

# autumn conference

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birmingham 17th – 21st september 2011



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Monday 19th Sept

The Cabaret of Care – where every type of care is crucial

13:00 - 14:00 Jury's Inn Room 112 Speaker Dr John Pugh MP

How can the NHS improve quality during a time of change?

13:00 - 14:00 Jury's Inn Room 114 Speaker Baroness Northover

More Than a Sticking Plaster? Joining up health and care for good

13:00 - 14:00 Jury's Inn Room 116 Speaker Paul Burstow MP

Seamless Care:

Whose Job is it Anyway? Who is Accountable?

18:15 - 19:30 Jury's Inn Room 112 Speaker Baroness Jolly

Local Government –

Public Health Speed Dating

18:15 - 19:30 Jury's Inn Room 114 Speaker Dr John Pugh MP

THE Health Debate –

Will the coalition deliver a better NHS?

20:15 - 21:30 Jury's Inn Rooms 101/102 Speaker Paul Burstow MP

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Tuesday 20th Sept

Patient or Doctor – whose fault is late diagnosis?

13:00 - 14:00 Jury's Inn Room 112 Speaker Baroness Jolly

Mind the gap – How can we bring health and social care together in the new NHS?

13:00 - 14:00 Jury's Inn Room 114 Speaker Paul Burstow MP



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# introduction

Welcome to the *Conference Directory* for the Liberal Democrat autumn 2011 federal conference.

This *Conference Directory* is your guide to all that is taking place at conference outside the main auditorium – for details of the main conference sessions taking place in the auditorium, see the separate *Conference Agenda*.

The *Directory* is designed to help you make the most of conference, from fringe, to exhibition, to key conference events. It contains everything you need to know to help you get the most out of your time here in Birmingham.

A *map* and *venue plan* is enclosed to help you navigate your way around Birmingham and The ICC. The *conference information* section contains convenient information about transport, cashpoints and utilities, and where to go for food and drink when you need to refuel. The *fringe guide* gives details of this year's packed fringe programme, with a record number of events to keep you busy!

The *Directory* also includes important information on security which is significantly different from previous years – see *security and safety* on page 13.

Should you have any questions whilst at conference please ask one of our stewards who will be happy to help. Alternatively, the **Information Desk**, in the Upper Foyer of The ICC, 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 the conference agenda, further feature articles, auditorium information and standing orders, see the separate *Conference Agenda*.

For conference details and registration online:  
**[www.libdems.org.uk/conference](http://www.libdems.org.uk/conference)**

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# welcome to birmingham

by Cllr Paul Tilsley

I would like to welcome you all on behalf of Birmingham, to our annual conference.

Many of you will have visited Birmingham before, when we hosted the Spring Conference in 2010 and will have already experienced the warm welcome that this city extends to visitors.

I know that there are lots of interesting opportunities at conference and I would not want to detract from these important events, but if you get the opportunity and can tear yourself away, please enjoy what this diverse city has to offer.

You cannot truly say you have experienced Birmingham if you have not tried at least one of our famous baltis; for a taste of times past, our museum and art gallery has artefacts from the world famous Staffordshire Hoard and a fantastic collection of pre Raphaelite paintings; and of course, we have fantastic shopping within walking distance, whether your tastes

are boutiques, bookshops or markets, Birmingham has them all.

Birmingham is also a diverse city and historically we have always looked to the future.

As a Council, we have adopted a forward thinking approach to the digital agenda and sustainability is very close to my heart. We are committed to preserving the city and environment for the next generation.

These are of course different times from the Spring Conference in 2010. Instead of being a party of opposition we now have the responsibility of government in coalition. This replicates the successful progressive partnership here in Birmingham since 2004.

I am proud that now, we also have our chance to make the right decisions for the benefit of not just Birmingham but the whole country.

It gives me great pleasure to host my party's conference in my home city. Please enjoy your time here.



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**Cllr Paul Tilsley (left) is Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council**

# making things better – campaigning for better still

by Tim Farron MP

**So here we are in Birmingham for what will surely be another fantastic autumn Liberal Democrat Party Conference.**

I've always had a bit of a soft spot for Birmingham; boasting more canals than Venice, it's the home of Duran Duran, Wizard, Crossroads and of course the infamous John Hemming.

The last 12 months has been a bit of a roller coaster for the party, with some fantastic highs reached as we entered into government, followed by some extreme lows in the wake of the disappointments in May.

Over the course of this conference we will approve a range of policies, and let's not forget that for the first time in our lifetimes the decisions we make in the main conference centre will directly influence government policy in Whitehall. I don't know about you, but for me that's pretty exciting; its surely what we got involved in politics for isn't it? Changing things, making a difference and all that!

But let's be realistic. The consequences of being in power and of not getting our messages across to the public at large have been particularly distressing.

For many of you this is the first party conference of any sort since the recent elections. If you are coming to conference having lost your seat in May, I am particularly grateful and proud of you. You took the ultimate hit for our national decisions, and you did not deserve to lose.

The devastation of losing an election particularly when, like so many of those who lost in May, you have been fantastic servants not only of your communities but also of the party, is not easy to get over.

However it's how you pick yourself up and move forward in the wake of great disappointment that defines you, and I fully believe that the best way to answer these losses is to use this conference as an opportunity to come back together, and address the issues and the problems we are facing together.

I am not prepared to simply accept that being in government means unpopularity, or that being in coalition means lost identity. If we want to go on changing the world and making a difference, losing elections is not a very smart way of going about it!

Clearly we have not succeeded in communicating our message, which has led to a loss of identity and in turn a loss of support. It may have been naive of us not to realise the threat we faced as the smaller party in a coalition government, that does not have a single media outlet fighting our corner. But we absolutely cannot wallow in self pity; we must identify our threat, respect it and then show complete determination to overcome it.



**Tim Farron is MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale and is President of the Liberal Democrats**

**we absolutely must be a campaigning vanguard calling for things to be better still.**



# making things better – campaigning for better still

## continued

Liberal Democrats are campaigners; we're normally pretty good at it! We must not be apologists for the status quo, playing defensively and acting like the establishment.

Now that we are in government it is more important than ever that we recommit ourselves to campaigning and fighting for our local communities, and prove to the electorate that we deserve to win their votes. We are in government, making things better – but we absolutely must be a campaigning vanguard calling for things to be better still.

On another note, Friday 16th September will be 25 years to the day since I went along to the freshers' fair

at Runshaw Sixth Form College in Leyland, Lancashire, and joined the Liberal Party for a mere £1.50. Tim Pickstone – now chief exec of ALDC, but then Secretary of Runshaw Liberal Society – signed me up. That was back in 1986 and it's been a bumpy journey in the quarter century since; but I'm as passionate about my politics now as I was then.

These are challenging times, but I've seen worse over the last 25 years, and it's a clear fact that tough times produce the best campaigners.

Have a great conference, and I look forward to seeing you all in the bar!



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# conference information

General information about this year's autumn conference, being held at the **International Convention Centre Birmingham (The ICC)**, 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 steward or go to the conference **Information Desk** in the **Upper Foyer** of **The ICC**.

## access

**Access to all areas of The ICC 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 ICC 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 ICC during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

If you are attending a training or fringe session in the Hyatt Regency or Jurys Inn, 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 booked your accommodation, check the accommodation page of our website for further 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, on their stand, R8, in the Upper Foyer of The ICC.

Additional cash machines, which do not charge a fee, can be found in Brindleyplace and on Broad Street (see *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**).

## 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.

## childcare

We are pleased to offer a conference crèche for members with children aged 6 weeks – 10 years. Please be aware that crèche staff are not allowed to accept children who are not pre-registered. The deadline for crèche registrations has now passed. Information on how to register your child for next year's spring conference will be available in due course at [www.LibDems.org.uk/springcreche](http://www.LibDems.org.uk/springcreche).

If you require a babysitting service then this is available via our crèche provider *Tinies*. The booking fee is £25+VAT per nanny in advance, then



## conference information continued

£8.00 an hour (before midnight) or £10.00 an hour (after midnight) is payable to the nanny at the end of the evening. Note that a minimum booking of 3 hours applies and that each nanny can look after a maximum of three children in one room.

To book babysitting services please contact *Tinies* on **01922 682232** and make sure you give them a minimum 24 hours notice. 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 ICC.**

There is a cloakroom in the **Mall** of The ICC; a charge per item applies.

Do not bring large bags or luggage to The ICC on the last morning of conference. Your hotel should be able to store your luggage after checkout, or you may use the left luggage facility – see **page 12**.

### conference pack

Party members can collect their conference pack in the **Mall** of The ICC (see *conference venue plan* on **page 15**) on production of your photo pass covering letter. **Conference pack collection** is open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 15.00
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 15.00
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 15.00
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 12.00

### 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



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the order of business, movers, amendments and emergency motions, etc.

*Conference Daily* will be available at the start of each morning session from the **Information Desk** in The ICC. Please make sure you collect your copy 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. For information on advance booking prices and the booking form, see **[www.libdems.org.uk/advertising.aspx](http://www.libdems.org.uk/advertising.aspx)**. Alternatively, you can collect a booking form at the **Information Desk** on-site. Please note that the booking and copy deadline for on-site booking is **12 noon the day before** you want your advert to be listed and payment will be required at the time of booking.

### conference extra

*Conference Extra* will give any changes to the timings of conference sessions that are shown in the *Conference Agenda* and will contain amendments to motions, topical issues, emergency motions for debate or the ballot, questions to reports, and last-minute changes to the order of business, movers, etc.

*Conference Extra* will be available to view online at **[www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers](http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers)** from **Tuesday 13th September**. Hard copies will be available for collection from the **Information Desk** at conference.

You can place an advert in *Conference Extra* – for deadlines, prices and the booking form, please see **[www.libdems.org.uk/advertising.aspx](http://www.libdems.org.uk/advertising.aspx)**.

## conference information continued

### consultative sessions

Consultative sessions take place on **Saturday 17th September** between **10.00 and 12.30** in the **Hyatt Regency**; see *Conference Agenda* for details.

### disabled access

**The ICC:** All rooms used at The ICC are accessible to wheelchair users, via ramps or lifts. There are unisex wheelchair-accessible toilets on all floors of The ICC.

#### The auditorium:

- An induction loop is available in specific seating areas within the auditorium in Hall 3 of The ICC; 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 at the front of the auditorium 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.
- If you have any specific seating requirements in the auditorium, please approach an auditorium steward who will endeavour to help.

**Hyatt Regency:** All meeting rooms are located on the Ground Floor and Level 1 and are fully accessible via lifts from the foyer.

**Jurys Inn:** 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.



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**Electric scooters:** The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of mobility scooters available to conference attendees, free of charge. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will need to be returned each evening for charging. To request use of a mobility scooter, call the Conference Office on 0207 227 1350 or email [conferences@libdems.org.uk](mailto:conferences@libdems.org.uk).

**Travel to The ICC:** for information on parking and travel, see *transport and travel* on **page 14**.

**Other requirements:** If you have any specific requirements not mentioned here, please contact the Conference Office: telephone 020 7227 1350 or email [conferences@libdems.org.uk](mailto:conferences@libdems.org.uk).

