challenge of climate change – exploring the role of responsible, sustainable long-term investment in the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Hilton Liverpool, Boardroom



## The Scout Association

*Scouts Speak Up*

Do the Liberal Democrats know what Scouts really think? Come to *Scouts Speak Up* to discuss with young people age 14 – 25 the issues that affect young people's lives today. Learn about Scouting in your local community.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



## Motor Sports Association

*How motor sport can bring benefit to local communities*

Panel includes: Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland; Tony Jardine, TV presenter; Colin Hilton, CEO, MSA; Damon Hill, former Formula 1 World Champion; Richard Phillips, MD of Silverstone.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



## Unions 21 and NASUWT

*How Can the Coalition build on Social Partnerships?*

Health and education workforce event with: Dan Rogerson MP; David Hall-Matthews, Chair, Social Liberal Forum; Mary Bousted, General Secretary ATL; Paul Noon, General Secretary, Prospect; Sue Ferns, Chair, Unions 21.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 1



## Centre for Social Justice

*Locked-up Potential: Prison Reform*

Restorative Justice can work well in prison for reducing re-offending rates, supporting victims of crime and reducing costs to the criminal justice system. Why don't we use it more?

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



## ActionAid with Women Liberal Democrats

*On the Frontline: Women, Peace and Conflict*

Chair: Lindsey Hilsum, International Editor, *Ch 4 News*. Speakers include: Baroness Northover, Spokesperson for Women and Equality; Belinda Calaguas, Head of Policy and Campaigns, ActionAid; other speakers tbc.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



## Volunteering England and the National Trust

*Big Society: Power to the People?*

Looking at the role of volunteering and social action in the Big Society. Speakers will include: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, DCLG Minister; Justin Davis-Smith, CEO, VE; Helen Browning, the National Trust.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## Lib Dem Christian Forum

*Annual General Meeting*

Come and join us to review the last 12 months, appoint officers and discuss future plans.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 8

## Agents and Organisers Association

*Annual General Meeting*

Come and set the direction for the Agents and Organisers Association for the coming year. Meet other agents and organisers over a glass of wine.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



## WWF, NEA, CHPA, UK BCSE, PRASEG, Micropower Council and Climate Clinic

*Homes Fit For The Future?*

Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Minister for Communities and Local Govt; Paul Blacklock, Head of Strategy and Corporate Affairs, Calor; Simon McWhirter, The Great British Refurb; Graham Meeks, Director, CHPA.

Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton,

Mezzanine Level



# conference fringe sunday 19th september cont.

sunday 19th early evening 18.15 – 19.30

## LDEG

### *The Inaugural Schuman Lecture*

Guy Verhofstadt MEP, Liberal Leader in the European Parliament and former Prime Minister of Belgium, talks on the future of Europe in a global context. Q&A to follow.

Supported by The Federal Union.

ACC, Hall 1B

## Shaw Trust and Dods

### *Jobs, social enterprise and the Big Society*

Tackling the challenge of long-term unemployment. Chair: Nick Timmins, *FT* (invited). Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Work and Pensions Minister; Sally Burton, Shaw Trust; Geoff Mulgan, The Young Foundation (invited).

ACC, Hall 2N



## The National Autistic Society

### *The NAS' Annual Cocktails and Conversations*

We will be discussing mental health services for disabled children, looking at current services and how they can be improved.

ACC, Hall 3A



## Liberal Democrats in Public Relations

### *Reception*

ACC, Hall 3B



## BBC Radio 4

### *The World at One Fringe Debate: The New Politics?*

Your chance to take part in a recording for *The World at One* in a debate chaired by Martha Kearney. Panellists include Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP.

**Note: this event will start at 18.30**

ACC, Hall 4A



## Charities Aid Foundation

### *The Charity Question Time*

Chair: John Low, Chief Executive, CAF. Speakers: Joe Saxton, Driver of Ideas, nfpSynergy; Claire Dove, Chair, The Social Enterprise Coalition; Craig Dearden-Phillips, social entrepreneur.

ACC, Hall 4B



## CentreForum, Business for New Europe, Aviva

### *Britain, Europe and a shifting global order*

What do we want and how do we achieve it? Speaker: Jeremy Browne MP. Response: Graham Watson MEP. Chair: Roland Rudd, Business for New Europe. Followed by a reception.

ACC, Hall 11A



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# BBC

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We'll be focusing on different aspects of the BBC's distinctive content every day so come to see our stand at PSE1 to find out more.

## BBC Radio 4's *The World at One Fringe debate: The New Politics?*

Sunday 19 September  
18.30—19.30  
The ACC, Hall 4a

Your chance to take part in a recording for *The World at One* in a debate chaired by Martha Kearney. Panellists include Charles Kennedy MP.



sunday 19th early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**Liberal Democrats Friends of Pakistan (LDFP) 10th Anniversary**

*Pakistan High Commission Annual Buffet Reception*  
With: His Excellency Wajid Hasan; Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister (tbc); Baroness Ros Scott DL, Party President; Simon Hughes MP; Rt Hon Lord McNally, Lords Leader; Lorely Burt MP. Chair: Qassim Afzal. Contact: 07956 873046 qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com  
ACC, Hall 11B



**Demos in partnership with ACEVO and CDG**

*Public service reform in an age of cuts: Where next?*  
Chair: Randeep Ramesh, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Paul Burstow MP (invited); Ben Lucas, Director, 2020PST (invited); Stephen Bubb, Chief Executive, ACEVO; Roy O'Shaughnessy, Chief Executive, CDG.  
ACC, Hall 11C



**Age UK**

*Are we prepared for an ageing society? Join the debate*  
With Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services and Michelle Mitchell, Charity Director, Age UK. Topics include health and social care, pensioner poverty, our older workforce and our communities.  
ACC, Hall 12



**South Central Region**

*Reception*  
Your opportunity to meet and chat with South Central MPs, MEPs and members from around the region. A great way to start conference. Light refreshments and cash bar. Sponsored by South East Strategic Leaders.  
ACC, Riverside Balcony

**Centre for Cities / ASDA**

*Can the coalition crack the 'North-South' divide?*  
Drinks and debate. Speakers: Sir Ian Wrigglesworth, Deputy Chair, Regional Growth Fund (invited); Deborah Orr, *The Guardian*; Mark Littlewood, Institute of Economic Affairs; Alexandra Jones, Centre for Cities.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 1



**Demos**

*The Demos Grill: An in-conversation*  
Speakers: Danny Finkelstein, Chief Leader Writer, *The Times*; Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 6



**The Foreign Policy Centre, BBC World Service Trust and ActionAid UK**

*Can aid help poor people hold their leaders to account?*  
Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, International Development Committee; Michela Wrong, author; James Deane, BBC World Service Trust; Dorcas Erskine, ActionAid UK. Chair: Bronwen Maddox, Chief Foreign Commentator, *The Times*.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 7



**Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association**

*The Great Repeal Act – Back to the Future?*  
A debate upon what should be repealed, and the practicalities of achieving it. Chair: David Ive. Speaker: Nicholas Greene QC, Chairman of the Bar.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 8



**English Liberal Democrats**

*Penhaligon Award – short-listed parties' presentations*  
Local parties short-listed will each give a presentation. This award is for the local party that does most to increase and involve its members in its activities.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 9

**Transport Hub – FTA / Kapsch event**

*Make the most of Little: Improving Transport Infrastructure*  
A discussion of how the new government can tackle the challenges facing our transport network while continuing to tackle the UK's financial deficit. Front bench speaker and relevant industry panellists invited.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 10



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Age UK is the new force combining  
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**Are we prepared for an ageing society? Join the debate.**

Sunday 19 September, 6.15pm–7.30pm  
Hall 12, ACC Liverpool

**Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services, Michelle Mitchell, Charity Director, Age UK, with conversations led by key MPs.**

We hope you'll join us to discuss the challenges that lie ahead for our ageing society, with particular focus on: health and social care; pensioner poverty; our older workforce; and our communities.

Refreshments will be provided.

Visit us at stand A3 to find out more and take part in our poll.

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## Social Liberal Forum

*Whose schools are they anyway? The education debate*

Pupil premiums, academies and free schools; how will the coalition ensure fairness? With: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Schools and Families; Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain MBE, chair of the Accord Coalition; others tbc.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1

## Town and Country Planning Association

*Can a national planning framework help deliver localism?*

How can we address social, economic and environmental inequalities? Chair: Peter Hetherington, *The Guardian*. Speakers include: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, CLG; Kate Henderson, CE, TCPA; spokesperson, Crest Nicholson.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



## Oxfam GB and Robin Hood Tax Coalition

*Can a Robin Hood Tax protect the poor and the planet?*

Speakers include: Rt Hon Baroness Shirley Williams; David Hall-Matthews, Chair of the Lib Dem Policy Working Group on International Development; Phil Bloomer, Oxfam; a speaker from the Robin Hood Tax campaign.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



## Liberal Democrats for Peace and Security

*What are we doing in Afghanistan?*

Speakers: Lindsay German, Convenor, Stop the War; Chris Davies MEP. Afghans and British soldiers continue to die, but for what? Is it time to go? Who decides? The Tories, the coalition or the Americans? Do we have a say?

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 1

## British Humanist Association (BHA) and Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats

*Place of faith in the Big Society*

Should secularists be worried about the government's communities agenda or is there room for everyone, whether religious or non-religious? With: Andrew Copson, BHA; Romy Hassan, author; Dr Julian Huppert MP; and more.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2

## Centre for Social Justice

*Addiction: a recovery revolution*

Where addiction is treated through maintenance and harm minimisation lone voices have called for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction to become a mainstream approach. What does a recovery revolution look like?

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



## Breakthrough Breast Cancer

*The Breakthrough Tea Party*

Come to the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Tea Party to meet our scientists, patient advocates and Breast Care Nurses and find out about the vital work we do in the fight against breast cancer.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## Places for People

*How will we pay for tomorrow's homes?*

Chair: Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, LGA. Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG; David Cowans, Group Chief Executive, Places for People.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## Lib Dem Christian Forum

*Christianity and the Lib Dems – a match made in heaven?*

Join Stephen Backhouse, author of 'Christianity and the Liberal Democrat Party' Tim Farron MP and Zoe Dixon of the LDCF to discuss what it means to be a Lib Dem Party member with faith – past, present and future.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 8



## Friends of the Earth and Liberal Democrat LGA Group

*Going local to secure a low carbon future*

Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader Bristol City Council; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, Birmingham City Council; Andy Atkins, Executive Director, Friends of the Earth.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



## UNICEF UK, Christian Aid and Climate Clinic

*Responding to Global Climate Change*

Chair: John Vidal, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Jo Swinson MP; Loretta Minghella, Director, Christian Aid; Luke Hughes, UNICEF Youth Climate Volunteer; member of DECC Youth Advisory Board.

Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



## Association of British Orchestras (ABO) and Liverpool Arts Regeneration

*Cultural Capital*

What is the role of the arts in the regeneration of our cities? Speakers: Don Foster MP; Andrea Nixon, Executive Director, Tate Liverpool; Michael Eakin, CEO, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

TATE Liverpool, Gallery Café





# 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 weekend.

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.

## conference diary saturday 18th september

Morning 10.00 – 12.30

Consultative Sessions:

Health, Voluntary Sector, IT and Intellectual Property, School Governance

Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon sessions 14.20 – 17.30

F1 Formal Opening of the Federal Conference by Baroness Walmsley

F2 Report: Federal Conference Committee

F3 Report: Federal Policy Committee

F4 Policy Motion: The Award of a UK National Defence Medal to Service Veterans

F5 Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee

F6 Membership Subscriptions and Federal Levy

F7 Policy Motion: Transactions Transparency and Conflicts-of-Interest in Government

F8 Report: Campaign for Gender Balance

F9 Report: Diversity and Equality Group

F10 Report: European Parliamentary Party

Conference Rally 18.30 – 19.30

Evening fringe

## conference timetable 2011

### 11th – 13th March 2011 Sheffield

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00 Tuesday 4th January 2011
Motions deadline	13.00 Wednesday 12th January 2011
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00 Tuesday 22nd February 2011
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00 Tuesday 8th March 2011

### 17th – 21st September 2011 Birmingham

Drafting advice deadline (motions)	13.00 Wednesday 15th June 2011
Motions deadline	13.00 Wednesday 29th June 2011
Drafting advice deadline (amendments, emergency motions)	13.00 Monday 22nd August 2011
Deadline for amendments to motions, emergency motions, topical issues, questions to reports	13.00 Monday 5th September 2011

# conference diary pullout continued

## conference diary sunday 19th september

### Morning fringe

Morning sessions 09.00 – 12.40

F11 Report: Federal Executive

F12 Appointment of Federal Appeals Panel

F13 Policy Motion: Press Complaints Commission

F14 Speech: Tavish Scott MSP

F15 Consultative Session: Strategy

F16 Speech: Danny Alexander MP

### Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon sessions 14.30 – 18.00

F17 Presentation: Welsh Liberal Democrats

F18 Question and Answer Session: Nick Clegg MP

F19 Policy Motion: Human Rights and the 'War on Terror'

F20 Speech: Jeremy Browne MP

F21 Policy Motion: Accountability to the Poor (International Development Paper)

### Evening fringe

## conference diary monday 20th september

### Morning fringe

Morning sessions 09.00 – 12.40

F22 Consultative Session: Facing the Future

F23 Policy Motion: Free Schools and Academies

F24 Speech: Kirsty Williams AM

### Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon sessions 14.30 – 18.00

F25 Policy Motion: Green Taxation

F26 Party Awards

F27 Speech: Nick Clegg MP

F28 Standing Order Amendment: Day Visitors Speaking at Conference

F29 Standing Order Amendment: Questions to Parliamentary Party Reports

F30 Standing Order Amendment: Summation Speakers

F31 Standing Order Amendment: Where to speak from

### Evening fringe



# conference diary pullout continued

## conference diary tuesday 21st september

### Morning fringe

Morning sessions 09.00 – 12.40

F32 Policy Motion: Localism

F33 Speech: Lord McNally

F34 Policy Motion: Ensuring Fairness in a Time of Austerity

F35 Policy Motion: Equal Marriage in United Kingdom

F36 Speech: Simon Hughes MP

Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon sessions 14.30 – 18.00

F37 Question and Answer Session: Public Services and Benefits

F38 Speech: Chris Huhne MP

F39 Emergency Motion or Topical Issue

F40 Presentation: Liberal Democrat Group on Fife Council

F41 Reports: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats

F42 Constitutional Amendment: Election of Local Authority Councillors to Federal Committees

F43 Constitutional Amendment: Substitution for the Leader on the Federal Policy Committee

Evening fringe

## conference diary wednesday 22nd september

### Morning fringe

Morning sessions 09.00 – 12.40

F44 Emergency Motion or Topical Issue

F45 Party Business: Diversity

F46 Speech: Lynne Featherstone MP

F47 Question and Answer Session: Crime and Justice Issues

F48 Speech: Vince Cable MP

Lunchtime fringe 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon sessions 14.30 – 15.45 (approx.)

