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21st September – International Day of Peace

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Please note that timings are approximate only. Some items of business may occur earlier than indicated. Conference representatives wishing to speak in any of the debates are requested to fill in and submit a speaker's card as soon as possible.

Keeping child protection a top priority

The NSPCC invites you to an interactive question time chaired by **Mary Riddell** of the *Daily Telegraph*.

With

Baroness Joan Walmsley

Co-chair of the Education, Families and Young People backbench committee

Diana Sutton

Head of public affairs and campaigns, NSPCC

With opening comments from young ChildLine volunteer counsellors. Refreshments provided.

Please come and find out more about the NSPCC's helpline services at our stand (Number A15) in the exhibition hall.

Tuesday 21 September

6:15pm–7:30pm

ACC Hall 14

Liverpool

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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.™

report back for monday 20th september

F23 Policy Motion	Free Schools and Academies	Passed (Amendment One passed, Amendment Two defeated)
F25 Policy Motion	Green Taxation	Passed (Amendment One passed, lines 7 and 16–17 retained)
F28 SO Amendmt.	Day Visitors Speaking at Conference	Defeated
F29 SO Amendmt.	Questions to Parliamentary Party Reports	Passed
F30 SO Amendmt.	Summation Speakers	Passed
F31 SO Amendmt.	Where to speak from	Passed

FRINGE UPDATE

tuesday 21st September
early evening 18.15 – 19.30

Mersey Maritime

The Importance of the Maritime Industry to the UK Economy

Hilton Liverpool, Meeting Room 8

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

Note: this event was incorrectly listed in the Conference Directory as taking place Monday early evening.

conference representatives' parking rates

Conference attendees are entitled to a rate of £5/day in the MSCP. Whilst steps have been taken to honour this rate, this does not apply to regular customers of the car park, so no signs will be advertising this.

To obtain the cheaper parking please press the information button on any of the pay stations within the car park before attempting to make payment, and a member of the car park team will advise further.

EXHIBITION UPDATE

Recovery Group UK

Please note that Recovery Group UK will not be taking part in the exhibition.



Centre for Local
Economic Strategies



CO-OPERATIVES UK

The future for local jobs

1pm-2pm Tuesday 21st September

Hall 13, ACC Liverpool

- Where will new jobs come from in our economy and how can we rebalance our economies both sectorally and spatially?
- How can we support people back into meaningful, quality work?

Speakers

Ed Mayo Secretary General, Co-operatives UK

Councillor Warren Bradley Leader of Liberal Democrat Group, Liverpool City Council

Councillor Barbara Janke Leader, Bristol City Council

Neil McInroy Chief Executive, CLES

Chaired by: **Michael Ward** Chair, CLES Board

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09.00 Policy Motion

F32 Localism

Amendment One

Bognor Regis & Littlehampton

Mover: Cllr James Walsh

Summation: Simon McDougall

- 1 *After 1 (line 15), insert:*
- 2 2. Proportional representation should be introduced for local government elections in England.

Background briefing

This motion updates and develops policy on localism.

Existing policy on localism is set out in the General Election Manifesto *Change That Works For You* (2010), policy paper 79, *The Power to be Different* (2007), policy paper 77, *Green and Prosperous Communities – Local Regeneration for the 21st Century* (2007), and policy paper 45, *Local Economies, Local Choice* (2001).

10.15 Policy Motion

F34 Ensuring Fairness in a Time of Austerity

Amendment One

North East Region and Stockton

Mover: Philip Latham

Summation: Suzanne Fletcher

- 1 *In 4 (line 44), after 'homes', insert: 'redressing the situation left by the last government in the need*
- 2 *for more social rented housing, while acknowledging the need to put in place measures to protect*
- 3 *people who are vulnerable, including children and elderly people, from the threat of homelessness*
- 4 *and other effects of a reduced income because of proposed housing and other benefit changes'.*

Amendment Two

Women Liberal Democrats and Chiltern

Mover: Dr Miranda Whitehead

Summation: Jane Bramwell

- 1 *After 7 (line 50), insert:*
- 2 8. Safeguard universal child benefit in conjunction with progressive taxation in order to provide a
- 3 reliable source of income protection throughout childhood.