**Information and assistance at conference:** Anyone who requires assistance should approach a steward or one of the staff at The ICC.

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 Upper Foyer of The ICC.

### distribution of literature

Distribution of literature is not allowed inside, or directly outside, The ICC.

Exhibitors may only distribute material, sell raffle tickets, etc. directly from their stands. Gangways, stairways, entrances and catering areas must not be used for this purpose, and any fliers found in these areas will be removed.

Excessive distribution of promotional literature is not in line with the party's environmental policies. Any persons attempting to bring a large number of fliers into the conference centre may be prohibited from entering the secure area of The ICC, 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 **29th July**, these have been dispatched in two separate mailings. For representatives registered between 29th July and



## conference information continued

31st August your mailing will be sent out in early September. Members who register after **31st August** will be able to collect their papers onsite from **conference pack collection** in the **Mall** of The ICC (see *conference venue plan* on **page 15**).

Extra copies of the *Conference Agenda* and *Conference Directory* are available for sale from **conference pack collection** for £5.00 each, or you can purchase a complete pack including policy papers for £25.00.

### exhibition

The exhibition is located throughout the **Mall**, **Upper Foyer** and **Hall 4** of The ICC. For details of exhibitors and a plan of the exhibition, see **pages 17–27**.

The exhibition will be open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.15
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.15
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.15
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.15
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 15.00

### fcc 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 **FCC Helpdesk** is in the **Upper Foyer** of The ICC and will be open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 15.00
Sunday	18th September	10.30 – 12.30
Monday	19th September	10.30 – 12.30
Tuesday	20th September	10.30 – 12.30

### feedback

We welcome your feedback. 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.



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### first aid

If you require First Aid assistance, please approach a **steward** or go to the **Information Desk** in the Upper Foyer of the ICC.

### 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 28–92**.

The official fringe meeting venues are **The ICC**, the **Hyatt Regency** and the **Jurys Inn**. Other fringe venues are listed on **page 28**. For locations of these venues see the *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**.

**Access to fringe meetings in The ICC is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard.** If you are attending a fringe 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 wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible. **If you experience any access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.**

## headquarters' fringe events

### Conference Rally

#### *In government on your side: delivering a fairer Britain*

Welsh leader Kirsty Williams and Scottish leader Willie Rennie host the conference rally a year on from entering government, showcasing how the Liberal Democrats are making a fair, green and liberal Britain. Nick Clegg will be joined by Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons David Heath, MP for Bath Don Foster and Minister of State for the Department of Education Sarah Teather.

**Saturday 17th September, 18.30 – 19.30,  
Auditorium, Hall 3 in The ICC**

Photo passes are required for entry.

### Glee Club

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

**Tuesday 20th September, 22.00 – 02.00,  
Symphony Ballroom, Hyatt Regency**

## information desk

The Information Desk is located in the **Upper Foyer** of The ICC where members of the Conference Team can answer your questions.

The Information Desk is open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.30
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 16.00

To contact the Information Desk, email [conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk](mailto:conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk) or telephone 0121 335 8405.

## internet café

There will be an **Internet café** in **Hall 4** of The ICC. There will be a fee of £1 per half hour; vouchers are available from the Information Desk in the Upper Foyer. Please note the Internet Café does not have printing or copying facilities.

**The ICC Business Centre**, located at the Centenary Square end of the Mall, offers a range of

business support services including printing, copying and faxing; charges apply.

**Wifi** is available in all public areas of The ICC and is free of charge for conference attendees.

## left luggage

A left luggage facility will be available on **Wednesday 21st September from 08.00 – 17.00**, at **House of Sport**, Broad Street (across the road from The ICC – see *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**).

- All luggage is left at owners risk.
- Any luggage not collected by 17.00 may be destroyed.
- There will be a charge of £1 per item.

Do not bring large bags or luggage to The ICC on Wednesday morning – either leave them at your hotel or use the left luggage facility.

## lost photo 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 Upper Foyer of The ICC.

## parking

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

## photo passes

All conference photo passes are mailed prior to conference if registration has taken place by 29th July (subject to successful police accreditation). Photo passes for registrations taking place after 29th July may be subject to delays due to police accreditation. Please check your email correspondence for further information.

If you have not received your photo pass by 7th September, contact [conferences@libdems.org.uk](mailto:conferences@libdems.org.uk).



## postal facilities

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## prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located next to **Café Vite** in the **Mall** of The ICC. Please be respectful of others using the room.

## recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans have been kindly provided by SITA throughout The ICC. Please make use of the collection bins.

## refreshments

Hot and cold snacks and a wide variety of beverages are available in **Hall 4** of The ICC. Additional smaller catering points are available in **Hall 4 Foyer**, the **Upper Foyer** and at **Café Vite** in the Mall of The ICC. The Conference Office has worked closely with the professional catering team at The ICC to ensure that representatives can enjoy a wide variety of good food at reasonable prices.

## registration onsite

Onsite registration is available to representatives who have yet to register, or who need to query or change their current registration. Please note that onsite registration may take several hours to complete, and due to police checks access to The ICC cannot be guaranteed for a specific time.

The registration area is located in **Quayside Tower** on Broad Street (see *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**).

Registration is open at the following times:

Friday	16th September	15.00 – 21.00
Saturday	17th September	08.30 – 18.30
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.00
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.00
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.00
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 15.00

## security and safety

The safety of the people who live in, work in and visit Birmingham is West Midlands Police's top priority. The Liberal Democrat Party has received and accepted advice from West Midlands Police regarding security measures for the autumn conference 2011. 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 photo 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 ICC. 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 ICC.** 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.

**West Midlands 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 2011 autumn conference.



# conference information continued

## smoking

All areas of The ICC are non-smoking. A designated smoking area is available at the Brindleyplace exit of The ICC.

## training events

An extensive range of free training events for party members is taking place at conference, on **Saturday 17th September** in the **Hyatt Regency** and **Sunday 18th to Tuesday 20th September** in the **Jurys Inn**; see the *training programme* or go to **www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers**.

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

## transport and travel

There is a *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**.

**Air:** Birmingham International Airport is located 8 miles (13km) east of Birmingham City Centre, only 1 mile from junction 6 of the M42. During the daytime there are 9 trains per hour between Birmingham International and Birmingham New Street Station.

**Bus:** The ICC can be reached by a great number of local bus services; for information see:

**www.networkwestmidlands.co.uk**  
**www.travelwm.co.uk**

**Coach:** The National Express coach terminal is located in Digbeth in Birmingham city centre, approximately 2 miles from The ICC. For further information on routes and timetables, visit:

**www.nationalexpress.com**

**Car:** The ICC is situated in Birmingham city centre. If you are using a satellite navigation system, enter the postcode B1 2AA to pinpoint The ICC. Or for help planning your route, visit:

**www.rac.co.uk/route-planner**

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

**Parking:** Parking for The ICC is located within the National Indoor Arena (NIA), a few minutes walk from The ICC. The car parks operate a pay and

display system and tickets may be purchased either from the machines in the car parks or booked in advance by using a pre-booking application form (only if ordering 10 tickets or more); for more information call 0121 644 6139.

Car parking is free in City Council Car Parks for Blue Badge holders. The nearest blue badge bays to The ICC are located on Brindley Drive. For more information about parking for Blue badge holders in Birmingham contact the Parking Section, on 0121 303 7617 or email **parking@birmingham.gov.uk**.

**Taxi:** Due to road restrictions, the taxi pick-up and drop-off point for The ICC will be on the corner of Broad Street and Gas Street. A phone at The ICC's main entrance (Centenary Square) dials directly through to TOA taxis – a local reliable taxi company. All cars are wheelchair-accessible Hackney Cabs. TOA Taxis: 0121 427 8888 **www.toataxis.net**

### Train:

- Birmingham New Street station offers regular services to London and most principal towns and cities throughout the UK. Book through the Liberal Democrats' affinity scheme to raise money for the party, at no extra cost to yourself: **www.libdems.org.uk/help\_us\_for\_free.aspx**
- The city centre is served by two further train stations: Birmingham Moor Street and Birmingham Snowhill (Chiltern Railways).
- All stations are within walking distance / 10-minute taxi journey from The ICC.
- Birmingham New Street has step-free access across the whole station with lifts to all platforms. If assistance is required, contact customer services of the relevant train operator at least 24 hours prior to travel:

CrossCountry: 0844 811 0125  
London Midland: 0800 092 4260  
Virgin Trains: 08457 44 33 66

## twitter

During conference week, we will be tweeting live from the auditorium. For updates on who's speaking, when agenda items are about to start and how conference has voted, follow us at:

**www.twitter.com/LibDemConf**





## venues

The main conference venue is:

### The ICC Birmingham

Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

Telephone: 0121 200 2000

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

Conference and fringe hotels:

### Hyatt Regency Birmingham

(main conference hotel)

2 Bridge Street, Birmingham, B1 2JZ

Telephone: 0121 643 1234

[www.birmingham.regency.hyatt.com](http://www.birmingham.regency.hyatt.com)

### Jurys Inn Birmingham Hotel

(official fringe and training venue)

245 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HQ

Telephone: 0121 606 9000

<http://birminghamhotels.jurysinns.com>

See *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**.

## website

For conference details online, please see:

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



# conference venue plan

## plan of the icc birmingham

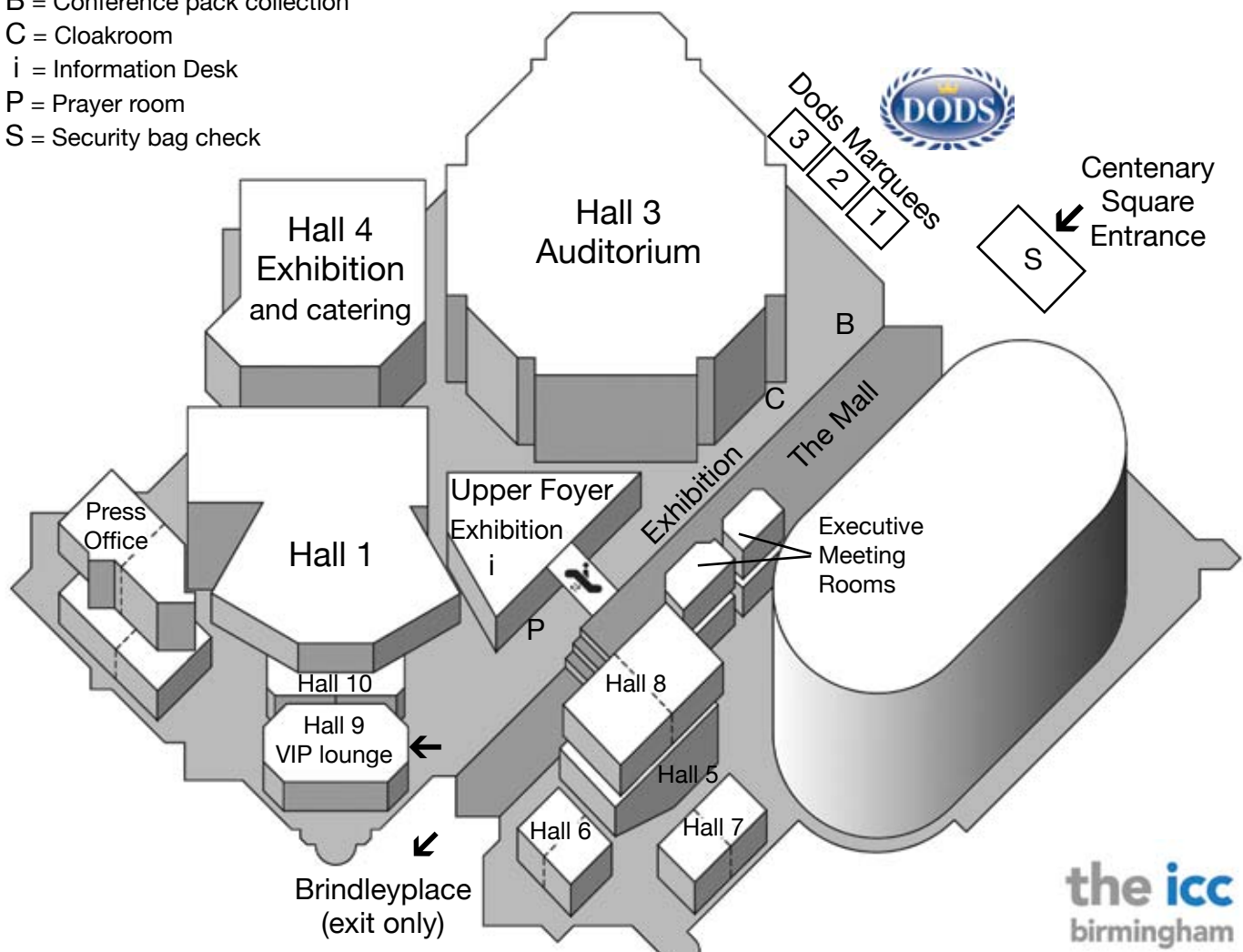
B = Conference pack collection

C = Cloakroom

i = Information Desk

P = Prayer room

S = Security bag check





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The ICC Birmingham, Hall 8b

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Hot food including sausage and mash, salads with hot toppings plus a selection of filled deli breads

### Hall 4 - Juice & Smoothie bar

Freshly squeezed orange juice and delicious, fresh, handmade smoothies

### Hall 4 - Cafe Vite Express

Sandwiches, snacks and drinks available

**Free hot drink or bottled water with any Hot Meal in Hall 4**

### Level 3 Conference Bar

Located next to Cafe Vite (11am - late)

### Cafe Vite

Located on the main mall



The original cafe will offer a fantastic breakfast (served until 11am)

Delicious hot meals from £5.95

Tapas at Cafe Vite Bar (11am-11pm)

### Starbucks Coffee

Located on the main mall



The taste of great coffee along with hot paninis, sandwiches and range of muffins & pastries

(Available from 7am – 7pm. Grab and go!)

### Upper Foyer Coffee Cart

DP Coffee Cart

Coffee and selection of snacks



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# the exhibition

The exhibition is located throughout the **Mall**, **Upper Foyer** and **Hall 4** of The ICC, see *conference venue plan* on **page 15**. For a *plan of the exhibition* see **page 19**, and for a key to stand numbers see *exhibitors listed by stand number* below.

Exhibition opening times:

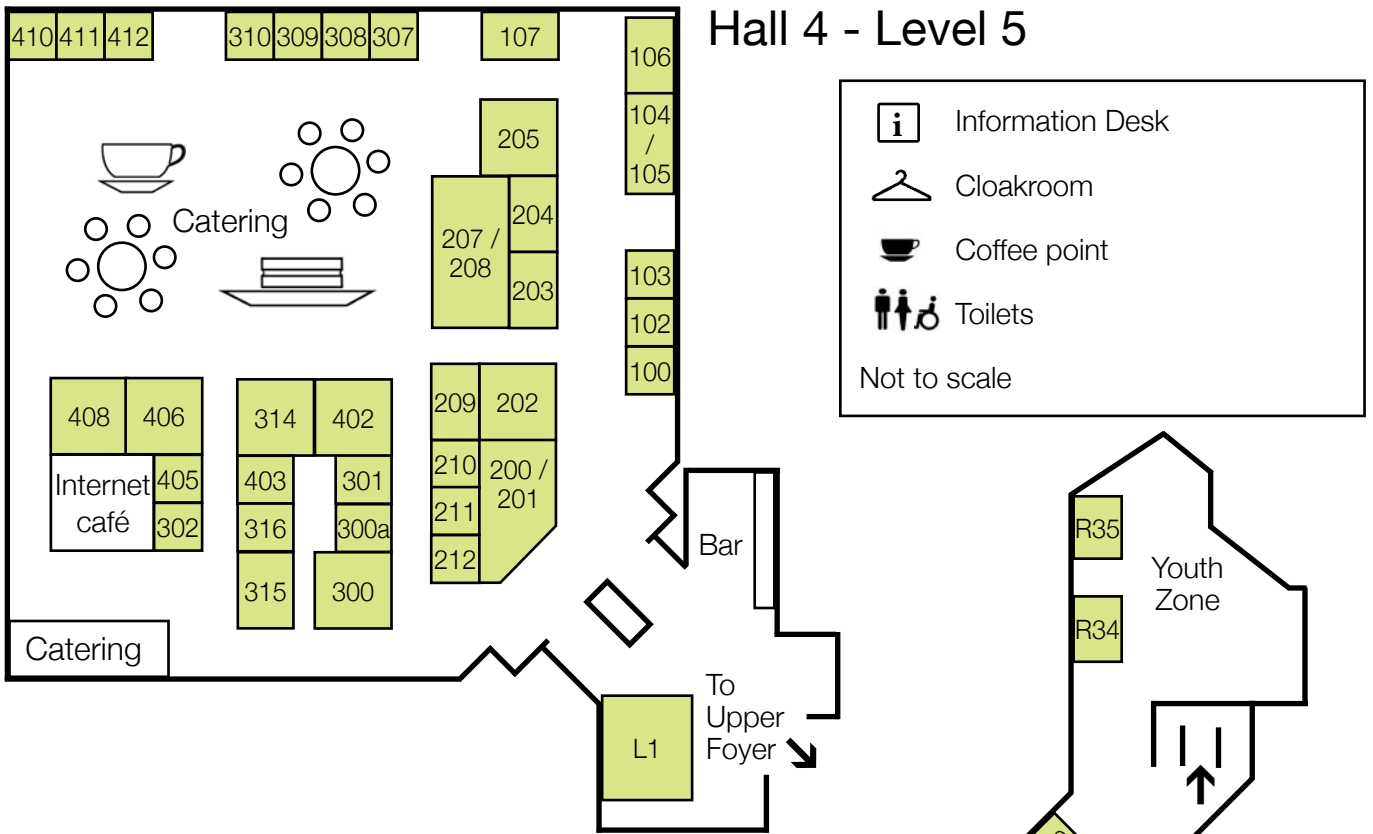
Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.15
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.15
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.15
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.15
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 15.00

## exhibitors listed by stand number

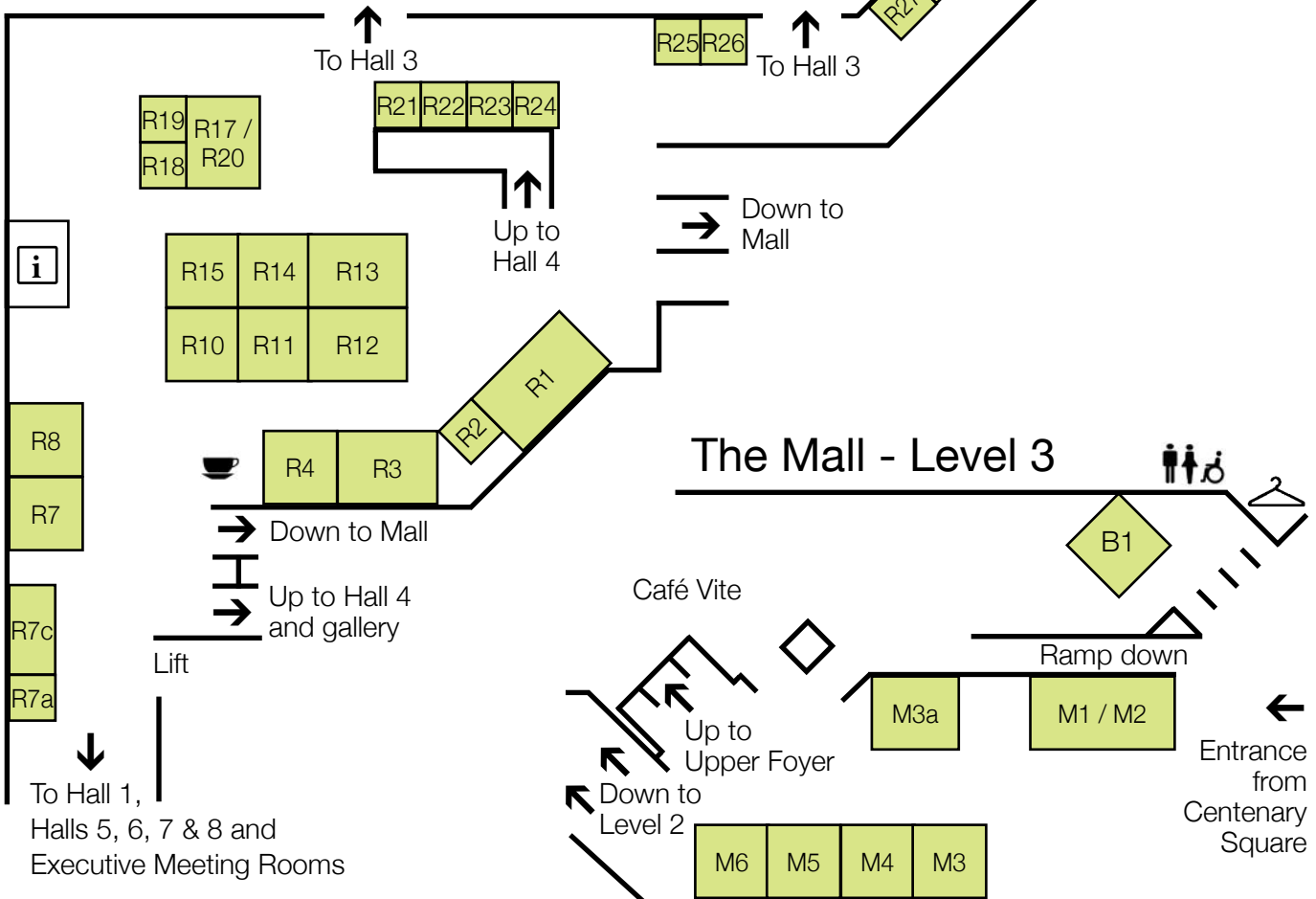
<b>Stand</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>		
100	Age UK	B1	Asda
102	Prater Raines Ltd	L1	Liberal Democrat Image
103	BUAV	M1/M2	Marketing Birmingham
104/105	Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors	M3	Digital UK
106	Liberal Democrats in England	M3a	RNIB
107	EARS	M4	York Potash Project – Sirius Minerals
200/201	Health Hotel	M5	Lloyds Banking Group
202	The Countryside Alliance Foundation	M6	E.ON
203	unionlearn	R1	BBC
204	TUC	R2	British Red Cross
205	LGA Liberal Democrats	R3	Nuclear Industry Association
207/208	NASUWT	R4	NewcastleGateshead
209	CentreForum	R7	Tobacco Retailers Alliance
210	Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats	R7a	Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel
211	ALTER	R7c	Green Liberal Democrats
212	The Howard League for Penal Reform	R8	Royal Mail Group
300	Harmsworth Printing Ltd	R10	Carillion Energy Services
300a	West Midlands Liberal Democrats	R11	RSA
301	PCA (Parliamentary Candidates Association)	R12	Federation of Small Businesses
302	Agents and Organisers Association	R13	pteg
307	Airport Operators Association (AOA)	R14	Parkinson's UK
308	Politico Internet	R15	UKIE
309	The Accord Coalition	R17/R20	Sky News
310	Prospects Services Ltd	R18	Charities Aid Foundation
314	Falkland Islands Government	R19	MS Society
315	<i>Liberator</i>	R21	Liberal Democrat History Group
316	Liberal International (British Group)	R22	Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
402	RISO UK Ltd	R23	DAGGER
403	LGBT Liberal Democrats (DELGA)	R24	Women Liberal Democrats
405	Liberal Democrat European Group	R25	Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
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408	Guide Dogs	R27	ALDES
410	Liberal Democrat Education Association	R28	ALDTU
411	Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats (EMLD)	R29	Liberal Democrat Disability Association
412	Campaign for Gender Balance	R34	Liberal Youth
		R35	Youth Zone