F49 Speech: Don Foster MP

F50 Question and Answer Session: Liberal Democrat Cabinet Ministers

F51 Formal Close of the Federal Conference by Baroness Scott of Needham Market

Evening fringe

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# conference fringe sunday 19th september cont.

sunday 19th mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

## Green Alliance, RSPB, Greenpeace, WWF and Climate Clinic

*Liberal Democrats: Greenest government ever?*

Chair: Matthew Spencer, Green Alliance. Speakers: Lord Teverson; Dr Mark Avery, RSPB; Tom Burke, Policy Advisor to Rio Tinto plc; Simon Wright MP; Neil Stockley, Liberal Sustainability Network.

**Note: this event will start at 19.45 and end at 21.00**

Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



## Liberal Democrats for Drug Policy Reform

*It's Time We Talked About Drug Policy*

The Lib Dems are in power but drug policy is not improving. Steve Rolles, Transform, Niamh Eastwood, Release, and Ewan Hoyle, LDDPR, discuss the costs of inaction and the options for reform. Julian Huppert MP chairs.

ACC, Hall 1B

## CentreForum, Shelter and Premier Guarantee

*Beyond the recession: are we entering a new era for housing?*

Speakers: Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA; Campbell Robb, CEO, Shelter; Andrew Stunell OBE MP. Chair: Chris Nicholson, CentreForum.

ACC, Hall 1C



## Dods, Public Affairs News, The House Magazine and ePolitix.com

*The Week Ahead*

A preview of the events expected to rouse interest in Liverpool, with: Tony Grew, Political Editor, ePolitix.com; Stephen Gilbert MP; and others.

ACC, Hall 2N



## All Party Parliamentary Water Group

*Facing the future: innovation, affordability and change*

Chair: Andrew George MP, Liberal Democrat Environment Policy Committee. Speakers: Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK; Richard Flint, Chief Executive, Yorkshire Water; Peter Simpson, Managing Director, Anglian Water.

ACC, Hall 4B



## NUS and Million+

*Funding Our Future? How to fund students and universities?*

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader; Martin Shapland, Chair, Liberal Youth; Aaron Porter, President, NUS; Prof Les Ebdon, Chair, Million+. Chair: Kim Catchside.

ACC, Hall 11A



## English Liberal Democrats

*Local Party Chairs' Reception*

To thank local party chairs for all the work they perform during the course of the year and to enthuse them for the opportunities presented by the new political situation. Kindly sponsored by National Express.

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

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## All Party Parliamentary Water Group

### Facing the future:

### innovation, affordability and change

Chair **Andrew George MP**

Chair, Liberal Democrat Environment Policy Committee

**Pamela Taylor**, Chief Executive, Water UK

**Richard Flint**, Chief Executive, Yorkshire Water

**Peter Simpson**, Managing Director, Anglian Water

Sunday 19th September, 20.00 - 21.15

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## Innovation Network Drinks Reception

8.00-9.15pm, Sunday 19 September

Suite 1, Jurys Inn Liverpool

We welcome conference delegates to join us at this drinks reception to learn more about NLGN's work and our networks.

**Andrew Stunell MP**, Minister, CLG  
**Cllr Sean Brennan**, Leader, LB of Sutton



NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK

## Tackling Climate Change in Communities

6.15-7.30pm, Monday 20 September

Riverside Balcony, ACC Liverpool

Join us at this drinks reception to explore how local authorities can work with private companies and citizens to promote greater energy efficiency and tackle climate change.

**Simon Hughes MP** (tbc)  
**Cllr Barbara Janke**, Leader, Bristol City Council

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# conference fringe sunday 19th september cont.

sunday 19th mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

## Institute of Economic Affairs, Adam Smith Institute and Liberal Vision

*Coalition, Cuts and Conservatives: an attractive agenda for the Lib Dems?*

Speakers: Shirley Williams; Guido Fawkes; Lembit Öpik; Prof Richard Grayson; Julian Harris. Chair: Mark Littlewood.

ACC, Hall 11C

## Diversity Engagement Group

*Diversity Engagement Group Reception*

A networking event for all those organisations and individuals concerned with diversity within the party. With Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Chair of DEG.

ACC, Hall 12



## New Local Government Network

*Innovation Network Drinks Reception*

We welcome conference delegates to join us at this drinks reception to learn more about our work and networks. Confirmed guest speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Minister, CLG; Cllr Sean Brennan, LB Sutton.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## Social Market Foundation and B&CE Benefits

*Pension reform after the crisis: is there still consensus?*

Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; John Jory, B&CE Benefits; Chris Curry, PPI; David Rowley, Editor, *Pensions Weekly*. Chair: James Lloyd, Senior Researcher, SMF.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



## Transport Hub – AOA event

*Making airports better not bigger*

AOA focuses on improving passenger experience, environmental performance and service to UK plc. Panel tbc: Ed Anderson, AOA; John Leech MP; Neil Pakey, Peel Airports; Tina Tietjen, Air Users Council; Jeff Gazzard, Green Skies.

Jurys Inn, Suite 10



## Liberal Democrat History Group

*The 2010 election in historical perspective*

The 2010 election was one of the most dramatic in post-war British politics. Discuss the campaign and its outcome, with: Prof. John Curtice; Prof Phil Cowley; James Gurling, Chair, Lib Dem Campaigns & Communications.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3

## Centro / National Express

*Bus Partnerships – Delivering for passengers and the environment*

Centro, in partnership with National Express have been transforming bus travel in the West Midlands. Hear how we are attracting more people to buses – along with innovative initiatives to directly reduce carbon emissions.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## ADS, Amnesty International, Oxfam, Saferworld

*Making the International Arms Trade Treaty Bulletproof*

Chair: Henry Smith, Saferworld. Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP; Tim Farron MP; Brinley Salzman, ADS Group Ltd.

**Note: this event will end at 21.00**

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## Eaves and Object

*Turning the Tide: Stemming the Sexualisation of Women*

The ever increasing sexual objectification of women and girls in the media and popular culture has been recognised as promoting the attitudes associated with discrimination and violence against women. Time for change!

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 8



## All Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure

*Infrastructure for growth*

Reception on the importance of infrastructure in delivering growth and a low-carbon economy. Senior speakers and representatives from across business and industry will be present.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



sunday 19th late evening 22.00 – 23.30

## CentreForum, RSPB

*Preparing for the future*

How to save the planet and save money. Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; Mike Clarke, Chief Executive, RSPB. Chair: Tim Hames.

**Note: this event will start at 21.15 and end at 22.30**

ACC, Hall 3B



## LGA Liberal Democrats

*The Local Government Group Reception*

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite



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# The Family Room

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## Investing in families



### Investing in families: a roundtable discussion

**20/09/10 | 07.45-09.00**

**Speaker:** Rt Hon Sarah Teather MP,  
Minister of State for Children and Families,  
Department for Education (tbc)

**Hilton Hotel, Meeting Room 4/5**



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## NewStatesman at the Lib Dem Party Conference

Date	Fringe	Speakers	Time & Venue	
Mon 20 Sept	<b>Cable on cuts: The economics of "progressive austerity"</b>	Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, <i>Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills</i> joins Jason Cowley, <i>New Statesman Editor</i> and a panel of special guests to debate the best way to secure our economic recovery.	1-2pm, Grace Suite 3, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool	
Mon 20 Sept	<b>Where now for personalisation?</b>	Paul Burstow, <i>Minister of State for Care Services</i> ; Paul Woodward, <i>Chief Executive, Sue Ryder Care</i> ; Dave Webber, <i>Director of Adult Services, Livability</i> Jeni Russel, <i>Broadcaster</i> (chair)	6.15pm, Suite 7, Jurys Inn, Liverpool	
Tues 21 Sept	<b>Will Schools Have Too Much Freedom in a Big Society?</b>	Sarah Teather, <i>Minister of State for Children and Families</i> ; Russell Hobby, <i>General Secretary, National Association of Head Teachers</i> ; Spencer Neal, <i>New Statesman</i> (chair)	1pm, Suite 7, Jurys Inn, Liverpool	
Tues 21 Sept	<b>Gaza life support: Is aid a failure of politics?</b>	Malcom Bruce MP, <i>Chair of the International Development Select Committee</i> is joined by leading international aid and Middle East experts; Mehdi Hasan, <i>New Statesman</i> (chair)	6.15pm, Suite 1, Jurys Inn, Liverpool	

More events to be confirmed. Hot buffet and refreshments will be served at all events  
For up to date information on the New Statesman's extensive fringe programme at all three conferences visit  
[www.newstatesman.com/conference](http://www.newstatesman.com/conference)

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# Policy Exchange

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## Policy Exchange at the 2010 Liberal Democrat Conference

### TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

### MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

#### Keeping The Lights On: Energy In The 2010s

**SPEAKERS:** **Simon Less**, Head of the Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange; **David Odling**, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK; **Dr. Doug Parr**, Chief Scientist and Policy Director, Greenpeace UK

08.00 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



#### Free To Succeed: Will School Autonomy Lead To School Improvement?

**CHAIR:** **Natalie Evans**, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange  
**SPEAKERS:** **Professor John Howson**, Managing Director, Education Data Surveys; **Anders Hultin**, Free Schools Expert; **Rachel Wolf**, Director, New Schools Network

13.00 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



#### Waste Not, Want Not? Planning And Waste Infrastructure

**CHAIR:** **Natalie Evans**, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange  
**SPEAKERS:** **Dr. Robert McIlveen**, Research Fellow, Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange; **David Palmer-Jones**, Chief Executive, SITA UK

18.15 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



#### Greener, Cheaper: Cost Effective Climate Change Policy

**SPEAKERS:** **Ben Caldecott**, Head of UK & EU Climate Change and Energy Policy, Climate Change Capital; **Steve Johnson**, Chief Executive Officer, Electricity North West Limited; **Simon Less**, Head of the Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange

20.00 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



#### Inside Out: Should There Be Fewer People In Prison?

**CHAIR:** **Duncan Greenland**, CentreForum  
**SPEAKERS:** **Lord McNally**, Minister of State and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords; **Jon Collins**, Campaign Director, Criminal Justice Alliance; **Juliet Lyons**, Director, The Prison Reform Trust; **Ben Page**, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI

12.45 | Room 11a, ACC Hall



#### Baby Out With The Bathwater: Has Regulatory Reform Fallen Short Or Gone Too Far?

**CHAIR:** **Neil O'Brien**, Director, Policy Exchange  
**SPEAKERS:** **Patricia Jackson**, Partner, Ernst & Young; **Dan Mobley**, Group Head, Government Relations, Standard Chartered Bank

13.00 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



#### Future Proof? Transport Investment In The Age Of Austerity

**CHAIR:** **Natalie Evans**, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange  
**SPEAKERS:** **Norman Baker MP**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport; **Richard Hebditch**, Campaigns Director, Campaign for Better Transport; **Dr. Robert McIlveen**, Research Fellow, Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange; **Paul Plummer**, Director for Planning and Development, Network Rail

18.15 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



#### Building A Strong Civil Society: What Should We Expect From Local Councils?

**CHAIR:** **Neil O'Brien**, Director, Policy Exchange  
**SPEAKERS:** **Andrew Stunell OBE MP**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State to the Department for Communities and Local Government; **Martin Kettle**, Associate Editor, The Guardian; **Jan Tallis**, Chief Executive Officer, School-Home Support

20.00 | The Den, Staybridge Suites, 21 Keel Wharf



Schedule subject to change. Please visit [www.policyexchange.org.uk](http://www.policyexchange.org.uk) for regular updates



# conference fringe monday 20th september cont.

monday 20th morning 07.15 – 08.30

## CER / BNE – sponsored by Clifford Chance

### *Europe's crisis: What role for Britain?*

Speakers: Edward Davey MP, Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer & Postal Affairs; Sir Michael Rake, Chairman, BT plc; Simon Tilford, Chief Economist, CER.  
Chair: Roland Rudd, Chairman, BNE.

ACC, Hall 11A



## Make Justice Work

### *Community not custody: what are the alternatives?*

Short-term prison sentences have failed everyone: victims, offenders and society at large. Intelligent sentencing must do away with prison sentences of less than twelve months but what are the cost-effective alternatives.