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Amendment Three

10 conference representatives

Mover: Tim Starkey

Summation: Antony Hook

1 *After 7 (line 50), insert:*

- 2 8. Ensure that any cuts to welfare benefits are progressive in nature: reducing benefits enjoyed
3 by the most affluent before cutting benefits for the poorest and most vulnerable.

There will be a separate vote on the second sentence of 3 (lines 38–41).

Background briefing

This motion substantially updates and develops policy on poverty and inequality, small and medium-sized enterprises and investment in youth in light of the June Emergency Budget of the Coalition Government.

Existing policy in this area is set out in the General Election Manifesto *Change That Works For You* (2010), policy paper 90, *Investing in Talent, Building the Economy* (2009), policy paper 80, *Freedom from Poverty, Opportunity for All* (2007), and conference motion *Setting Small Business Free* (2006).

11.20 Policy Motion

F35 Equal Marriage in United Kingdom

Mover: Dr Evan Harris

Summation: Stephen Gilbert MP

Applicability: Federal, subject to the consent of the Scottish Parliament.

Federal Conference Committee has agreed to accept the following drafting changes into the text of the motion:

- 1 *In 2 (line 27), after 'celebrants', insert: 'who wish to do so'.*
- 2 *In 4 (line 32) delete 'simplistic', and insert: 'simple and straightforward'.*

Amendment One

10 conference representatives

Mover: Cllr Richard Church

Summation: Arnie Gibbons

1 *After ii) (line 5), insert:*

- 2 iii) Humanist celebrants are currently not permitted to conduct marriages in England and Wales.

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3 *Delete 2 (lines 27–28), and insert:*

- 4 2. To allow approved religious and humanist celebrants who wish to do so to legally solemnise
5 and celebrate same-sex and mixed sex marriages and civil partnerships in any authorised
6 place.

Background briefing

This motion substantially updates and develops policy on marriage and civil partnerships.

Existing policy in this area is set out in policy paper 44, *Protecting Civil Liberties* (2001) and conference motion *Civil Partnerships* (2000).

12.20 Party Business

F36 Speech by Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Party

There will be a tribute, in the form of a round of applause, to the late Sir Cyril Smith (1928–2010) and the late Lord Livsey of Talgarth (1935–2010) before this speech.



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Liberal Democrat Conference Fringe Programme - Tuesday

Work, childcare, caring: women carry the cuts

Speakers:
Baroness Thomas
Polly Toynbee, *The Guardian*
Purnima Tanuku, National Day Nurseries Association
Andrew Collings, *Edenred*
Chair: Ian Mulheim, Director, SMF

Tuesday 21 September, 13.00-14.00
ACC Liverpool, Hall 7
In partnership with:
Computershare Voucher Services **Edenred** **sodexo** member of Sodexo Group

Being green when we're in the red:
Transport in the austerity age

Speakers:
Lord Bradshaw – Spokesperson for Transport
Claire Haigh, Greener Journeys
Sheila Rainger, Road Users Alliance
Alex Hynes, Go Ahead
Chair: James Lloyd, SMF

Tuesday 21 September, 13.00-14.00
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting room 1
In partnership with: **Go-Ahead Transit**

Keynote Address:
The broken market in pay:
How far should the government intervene?

Speakers:
Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable, Secretary of State BIS
Steve Gilbert, MP
Paul Jackson, Chief Executive, Engineering UK
Chair: Ian Mulheim, Director, SMF

Tuesday 21 September, 18.15 - 19.30
Hilton Liverpool, Meeting room 6&7
In partnership with: **CentreForum**

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www.smf.co.uk

Making social mobility happen

Speakers:
Lord Cotter, Spokesman for BIS
Gordon Birtwistle, MP
Ruth Reed, RIBA
Phil Collins, *The Times*
Bill Mills, Citi
And a recent graduate from the Career Academies programme
Chair: David Furness, SMF

Tuesday 21 September, 13.00-14.00
Novotel, Liverpool
In partnership with: **citi** **Novotel**

Whose recovery is it anyway?
Public vs. Private sector jobs

Speakers:
Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury
Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Cabinet Office Minister
Brendan Barber, General Secretary, TUC
Chair: Ian Mulheim, Director, SMF

Tuesday 21 September, 20:00 - 21:15
Hall 3b

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14.30 Party Business

F37 Question and Answer Session on Public Services and Benefits

The deadline for conference representatives to submit concise questions (maximum 25 words) on a form collected from and submitted to the Speakers' Table is 11.20 on Tuesday 21st September.