# plan of the exhibition



## Upper Foyer - Level 4



# directory of exhibitors

Stand 309

## The Accord Coalition

Lend your voice to the campaign to stop religious discrimination in state funded schools and ensure they promote cohesion, not social division and prepare children for an increasingly diverse world.

<http://accordcoalition.org.uk>



Stand 307

## Airport Operators Association (AOA)

The AOA is the voice of UK airports. Our vision is a vibrant airport sector which can maintain sustainable growth, to meet the social and economic needs of the UK.

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



Stand 100

## Age UK

Age UK is working for a better later life. We celebrate ageing and work to create opportunity in later life. And we challenge disadvantage and unfairness wherever we find it.

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



Stand R27

## ALDES

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 302

## 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 2011 *Agents' Manual!*



Stand R28

## ALDTU

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



# Are you ready for the digital TV switchover?

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## Stand 211

### 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

### Asda

Visit the Asda stand to sample our locally sourced products, meet our small suppliers and find out how our stores are supporting the communities they serve.

[your.asda.com](http://www.your.asda.com)



## Stand 104/105

### Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

ALDC represents councillors and provides advice, information and resources for all councillors, candidates and activists. Visit us for resources, advice, publications and to join if you're not yet a member.

[www.aldc.org](http://www.aldc.org)



## Stand R1

### BBC

Visit to watch live broadcasting, to find out more about how the BBC plans to continue to deliver high-quality programmes, or to ask any BBC questions you may have.

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



## Stand R2

### British Red Cross

Pupil, citizen, Life-saver. The knowledge developed through first aid and humanitarian education is key to a well-rounded education, and should be a core part of the National Curriculum.

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



## Stand 103

### BUAV

BUAV is one of the world's leading animal protection organisations. We campaign to end animal experiments, working towards a world where nobody wants or believes we need animal testing.

[www.buav.org](http://www.buav.org)



## Stand 412

### 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 R10

### Carillion Energy Services

Carillion is a support services company with a substantial customer base in the public and private sector. The Group has 50,000 employees and annual revenue last year of £5.1 billion.

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



## Stand 209

### CentreForum CENTREFORUM

CentreForum is the liberal think tank. It provides an independent, free thinking forum for new ideas and progressive debate.

[www.centreforum.org](http://www.centreforum.org)



## Stand R18

### Charities Aid Foundation

The Charities Aid Foundation exists to foster a culture of giving and improve the environment for charities and their donors. Come and visit us to find out more.

[www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org)



## Stand 202

### The Countryside Alliance Foundation

The Countryside Alliance Foundation is engaged in educating people about the countryside. By introducing adults and children to rural Britain, we hope to inspire them to learn more.

[www.countryside-alliance-foundation.org](http://www.countryside-alliance-foundation.org)



## Stand R23

### DAGGER

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

Stand M3

**Digital UK**

Digital UK is responsible for leading the UK's switchover to digital television between 2008 and 2012. Visit our stand to find out more about switchover and how we inform viewers.

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



Stand M6

**E.ON**

Cleaner & Better Energy... and You. Find out about saving energy at home and in your community, and see how we're helping make energy cleaner and better across the UK.

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



Stand 107

**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 411

**Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats (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 314

**Falkland Islands Government**

Visit the Falkland Islands stand and meet members of the Falkland Islands Government who can update you on current developments affecting the Islands and our plans for the future.

[www.falklands.gov.fk](http://www.falklands.gov.fk)



Stand R12

**Federation of Small Businesses**

The Federation of Small Businesses is the UK's leading business organisation representing the self employed and those who run their own businesses. Formed in 1974, it has 200,000 members.

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



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

Stand R7c

**Green Liberal Democrats**

The Green Liberal Democrats (GLD) are one of the party's largest membership organisations and the voice for environmental sustainability. This year's stand theme is Green Localism.

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



Stand 408

**Guide Dogs**

Guide Dogs campaigns for better independence and mobility for blind and partially sighted people. Try our blindfolded bus journey challenge and find out more about our Talking Buses campaign.

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



Stand 300

**Harmsworth Printing Ltd**

Harmsworth Printing is the leading Newspaper Printer in the UK. We already print numerous papers for candidates and MP's around the country. Visit our stand to find out more.

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



**Harmsworth Printing**

Stand 200/201

**Health Hotel**

Come to the Health Hotel stand to enjoy FREE HEARING TESTING courtesy of Specsavers Hearing Centres and FREE ACCESS TO MP BIOGRAPHIES via the online resource Dods People.

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



Stand 212

**The Howard League for Penal Reform**

The Howard League for Penal Reform is the oldest and most influential penal reform charity in the world working for a safe society where fewer people are victims of crime.

[www.howardleague.org](http://www.howardleague.org)

Stand 210

**Humanist & Secularist 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 Birmingham.





## Stand 205

### **LGA 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 205.

[www.lga.gov.uk/libdemgroup](http://www.lga.gov.uk/libdemgroup)



## Stand 405

### **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 R7a

### **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 the Middle East.

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



## Stand 403

### **LGBT Liberal Democrats (DELGA)**

Actively campaigning on Equal Marriage and other issues, we are the party's body for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans people. Learn about our policy and campaign work, and conference events!



## Stand R25

### **Liberal Democrat Christian Forum**

Come and find out more about the Lib Dem Christian Forum – all welcome!

[www.ldcf.net](http://www.ldcf.net)



## Stand R22

### **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 R26

### **Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw**

Collect pre-ordered Christmas Draw tickets from Stand R26 or place new orders. See how to maximise your income from the Draw.

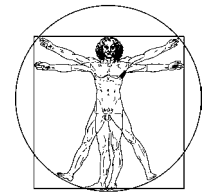


## Stand R21

### **Liberal Democrat History Group**

The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the *Journal of Liberal History*. Buy our new book, *Peace, Reform and Liberation: A History of Liberal Politics in Britain 1688–2011*.

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



## Stand R29

### **Liberal Democrat Disability Association**

Raising awareness, understanding and support of people with disabilities, within and outside the Liberal Democrats. Championing disabled and able-bodied advocates' opinions and the positive opportunities available to the party and society. RECRUITING MEMBERS!! All supporters and carers welcome.

[disabilitylibdems.org.uk](http://disabilitylibdems.org.uk)



## Stand L1

### **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 106

### **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 training all week.



## Stand 410

### **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 316

## 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 R34

## 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 315

## 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 M5

## Lloyds Banking Group

Lloyds Banking Group is the UK's leading bank, supporting communities, businesses and homeowners. Visit our stand to learn more about our active part in supporting the UK's economic recovery.

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

LLOYDS  
BANKING  
GROUP



Stand M1/M2

## Marketing Birmingham

Birmingham welcomes the Liberal Democrat Party Autumn Conference. Visit the stand for visitor information and to find out more about the city's transformation, economic vitality and regeneration plans.

[www.libdemsinbirmingham2011.com](http://www.libdemsinbirmingham2011.com)



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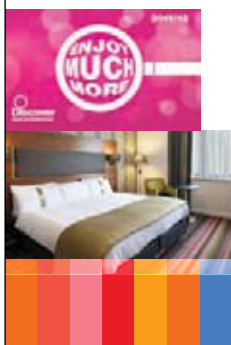
### Book your accommodation online now at:

[www.NewcastleGateshead.com/libdems12](http://www.NewcastleGateshead.com/libdems12)

### Visit stand R4 to find out more

Book your accommodation on the stand or at [www.NewcastleGateshead.com/libdems12](http://www.NewcastleGateshead.com/libdems12) and receive a FREE Discover Pass – NewcastleGateshead's official city sightseeing pass (RRP £10).

For enquiries relating to accommodation booking contact Anna at NewcastleGateshead Convention Bureau: **0191 440 5763**



north east  
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**Stand R19**

**MS Society**

Help us put MS on the map in your area! Meet MS Society staff and volunteers, try our interactive quiz and learn more about issues affecting people with MS.

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



**Stand 301**

**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 207/208**

**NASUWT**

The NASUWT is the largest teachers' union in the UK, representing teachers and headteachers. Come and talk to us at our conference stand No: 207/208.

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



**Stand 308**

**Politico Internet**

We specialise in cost-effective web design, hosting and online campaign support for campaigners and organisations. Visit our stand for the chance to win a new website.

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



**Stand 406**

**National Union of Teachers**

The NUT, the largest teachers' union, campaigns for good local schools properly supported by local authorities, access to CPD, proper pay, pensions, conditions of service and respect for teachers' judgement.

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



**Stand 102**

**Prater Raines Ltd**

Learn more about the Foci2 campaign system. Fast, secure, reliable website with feeds, email, facebook, twitter and petition campaigning in one place. The complete online tool for Liberal Democrat campaigners.

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



**Stand R4**

**NewcastleGateshead**

Meet the tourism team from NewcastleGateshead to book your accommodation for the spring conference being held there next March and pick up a free city sightseeing pass for NewcastleGateshead.

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



**Stand 310**

**Prospects Services Ltd**

Prospects specialises in meeting the needs of public and private sector clients and local communities. Leading in the provision of IAG with expertise in events, recruitment, publishing and consultancy.

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



**Stand R13**

**pteg**

Passenger Transport Executives provide the oversight, the local accountability and the practical expertise to deliver the public transport networks that our largest regional urban areas require.