ACC, Hall 14



## Association of British Insurers and Local Government Information Unit

### *Protecting businesses and people from flooding*

The purpose of this event is to discuss the options open to the government and its partners to ensure as many homes and businesses as possible are protected from the rising flood risk in the current climate of cutbacks.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



## Reform and General Healthcare Group

### *Healthy Competition*

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Stephen Collier, General Counsel, General Healthcare Group.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30**

ACC, Hall 13



## National Youth Agency and Groundwork UK

### *Positive for Youth: Connecting Young People and Communities*

A discussion with leading youth and community organisations and party representatives on the positive contribution of and support for young people in their communities. By invitation only, contact: jonathanh@nya.org.uk

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

ACC, Hall 6



## CentreForum, TheCityUK

### *Financial services: the next driver for growth*

Introduction: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP (tbc). Speakers: Lord Newby; Chris Cummings, CEO, TheCityUK.

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

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## The Family Room

### *Investing in families: a roundtable discussion*

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families, Department for Education; experts from 15 leading family charities; representative of Mothercare.

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

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## Bombardier Transportation, Guide Dogs and Dods

### *Dods Transport Dialogue Fringe*

A discussion on the future of transport networks in the UK in light of social and economic pressures. Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Colin S Walton, Bombardier Transportation; Sue Sharp, Guide Dogs.

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

ACC, Hall 2N



## Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)

### *SMMT Breakfast Briefing*

UK automotive: delivering the recovery.

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

ACC, Hall 7



## Campaign for Better Transport

### *Making the right choices for transport*

Chair: Stephen Joseph, Executive Director, Campaign for Better Transport. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister; Martin Horwood MP, Co-Chair, Lib Dem transport committee; Neil Scales, Chief Executive, Merseytravel.

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

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



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## Europe's crisis: What role for Britain?

20<sup>th</sup> September 2010

07.15-08.30

ACC Liverpool, Hall 11A

- ★ Edward Davey MP
- ★ Sir Michael Rake, BT
- ★ Simon Tilford, CER
- ★ Roland Rudd, BNE (chair)

Breakfast available

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monday 20th morning 07.15 – 08.30 continued

**Reform and Dr Foster**

*The information revolution: How can data liberate the NHS?*

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for the Department of Health; Roger Taylor, Director of Product Strategy and Design, Dr Foster.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Hilton Liverpool, Boardroom



**Demos in partnership with Teach First supported by the IOE and PwC**

*Learning to Succeed: Building culture in challenging schools*

Speakers: Duncan Hames MP, PPS to Sarah Teather MP; Daisy Christodoulou, Teach First; Dylan William, Institute of Education; Chris Kirk, Partner, Education and Enterprise, PwC. Chair: Philip Collins, Demos.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



**Reform and Research In Motion**

*High tech, low cost: Tomorrow's public services*

Speakers: Ed Davey MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Elizabeth Kanter, Director, Government Relations UK, Research In Motion.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 8



**Demos in partnership with A4e**

*Getting the Work Programme Working*

Speakers: Lord German; Jill Kirby, Director, Centre for Policy Studies (invited); Mark Lovell, Executive Chairman, A4e. Chair: Allegra Stratton, Political Correspondent, *The Guardian*.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



**Policy Exchange and Oil & Gas UK**

*Keeping the Lights On: Energy In The 2010s*

Speakers: Simon Less, Head of Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange; Dr Doug Parr, Chief Scientist and Policy Director, Greenpeace UK; David Odling, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
The Staybridge Suites, The Den



**Lib Dem Christian Forum**

*Facing the Future in Faith*

Morning devotions led by Sal Brinton.

**Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45**  
Jurys Inn, Suite 7



**Action for Children**

*Making BIG local: how to include the most neglected?*

Host: David Morrissey, actor. With: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, DCLG; Annette Brooke MP; Bob Russell MP; Chris Nicholson, Centre Forum; Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Dame Clare Tickell, Action for Children.

**Note: this event will start at 08.45**

Crowne Plaza Liverpool City Centre, Princess Suite 2



**Dignity**  
in dying

*your life, your choice*

**ISSUES OF CONSCIENCE: WHO DECIDES, THE POLITICIANS OR THE PUBLIC?**

**Monday 20 September**  
1pm - 2pm

**Jury's Inn Hotel**  
Suite 1

**Lunch provided**

**SPEAKERS**

**Jonathan Bartley** Co-director of Ekklesia  
**Dr Evan Harris** Medical Professional and Campaigner  
**Ben Summerskill OBE** Chief Executive of Stonewall  
**Sarah Wootton** Chief Executive of Dignity in Dying

**CHAIR**

**Neil Sherlock** Trustee of Demos

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**Party training**

**Free training sessions for party members**



Training events take place on Monday 20th September from 09.15 to 12.30 in the Jurys Inn and Hilton Liverpool. A party membership card or conference photo pass is required for entry. For details, see the *Conference Training Programme* or online at [www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference)

Guardian debate

# Never the same again

*Politics after the election*

**Chair:** Simon Hoggart, the Guardian

**Panel:** Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP; Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP; Rt Hon Lord Andrew Adonis, director, Institute for Government.

**Date:** Monday September 20, 1 - 2pm

**Venue:** Hall 2L, ACC Liverpool. Lunch provided.

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

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# A Good EDUCATION

How do you think it should look?

**Monday 20 September, 1.00pm**


**Novotel, 40 Hanover Street, Liverpool L1 4LR**

**SPEAKERS:** Sarah Teather MP; Tim Oates, Group Director, Cambridge Assessment  
Chris Morecroft, AoC President; Brian Lightman, ASCL General Secretary



## Sustaining economic growth through rail

**Date:** Monday 20 September  
**Time:** 13.00 – 14.00  
**Venue:** Meeting Room 4/5, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool  
**Speakers:**  
Andy Crane, TV Presenter  
Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister  
Chris Fletcher, Chamber of Commerce  
Steve Butcher, Northern Rail  
Councillor Keith Whitmore, GMITA



## 2020 Public Services Trust at the RSA

► Monday 20 September, 1-2pm, Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2

### Public Services in a Cold Climate: a New Deal Between Citizens and the State

**Jeremy Browne MP** (invited); **Dame Clare Tickell**, Chief Executive, Action for Children; **Ben Lucas**, Director 2020PST; **Cllr Howard Sykes**, Leader, Oldham Council; **Julian Astle**, Director, CentreForum; **Allegra Stratton**, The Guardian – Chair

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



► Monday 20 September, 8-9.15pm, ACC Liverpool, Hall 4A

### Social Business, Big Society and Public Services

**David Laws MP** (tbc); **Lord Victor Adebawale**, Chief Executive, Turning Point; **Imtiaz Farookhi**, Chief Executive, NHBC; **Julian Astle**, Director, CentreForum; **Cllr Richard Kemp**, Liverpool Council; **Ben Lucas**, Director, 2020PST – Chair

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## 2 years to go Ask London 2012

### London 2012 fringe event with refreshments

1-2pm  
Monday 20 September  
ACC, Hall 3B

- Don Foster MP
- Seb Coe, Chair, London 2012 Organising Committee
- John Armit, Chair, Olympic Delivery Authority
- Jonathan Edwards, Olympic gold medallist

### London 2012 reception

6.15-7.30pm  
Monday 20 September  
ACC, Hall 3B



# conference fringe monday 20th september cont.

monday 20th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

## **The Health Hotel, British Heart Foundation, Diabetes UK, The Stroke Association**

### *Research to the Rescue!*

Medical research is good for patients and good for Britain's economy. This fringe considers the benefits to be gained from sustaining Britain's global position at the forefront of medical research.

ACC, Hall 1C



## **The Guardian**

### *The Guardian Debate*

Never the same again: Politics after the election. Chaired by Simon Hoggart, *The Guardian*. Panel includes: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP; Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP; Rt Hon Lord Andrew Adonis, Director, Institute for Government.

ACC, Hall 2L



## **Defence Matters and Dods**

### *Defence Review 2010: Afghanistan and Beyond*

Discussing the future of British defence. Speakers: Nick Harvey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces; Sir Kevin Tebbit, Finmeccanica UK; Clara Marina O'Donnell, Centre for European Reform.

ACC, Hall 2N



## **London 2012**

### *Ask 2012: Two Years To Go*

Speakers: Don Foster MP; Seb Coe, Chair, London 2012 Organising Committee; John Armit, Chair, Olympic Delivery Authority. Chair: Jonathan Edwards, Olympic gold medalist.

ACC, Hall 3B



## **The Co-operative Group**

### *Delivering the Big society – a co-operative solution?*

Chair: Emma Maier, Editor, *Local Government Chronicle*. Speakers: Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA; Russell Gill, Head of Membership, The Co-operative Group; Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG.

ACC, Hall 4A



## **Northumbrian Water and ANEC (Association of North East Councils)**

### *Working together: North East commitment to economic recovery*

Chaired by Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP, this debate will focus on how public and private organisations can contribute to economic recovery in the North East of England.

ACC, Hall 4B



## **Chemical Industries Association**

### *Science Education: the next deficit*

Chair: Ian Swales MP. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families (invited); Steve Elliott, Chief Executive, Chemical Industries Association.

ACC, Hall 5



## **Catch22**

### *Digit-all? Young People and Digital Exclusion*

As the Government places more information or services online, how can we ensure all young people are part of the digital revolution?

ACC, Hall 6



## **Social Market Foundation and Aegon**

### *Saving Britain: Will the UK ever achieve a savings culture?*

Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; Norma Cohen, FT (tbc); Maggie Craig, ABI; a representative from Aegon. Chair: James Lloyd, Senior Researcher, SMF.

ACC, Hall 8



## **The Work Foundation**

### *Connecting physical and mental conditions: a healthy economy*

The Work Foundation will be launching a new report to explore the inter-relationship between long-term physical and mental conditions and the impact of these conditions on productivity and work participation.

ACC, Hall 10



## **Nuclear Industry Association**

### *New nuclear – from debate to delivery*

The Liberal Democrats in government have committed to allow the development of new nuclear power stations as long as there is no subsidy. Is this the right decision for the energy future of the UK?

ACC, Hall 11A



## **The Health Hotel, GMC, NMC, RCS, Patients Association**

### *Preventing another Mid Staffs: patient safety in the NHS*

High profile cases such as Mid Staffordshire have damaged trust in the NHS. Representing professionals, regulators and patients, our panellists debate what steps could prevent this happening again.

ACC, Hall 11B



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# conference fringe monday 20th september cont.

monday 20th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

## The Health Hotel, British Red Cross, RNIB

### *A caring Big Society?*

An ageing population is one of the challenges facing our care and support system. Radical reform is necessary to meet the demands for services, choice and maintaining independence and well-being.

ACC, Hall 11C



## The Times

### *Liberal Democrats and the Voters*

Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; James Harding, Editor, *The Times*; Andrew Cooper, Founder and Strategic Director, Populus; Peter Riddell, Senior Fellow, Institute for Government.

ACC, Hall 12



## Dignity in Dying

### *Issues of conscience: who decides - politicians or the public?*

When deciding on issues of conscience, how much regard should politicians give to the public's opinion? Can politicians balance personal beliefs and the views of their constituents? Are referenda out of the question?

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## Federation of Small Businesses

### *Keep Trade Local – is it high noon for the high street?*

Small businesses are not just part of the local community, they are the local community. The UK economy is driven by small businesses. What can be done to stem the tide of business closures on our high streets?

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



## Institute of Development Studies

### *Where did all the aid go? Lessons for Effective Development*

Aid has made a difference to millions but poverty still exists. At a time of spending cuts in the UK how can we get value for money from the ring-fenced aid budget? Join our panel to discuss how to do things differently.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



## CST with the PCAA Foundation

### *Can the Liberal Democrats stop the BNP?*

How to prevent the BNP stealing your votes. Chair: Nick Cohen, commentator, and journalist. Panel: Tom Brake MP, Carshalton and Wallington; Nick Lowles, Coordinator, HOPE Not Hate; Mark Gardner, Spokesperson, CST.

Jurys Inn, Suite 7



## The Foreign Policy Centre, International Alert and Care International UK

### *Conflict-affected states: Is it time to rethink development?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP (tbc); Isabel Hilton OBE, ChinaDialogue; Phil Vernon, International Alert; Howard Mollett, Care International UK. Chair: Keme Nzerem, presenter and reporter, *Channel 4 News* (tbc).

Jurys Inn, Suite 8



## Charity Commission

### *Great Expectations – What lies ahead for charities?*

Chair: Jon Snow, *Channel 4 News*. Speakers: Tom Flood, BTCV; Craig Dearden-Phillips, Speaking Up Advocacy Partners; Dame Suzi Leather, Charity Commission.

Jurys Inn, Suite 9



## Transport Hub – ABTA / FlyingMatters event

### *Can overseas holidays be a force for good?*

Tourism employs 200 million people worldwide and contributes 11% of global GDP, driving job and wealth creation; yet, the Liberal Democrats have not always had an easy relationship with the outbound travel sector.