15.35 Emergency Motion

F39a Pakistan Floods

10 conference representatives

Mover: Andrew George MP

Summation: Dr Julie Smith

1 Conference expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the 1600 people killed by the floods
2 in Pakistan and extreme concern over the continuing suffering of the estimated 20 million people
3 affected, 7 million critically.

4 Conference notes with concern:

- 5 i) That hundreds of thousands of homes have been destroyed, infrastructure has been severely
6 damaged and entire communities have been uprooted within a disaster area the size of
7 England.
8 ii) That the response of the international community so far has been woefully inadequate and
9 that the global aid contribution has fallen far short of that required.
10 iii) The existing political instability in much of the affected region and the consequent threats this
11 poses to aid workers.
12 iv) That natural disasters such as this will occur with increased frequency as a result of man-
13 made climate change and will have a devastating impact on people living in some of the
14 poorest parts of the world.

15 Conference welcomes the extraordinary generosity of British public, who have already donated
16 £54 million to the Pakistan appeal, which, along with Government aid of £134 million, will provide
17 help for 1.5 million people.

18 Conference believes:

- 19 A. The international community has a duty to provide adequate funding and assistance to
20 alleviate the suffering of the millions affected by the crisis and to ensure the long-term
21 reconstruction of the flooded regions.
22 B. The international community has a shared responsibility to ensure that less economically
23 developed countries have strategies in place to adapt to the impact of climate change,
24 particularly as those countries will be disproportionately affected by a changing climate.
25 C. Good governance is essential to allow countries to reduce the scale and severity of the
26 impact of natural disasters and to ensure that aid is appropriately and effectively distributed,
27 providing immediate and targeted assistance to those most in need.

28 Conference therefore calls for:

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- 29 1. The Government to use its influence to put pressure on the international community to
30 increase aid contributions.
- 31 2. The UK to lend its full support to the Pakistani Government and the UN to assist with:
- 32 a) The immediate provision of emergency medical equipment, basic sanitation supplies and
33 nutritional support for vulnerable children, nursing mothers and the elderly.
- 34 b) The implementation of measures to prevent the spread of water borne diseases and
35 avoid further loss of life.
- 36 c) A properly financed reconstruction programme, restoring local infrastructure and securing
37 the livelihoods of those affected.
- 38 3. The Government to renew its efforts to meet challenge of climate change by:
- 39 a) Pressing for a successful international agreement at the UN Climate Change Conference
40 2010 in Cancún, Mexico.
- 41 b) Encouraging the EU to increase its carbon emission reduction target to 30% by 2020.
- 42 c) Setting the right example by reducing UK carbon emissions by 42% by 2020.
- 43 d) Securing new international sources of funding for the purpose of climate change
44 adaptation and mitigation in less economically developed countries.
- 45 4. The international community, including the British Government, to work with the Pakistani
46 Government to extend the country's capacity to lessen the humanitarian impact of crises
47 such as this by:

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ACC Liverpool, Hall 11A
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How the government can provide affordable housing and support services

SPEAKERS

- Mayor Dorothy Thornhill - Leader of Watford Council, and Vice-Chair of the LGA Environment & Housing Board
- David Eastgate - Chief Executive, the Hyde Group

6.15pm-7.30pm,
Tuesday 21st September
Britannia 2 room, Holiday Inn Express

Join one of England's largest housing associations to discuss the prospects for delivering new homes and supporting people.

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- 48 a) Ensuring the entrenchment of good governance throughout the country.
49 b) Strengthening the accountability and responsiveness of the political structure.
50 c) Improving internal checks to ensure aid is allocated as quickly as possible through
51 established channels.

Applicability: Federal.

Background briefing

This motion creates new policy on the Pakistan floods and updates existing policy on climate change.

Existing policy on climate change is set out in the General Election Manifesto *Change That Works For You* (2010), conference motion *Energy and Climate Change* (2009) and policy paper 82, *Zero-Carbon Britain – Taking a Global Lead* (2007).

16.05 Topical Issue

F39b Building a Low Carbon Economy

Introduction: Neil Stockley
Response: Chris Huhne MP
Summation: Susan Juned

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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;
bottled beer £3.10; soft drinks £1.50.

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