[www.pteg.net](http://www.pteg.net)



**Stand R3**

**Nuclear Industry Association**

The NIA is the trade association and representative voice of Britain's civil nuclear industry, representing over 250 companies including operators, those engaged in decommissioning, waste, and the fuel cycle.

[www.niauk.org](http://www.niauk.org)



**Stand 402**

**RISO UK Ltd**

Latest Riso printer options on display for production of party documentation in single, two and full colour at lowest possible print costs and fastest possible turnaround times.

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



**Stand R14**

**Parkinson's UK**

Every hour, someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's. Visit our stand and support Parkinson's UK to improve life for everyone affected by this degenerative neurological condition.

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



## directory of exhibitors continued

### Stand M3a

#### **RNIB**

A Stitch In Time.

Prevent the 50% of sight loss, which is avoidable if detected and treated early enough; save the UK economy £3 billion annually. Find out how.

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



### Stand R15

#### **UKIE**

UKIE is the trade association that represents a wide range of games publishers, developers and the academic institutions involved in the video games and interactive entertainment industry.

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



### Stand R8

#### **Royal Mail Group**

Royal Mail Group's stand offers a range of postal services, including a post box and cash machine. Hear about our latest services, stamp launches and enter our quiz.

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



### Stand 203

#### **unionlearn**

unionlearn is the TUC's learning and skills organisation. We work with trades unions and companies, large and small, across the country to develop lifelong learning in the workplace.

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



### Stand R11

#### **RSA**

RSA is a leading global insurer providing cover for 600,000 cars in the UK through its More Than brand. Check out your driving skills and have your eye-health tested at our stand.

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



### Stand 300a

#### **West Midlands Liberal Democrats**

Visit the stand – in Hall 4 – to meet regional colleagues, quiz the Executive, leave messages, win prizes at our tombola, pick up your ticket for the regional reception.

[www.wmlibdems.org](http://www.wmlibdems.org)



### Stand R17/R20

#### **Sky News**

The Sky News political team, led by Adam Boulton, will be presenting throughout the party conference, providing regular updates throughout the day, interviews with the key political players, coverage of all major speeches and a comprehensive round-up of the main events each evening.

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



### Stand R24

#### **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.

### Stand M4

#### **York Potash Project – Sirius Minerals**

The York Potash Project is a nationally important proposal that could generate up to 5,000 jobs. A new UK potash mine will ensure security of supply of potash – an essential component of fertiliser – helping farmers to produce food more efficiently.

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



### Stand R7

#### **Tobacco Retailers Alliance**

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

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



### Stand 204

#### **TUC**

We are the voice of Britain at work. With 55 unions and 6 million members, we stand for decency and respect at work, a prosperous economy, and quality public services.

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



### Stand R35

#### **Youth Zone**

Welcome to the Youth Zone: a dedicated area and display that brings together organisations who work with or represent young people for information, campaigns and a programme of events.

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



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# fringe guide

## fringe meeting venues

The official fringe meeting venues are **The ICC**, the **Hyatt Regency** and the **Jurys Inn** (see *venues* on **page 15** for addresses and contact details).

Other fringe venues are:

Bank Restaurant and Bar,  
4 Brindleyplace, B1 2JB

Bar Risa,  
259–263 Broad Street, B1 2HF

Baskerville House,  
Centenary Square, B1 2ND

Birmingham Conservatoire,  
Paradise Place, B3 3HG

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,  
Chamberlain Square, B3 3DH

Café Ikon,  
1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, B1 2HS

CBSO Centre,  
Berkley Street, B1 2LF

Copthorne Hotel Birmingham,  
Paradise Circus, B3 3HJ

Council House.  
Victoria Square, B1 1BB

Crowne Plaza Birmingham City Centre,  
Holliday Street, B1 1HH

Deloitte,  
4 Brindleyplace, B1 2HZ

IET Birmingham: Austin Court,  
80 Cambridge Street, B1 2NP

Malmaison Birmingham,  
The Mailbox, One Wharfedale Street, B1 1RD

Mint Hotel Birmingham,  
1 Brunswick Square, Brindleyplace, B1 2HW

Novotel Birmingham Centre,  
70 Broad Street, B1 2HT

Nuvo,  
Brindleyplace, 2 Brunswick Square, B1 2LP

Pitcher & Piano,  
The Waters' Edge, Brindleyplace, B1 2HP



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For locations of official and other fringe venues, see the *map of Birmingham city centre* on the **inside back cover**. For location of rooms within The ICC see *conference venue plan* on **page 15** and *plan of the exhibition* on **page 19**.

## access to fringe meetings

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

If you are attending a fringe 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 wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible.

**If you experience any access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.**

### key to fringe listings



Refreshments provided



BSL signer provided



Hearing loop provided



By invitation only



## Sunday 18 September

13.00 – 14.00 › The Hyatt Regency › Fortissimo

### Nudging the Nation: How can government and business work together to encourage long-term savings behaviour?

Steve Webb MP; Martin Palmer, Friends Life; Kitty Ussher, Demos (chair) *By invitation only, for more information please contact partyconference@demos.co.uk*



18.15 – 19.30 › Jurys Inn › Room 101

### The Demos Grill: An in-conversation

Danny Alexander MP; Steve Richards, The Independent



## Monday 19 September

8.00 – 9.00 › The ICC › Hall 6a

### In it Together: How can parents and communities tackle youth binge drinking?

Lynne Featherstone MP (invited); Jamie Bartlett, Demos; Vivienne Evans, Adfam; Chris Sorek, Drinkaware; Jeremy Todd, Family Lives; David Brindle, The Guardian (chair)



8.00 – 9.00 › Jurys Inn › Room 103

### The Centre for London at Demos: What's the winning formula for London? The 2012 mayoral election and beyond

Simon Hughes MP; Mike Tuffrey, Member of the London Assembly; Jude Kelly, Southbank Centre; Ben Rogers, Centre for London; Jonathan Freedland, The Guardian (chair)



8.00 – 9.00 › Jurys Inn › Room 104

### What the Doctor Ordered? Can data transparency revolutionise public services?

Tom Brake MP, Mike Farrar, NHS Confederation; Claire Fox, Institute of Ideas; Ben Lucas 2020 Public Service Trust; Roger Taylor, Dr Foster; Philip Collins, Demos (chair)



18.15 – 19.30 › Jurys Inn › Room 104

### The What not the How: Can the social care white paper deliver on outcomes?

Paul Burstow MP; Lord Adebowale; Kieron Brennan, Vertex; Michelle Mitchell, Age UK; David Brindle, The Guardian (chair)



## Tuesday 20 September

8.00 – 9.00 › The ICC › Executive Meeting Room 2

### Unleashing talent: How do we plug the skills gap?

Simon Hughes MP; Kate Shoesmith, City & Guilds; Frances O'Grady, TUC; Stephen Uden, Microsoft; Kitty Ussher, Demos (chair)



8.00 – 9.00 › Jurys Inn › Room 103

### All Together Now: Rewriting the story of educational disadvantage

Sarah Teather MP; Richard Gerver, education professional and author; Chris Husbands, Institute of Education; Brett Wigdortz, Teach First; Philip Collins (chair)



13.00 – 14.00 › Jurys Inn › Room 116

### Reinventing the Workplace: Can productivity and well-being go hand in hand?

Lorely Burt MP (invited); Will Davies, Institute for Science, Innovation and Society; Patrick Lewis, John Lewis Partnership; Mary Riddell, The Telegraph (chair)



13.00 – 14.00 › The Hyatt Regency › Concerto Room

### School Accountability in the Digital Age: Information overload or genuine choice?

David Laws MP; Rod Bristow, Pearson; Fiona Millar, writer and journalist; Jeremy Todd, Family Lives; Julia Margo, Demos (chair)



18.15 – 19.30 › Jurys Inn › Room 104

### Opportunity Knocks: How can government and business nurture a green tech revolution?

Lorely Burt MP; Kate Craig-Wood, Memset; Dean Curran, Himag Solutions Ltd; John MacArthur, Shell; Jon Bernstein, New Statesman (chair)



20.00 – 21.15 › The ICC › Hall 6b

### Taxing Times: Is there anything wrong with tax avoidance?

Ed Davey MP; Robin Fieth, ICAEW; Anna Thomas, Action Aid; Kitty Ussher, Demos (chair)



## Wednesday 21 September

8.00 – 9.00 › The Hyatt Regency › Dolce

### The Recovery Breakfast: Defining economic policy for the next generation

Vince Cable MP; Kitty Ussher, Demos; Mark Smith, PwC (chair) *By invitation only, for more information please contact partyconference@demos.co.uk*



13.00 – 14.00 › The ICC › Executive Meeting Room 2

### Financial Well-being: How do we foster inclusion during the downturn?

Stephen Williams MP; Mark Allan, Toynbee Hall; Karen Rowlingson, CHASM; Danielle Walker-Palmour, Friends Provident Foundation; Jo Thornhill, Mail on Sunday (chair)



# fringe saturday 17th september

## saturday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

### CentreForum, Institute for Government and Policy Exchange

#### *Opening up the Party*

How to encourage diversity through candidate selection. Speakers: Lord Adonis; Tim Farron MP; Tessa Munt MP and Jo Swinson MP. Chair: Chris Nicholson. Hyatt Regency, Allegro



### Localis

#### *Having a Mayor? The right answer for city leadership?*

Lord Shipley; Stephen Gilbert MP; Dave Hodgson, Mayor of Bedford; Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson, LGA Group Leader.

Mint Hotel



### Ethnic Minority Lib Dems

#### *Annual General Meeting*

AGM agenda will include reports from officers, approval of accounts and election of executive for year 2012.

Hyatt Regency, Andante

### Department of Elections & Skills

#### *Starting the Campaign Revolution*

New technology and more information can revolutionise our campaigning. Come and discover the technology we are introducing, like our new campaign management system – CONNECT, and help start a revolution in campaigning.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

The countdown to

**CONNECT**

has started

Connect is the UK version of the world's leading campaign software.

It's coming to the Liberal Democrats in 2011 to help you win.

Join us at 1pm, Saturday, in the Scherzo Room of the Hyatt Hotel to learn more or come to one of the sessions set out in the training directory.

## saturday early evening 18.30 – 19.30

### Conference Rally

#### *In government on your side: delivering a fairer Britain*

Welsh leader Kirsty Williams and Scottish leader Willie Rennie host the conference rally a year on from entering government, showcasing how the Liberal Democrats are making a fair, green and liberal Britain. Nick Clegg will be joined by Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons David Heath, MP for Bath Don Foster and Minister of State for the Department of Education Sarah Teather.

The ICC, Auditorium, Hall 3

**(Photo pass required for entry)**

### conference rally

#### *in government on your side delivering a fairer Britain*



Highlighting how Liberal Democrats in government are making Britain a fairer, greener and more liberal country

**Saturday 17th September 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
Auditorium Hall 3, The ICC Birmingham**

## saturday mid evening 20.15 – 21.30

### Birmingham & Centre for Cities

#### *The Host City's Welcome Reception*

Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, Birmingham City Council. For details please contact [rsvp@centreforcities.org](mailto:rsvp@centreforcities.org). Supported by KPMG.

**Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 21.00**

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,  
The Round Room



### Social Liberal Forum

#### *Open Public Services: Another fine mess they'll get us into?*

What should we support and what should we oppose in the Open Public Services White Paper? Speakers: Mark Serwotka, Gen Secretary, PCS; Linda Jack, SLF; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum; Lord Matthew Oakeshott.

**Note: this event will end at 22.15**

The ICC, Hall 5





saturday mid evening 20.15 – 21.30 continued

**CentreForum, CPAG and Fabian Society**

*Who will pay for parents?*

Childcare support and welfare reform. Speakers: Alison Garnham, Chief Executive, CPAG; Lord German and Tim Horton, Fabian Society.

The ICC, Hall 7a



**East of England Liberal Democrats**

*Regional Reception*

Relax and enjoy a chat and a glass of wine with Liberal Democrat parliamentarians, local politicians, regional office-holders and other party members from the East of England. All members from the region welcome.

The ICC, Hall 7b



**ALDC**

*ALDC's Annual General Meeting*

Have your say at ALDC's annual general meeting followed by the *Campaigner Awards* for local campaign literature. Presented by Tim Farron MP. First prize £500. Drinks sponsored by Midshire and RISO.

The ICC, Hall 10b



**Liberal Youth**

*LDYS reunited!*

Youth activists through the ages are invited to rekindle old friendships at the first-ever official Liberal Youth reunion. Grab a drink, find out what Liberal Youth are doing, and have a laugh at archive LDYS photos!

**Note: this event will start at 20.00 and end at 22.15**

The ICC, Youth Zone



**Department of Elections & Skills**

*Best of the old, best of the new, best from you*

Your forum to ask questions about the support available from the new central campaigns team. Hilary Stephenson (chair) with Jake Holland, Shaun Roberts & Victoria Marsom.

Hyatt Regency, Andante

**Green Liberal Democrats**

*Halving carbon emissions by 2025 – yes we can!*

Having only 14 years to change Britain, how can this be delivered in time and what is the impact on growth? Martin Horwood MP leads the debate with Mike Childs (FoE), Mark Lynas and Heidi Mottram (Chief Exec of NWG).

Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and HQ Diversity Unit**

*New Generation / EMLD Networking Reception*

A networking reception for all EMLD and New Generation members, with Vince Cable MP and Issan Ghazni as keynote speakers.

**Note: this event will start at 20.30**

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**CentreForum and LGA Liberal Democrat Group**

*Localism into Practice*

Speakers: Cllr Abi Bell; Paul Burstow MP; Cllr Richard Kemp; Gordon Lishman and Andrew Stunell MP. Chair: Dr Tim Leunig.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



**Party training**



**Free training sessions for party members**

Free training events for party members is taking place at conference, on **Saturday 17th September** in the **Hyatt Hotel** and **Sunday 18th to Tuesday 20th September** in the **Jurys Inn**.

A party membership card or conference photo pass is required for entry. For details, see the *Conference Training Programme* or view online at

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

saturday late evening 22.00 – 23.15

**Lib Dem Voice**

*Lib Dem Blog of the Year Awards 2011*

Join LDV and online friends for a walk down the yellow carpet to award the 2011 BOTYs. Categories, nominations and public voting all happen in August at [www.LibDemVoice.org](http://www.LibDemVoice.org)

Hyatt Regency, Andante

**London Liberal Democrats**

*Team London Karaoke*

Unwind and help us raise funds for vital Mayoral and Assembly elections in 2012. An entrance fee will be charged.

**Note: this event will end at 01.00**

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

## Transport Hub

Putting transport at the heart of conference



### The following events will take place in Birmingham

- Sunday 18 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 18.15–19.15 **ABTA/AOA**  
*Fair tax on flying: should aviation taxes be used to stop people from being able to fly?*
- Sunday 18 September Hyatt Hotel 20.00 **Transport Hub**  
*Transport Hub Chief Executives' Dinner – invitation only*
- Monday 19 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 07.45–09.00 **CILT**  
*Transport: a vision for 2035 – profit vs sustainability*
- Monday 19 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 13.00–14.00 **FTA**  
*The battle for transport priorities: balancing affordable fuel, the deficit and the environment*
- Monday 19 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 18.15–19.30 **ACT TravelWise**  
*Delivering a Low Carbon Transport System*
- Monday 19 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 20.00–21.15 **Transport Hub**  
*THE BIG TRANSPORT DEBATE: How loud is the Lib Dem voice in the Coalition?*
- Tuesday 20 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 07.45–09.00 **ABTA / AOA**  
*Should the Lib Dems support growth in the UK aviation sector?*
- Tuesday 20 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 13.00–14.00 **BPA**  
*Ending the war on the motorist: whose war is it anyway?*
- Tuesday 20 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 18.15–19.30 **Kapsch TrafficCom**  
*Driving our way out of recession*
- Tuesday 20 September Jurys Inn (Room 110) 20.00–21.15 **Keolis**  
*High Speed 2: fast forward to the future*

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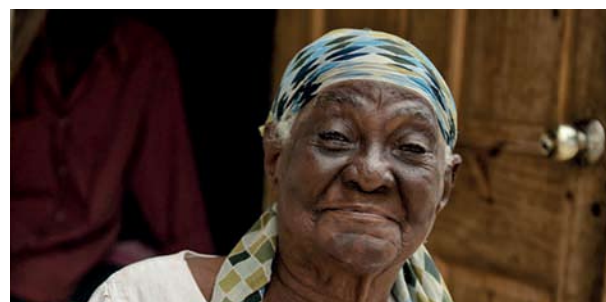


[www.transporthub.org](http://www.transporthub.org)

## High street or corner shop – can the market deliver financial inclusion for older people?

Sunday 18 September,  
6.15–7.30pm, Hall 6b, ICC

- **Paul Lewis**  
Presenter, Money Box
- **Baroness Kramer**
- **Peter Brooker**  
Head of Corporate Affairs, PayPoint
- **Sarah Deaves**  
Senior Executive, UK Retail, RBS
- **Tom Wright CBE**  
Group Chief Executive, Age UK



## On the edge: older people in international emergencies

Monday 19 September,  
6.15–7.30pm, Scherzo, Hyatt Regency

- **Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP**  
Chair, Select Committee, International Development
- **Silvia Stefanoni**  
Deputy Chief Executive
- **Tom Wright CBE**  
Group Chief Executive, Age UK

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Castle Fine Arts Gallery, ICC, Birmingham

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# Welcome to the Youth Zone

## Programme of events (Birmingham ICC, visit stands R34/R35 Liberal Youth)



**Sunday** 1.00pm **Think Big** (O2, NYA)



**Monday**  
7.45am **Local Councils: a local youth offer** (NYA)  
1.00pm **Young Adults in the Criminal Justice System** (T2A)  
6.15pm **Drink, Drugs and Facing Parole** (Kids Count)  
8.15pm **Young People: democratic deficit?** (BYC)



**Tuesday**  
7.45am **Happy Families: early interventions for teenagers** (4Children; FPM)  
7.45am **Great Expectations @Starbucks (114 New Street)** (UKYouth)  
1.00pm **Young People and Money** (NYA)  
6.15pm **Heads Together: improving mental health** (CYP Mental Health Coalition)  
8.00pm **For Youth's Sake: a positive agenda** (CYPNow; NCVYS; Groundwork UK)



**Wednesday**  
7.45am **Inspiring Services, Improving Lives** (CHYPS)  
1.00pm **Capable of Greatness, Reaching Beyond Custody** (Nacro; NASUWT)

## What's Youth Got To Do With It?



**Sunday 18 September**, at IET Austin Court (B1 2NP)

Join the debate: **6.15pm**; Joint reception: **7.45pm** (Supported by O2)



Check against listings for full details or contact [jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk)



# fringe sunday 18th september

sunday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

## The Fire Brigades Union

*999 Emergency: Can the Fire Service Survive the Coalition?*

1000 frontline jobs axed in 1 year; pay freezes; imposed changes to firefighter pensions. Matt Wrack, FBU General Secretary, discusses if our vital public service can survive 5 years of this Coalition.

The ICC, Hall 6a

## 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?

The ICC, Hall 6b



## Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

*ALDC Members' Reception*

ALDC Welcomes Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister. How can partners encourage and empower volunteering in our communities, to the co-operative and mutual benefit of all? Refreshments sponsored by The Co-operative Group.

The ICC, Hall 8a



## Social Liberal Forum and Hacked Off Campaign

*Phone Hacking, Privacy and Libel – The Future of the Press*

Alan Rusbridger, Editor, *Guardian*; Don Foster MP, Lib Dem DCMS Spokesman; Hugh Grant, Actor; Jo Glanville, Editor, *Index on Censorship*. Chair: Dr Evan Harris, Hacked Off Campaign.

The ICC, Hall 8b

## Nuclear Industry Association

*Nuclear Communities: Powering the Regions*

Speakers: Rt Hon Lord John Hutton (Chair), other speakers tbc including representatives from the nuclear industry and parliamentarians.

The ICC, Hall 10a



## CentreForum and Fabian Society

*Two tribes?*

But what should Labour and Lib Dems be working on together? Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Sadiq Khan MP (inv); John Leech MP (inv) and Emily Thornberry MP (inv).

The ICC, Hall 10b



## GMB

*What does the future hold for public sector pensions?*

Speakers: Danny Alexander MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury), John Wright (Hymans Robertson), Brian Strutton (GMB, Public Services Section). Chair: Heidi Benzing (GMB, Political Office).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



## DONG Energy and University of Durham

*Making Wind Power Work*

Chair: Kiran Stacey, *Financial Times*. Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State; Professor Phil Taylor, University of Durham; Christian T. Skakkebæk, Senior Vice President Renewables, DONG Energy.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2



## O2 Think Big

*Presentation and reception: supported by NYA & Liberal Youth*

Find out how Think Big can help your idea grow with money, training and support. If you're 13 to 25 and there's something you want to create or change, start a project. Get Involved. Start small, Think Big.

The ICC, Youth Zone



## Barnardo's

*Cutting Children Free from Sexual Exploitation*

Speakers: Councillor Richard Kemp, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Anne-Marie Carrie, Chief Executive, Barnardo's; Detective Inspector Snell, Devon and Cornwall Police. Hot food provided.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro



## The Motor Sport Association

*Deregulation of sport*

"How deregulation of sport can increase participation and stimulate economic growth". Guests: Michael Moore (Secretary of State for Scotland); Colin Hilton (CEO, MSA); Sports personality (TBC).

Hyatt Regency, Andante



## All Party Parliamentary group on Agroecology

*Sustainable Intensification of Livestock*

Chair: Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Damer. Speakers: Tessa Munt MP; Peter Lundgren, arable and free range pig farmer; Will Edwards, dairy farmer and member of the Pasture Fed Livestock Association. Sponsored by WSPA.

Hyatt Regency, Concerto



## The Future for State Education

The Coalition Government aims to have converted many more schools into academies by the end of this Parliament. What is the future for state education?