Jurys Inn, Suite 10



## Institute for Public Policy Research

### *A marriage made in heaven? Can the Con-Lib coalition hold?*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs; Simon Hughes MP, Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader; Rt Hon Francis Maude MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General (invited); Nick Pearce, ippri; Olly Grender.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



## 2020 Public Services Trust and A4E

### *Public Services in a Cold Climate*

Chair: Allegra Stratton, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP (invited); Dame Clare Tickell, Action for Children; Ben Lucas, 2020PST; Cllr Howard Sykes, Oldham Council; Julian Astle, CentreForum.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



## New Statesman

### *Cable on cuts: the economics of 'progressive austerity'*

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, joins Jason Cowley, Editor, *New Statesman*, and a panel of special guests to debate the best way to secure our economic recovery.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



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monday 20th lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

## The Smith Institute, Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd and Asthma UK

### *Can Health Cuts Be Good For You?*

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State, Department of Health; Derek Campbell, Chief Executive, NHS Liverpool PCT; Dr Mark Hill, Director, Novartis; Neil Churchill, Chief Executive, Asthma UK.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



## The Smith Institute and Resolution Foundation

### *Fair Pay – Can We Afford It?*

Speakers: Lord Kirkwood, Lib Dem Spokesperson, Work & Pensions (tbc); Nigel Stanley, Head of Campaigns & Communications, TUC; Adam Marshall, Director, Policy & External Affairs, BCC; Clive Cowdery, Chairman, Resolution Foundation.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



## Greater Manchester ITA, Northern Rail, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

### *Sustaining economic growth through rail*

Chair: Andy Crane, TV presenter. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister; Chris Fletcher, Chamber of Commerce; Steve Butcher, Northern Rail; Cllr Keith Whitmore, GMITA.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## The Howard League for Penal Reform

### *Less crime, safer communities, fewer people in prison*

The speakers will include: Frances Crook (Chair); Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol Council; Baroness Hamwee.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## Finance and Leasing Association

### *What next for personal debt?*

Chair: Stephen Sklaroff, Director General, FLA. Speakers: Lorely Burt MP; Delroy Corinaldi, Consumer Credit Counselling Service.  
Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 2



## Demos in partnership with Save the Children

### *Tackling child poverty in an age of austerity*

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Children and Families; Kate Stanley, Deputy Director, ippr; Sally Copley, UK Head of Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns, Save the Children. Chair: Philip Collins, Demos.  
Blue Bar & Grill, Blue Bar

## Greenpeace, NEF, WWF, Micropower Council, NEA, UKBCSE, CHPA + PRASEG.

### *Green jobs: Britain's economic recovery?*

Chair: national journalist (tbc). Speakers: Martin Harwood MP; David Nussbaum, Chief Executive, WWF-UK; a business spokesperson (tbc).  
Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



## ASCL, AoC, Cambridge Assessment

### *What Do You Think Makes a Good Education?*

Speakers: Chris Morecroft, President, AoC; Brian Lightman, General Secretary, ASCL; Tim Oates, Group Director, Cambridge Assessment.  
Novotel, Albert Johnston Room



## CitizenCard

### *A Fresh Start for ID: Stopping All Underage Sales*

With national ID cards gone, how can CitizenCard and PASS aim to stop all underage sales? Free buffet lunch. With speakers: Tom Kenny, ABB; James Lowman, ACS; Robert Humphreys, PASS; Christopher Ogden, TMA.  
PanAm Bar, Ground Level



## Policy Exchange and Pearson

### *Will School Autonomy Lead to School Improvement?*

Chair: Natalie Evans, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Prof John Howson, Managing Director, Education Data Surveys; Anders Hultin, free schools expert; Rachel Wolf, Director, New Schools Network.  
The Staybridge Suites, The Den



## LGA Liberal Democrats

### *Next Generation Reception*

Keynote speaker: Tim Farron, MP.  
TATE Liverpool, The Auditorium



## NESTA

### *Positive Disruption: Innovation in Public Services*

Keynote Speaker: Norman Lamb MP, Chief Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister. Please join us to discuss how a bold and innovative approach to public service delivery can achieve sizeable savings across Whitehall.  
TATE Liverpool, Hospitality Suite



**aequitas**

From unemployment to self-employment  
in an age of austerity

A panel discussion of the benefits of supporting the unemployed move towards entrepreneurship and self-employment - could this model represent a more effective and sustainable economic solution to unemployment?

In partnership with

Monday 20 September 6.15 - 7.30 pm  
ACC - Hall 7 (secure zone)  
Refreshments will be provided

# THE **LIVE!** INDEPENDENT

in association with  
*John Lewis Partnership*

## Danny Alexander in conversation with **Steve Richards** plus a Q&A session with the audience

**Monday 20 September, 18.15 - 19.30**  
**Hall 1B, ACC Liverpool**  
refreshments available

### A class of their own: do admissions policies favour the well off?

Monday 20 September 2010  
6.15-7.30pm  
Hall 11A, Liverpool ACC

**Sarah Teather MP**, Minister of State  
for Children and Families (confirmed)

**Martin Narey** Chief Executive, Barnardo's

Followed by Q&A.

**Fish and chip supper provided.**

Accessible to disabled visitors.



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monday 20th early evening 18.15 – 19.30

## **The Independent (in association with John Lewis Partnership)**

*Independent Live*

Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP in conversation with Steve Richards.

ACC, Hall 1B



## **London 2012**

*London 2012 reception*

Your chance to question the teams behind the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and find out how to play your part.

ACC, Hall 3B



## **The Health Hotel, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, PRTC, RCGP**

*Better outcomes for patients: NHS Dragons in the Den*

Leaders of health organisations pitch ideas to our panel of 'Dragons' – comprising a patient, a politician and a commissioner – on how to spend money wisely and improve patient outcomes.

ACC, Hall 1C



## **CentreForum and Premier League**

*Qué será, será*

Is it time to get a grip on football club finances and ownership? Speakers: Don Foster MP; Paul Marshall, Red Knight; Paul Rawnsley, DeLoittes; Richard Scudamore, CEO, Premier League. Chair: Julian Astle, CentreForum.

ACC, Hall 4A



## **EDF Energy, CBI and Dods**

*Skills for a low carbon future*

The investment being made by business in the skills and jobs which will underpin the UK's low carbon economic recovery. Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Energy Secretary; Vincent de Rivaz, EDF Energy; Richard Lambert, CBI.

ACC, Hall 2N



## **NASUWT and UNISON**

*Does Local Government have a role in public services?*

Britain's public services are democratically controlled and accountable. Local government has traditionally played a key role in providing services to meet the needs of communities. Has that orthodoxy now had its day?

ACC, Hall 4B



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## **Care - who pays?**

### **Solutions to the future funding of social care**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 18:15 – 19:30  
Hall 5, The ACC

**Nick Timmins**, *The Financial Times* (Chair)  
**Paul Burstow MP**, Minister for Care Services  
**Imelda Redmond CBE**, Carers UK  
**Emma Stone**, Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
**Richard Humphries**, The King's Fund

How to achieve a fair, affordable and long term settlement for social care which protects families from soaring care costs, delivers quality care to older, ill and disabled people and supports carers

**TheKingsFund**



**CARERS UK**  
the voice of carers

## **The new 'old': Rethinking our ageing society**

Chair **Norman Lamb MP**  
Chief Parliamentary and Political Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister

**Prof Steve Webb MP**, Minister of State for Pensions

**Roger Turner**, General Secretary  
National Federation of Occupational Pensioners

Monday 20th September, 18.15 - 19.30  
Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2 • refreshments served

To contact NFOP please call 01582 721652 or visit [www.nfop.org.uk](http://www.nfop.org.uk)

## **The Rural Reception**

Sponsored by  
The British Association of Organic Growers

**Liberal Democrats**  
**Date: Monday 20 September**  
**Time: 6.15 - 7.30**  
**Venue: Suite 9, Jurys Inn, Liverpool**

Hosted by Lord Reddesdale Spokesperson for Agriculture

Speakers: Andrew George MP, Co-ordinator DEFRA Policy Committee  
Future speakers to be confirmed.

Refreshments provided



**BASC**

monday fringe



## Coalition compromise

Where are the yellow lines when it comes to cuts to public services?

Date: Monday 20 September

Time: 18:15–19:30

Venue: ACC, Hall 12

- **Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP\***, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills
- **Gillian Guy**, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice
- **Mark Gonnella**, Corporate Affairs Director, Barclaycard

\*invited



Refreshments available



## Scraping the bottom of the barrel

Hard-to-reach carbon comes at what cost?

Join us to debate the impacts and alternatives in the search for increasingly costly fossil fuels.

Monday 20 September

6:15pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room 4/5

Hilton Liverpool

Speakers:

*David Nussbaum – Chief Executive, WWF-UK*

*Chris Huhne – Secretary of State, DECC*

*Gary Kendall – Executive Director, SustainAbility*

*Chair Senior UK Journalist*

*Aerial view of Albian tar sands active mine north of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada.*

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**Carers UK, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, The King's Fund**

*Care – who pays?*

How to achieve a fair, affordable, long-term settlement for social care, which protects families from soaring care costs, delivers quality care to older, ill and disabled people and supports carers. Speaker: Paul Burstow MP. ACC, Hall 5

**Voice4Change England**

*Equality, Fairness and the Big Society*

Chair: Vandna Gohil, Voice4Change England; Speakers: Faiza Chaudary, NCVYS (tbc); Speakers: Sarah Isal, Runnymede Trust; further speakers to be confirmed. ACC, Hall 6

**Avanta in association with Aequitas**

*From unemployment to self-employment in an age of austerity*

A panel discussion of the benefits of helping the unemployed move towards self-employment and entrepreneurship – could this represent a more sustainable widespread solution for solving the UK's challenge of worklessness? ACC, Hall 7



**Barnardo's**

*A class of their own: do admissions favour the well-off?*

Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families, and Martin Narey, Chief Executive, Barnardo's, discuss schools admissions policies. Question and Answer session follows. Fish and Chip supper provided. ACC, Hall 11A



**The Health Hotel, BDA, FPA, RPSGB**

*Hearing the Unheard Voice*

Health services do not always reach those who need them the most. This fringe explores how care can be delivered effectively to the people whose needs are too often unheard. ACC, Hall 11B



**The Health Hotel, Alzheimer's Society, Eye Health Alliance, RNID**

*Getting in early, transforming care*

Early diagnosis and intervention can put people in control of their lives and save on NHS and social care costs. Listen to real-life experiences and join our panel for debate. ACC, Hall 11C



**Citizens Advice and Barclays**

*Coalition compromise – budget cuts and public services*

Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Business Secretary (invited); Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice; Mark Gonnella, Corporate Affairs Director, Barclaycard. ACC, Hall 12



**The Co-operative Financial Services (CFS)**

*Young people and money: sustainable personal finance*

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Neville Richardson, Chief Executive, The Co-operative Financial Services; Toby Hobman, Chief Executive, Consumer Finance Education Body. ACC, Hall 13



**The Smith Institute and Morrisons**

*Feeding Britain: What Consumers Want*

Speakers: Lord Greaves (tbc); Lord Whitty, Chair, Consumer Focus; Richard Taylor, Director of Corporate Affairs, Morrisons. Chair: David Coats, Research Fellow, The Smith Institute. ACC, Hall 14



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The Foreign Policy Centre



**From poverty to prosperity:  
Can big business really do good in poor countries?**

**Monday 20 September 6.15-7.30pm**

The Hilton — Meeting Room 2  
Refreshments will be provided

**Speakers**

**Rt Hon Michael Moore MP** — Secretary of State for Scotland (TBC)

**Phil Bloomer** — Oxfam GB

**Euan Wilmshurst** — The Coca-Cola Company

**Dan Mobley** — Standard Chartered

**Chair: Peter Guest** — Editor, This is Africa (FT Business Quarterly)

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## monday 20th early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

### **New Local Government Network and British Gas** *Drinks Reception – Tackling Climate Change in Communities*

Join us at this event to explore how local authorities can work with private companies and citizens to promote greater energy efficiency and tackle climate change. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP (tbc); Cllr Barbara Janke, Bristol.

ACC, Riverside Balcony



### **Park Communications and The Campaigns Team** *Informal drinks reception*

Your chance to meet the Campaigns Team, and some of the main people at Park, and to have a refreshing drink.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



### **Social Market Foundation and Engineering the Future**

*An industrial policy for the 21stC: engineering growth in UK*

Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Business, Innovation and Skills Secretary (tbc); David Kester, Design Council; Kate Bellingham, STEM Ambassador; a representative from Engineering the Future. Chair: Ian Mulheirn, Director, SMF.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



### **New Statesman, Livability, Sue Ryder Care** *Where now for personalisation?*

Jenni Russell chairs a discussion with: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Paul Woodward, Chief Executive, Sue Ryder Care; Dave Webber, Director of Adult Services, Livability.

Jurys Inn, Suite 7



### **CentreForum, Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales**

*The Coalition and Europe*

Speakers: Michael Izza, Chief Executive, ICAEW; Rt Hon Sir Menzies Campbell QC MP; Prof Helen Wallace; Graham Watson MEP. Chair: Duncan Greenland, CentreForum.

Jurys Inn, Suite 8



### **Transport Hub Question Time**

*'Transport is vital to the economy' – Discuss*

A lively debate on the importance of transport to the health of the UK as a place to do business, hosted by an independent chairman. Front bench and major industry panellists invited.

Jurys Inn, Suite 10



### **City of London and Financial Times**

*Challenge for Financial Services – Helping the UK economy grow*

Chair: Brian Groom, *Financial Times*. Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Lord Newby; Stuart Fraser, City of London.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



### **The National Federation of Occupational Pensioners**

*The new 'old': Rethinking our ageing society*

Chair: Norman Lamb MP, Chief Parliamentary and Political Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister. Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Roger Turner, General Secretary, NFOP.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



### **Hansard Society and Institute for Government**

*Jack-of-all-trades: how can MPs fulfil all their roles?*

Chair: Peter Riddell. Speakers: David Heath CBE MP; Dr Julian Huppert MP. This meeting will discuss the diverse roles, which an MP undertakes and asks can they balance conflicting duties?

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



### **Foreign Policy Centre, Coca-Cola GB, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Standard Chartered**

*From poverty to prosperity? Big business in poor countries*

Speakers: Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland (tbc); Phil Bloomer, Oxfam GB; Euan Wilmschurst, The Coca-Cola Company; Dan Mobley, Standard Chartered. Chair: Peter Guest, Editor, *This is Africa (FT)*.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



### **The Smith Institute and Home Group**

*Should We Fund Social Housing?*

Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government; Derek Joseph, Managing Editor, *Social Housing Magazine*; Mark Henderson, Chief Executive, Home Group. Chair: The Smith Institute.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



### **WWF-UK**

*Scraping the bottom of the barrel – a future fuelled by hard-to-reach carbon comes at what cost?*

Join our speakers from DECC, WWF and the business community to debate the impacts and alternatives in the search for increasingly costly fossil fuels.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



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## **The Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mencap and The National Autistic Society**

*'Face the FACS' – A Fresh Start For Social Care*

Speaker: Jeff Jerome, National Director, Social Care Transformation. Chair tbc. Excellent food and drinks. Social care professionals, MPs, Councillors and various service users invited to take part in the popular speed debate.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## **CentreForum and ABI**

*Improving outcomes for consumers*

Speakers: Maggie Craig, Acting Director General, ABI; Edward Davey MP; Elizabeth Rigby, *Financial Times*.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



## **NCVO, LGiU and Community Matters**

*The future of community ownership*

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 2



## **Greener Journeys, Low CVP, Transport Times and Climate Clinic**

*Delivering Sustainable Transport in Austerity*

Chair: Professor David Begg, *Transport Times*.

Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Doug Parr, Greenpeace; Giles Fearnley, Confederation of Passenger Transport UK; David Brown, S. Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



## **The Law Society and Hill Dickinson LLP**

*Law Society Conference Reception*

Reception for Liberal Democrat parliamentarians and their advisors to meet with legal professionals from the Law Society and law firms within Liverpool. Invitation only – please contact richard.messingham@lawsociety.org.uk.

**Note: this event will end at 20.00**

Hill Dickinson LLP, No.1 St Paul's Square, L3 6SJ  
7th Floor, Room 3/4/5



## **Humanist and Secular Lib Dems, British Humanist Assoc, the Accord coalition**

*Should we have faith in faith schools?*

Speakers: Ian Swales MP; Andrew Copson, BHA; Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain, Accord. What are the prospects for levelling the playing field and removing entrenched privileges from state funded faith schools?

Novotel, Albert Johnston

## **Demos in partnership with the Manchester Partnership**

*City growth and the new economy*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP (invited); Cllr Howard Sykes, Leader, Oldham Council; Barbara Spicer, Chief Executive, Salford City Council (tbc); Angie Robinson, Chief Executive, MIDAS; Mike Blackburn, Government Services. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

PanAm Bar, Ground Level



## **Policy Exchange and SITA UK**

*Waste Not, Want Not? Planning and Waste Infrastructure*

Chair: Natalie Evans, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange.

Speakers: Dr Robert McIlveen, Research Fellow, Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange; David Palmer-Jones, Chief Executive, SITA UK.

**Note: this event will end at 19.00**

The Staybridge Suites, The Den



## **Stonewall and DELGA**

*What the coalition government means for equality*

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP; Stephen Gilbert MP; Dr Evan Harris; Ben Summerskill, Stonewall. Refreshments including wine.

**Note: this event will end at 20.15**

TATE Liverpool, The Auditorium



## **National Farmers' Union and Food & Drink Federation**

*Agriculture, Food Supply and the Coalition*

Why farming matters to the coalition government; food supply, economic recovery and the environment. Debate with: Peter Kendall, President, NFU; Melanie Leech, Director General, FDF; Andrew George MP; Tim Farron MP; Roger Williams MP.

**Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 20.30**

TATE Liverpool, Gallery Café



# Coalition for Young People

Putting young people first

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## Welcome to the Youth Zone

### Programme of events (ACC Liverpool, upper level)

See listings for details or contact [jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk)



- **What's Youth Got To Do With It?**   The **co-operative**
- **Positive for Youth: Young people and communities**  
- **From House to Home: Young people and families**   
- **Equality, Fairness and The Big Society**  
- **Young People and Money** 
- **Young People and the Digital Divide** 
- **Quality Services: Innovation and enterprise**  
- **Young Reporters: Interviews, filming, blogs and reporting**   

**Joint reception - Monday 20 September from 8.00pm**  
(Riverside Balcony, ACC)

**LIBERAL YOUTH**



# conference fringe monday 20th september cont.

monday 20th mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

## LGA Liberal Democrats

### *The urban challenge – Place-based budgets*

Looking at the challenges and opportunities that place-based budgeting and current fiscal challenges place on urban councils.

ACC, Hall 1C



## Candidates' Office

### *Approved Candidates' Reception*

Reception for all approved candidates, assessors, returning officers and candidates' committee members. Sponsored by Tesco.

**Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 23.00**

ACC, Hall 2L



## Royal British Legion and Dods

### *The Royal British Legion Reception*

You are invited to join the Royal British Legion at this drinks reception to learn more about the work being done to support the serving and ex-service community.

ACC, Hall 2N



## RSPCA

### *RSPCA Beer and Curry night*

Join the RSPCA for our annual beer and curry quiz night and to discuss the animal welfare issues of the day.

Speaker: Roger Williams MP.

ACC, Hall 3A



## 2020 Public Services Trust and NHBC

### *Social Business, Big Society and Public Services*

Chair: Ben Lucas, Director, 2020PST. Speakers: David Laws MP (invited); Cllr Richard Kemp, Liverpool Council; Lord Victor Adebowale, Turning Point; Imtiaz Farookhi, Chief Executive, NHBC; Julian Astle, CentreForum.

ACC, Hall 4A



## Counter Context Ltd – Making Consultation Effective

### *Renewing Trust in Government through Effective Consultation*

This event will look at government plans to devolve power to communities, how genuine public engagement is already delivering results in Sheffield and that consultation will only be effective if it rebuilds public trust.

ACC, Hall 4B



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Monday 20th September 20.30-23.00  
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MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 8-9.15PM  
ACC, HALL 3A  
SPEAKER: ROGER WILLIAMS MP

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**Liberal International British Group**

*Democracy and Human Rights in the Developing World*

Wolfgang Gerhardt, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, and Linda Duffield OBE, Westminster Foundation for Democracy (tbc), on the role of think tanks and party foundations in fostering democracy and human rights. Chair: Julie Smith.

ACC, Hall 11A

**Chinese Embassy**

*China: an emerging economy and a progressing country*

What direction is China heading for in the coming decades? How has China endeavoured to promote her economic development, social reform and environmental protection? How should China and the UK cooperate as partners in growth?

ACC, Hall 11B



**Social Liberal Forum**

*Radical and Independent*

How do the Lib Dems retain our distinctiveness within the coalition? Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Baroness Shirley Williams; Polly Toynbee; Tim Farron MP. Chair: Dr Evan Harris.

ACC, Hall 11C

**Climate Clinic**

*A Reception with Special Guests*

Join Climate Clinic and other international development organisations for a Reception with Special Guests.

ACC, Hall 12



**CentreForum and Clifford Chance**

*Funding the UK's entrepreneurs of the future*

Speakers: Edward Davey MP; Peter Vicary-Smith, Chief Executive, *Which?* (tbc); John Walker, National Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses. Chair: Oliver Bretz, Clifford Chance.

ACC, Hall 13



**The Work Foundation**

*Where will the jobs come from? Growth, fairness and good work*

After the financial crisis, recession and now public sector cuts, the Work Foundation asks the timely question: which parts of the economy will generate the most new jobs? Speakers include David Ward MP and Will Hutton.

ACC, Hall 14

**Coalition for Young People and Liberal Youth**

*Joint Reception: Putting Young People First*

Bringing together leading youth organisations, young people and party representatives for a celebration of young people. (Simon Hughes MP, invited).

ACC, Riverside Balcony



**The Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

*Informal Reception*

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



**The Health Hotel**

*The Health Debate*

The up-to-the-minute topical health debate takes on a *Question Time* panel-style format this year, featuring renowned commentators, journalists and politicians. Come along and hear the experts battle out the issues of the day.

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



**The Foreign Policy Centre and The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS)**

*Securing the Caucasus: Conflict, energy and opportunities*

Speakers: Andrew Duff MEP; Lord William Wallace; Baroness Emma Nicholson; Dr Laurence Broers, Conciliation Resources. Chair: Jo Swinson MP.

Jurys Inn, Suite 7



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**Come to the LDFI Fringe Meeting**

**Monday 20th September 8 - 9.15 pm**

**Hilton Hotel, Room 6/7**

**Israel/Palestine:  
is peace possible?**

**Speakers: Nick Clegg MP**

Party Leader and Deputy PM

**Professor Naomi Chazan**

Ex-Deputy Speaker of the Israeli Knesset and President of 'New Israel Fund'.

**Monroe Palmer (Chair)**

Chair, Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

**Light refreshments available**

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# conference fringe monday 20th september cont.

monday 20th mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

## **Refugee Council, Still Human Still Here and UNHCR** *Asylum policy: Honouring our refugee protection commitments*

Speakers: Tom Brake MP, Co-Chair of backbench Committee on Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities; Julian Huppert MP; Donna Covey, Chief Executive, Refugee Council; Roland Schilling, UNHCR Representative to the UK.

Jurys Inn, Suite 8



## **The Royal Society** *The scientific century*

Can research secure our future prosperity?  
Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



## **Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors** *Elected Police Commissioners – Help or hindrance?*

Do we agree with Police Commissioners? How could the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill be improved?  
Speakers: Brian Paddick; Tom Brake MP; Mike Crockett MP; Cllr Duwayne Brooks, Lewisham. Drinks.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



## **Centre for Social Justice** *Welfare Reform: dynamic benefits*

An end to the something for nothing benefits culture and releasing people from the benefits poverty trap. With Prof Steve Webb MP.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



## **World Vision and Saferworld** *The Afghan, Somali ... and me? Engaging in fragile countries*

Chair: Mike Thomson, BBC Radio 4 Foreign Correspondent. Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Foreign Office Minister; Henry Smith, Saferworld; Dr Alexis Crow, Associate Fellow, Chatham House; Ian Gray, World Vision.

**Note: this event will end at 21.00**

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## **Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel** *Israel / Palestine: is Peace possible?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Party Leader and Deputy PM; Prof Naomi Chazan, Ex-Deputy Speaker, Israeli Knesset, President of New Israel Fund and a leading human rights campaigner. Chair: Monroe Palmer. Light refreshments.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



**ResPublica and the Money Advice Trust**  
*A Nation in the Red? Financial health in the New Politics*  
Phillip Blond, Director, ResPublica, Joanna Elson, Chief Executive, Money Advice Trust, and a senior Lib Dem discuss the true meaning and role of the 'Big Society' in addressing growing debt and financial exclusion.  
Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 2



**Policy Exchange, Climate Change Capital and Electricity North West Limited**  
*Greener, Cheaper: Cost Effective Climate Change Policy*  
Speakers: Ben Caldecott, Head of UK & EU Climate Change & Energy Policy, Climate Change Capital; Steve Johnson, CEO, Electricity North West Limited; Simon Less, Environment and Energy Unit, Policy Exchange.  
The Staybridge Suites, The Den



**Social Market Foundation and British Beer and Pub Association**  
*Pub Quiz*  
Come and join the SMF for a traditional pub quiz.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

Blue Bar & Grill, Baby Blue Bar



**GovNet Communications**  
*A funny thing happened on the way to Number 10*  
Chair: Lord Archy Kirkwood of Kirkhope. Speakers: Sir Robert Worcester, Founder, MORI; journalist tbc; senior party figure tbc.

**Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 23.00**

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



**Invitation Only**

**SHEFFIELD**  
**City Region**

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**Breakfast Briefing**  
**Tuesday 21st September, 8.00 - 9.00**  
Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2 • refreshments served

**Chair Cllr Paul Scriven**  
Leader, Sheffield City Council

Join councillors, business leaders and policy makers to discuss the future of the Sheffield City Region.

**RSVP to [Sheffield@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:Sheffield@connectpa.co.uk)**

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# conference fringe monday 20th september cont.

monday 20th late evening 22.00 – 23.30

## The Health Hotel

### *The Health Hotel Reception*

This invite-only event is the busiest of the Health Hotel calendar, attracting hundreds of stakeholders in health and social care. Invitations can be applied for up to 3rd September by emailing [reception@healthhotel.org.uk](mailto:reception@healthhotel.org.uk).

**Note: this event will start at 21.45 and end at 23.00**  
Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



## Green Liberal Democrats

### *The Energy Ticking Time-bomb*

How will this looming energy problem combined with Lib Dem principles ensure the greenest possible solution for Britain? Martin Horwood MP opens up the debate about the options available.

**Note: this event will start at 21.45 and end at 23.00**  
Jurys Inn, Suite 6



## South West Liberal Democrats and Airbus

### *South West Regions Joint Reception*

Members of Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions are cordially invited to a reception sponsored by one of the regions largest employers, Airbus, world leaders in aircraft design and manufacture. Cash Bar.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



## Energy UK, AEP, ENA, ERA, UKBCSE

### *Powering the UK – Energy Industry Reception*

A reception and discussion on the key challenges facing the UK energy sector with Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State, Department of Energy & Climate Change. Supported by the AEP, ENA, ERA, UKBCSE and Energy UK.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



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Centre for Innovation in Learning

# Who should pay for skills?

What should be the respective contributions of learners, employers and the state, and how can this best be achieved. Join us for a lively debate featuring interactive voting.

### John Stone (Chair)

Chief Executive, LSN

### Chris Banks CBE

Former Chair of the LSC and Chair of the Independent Review of Fees in Further Education

### Rt Hon Dr Vincent Cable MP

Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills

### David Frost

Director General, British Chambers of Commerce

**Date:** Tuesday 21st September

**Time:** 7.15am - 8.30am

**Venue:** Jury's Inn, Liverpool

Refreshments will be provided



# Do cuts kill communities?

## Dealing with the deficit – there is a better way

A TUC and Unite joint event  
Tuesday, September 21, 13:00-14:00

*Speakers include:*  
Councillor Richard Kemp, Liverpool (LibDem)  
Brendan Barber, General Secretary, TUC  
Gail Cartmail, Unite assistant general secretary  
Imran Hussain, Child Poverty Action Group (invited)  
Chaired by Michael White, the Guardian (invited)



## Save rural Britain

Tuesday, September 21, 18:15-19:30

*Speakers include:*  
Ian Waddell, Unite national officer for agriculture  
Steve Leniec, farm worker  
Jeanette Longfield, coordinator Sustain:  
the alliance for better food and farming  
Chaired by Kevin Maguire, the Mirror

[www.unitetheunion.org](http://www.unitetheunion.org)

Both events will be held at PanAm Bar, Britannia Pavilion, The Albert Dock, Liverpool L3 4AE  
[situated opposite the Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool (ACCL)]

**Food and refreshments provided at both events**

# England's schools: a free for all?

The Government believes that the 'freedoms' of academies and free schools will make them the best in the world. But what will be the consequence of such 'freedoms'?