**Sunday 18 September 13:00-14:00**

Rooms 113, 115, 117, Jurys Inn

**Speakers:**

**Sarah Teather MP**, Minister of State for Education (invited)

**Chris Keates**, General Secretary, NASUWT

**Christine Blower**, General Secretary, NUT

**Andrew Bridgewater**, Chair, Liberal Democrat Education Association

**NASUWT**  
The Teachers' Union



## Discipline or Punish?

### Promoting Good Behaviour in Schools

What will the Coalition Government's education reforms mean for the future of discipline in schools?

**Monday 19 September 18:15-19:30**

ICC Hall 10a

**Speakers:**

**Baroness Joan Walmsley**, Co-Chair, Liberal Democrat Education Committee (invited)

**Chris Keates**, General Secretary, NASUWT

**Brian Lightman**, General Secretary, ASCL

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The Teachers' Union



## The Big Society – the New Mums' Army?

What is the role of volunteers in securing high standards of education in the 21st century and what implications will this have for the workforce in schools?

**Tuesday 20 September 13:00-14:00**

ICC Hall 10a

**Speakers:**

**Dan Rogerson MP**, Co-Chair, Liberal Democrat Education Committee

**Chris Keates**, General Secretary, NASUWT

**Bruni de la Motte**, National Officer, Education and Children's Services, UNISON

**Neil Jameson**, Executive Director, Citizens UK

**NASUWT**  
The Teachers' Union



For more information, please visit the NASUWT on Stand 207/208.

sunday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**Unions21, Social Liberal Forum**

*The Business Case for Unions*

Can Lib Dems and unions work together to create the 'good economy'? Peter Kunzmann, Social Liberal Forum; Paul Nowak, TUC; Prof Mark Stuart; Sue Ferns; Musicians' Union TBA. unions21.org.uk @Unions21.

Lunch provided.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**Demos in partnership with Friends Life**

*Nudging the Nation*

How can Government and business work together to encourage long-term savings behaviour? Speakers: Steve Webb MP; Martin Palmer, Friends Life. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**Lib Dem European Group & The European Movement**

*Place of Strife? The Outlook for Europe's Economy*

Speakers: Charles Kennedy MP (European Movement President), Sharon Bowles MEP, Graham Bishop, Antony Hook.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

**LibDem Friends of Turkey, Ethnic Minority LibDems**

*Turkey's Booming Economy and Role within EU*

Turkish Minister Egemen Bagis and editor of *Todays Zaman*, Bülent Kenes, will join Lord McNally, Graham Watson MEP and Baroness Hussein-Ece to discuss the growing economy of Turkey and what Turkey has to offer within the EU.

Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**The Foreign Policy Centre and the BBC World Service Trust**

*Rethinking democracy & development: What role for new media?*

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Foreign Office Minister; Charlie Beckett, POLIS; Grace Githaiga, Media, Empowerment & Democracy in East Africa (MEDIEA); James Deane, BBC World Service Trust. Chair:

Baroness Kishwer Falkner.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano



**Women Liberal Democrats**

*Pension Changes for Women*

Chair: Lorely Burt MP. Speakers: Lord German and a leading pensions representative from Age UK. Increase in pension ages – increased years to pay – is the new scheme fair and just for all women?

Jurys Inn, 102

**Department of Elections & Skills**

*Campaign Innovations – Dragons' Den*

Come and hear new campaign ideas pitched to our dragons in the campaign innovations dragons' den. If you have a new idea come along and maybe get a chance to pitch it to the panel.

Jurys Inn, 103

**Birmingham City Council**

*The transformation of Birmingham City Council*

Business Transformation has delivered £250m savings, modern IT and people management, and personalisation of services. Speakers: a senior government minister (tbc); Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council.

Jurys Inn, 104



**Crisis**

*No place like home: where next for housing and homelessness?*

With radical changes under way, what is the Lib Dem vision for housing and how can homelessness be ended? Speakers: Stephen Gilbert MP; Simon Hughes MP; Lord John Shipley; Duncan Shrubsole, Crisis Policy Director.

Jurys Inn, 105

**ResPublica and Independent Age**

*Leading by a Silver Standard: Older people in the Big Society*

Launch of a ResPublica report with speakers Baroness Shirley Williams (TBC); Andrew Stunell MP (TBC); Janet Morrison, Chief Executive, Independent Age; Geraldine Bedell, Editor, Gransnet; Antonia Cox, Research Associate, ResPublica.

Jurys Inn, 106



**ALDES – Assn. LD Engineers & Scientists**

*What will expensive energy cost us?*

The effect of high energy prices on industry and economic growth. Speaker: Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group. Chair: Steve Coltman, ALDES.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

**NASUWT and NUT**

*The Future for State Education*

The Coalition Government aims to have converted many more schools into academies by the end of this Parliament. What is the future for State Education?

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



# Delivering *Quality* First



## Visit the BBC at stand R1

**Fringe event**  
BBC Daily Politics —  
The Andrew Neil Interview

Sunday 18 September, 17:30  
ICC, Hall 5

Andrew Neil interviews a senior party figure for broadcast on BBC News.

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Visit the BBC stand to find out more and to suggest a question.



## Join the RSPCA for our annual beer and curry night at conference

Sunday,  
18 September  
6.15–7.30pm  
ICC, Hall 8

Speaker: Roger Williams MP

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sunday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**ALTER**

*Stewardship: a truly Liberal idea, whose time has come*

Author of *Stewardship Economy* Julian Pratt exchanges views on the role of 'tax shifting' in a liberal democrat society with Chair of Inequality Policy Working Group, Dr David Hall-Matthews. Chair: Gareth Epps (FPC). Jurys Inn, 114



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*Local, Social, Digital*

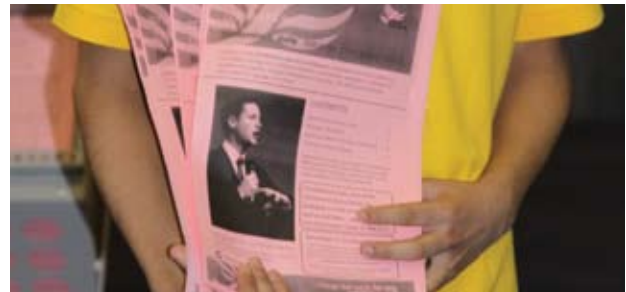
How can we use innovative approaches to engage citizens and communities in democracy? (An audience-led fringe meeting with a disrupted format.) Emma Maier (LGC), Julian Huppert MP, Mark Pack, Cllr Daisy Benson, Lucy Watt. Jurys Inn, 116



## Conference Daily

Make sure you pick up a copy of *Conference Daily* from the Information Desk as you enter The ICC 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.



## on balance

can the coalition deliver growth & fairness?

**Rt Hon Vince Cable MP** Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills

**Sir Ian Wrigglesworth** Deputy Chair, Regional Growth Fund

**Cllr Barbara Janke** Leader, Bristol City Council

**Will Hutton** Observer columnist

**Steve Hollis** Midlands Chairman, KPMG & Deputy Chair, Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP

**Chair: Joanna Averley** Interim Chief Executive, Centre for Cities

**18:15 - 19:30, Sunday 18 September**

Allegro Suite, Hyatt Regency  
(Outside the secure zone)

Refreshments provided

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# Policy Exchange at the 2011 Liberal Democrat Conference

The Mint Hotel, 1 Brunswick Square, Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HW

## SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

### Next steps for localism

**CHAIR:** Rt Hon Greg Clark MP

**SPEAKERS:** Ed Davey MP; Chris Nicholson, Chief Executive, CentreForum; Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange

20.00 | The ICC, room 10b, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA



### Remonopolising Power? Reforming the electricity market

**CHAIR:** Oliver Morton, Energy and Environment Editor, The Economist

**SPEAKERS:** Sir Robert Smith MP, Simon Less, Head of Environment & Energy, Policy Exchange, David Odling, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK, Professor George Yarrow, Chairman, Regulatory Policy Institute

18.15 | Lismore Room



## MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

### Balancing Act: Do we need to re-balance the UK economy?

**CHAIR:** John Willman, Editorial Consultant & Former Associate Editor, The Financial Times

**SPEAKERS:** Norman Lamb MP, Jane Bevis, Director of Public Affairs, The British Retail Consortium, Chris Loughran, Senior Partner – Midlands, Deloitte, Matt Oakley, Head of Economics & Social Policy, Policy Exchange

08.00 | Barra Room



## TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

### Getting the UK saving again: Are radical solutions needed?

**CHAIR:** Kevin Maguire, Associate Political Editor, The Daily Mirror

**SPEAKERS:** Lord Newby, Tony Hobman, Chief Executive, Money Advice Service, Matt Oakley, Head of Economics & Social Policy, Policy Exchange, Chris Rhodes, Executive Director – Products and Marketing, Nationwide Building Society

13.00 | Barra Room



### 2020 Hindsight: Does the Renewable Energy Strategy help us decarbonise?

**CHAIR:** Geoffrey Lean, Contributing Editor – Environment, The Daily Telegraph

**SPEAKERS:** Lord Teverson, Simon Less, Head of Environment & Energy, Policy Exchange, David Palmer-Jones, CEO, SITA UK, Michael Pollitt, Assistant Director, ESRC Electricity Policy Research Group, University of Cambridge

13.00 | Barra Room



### Social Housing: Fixing the current mess

**CHAIR:** Matt Oakley, Head of Economics & Social Policy, Policy Exchange

**SPEAKERS:** Andrew Stunell MP, John Bird, Founder, The Big Issue, Abigail Davies, Assistant Director of Policy & Practice, Chartered Institute for Housing, Mark Henderson, CEO, Home Group

13.00 | Lismore Room



### Law and Order online: The future of internet regulation

**CHAIR:** Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange

**SPEAKERS:** Julian Huppert MP, Dr Evan Harris, Mark Pack, Head of Digital, MHP Communications

13.00 | Lismore Room

### How liberal is the Coalition policy on victims of crime?

**SPEAKERS:** Rt Hon Lord McNally, Julian Huppert MP, Blair Gibbs, Head of Crime & Justice, Policy Exchange, Javed Khan, Chief Executive, Victim Support

18.15 | Barra Room



### Can Coalition politics deliver the rehab revolution?

**CHAIR:** Simon Israel, Home Affairs Correspondent, ITN News

**SPEAKERS:** Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP, Rory Geoghegan, Researcher – Crime & Justice, Policy Exchange, Rob Owen, Chief Executive, St Giles Trust, Debbie Ryan, Director of Justice Division, Working Links

18.15 | Barra Room



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**BBC Daily Politics**

*The Andrew Neil Interview*

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The ICC, Hall 5



**Hosted by ActionAid, Amnesty International and the Women Liberal Democrats**

*Peace with Justice? The UK's legacy in Afghanistan*

Jo Swinson MP; Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (invited); Sabrina Saqib, Ex MP of the Afghan Parliament; Horia Mosadiq, Afghanistan Researcher, Amnesty International.