Join us for a highly charged debate on the future of England's schools.

**Tuesday 21 September • 13.00 - 14.00**

**Hall 3b • ACC Liverpool**

**Speakers:** Sarah Teather MP (tbc) Minister of State for Children and Families  
Professor Becky Francis Director of Education, RSA  
Fiona Millar Writer and Journalist

**Chair:** Chris Lines NASUWT President

*Buffet lunch provided*



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tuesday 21st morning 07.15 – 08.30

**LSN Centre for Innovation in Learning**

*Who should pay for skills?*

Chair: John Stone, Chief Executive, LSN. Speakers: Rt Hon Vincent Cable MP, Secretary of State for BIS; David Frost, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce; Chris Banks CBE, former Chair of the LSC.

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



**British Medical Association and Royal College of Nursing**

*Health / Economy / Workforce*

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



**Centrepoint and 4Children**

*From House to Home: Supporting Young People and Families*

Meeting the complex needs of young people: the significance of family life. Speakers: Seyi Obakin, Centrepoint; Anne Longfield, 4Children. By invitation only, contact: jhopkins@centrepoint.org.

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

ACC, Hall 6



**Dods Manufacturing Dialogue: FDF, General Motors, Jaguar Land Rover and Siemens**

*A manufacturing-led economic recovery: the government's role*

Chair: Richard Lambert, CBI. Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Business Secretary; Gordon Birtwistle MP; Melanie Leech, FDF; Phil Millward, GM UK; Juergen Maier, Siemens Industry Sector; Jaguar Land Rover (tbc).

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

ACC, Hall 2N



**Reform and ITV plc**

*A creative recovery*

Speakers: Don Foster MP; Nigel Warner, Director of Public Affairs, ITV plc.

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

ACC, Hall 13



**Centre for Cities / Network Rail**

*Staying Connected*

A ministerial and business breakfast on the future for urban transport investment with Norman Baker MP. Please contact Ros Taylor for further details: r.taylor@centreforcities.org or 020 7803 4316.

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

Hilton Liverpool, Boardroom



**Demos in partnership with Nationwide Building Society**

*Remodelling financial services: The role of mutuals*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (invited); Maxine Taylor, Nationwide Building Society. Chair: Neil Sherlock, Partner, Public Affairs, KPMG.

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

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



**Party training**

**Free training sessions for party members**



Training events take place on Tuesday 21st September from 09.15 to 17.30 in the Jurys Inn and Hilton Liverpool. A party membership card or conference photo pass is required for entry. For details, see the *Conference Training Programme* or online at [www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference)

Tuesday 21 September, 13.00–14.00  
ACC Liverpool, Hall 3A



From pavement politics to civic renewal

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TAKE ON THE BIG SOCIETY

CHAIR: **Camilla Cavendish**, The Times

PANEL: **Sarah Teather MP** Minister for Children and Families;

**Simon Hughes MP** Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrats;

**Matthew Taylor** RSA Chief Executive; **Ben Page** Chief Executive,

Ipsos Mori; **Iain Tucket** Group Director, Coin Street

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tuesday 21st lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

**UK Music**

*Liberating Creativity in a time of austerity*

Join UK Music's Feargal Sharkey, Lord Tim Clement Jones CBE and Don Foster MP in a debate on how art and creativity can drive our economic recovery.

ACC, Hall 1B

**The Health Hotel, FIA, WSFF, MEND, PSNC**

*Solving the Public Health Crisis*

Britain's poor health costs millions. The health agenda must shift toward public health and prevention. How do we effectively commission physical activity and life style improvement to achieve sustainable behaviour change?

ACC, Hall 1C



**Libel Reform Coalition**

*Libel laws stifle debate: will the coalition stop the chill?*

Lib Dems led the way in the fight for free speech and libel reform. Rt Hon Lord McNally, Justice Minister, libel reform campaigners and special guests debate how the Government will deliver on its pledge. Chair: Dr Evan Harris.

ACC, Hall 2L



**Association of Train Operating Companies and Dods**

*Can we afford the railways?*

A discussion about the long-term affordability of our railway network. Chair: Julian Glover, *The Guardian*. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Transport Minister; Michael Roberts, ATOC; Adam Marshall, BCC; Paul Plummer, Network Rail.

ACC, Hall 2N



**Royal Society of Arts**

*The Liberal Democrats take on the Big Society*

Chair: Camilla Cavendish, *The Times*. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP; Simon Hughes MP; Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive, RSA; Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos Mori; Iain Tuckett, Group Director, Coin Street.

ACC, Hall 3A



**ATL, NASUWT, NUT**

*England's schools: a free for all?*

Government believes 'freedoms' of academies and free schools will make them the best in the world. What will be the consequence of such 'freedoms'? Join us for a highly charged debate on the future of England's schools.

ACC, Hall 3B



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*Big choices in tough times – where next for public transport?*

Join this debate about your public transport. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Under SoS for Transport; Phil Redmond, Chair, National Museums Liverpool; Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport; Neil Scales, Chair, pteg.

ACC, Hall 4A



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# Mutual Financial Services

How can financial services work in the public interest?

**Tuesday 21st September, 13:00-14:00**  
**Hall 12, ACC Liverpool**

**Speakers:**

- Baroness Maddock, Joint-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Building Societies and Financial Mutuals
- Neville Richardson, Chief Executive, The Co-operative Financial Services
- Adrian Coles, Director General, Building Societies Association
- Mark Lyonette, Chief Executive, Association of British Credit Unions
- Martin Shaw, Chief Executive, Association of Financial Mutuals



## The Policing Fringe

**Tuesday 21st September, 13.00 - 14.00**  
**ACC Liverpool, Hall 11a • refreshments served**



**Tom Brake MP**, Chair  
Liberal Democrat Backbench Committee on Home Affairs  
**Sir Hugh Orde**, President  
Association of Chief Police Officers  
**Paul McKeever**, Chairman  
The Police Federation of England and Wales  
**Derek Barnett**, President  
Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales  
A joint event sponsored by:  
**Association of Chief Police Officers,**  
**The Police Federation of England and Wales,**  
**Police Superintendents' Association of England & Wales**



tuesday fringe

tuesday 21st lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**Undiagnosed HIV Campaign – supported by Gilead UK and Ireland Ltd**

*Reducing late presentation of HIV, launch of a new campaign*

HIV is a resurgent public health issue in the UK. The campaign is a unique initiative bringing together a coalition of stakeholders essential to improving screening, detection and linkage to care in HIV.

ACC, Hall 4B



**Social Market Foundation and Childcare Voucher Providers**

*Work, childcare, caring: women carry the cuts*

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister (tbc); Polly Toynbee, *The Guardian*; Purnima Tanuku, National Day Nurseries Association (tbc); Andrew Collings, Edenred. Chair: Ian Mulheirn, Director, SMF.

ACC, Hall 7



**ACPO, The Police Federation, Police Superintendents' Association**

*The Policing Fringe*

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP (tbc); Sir Hugh Orde, President, ACPO; Paul McKeever, Chairman, Police Federation; Derek Barnett, President, Police Superintendents' Association.

ACC, Hall 11A



**The Health Hotel, Help the Hospices, MND Associations, Parkinson's UK**

*Smarter spending for better care*

With public finances under pressure, the care system must be 'smarter'. Quality and efficiency are not mutually exclusive. This event will explore how to achieve a 'win-win' for patients, providers and government.

ACC, Hall 11B



**The Health Hotel, HPC, MPS, RCM**

*Trust and Openness in the NHS: From Paternalism to Partnership*

Can health professionals do more to inform and explain care to patients, especially when things go wrong? This fringe explores ways of developing more open, accountable and patient-centred health care.

ACC, Hall 11C



**Mutuo**

*How can financial services work in the public interest?*

Speakers: Baroness Maddock; Neville Richardson, CEO, The Co-operative Financial Services; Adrian Coles, Director General, Building Societies Association; Mark Lyonette, CEO, ABCUL; Martin Shaw, CEO, Association of Financial Mutuals.

ACC, Hall 12



**Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)**

*The future for local jobs*

This session would explore how we generate new jobs within local communities, in the wake of public sector cuts. How can economic development and regeneration help rebalance local economies?

ACC, Hall 13



**The Smith Institute and NAPF (National Association of Pension Funds)**

*Britain's Pensions System – Can We Fix It?*

Chair: Paul Hackett, Director, The Smith Institute. Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Nick Timmins, Public Policy Editor, *Financial Times*; Joanne Segars, Chief Executive, NAPF.

ACC, Hall 14



**Coalition for Young people and The Co-operative Group**

*What's Youth Got To Do With It: engaging the next generation*

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Minister for Equalities, Home Office; Liam Preston, British Youth Council; Michael Fairclough, Co-operative Group; Dan Leighton, Demos; Martin Shapland, Liberal Youth.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



**CentreForum, BVCA and KPMG**

*The role of private capital in fuelling economic recovery*

Speakers: Tim Hames, British Venture Capitalists Association; Jennifer Moses (tbc); John Thurso MP, Treasury Select Committee. Chair: Neil Sherlock, KPMG.

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



**Social Care Institute for Excellence**

*Local government / health: working together for older people*

Even in the era of austerity politics, responding to the experience of people using health and social care services is a high priority. Councils play a key role in integrated health and social care.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



**New Statesman and National Association of Head Teachers**

*Will Schools Have Too Much Freedom in a Big Society?*

Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families, is joined by Russell Hobby, General Secretary, National Association of Head Teachers. Discussion chaired by Spencer Neal, Publisher, *New Statesman*.

Jurys Inn, Suite 7



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**Everything Everywhere Ltd and Federation of Small Businesses**

*Digitising Britain's Economy: The Way Forward*

Speakers: Edward Davey MP, Minister for Consumer Affairs; Richard Moat, Deputy CEO, Everything Everywhere; John Walker, Chairman, FSB; spokesman, Consumer Focus (tbc); Graham Walker, Office of Martha Lane Fox.

Jurys Inn, Suite 9



**Christian Aid**

*Taxing times: a role for tax in international development?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Scottish Secretary and chartered accountant (invited); Susan Symons, Leader, Total Tax Contribution, PwC; Will Morris, Senior International Tax Counsel, GE; Loretta Minghella, Director, Christian Aid.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



**Institute for Public Policy Research in partnership with E.ON**

*Investment, innovation and jobs in the low-carbon transition*

Speakers: Andrew George MP (invited); Matthew Lockwood, Head of Energy and Climate Policy, ippr; Phil Gilbert, Head of Innovation, E.ON. Chair: David Adam, Environment Correspondent, *The Guardian* (invited).

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 2



**The Fawcett Society**

*Can the market provide economic equality for women?*

Speaker: Ceri Goddard, Chief Executive, the Fawcett Society.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 3



**Social Market Foundation and Go Ahead**

*Public transport: being green when we are in the red?*

Speakers: Lord Bradshaw, Spokesperson for Transport (tbc); Claire Haigh, Greener Journeys; Neil Scales, Merseytravel (tbc); Mike Hodson, MD, Go Ahead. Chair: James Lloyd, Senior Researcher, SMF.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 1



**Kids Count**

*Solutions to Britain's Toxic Cocktail – Drink, Drugs, Gangs*

Speakers: Sally Knox, Families United; Tom Brake MP; Youth Board representative, Kids Count; Mike Jervis, Active Change Foundation; Cory McGee, Leap Diversify.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



**The Smith Institute and Accord (Progressive Union for Lloyds Banking Group staff)**

*A Better Way: Can we get back to ethical retail banking?*

Speakers: Lord Newby, Co-Chair, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Treasury Team; Lucy Widenka, Financial Services Senior Advocate, *Which?*; Ged Nichols, General Secretary, Accord.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



**Localis sponsored by May Gurney**

*Will the coalition achieve a radical shift of power?*

Chair: Alex Thomson, Localis. Speakers include: Stephen Gilbert MP; Cllr John Shipley OBE, Newcastle CC; Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Portsmouth; Peter Couchman, Plunkett Foundation.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



**CentreForum and Centrica**

*Energy for tomorrow: how to deliver a low carbon future*

Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP; Barry Neville, Director of Public Affairs, Centrica; Doug Parr, Greenpeace. Chair: Sarah Mukherjee (tbc).

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



**Demos in partnership with Dr Foster Intelligence**

*More for Less: Can healthcare reform save money and lives?*

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Dr Peter Carter, Royal College of Nursing; Roger Taylor, Dr Foster Intelligence. Chair: Jenni Russell, *The Guardian*.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 8



**Save the Children**

*Afghanistan, Pakistan – how do we win the peace?*

Chair: Rageh Omaar. Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, International Development Committee; David Mephram, Director of Policy, Save the Children; Ross Mountain, former UN Humanitarian Coordinator in the DRC (invited).

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



**ResPublica**

*Lord Ashdown speaks on 'Grimond's legacy in the Big Society'*

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 2



**RSPB, WWF-UK and Climate Clinic**

*Rainforests: Protecting Species and Climate?*

Speakers: Andrew George MP (invited); Mark Avery, Director of Conservation, RSPB; David Nussbaum, Chief executive, WWF-UK. Chair to be confirmed.

Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton, Mezzanine Level



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## Three and UK Online

*Don't Miss the Mobile Broadband Bus!*

Three has partnered with UK Online to offer mobile 'get online days' across the UK. Visit the Broadband Bus at conference for free advice and training or to learn more about Mobile Broadband.

Kensington Community Learning Centre,  
291-299 Kensington, Liverpool L7 2RG,  
The Mobile Broadband Bus



## The Foreign Policy Centre, SABMiller and Business Action for Africa

*Truth about trade: Igniting or impeding African development*

Speakers: Tim Farron MP, Lib Dem foreign affairs team; Alistair Burnett, Editor, *The World Tonight*; Dr Stephanie Ware Barrientos, Manchester University (tbc); Andy Wales, SABMiller. Chair: Catherine Bearder MEP (tbc).  
Novotel, Albert Johnston Room



## Social Market Foundation, Citigroup and Career Academies UK

*Making social mobility happen*

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families (tbc); David Johnston, Social Mobility Foundation (tbc); Bill Mills, CEO EMEA, Citi; James McCreary, Chief Executive, Career Academies UK.  
Novotel, Pacific



## TUC and Unite

*Dealing with the deficit – there is a better way*

Cutting too deep will harm communities and set back the fight against inequality. There is a better way to deal with deficit. Speakers: Brendan Barber, TUC; Gail Cartmail, Unite; Imran Hussain, CPAG; Cllr Richard Kemp; Prof Kate Pickett, author of *The Spirit Level*.

PanAm Bar, Ground Level



## Policy Exchange and the Standard Chartered Bank

*Has Regulatory Reform Fallen Short or Gone Too Far?*

Chair: Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Patricia Jackson, Partner, Ernst & Young; Dan Mobley, Group Head, Government Relations, Standard Chartered Bank.

The Staybridge Suites, The Den



## The Observer Interview

**Andrew Rawnsley  
interviews  
Lord Ashdown**

Tuesday September 21  
6.15 - 7.30pm  
Hall 2L, ACC Liverpool

Andrew Rawnsley, Britain's leading political commentator, comes face to face with Lord Ashdown for a highly personal and thought provoking discussion. Refreshments provided  
Visit [observer.co.uk](http://observer.co.uk) for full party conference coverage

**The Observer**



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“THERE'S INTERACTIVE RADIO AND  
THEN THERE'S WORLD HAVE YOUR SAY”  
The Guardian

**Tuesday 21st September 17.30 – 19.00  
ACC Liverpool, Hall IIA**

Refreshments will be provided

[bbc.co.uk/blogs/worldhaveyoursay](http://bbc.co.uk/blogs/worldhaveyoursay)



# The Commission on Ownership

Can business serve  
the people?

**Tuesday 21st September, 18:15-19:30  
Suite 7, Jurys Inn, Liverpool**

### Speakers:

- Rt. Hon. Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills
- Will Hutton, Chair of Commission on Ownership
- Peter Marks, Group Chief Executive, The Co-operative Group
- Sue Slipman, Director, Foundation Trust Network



**CARERS UK**  
the voice of carers



**THE NATIONAL  
COUNCIL FOR  
PALLIATIVE  
CARE**



**Resolution  
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# THE CARE RECEPTION

Celebrating the contribution of organisations, individuals and families  
providing care and support to older and disabled people and those with  
long term conditions

**Tuesday 21st Sept  
Jury's Inn, Suite 3/4/5  
18:15 – 19:30**

**Speaking: Paul Burstow MP, Minister for Care Services**



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## BBC World Service

*BBC Live Radio Broadcast with World Have Your Say*  
Join in the global conversation with the BBC's daily interactive news discussion programme live from the Liberal Democrats' party conference. Presented by Ros Atkins with a special guest tbc.

**Note: this event will start at 17.30 and end at 19.00**  
ACC, Hall 11A



## The Health Hotel, Breast Cancer Care, Macmillan, The Prostate Cancer Charity

*What next for cancer survivors? Aftercare that works for all*

2 million people in the UK are living with a cancer diagnosis. In this session you will hear how better support for people living with and after cancer can not only improve their quality of life but also benefit the NHS.

ACC, Hall 1C

## The Observer

*The Observer Interview*

Andrew Rawnsley interviews Lord Ashdown.

**Note: this event will end at 19.45**

ACC, Hall 2L



## VELUX and Dods

*New housing: zero-carbon targets and our lifestyles*

A debate to discuss the actions required to meet ambitious yet necessary zero-carbon home targets. Speakers: Dr Richard Hobday, academic; David Birkbeck, Design for Homes; Kevin Brennan, VELUX.

ACC, Hall 2N



## Liberal Democrat Friends of India

*Liberal Democrat Friends of India annual dinner reception*

This is the annual dinner reception of the Liberal Democrat Friends of India. The Leader of the Liberal Democrats and the Indian High Commissioner attend this sought after event. Lib Dem MPs, Peers and party activists attend.

**Note: this event will end at 22.30**

ACC, Hall 3A



## Liberty

*The Liberty Fringe 2010: Common Values in Office*

Chair: Shami Chakrabarti. Speakers: Rt Hon Lord McNally, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords and Minister of State for Justice; Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister; Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Liberal Democrat Leader.

ACC, Hall 3B

## Unions 21, IPA

*Is there room in the Coalition for unions?*

Speakers: Lorely Burt MP; Nita Clarke, Director, IPA; Peter Kunzmann, Social Liberal Forum. This event will examine the direction of the Party's policy on workforce relations and trade unionism now it is in power.

ACC, Hall 4A

## Tobacco Retailers Alliance

*Tackling Tobacco Smuggling Together*

Panel discussion of stakeholders affected by the illegal tobacco smuggling trade. The TRA is an organisation of 26,000 independent shopkeepers who sell tobacco responsibly. Fish and chips will be served.

ACC, Hall 4B



## The Health Hotel, ABHI, Alzheimer's Research Trust, The Anthony Nolan Trust

*Innovation as Cure*

Britain's world-leading medical research could transform the lives of people with conditions like leukaemia and dementia. How can government ensure that we solve our toughest health problems through scientific innovation?

ACC, Hall 11B



## The Health Hotel, British Society of Gastroenterology, Patient Opinion

*New politics, new healthcare: can the web transform the NHS?*

Hear how clinicians are engaging with web-based feedback about healthcare, to empower patients, improve the care offered, and change the culture of public services in a transparent, scalable way.

ACC, Hall 11C



## Working Links and Centre for Economic & Social Inclusion

*A lifetime of discrimination and welfare benefits*

When has an ex-offender really served their sentence? Offenders are continually disadvantaged within the labour market. The fringe will provide understanding of the risks/challenges and how to positively recruit them.

ACC, Hall 12



## ESRC Genomics Network

*Pills or progress: improving healthcare in Africa*

Diseases like malaria and AIDS kill millions worldwide. This session will explore policy options beyond pills as the 'technofix' to tackle disease. Chair: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP (invited). Speakers: Oxfam and Genomics Network.

ACC, Hall 13



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## **NSPCC**

*Keeping Child Protection a Top Priority for the Government*

Chair: Mary Riddell, *Daily Telegraph*. Speakers: Phillip Noyes, Director of Strategy & Development, NSPCC; Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Children and Families; also speaking are two young ChildLine volunteers.  
ACC, Hall 14



## **BBC Switchover Help Scheme, Age UK, RNIB**

*Working in partnership to reach older and disabled people: the Help Scheme story so far*

Speakers: Peter White, Chief Executive, Switchover Help Scheme; Michelle Mitchell, Charity Director, Age UK; Steve Winyard, Head of Policy and Campaigns, RNIB.  
ACC, Riverside Balcony



## **New Statesman, Medical Aid for Palestinians**

*Gaza life support: Is aid a failure of politics?*

Rt Hon Malcom Bruce MP, Chair of the International Development Select Committee, is joined by leading international aid and Middle East experts. Mehdi Hasan, Senior Politics Editor, *New Statesman*, will chair the discussion.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## **The Care and Support Alliance**

*The Care Reception*

Celebrating the contribution of organisations, individuals and families providing care and support to older and disabled people and those with long-term conditions. Speaker: Paul Burstow MP, Minister for Care Services.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



## **Mutuo and The Commission on Ownership**

*The Commission on Ownership – Can business serve the people?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Will Hutton, Chair, Commission on Ownership; Peter Marks, Group Chief Executive, The Co-operative Group; Sue Slipman, Director, Foundation Trust Network.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 7



## **Reform and AVIVA**

*Saving welfare*

Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions; Brian Bussell, Pensions Director, AVIVA.  
Jurys Inn, Suite 8



## **CentreForum and Core Cities Group**

*Driving economic recovery: the core cities*

Speakers: Edward Davey MP; Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council; Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities Group; Cllr Paul Scriven, Leader, Sheffield City Council. Chair: Chris Nicholson, CentreForum.  
Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite 1



## **Green Alliance**

*The Big Green Society?*

How can we be enabled and engaged to live greener lives? Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State, DECC; Tony Hawkhead, CEO, Groundwork; Matthew Spencer, Director, Green Alliance; Raymond Jack, Director Energy Retail, Scottish Power.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 1



## **The Smith Institute and PIRC (Pensions Investment Research Consultants)**

*Who Runs UK Plc? Why We Need to Reform Corporate Governance*

Speakers: Edward Davey MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Cllr Neil Fletcher, Aberdeen City Council; Tom Powdrill, Head of Communications, PIRC.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



## **The Smith Institute**

*Divided Britain: Back to the North-South Divide?*

Chair: David Coats. Speakers: Lord Shipley OBE; Cllr Richard Kemp, LGA Liberal Democrat Leader; Professor John Tomaney, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies; Ed Cox, Director, ippr North.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



## **Social Market Foundation and CentreForum**

*Keynote Address*

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Business, Innovation and Skills Secretary.  
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 6/7



## **ResPublica and Making Good Society, supported by the Carnegie UK Trust**

*Growing a Civil Economy through Civil Society*

Speakers: Phillip Blond, Director, ResPublica; Geoff Mulgan, Director, The Young Foundation; Neil Sherlock, Partner, KPMG; a senior Lib Dem.  
Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



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## The Hyde Group

*How can the coalition government provide affordable housing?*

Join a leading housing association and other speakers in exploring how the coalition government can help local communities get new affordable, sustainable homes and support services they need.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 2



## Greenpeace, nef, NEA, CHPA, WWF, UKBCSE, PRASEG and Micropower Council

*Energy Future: Lean or Green?*

Chair: national journalist (tbc). Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader; John Sauven, Director, Greenpeace UK; a business spokesperson (tbc). Climate Clinic @ Hampton by Hilton,

Mezzanine Level



## Reform and CBI

*Not Business as Usual: A New Approach to Public Services*

Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Communities and Local Government; Susan Anderson, Director of Public Services, CBI.

Novotel, Albert Johnston



## Reform and Lloyds Banking Group

*Are our banks doing enough to support UK businesses?*

Speakers: Lord Newby, former Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for the Treasury 1998–2010; Sir Win Bischoff, Chairman, Lloyds Banking Group.

Novotel, Pacific



## Policy Exchange and Network Rail

*Future-Proof? Transport Investment In The Age Of Austerity*

Chair: Natalie Evans, Deputy Director, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Norman Baker MP, Dept for Transport; Richard Hebditch, Campaign for Better Transport; Dr McIlveen, Policy Exchange; Paul Plummer, Director for Planning, Network Rail.

The Staybridge Suites, The Den



## NESTA

*Britain: Creative Highway or the End of the Road?*

Keynote Speaker: Don Foster MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesman, Arts and Culture. Please join us to explore how innovative digital technologies can transform the arts and creative industries to drive economic growth.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

TATE Liverpool, Hospitality Suite

## COALITION POLICY

### Leader or laggard:

### Is Britain being left behind in Kurdistan and Iraq?

**Lunchtime fringe meeting with food and wine**

Date and time: Wednesday 22nd September, 1pm –2pm

Venue: ACC Liverpool, Hall 4B

Speakers:

**Jeremy Browne MP** Liberal Democrats

Minister of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs

**Lord Wallace** Liberal Democrats

Spokesperson for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs

**Lord Clement-Jones** Liberal Democrats

Vice-Chair All-Party Parliamentary Group Kurdistan Region in Iraq

**Nadhim Zahawi MP** Conservative Party

Member of Select Committee for Business, Innovation and Skills

**Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman**

Kurdistan Regional Government High Representative

Chaired by:

**Gary Kent**

Administrator All-Party Parliamentary Group Kurdistan Region in Iraq



APPG on  
Kurdistan Region in Iraq



Kurdistan  
Regional Government



**who cares? who pays?  
the future funding of social care**

Chair **Polly Toynbee**, The Guardian (tbc)  
**Paul Burstow MP**, Minister of State for Care Services  
**Mervyn Kohler**, Age UK  
**Stephen Burke**, Counsel and Care  
**Helga Pile**, UNISON

**Tuesday 21st September, 20.00 - 21.00**

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National Association of Local Councils

Cocktail Reception

## Localism in Action

Tuesday 21st September, 20.30 - 22.00

ACC Liverpool, Hall 4B

Join our Chair **Elinor Goodman**, Freelance Journalist

in conversation with

**Andrew Stunell MP**

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG

**Hazel Williams**

National Association of Local Councils

# FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

The case for Academies and Free Schools does not stand up to scrutiny.

There is no evidence that Academies are more effective at raising standards than other types of schools. A five year study by consultants PriceWaterhouseCoopers found that:

***“There is insufficient evidence to make a definitive judgement about Academies as a model for school improvement”.***

(PricewaterhouseCoopers, Academies Evaluation Fifth Annual Report, November 2008)

Academies are not accountable to their local community. With their new status they lose the support of their local authority.

In Sweden, Free Schools have damaged education through the exacerbation of social division. They have coincided with a 20-year decline in academic standards.

The NUT’s education policies are informed by compelling international evidence and research. We believe that the potential of all children and young people can be met only through a publicly funded comprehensive education system, where good local schools lie at the heart of local communities.



The largest teachers’ union

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

## **NUT Fish and Chips Supper Reception**

8.00 pm – 9.15 pm, Tuesday 21 September

Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool

Numbers are strictly limited and entry is by invitation only.  
Please collect your invitation from the NUT stand number C9 in the ACC.  
Music provided by Music for Youth.

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tuesday 21st mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

## **A|D|S supported by Airbus, BAES, Detica, GKN, Rolls-Royce and Dods**

### *Wealth-creating industries reception*

Celebrating the UK's place as a world leader in aerospace, defence, security and space manufacturing and services. Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Graham Chisnall, Managing Director, A|D|S.

ACC, Hall 2N



## **TUC with Social Market Foundation**

### *Whose recovery is it anyway? Public v private sector jobs*

Chair: Iain Mulheim, Director, Social Market Foundation. Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; Brendan Barber, TUC General Secretary; Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP.

ACC, Hall 3B



## **Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**

### *Making Transport Localism a reality*

Could the Big Society and Localism be extended to Transport? How might it work? Speakers include: Norman Baker MP (invited); Cllr Keith Whitmore, Vice Chair GMITA. Refreshments sponsored by GMITA.

ACC, Hall 4A



## **National Association of Local Councils**

### *Localism in Action*

Cocktail reception. Join our Chair Elinor Goodman, Freelance Journalist, in conversation with Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, CLG, and Hazel Williams, NALC.

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

ACC, Hall 4B



## **BOND, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children, Amnesty, Saferworld and others**

### *What is the Lib Dem vision for international development?*

Join us for an exciting debate with perspectives from the political, academic and NGO worlds. Tim Farron MP and Professor Lawrence Haddad, Director of the IDS, will speak and Baroness Shirley Williams has been invited.

ACC, Hall 11A



## **Liberal Democrats Friends of Kashmir (LDFK) 10th Anniversary**

### *Kashmir its future in a LibDems / Conservative Coalition*

With: His Excellency Wajid Hasan; John Hemming MP; Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader; Liz Lynne MEP, Co-Chair Parliamentary team (tbc); Tim Farron MP (tbc). Chair: Qassim Afzal, member, Federal Executive. Contact 07956873046, qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com.

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

ACC, Hall 11B



## **Demos in partnership with Reed in Partnership**

### *Working well? The Liberal Democrats' big ideas for welfare*

Speakers: Prof Steve Webb MP, Minister for Pensions; Lord Freud, Minister for Welfare Reform; Dan Finn, University of Portsmouth; Chris Melvin, Reed in Partnership; Chair: Jenni Russell, *The Guardian*.

ACC, Hall 11C



## **Climate Clinic**

### *An 'In Conversation' interview with a senior Lib Dem*

Are the Lib Dems doing enough to tackle climate change? Join us for an in-depth interview with a senior Lib Dem politician. Speakers tbc in the free *Climate Clinic / Independent Supplement*.

ACC, Hall 12



## **VSO**

### *Should I Stay or Should I Go? Development and Migration*

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, International Development Select Committee; Dr Paul Williams, VSO Health Volunteer, Uganda; Dr Terry John, International Committee, BMA; Laura Chappell, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR.

ACC, Hall 13



## **TreeHouse**

### *What will the Coalition's school reforms mean for SEN?*

Chair: Lord Clement-Jones. Speakers: Annette Brooke MP; Jolanta Lasota, TreeHouse; Claire Dorer, National Association of Special Schools; Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrats Group.

ACC, Hall 14



## **Transport Hub**

### *Kapsch Transport Hub Reception*

Have your say on key transport issues. Join an audience of major stakeholders and politicians over wine and canapés at the inaugural Transport Hub reception to help shape transport's future.

ACC, Riverside Balcony



Hosted by Places for People



## **RETROFIT REVOLUTION: HOUSING AND THE GREEN INVESTMENT BANK**

Tuesday 21st September 8.00pm - 9.15pm, Jury's Inn, Suite 1

**Chair:** Ben Caldecott  
Head of UK & EU climate change and energy policy,  
Climate Change Capital

**Speakers:** David Cowans  
Group Chief Executive, Places for People

John Swinney  
Group Director, Corporate Services and Strategy, Eaga;

Lord Teverson (TBC)  
Liberal Democrat DECC Policy Committee

Refreshments served

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## Places for People and Eaga plc

*Retrofit Revolution: Housing and the Green Investment Bank*

Chair: Ben Caldecott, Head of UK & EU Climate Change & Energy Policy, Climate Change Capital. Speakers: Lord Teverson, Chair of the Liberal Democrat DECC Policy Committee; David Cowans, Places for People; John Swineey, Eaga plc.

Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## LGA Liberal Democrats

*Delivering community politics*

Panel will include: Cllr Tim Pickstone, Chief Executive, ALDC; Cllr Daisy Benson, Lead Member, Housing, Health & Community Care, Reading; Cllr Richard Kemp, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrats.

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



## The Holocaust Educational Trust

*When everything is Auschwitz, you deny the Holocaust*  
Anti-Semitism reinvented. The left, the right and the language of distortion: tackling the problem of Nazi analogies.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



## Hoseasons Group, Tourism Alliance, NFU, Federation of Small Businesses

*Tourism: Its Importance to the UK Economy*

Speakers: Andrew George MP; Geoff Cowley, MD, Hoseasons Group; Kurt Janson, Policy Director, Tourism Alliance; Gwyn Jones, Vice President, NFU; Mike Cherry, National Policy Chairman, FSB.

Jurys Inn, Suite 8



## TSL Education

*TSL Roundtable discussion*

Private dinner.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

Jurys Inn, Suite 9



## National Union of Teachers

*NUT Fish and Chips Supper Reception*

Numbers are strictly limited and entry is by invitation only. Please collect your invitation from the NUT stand number C9 in the ACC. Music provided by Music for Youth.

Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite



## UNISON

*Who cares? Who pays? The future funding of social care*

Chair: Polly Toynbee, *The Guardian* (tbc). Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Mervyn Kohler, Age UK; Stephen Burke, Counsel and Care; Helga Pile, UNISON.

**Note: this event will end at 21.00**

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 2



## Neurological Commissioning Support

*The forgotten 8 million – neurology in the spotlight*

Speakers: Colin Blakemore, Professor of Neuroscience, University of Oxford; Sue Thomas, Director, Neurological Commissioning Support.

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 3



## Channel 4, Nominet Trust and Prospect

*The DIY Generation: Education 2.0*

Increasingly today's teens are using technology to educate themselves beyond formal institutions. Is this the sign of an informed DIY Generation, or are our teens surfing by on the most shallow definition of knowledge?

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 4/5



## Green Liberal Democrats

*Green Liberal Democrats AGM*

The usual reports, elections and constitutional changes, as well as surprise speakers and topical discussion for members only.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 1



## Rathbone

*Finding their way: Young people, education, work and life*

Rathbone and the Odd Theatre Co. bring drama to conference – young people's experiences as they seek a positive social and economic role in our society. Plus debate with Dr Richard Williams, CEO, Rathbone, and others.

Holiday Inn Express, Britannia 2



## Policy Exchange, ACEVO and SABMiller

*A stronger civil society: what's expected of local councils?*

Chair: Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, DCLG; Martin Kettle, Associate Editor, *The Guardian*; Jan Tallis, Chief Executive Officer, School Home Support.

The Staybridge Suites, The Den



# conference fringe tuesday 21st september cont.

tuesday 21st late evening 22.00 – late

## 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. Hilton Liverpool, Grace Suite

## UK Music

### UK Music's Great Political Pop Quiz

Hosted by former Undertones frontman Feargal Sharkey and composer David Arnold (James Bond, Shirley Bassey). Free food and drink for participants, great prizes and special guests. Registration essential: [jo.dipple@ukmusic.org](mailto:jo.dipple@ukmusic.org).

Portico, Cantina and Bar



## glee club

**Where? Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool**

**When? Tuesday 21st September, 10pm to late**

**Join us for the ultimate end-of-conference celebration!**

Special bar prices:

glass of house wine £3.80; draft beer £3.10

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# conference fringe wednesday 22nd september

wednesday 22nd morning 07.15 – 08.30

## Social Market Foundation and Royal London Trust in Financial Services

Speakers: Lord Oakeshott, Spokesperson for the Treasury (tbc); Adam Phillips, Chairman, Financial Services Consumer Panel (tbc); Andrew Ellson, *The Times* (tbc); Gareth Evans, Royal London. Chair: Ian Mulheirn, Director, SMF.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
ACC, Hall 7



## BBC World Service and BBC World News

*BBC World Service and BBC World News Breakfast*  
Hosted by Peter Horrocks, Director, BBC Global News.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
ACC, Hall 12



## CentreForum and General Electric

*Subsidising the green revolution*

The UK government is planning to subsidise investment in the 'green economy', but are they being realistic about the economic costs? Speaker: Andrew George MP. Chair: John Springford, CentreForum.

**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, Suite 1



## Lib Dem Christian Forum

*Facing the Future in Faith*

Morning devotions led by a local church leader.

**Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45**  
Jurys Inn, Suite 3

wednesday 22nd lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

## Renewable Energy Systems

*The future of renewables*

Opportunities for new renewable energy schemes around the UK. Speakers tbc.

ACC, Hall 3B



## CentreForum, Quilliam Foundation

*Tolerating the intolerant – what should be the Liberal approach?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP (tbc); Dr Evan Harris; Maajid Nawaz, Director and Founder, Quilliam Foundation; Gita Sahgal, Women Against Fundamentalism. Chair: Julian Astle, CentreForum.

ACC, Hall 4A



## APPG on Kurdistan Region in Iraq and Kurdistan Regional Government

*Is Britain being left behind in Kurdistan and Iraq?*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, FCO Minister; Lord Wallace, FCO House of Lords; Lord Clement-Jones, APPG Iraqi Kurdistan; Nadhim Zahawi MP, BIS Select Committee; Bayan Abdul Rahman, Kurdistan Regional Government; Gary Kent, APPG Kurdistan.

ACC, Hall 4B



## Liberal Democrats Disability Association (LDDA)

*Looking to the Future – AGM and Discussion*

This is your chance to shape the future of this group as we decide how to implement our recent review. How can the LDDA help to win votes of disabled people? How can the party encourage disabled people to get involved?

ACC, Hall 7



## Anchor, Counsel & Care and Partnership

*Paying for care – new solutions for old age*

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Sara McKee, Anchor; Chris Horlick, Partnership. Chair: Mary Riddell, *Daily Telegraph*.

ACC, Hall 11A



## JUSTICE and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association (LDLA)

*A British bill of rights: is the coalition getting it right?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice; Roger Smith OBE, Director, JUSTICE; Alistair Webster QC, Chairman, LDLA. Chair: Baroness Hamwee, Co-chair Home Affairs, Justice & Equalities Committee.

ACC, Hall 11B



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## The Public Services Debate

Chair Randeep Ramesh

Social Affairs Editor, *The Guardian* (tbc)

Andrew Stunell MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG

Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGU

Ann Blackmore, NCVO

Heather Wakefield, UNISON

**Wednesday 22nd September, 13.00 - 14.00**

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wednesday 22nd lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**Lib Dem Diversity Unit and Electoral Reform Society**

*Political Reform ... in the dragon's den!*

What should a reformed Parliament look like? How could it change the culture of politics and the people who want to be politicians? Radicals pitch ideas to our expert panel, including Lynne Featherstone MP.

ACC, Hall 11C

**UNISON**

*The Public Services Debate*

Chair: Randeep Ramesh, Social Affairs Editor, *The Guardian* (tbc). Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, CLG; Andy Sawford, LGIU; Ann Blackmore, NCVO; Heather Wakefield, UNISON.

ACC, Hall 12



**Amnesty International**

*Defending the defenders – human rights and UK foreign policy*

Speakers include: Jeremy Browne MP; Tim Farron MP; Kate Allen, Director, Amnesty International UK; Wai Hnin Pwit Thon, Burmese activist.

ACC, Hall 13



**GMB**

*The Future for the LGPS and other Public Sector Pensions*

Should public sector workers have final salary pensions or are the pensions too generous? Speakers include: Prof Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; Jan Parkinson, Local Government Employers; Joanne Segers, NAPF; Brian Strutton, GMB.

ACC, Hall 14



**CentreForum, City and Guilds and Union Learn**

*No Let-Up on Skills*

How to ensure a skilled workforce for a prosperous future. Speakers: Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary, TUC; Andrew Sich, City and Guilds; a leading parliamentarian.

Jurys Inn, Suite 3/4/5



**Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH)**

*Local Authorities leading and driving the Localism Agenda*

This event will focus on how local authorities lead on developing prosperous places and how they are delivering the localism agenda.

Jurys Inn, Suite 6



**Play England**

*Playing for a better future*

A training session on how to create child-friendly, playable spaces for children, families and whole communities.

Jurys Inn, Suite 7



**www.LibDemVoice.org**

*Lessons for future campaigning from the 2010 election*

Mark Pack takes the chair to explore the party's general election campaign. With: Hilary Stephenson; Duncan Hames MP; Paul Holmes.

Jurys Inn, Suite 9

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- A** ACC (Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool)
- B** Jurys Inn
- C** Hilton Liverpool
- D** Holiday Inn Express
- E** ACC Car Park
- F** Registration

## Other venues

- G** Blue Bar & Grill
- H** Crowne Plaza
- I** Hampton by Hilton
- J** Novotel
- K** PanAm Bar
- L** Portico Cantina & Bar
- M** Staybridge Suites
- N** TATE Liverpool

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