The ICC, Hall 6a



**Age UK, RBS, PayPoint**

*Can the market deliver financial inclusion for older people?*

High street or corner shop? Chaired by Paul Lewis, Presenter, Money Box; Baroness Kramer; Peter Brooker, PayPoint; Sarah Deaves, RBS; Tom Wright CBE, Age UK.

The ICC, Hall 6b



**Centre for European Reform / Business for New Europe**

*Will the euro crisis split the EU?*

Speakers: The Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP; Sharon Bowles MEP; Michael Moore MP (tbc); Baroness Shirley Williams. Chair: Simon Tilford, CER. Sponsored by: Citi.

The ICC, Hall 7a



**Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**

*Food for thought: How can localism support local food?*

Speakers: Duncan Hames MP (chair); Andrew George MP, Co-chair, DEFRA Backbench Committee (tbc); Neil Sinden, Policy and Campaigns Director, CPRE; other speakers tbc. Food local to Birmingham will be served.

The ICC, Hall 7b



**RSPCA**

*RSPCA Beer and Curry night*

Join the RSPCA for our annual beer and curry night and topical quiz. Speaker: Roger Williams MP.

The ICC, Hall 8



**Liberal Democrat Christian Forum and the Accord Coalition**

*Religion in education: Towards division or inspiration?*

Speakers to include Dr Evan Harris, Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain MBE, Professor Mary James from the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education and Jackie Hughes, Director of Education for the C of E Diocese of Birmingham.

The ICC, Hall 10a

**Chemical Industries Association**

*Is a Green Economy Costing Jobs in the UK?*

Chair: Ian Swales MP. Speakers: Fiona Hall MEP and Steve Elliott, CIA Chief Executive.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1



**All Together for the NHS with the TUC**

*Health Bill: Still a dangerous prescription for the NHS?*

Frances O'Grady, TUC (Chair); Dr Evan Harris; Ann Green, Physiotherapist and Clinical Educator; Christina McAnea, Unison; Dr Ron Singer, Unite; Prof Cathy Warwick, RCM.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



**WWF-UK**

*50th Birthday Party showing Astonish Me an inspirational short film written by Stephen Poliakoff*

With David Nussbaum Chief Executive of WWF-UK, Andy Wales of SABMiller plc and Julian Rush, Science / Environment Journalist & Broadcaster.

Contact: publicaffairs@wwf.org.uk.

The ICC, Castle Fine Arts Gallery



**Centre for Cities**

*On Balance: can the coalition deliver growth and fairness?*

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Sir Ian Wigglesworth; Will Hutton; Steve Hollis, KPMG & Deputy Chair, Birmingham & Solihull LEP; Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council. Chair: Joanna Averley, Centre for Cities.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro



**Shelter & Places for People**

*Housing the nation: making the case for better homes*

Discussion on the future of housing policy. Lord Shipley (Former Leader Newcastle Council / LGA), Jack Dromey MP (Labour Shadow CLG), Campbell Robb (Shelter). David Cowans (Places for People), Matt Oakley (Policy Exchange).

Hyatt Regency, Andante



sunday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**Money Advice Trust & Building Societies Association**

*How can lenders, Govt & advice bodies aid worried borrowers?*

With increasing numbers of borrowers struggling, how can we help them keep their heads above water? Speakers: Joanna Elson OBE, Money Advice Trust, & Adrian Coles OBE, Building Societies Association; other speakers TBC.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**Liberal Democrats in England**

*Penhaligon Award: Nominees' Presentations*

The local parties short-listed for the award this year will each give a short presentation. Your chance to hear about best practice in recruiting, involving and retaining members this year.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

**Social Market Foundation & Which?**

*Keeping the home fires burning*

'Who's to blame for spiralling energy bills – companies, consumers or government?' Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (tbc); Richard Lloyd, *Which?*; a representative of the energy industry.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano



**Demos**

*The Demos Grill: An in-conversation*

Danny Alexander MP in conversation with Steve Richards, *The Independent*.

Jurys Inn, 101

**South Central & South East Regions**

*Regional Reception*

A great way to start Conference by having a drink and a chat with MPs, MEPs and members from across both Regions. Free entry – cash bar available.

Jurys Inn, 102



**Calor and Lib Dem Defra parliamentary committee**

*Keeping the countryside affordable for all*

How do we ensure rural communities are affordable places to live and work in for everyone? Speakers include Dame Fiona Reynolds, National Trust; Paul Blacklock, Calor; chaired by Andrew George MP.

Jurys Inn, 103



**Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association**

*Party v Government. Can party policy just be ignored?*

Can party policy on legal aid be ignored? Holding the Party to account whilst in Government. Speakers: Peter

Lodder QC, Chairman of the Bar Council; Tom Brake MP; Geoff Payne; Alistair Webster QC, Chair.

Jurys Inn, 104



**The Foreign Policy Centre and Rio Tinto**

*Energy in an uncertain world: Achieving a low carbon future*

Panellists: Fiona Hall MEP, Leader, Lib Dem MEPs; Chris Davies MEP, European Environment Committee; Sir Robert Smith MP, DECC Select Committee (invited); Andrew Pendleton, ippr; Tom Burke, Rio Tinto.

Jurys Inn, 105



**ResPublica and Stonham Services**

*New models, new partnerships: Bottom-up community care+support*

With Norman Lamb MP, PPS to Nick Clegg; Charles Fraser CBE, Chief Executive, St Mungo's (TBC); Rachael Byrne, Director, Stonham Services; John Evans, Stonham client; Anna Dixon, Director of Policy, King's Fund (TBC).

Jurys Inn, 106



**Liberal Democrats Friends of Pakistan (LDFFP) 11th Anniversary**

*Pakistan High Commission Annual Buffet Reception*

HE Wajid Hassan; Deputy Prime Minister Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP (tbc); Simon Hughes MP; Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Lords Leader Rt Hon Lord Tom McNally; Chair Qassim Afzal (FE). Contact 07956873046, qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com.

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

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111



**Campaign for Gender Balance**

*Family-friendly working: will MPs practise what they preach?*

Could MPs job-share, etc.? Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Minister for Equalities; Sarah Jackson OBE, CEO Working Families; Anna Bird, CEO Fawcett Society; Maggy Piggott CBE, job-sharing CEO. Chair: Dinti Batstone.

Jurys Inn, 112



**CentreForum, ResPublica and Fabian Society**

*Is there such a thing as society?*

New approaches to community. Speakers: Phillip Blond, ResPublica; Andrew Harrop, Fabian Society and Lord Storey.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



sunday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**Jubilee Debt Campaign, World Development Movement**

*Tackling the root causes of global inequality*  
Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair of International Development Select Committee; Noreena Hertz, author and economist (TBC); Deborah Doane, Director, World Development Movement; Nick Dearden, Director, Jubilee Debt Campaign.  
Jurys Inn, 114



Region; George Beveridge, Deputy MD, Sellafield Sites; Tim Leunig, Chief Economist, CentreForum.  
Novotel Birmingham Centre,  
Wedgewood Suite



**British Youth Council, UKYP & The Co-operative supported by O2 & Liberal Youth**

*What's Youth Got to Do With It?*  
Join the Debate, with an audience of young people: 6.15pm. Followed by reception at 7.45pm. Speakers include: Simon Hughes MP; Tom Wood, Liberal Youth. Panel: BYC, Co-operative, O2 Think Big.

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

IET Birmingham: Austin Court,  
Lecture Hall and Waterside Room



**Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)**

*Building our future: Planning and housing reform*  
Delivering the communities we want. Andrew Stunell MP, Local Government Minister; Lord Graham Tope, CLG spokesperson and elected member for London Borough of Sutton; Gary Day, McCarthy & Stone; Kate Henderson, TCPA.  
Jurys Inn, 116



**Transport Hub**

*Chief Executives' Dinner*

Invitation-only dinner with senior political audience and Chief Executives or equivalent of Transport Hub members.

**Note: this event will end at 23.00**

Hyatt Regency, Concerto



**Total Politics**

*Future of Energy: Balancing Nuclear and Sustainable Energy*

Panel: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change; Fiona Hall MEP, North East



National Association of Local Councils

# What is the Big Society?

Sunday 18th September, 20.00 - 21.15

Hall 10A Reception, the ICC

Chair **Steve Richards**,  
Chief Political Commentator, The Independent (invited)

**Andrew Stunell MP**,  
Minister for Communities and Local Government (invited)

## Delegate Cocktail Reception

sunday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

**Social Liberal Forum and the *Liberator* Collective**

*Where do we go from here? Lib Dem priorities until 2015*

What should be our key policies and strategies for the rest of the parliament? Speakers: Will Hutton, The Work Foundation; Jackie Ashley, *The Guardian*; Julian Huppert MP. Chair: David Hall-Matthews, SLF.

The ICC, Hall 5

**National Association of Local Councils**

*What is the Big Society?*

Delegate Cocktail Reception. Chair: Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator, *The Independent* (invited); Andrew Stunell MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government (invited).

The ICC, Hall 10a



**CentreForum and Policy Exchange**

*Next steps for localism*

Speakers: Rt Hon Greg Clark MP; Ed Davey MP; Chris Nicholson and Neil O'Brien. Chair: Duncan Greenland.

The ICC, Hall 10b



**CentreForum and RSPB**

*Neighbourhood planning for nature and people?*

Speakers: Cllr Louise Bloom; Miles Clarke, Chief Executive, RSPB; Dr Tim Leunig and Andrew Stunell MP.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8



**National Autistic Society**

*Cocktails and Conversations*

What choice is there for children with special educational needs? Event Chair: Andy Sparrow, *The Guardian*. Keynote Speeches: Sarah Teather MP, Minister; Damian Milton, Parent. Other MPs will host discussions.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1



**CBI**

*Building the low-carbon economy*

Creating the climate for green investment. Keynote Speeches: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State; Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy; Rhian Kelly, Director for Business Environment, CBI.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2



**Come to the Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel Fringe Meeting**

**Sunday 18th September 8 - 9.15 pm**

**Jurys Inn Hotel, Room 101**

# The Israeli Peace Initiative: Can it succeed?

**Speakers: Dr Alon Liel**

(Former Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry)

**Jeremy Browne MP**

(Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

**Sir Alan Beith MP**

(President, Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel)

**Chair: Sarah Ludford MEP**

(Vice-President, Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel)

*Light Refreshments*



sunday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

**The Disability Benefits Consortium**

*Welfare reform: Benefiting disabled people?*

Join us at this 'in conversation with' event with Jenny Willott MP (invited). If you have any accessibility needs please contact: [rspence@disabilityalliance.org.uk](mailto:rspence@disabilityalliance.org.uk) in advance.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro



**Green Liberal Democrats**

*Supermarketopoly – are they taking over?*

What is the environmental cost of supermarkets? Can big add value to the high street? Andrew George MP opens up the discussion with Jane Bevis, Dir. British Retail Cons, and Helen Rimmer, FOE; FSB rep invited.

Hyatt Regency, Andante



**League Against Cruel Sports**

*How can government protect wildlife?*

Joe Duckworth, League Against Cruel Sports.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**Social Market Foundation & Standard Life**

*Pensions auto-enrolment: nudging to higher or lower savings?*

Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; David Nish, Standard Life; Dr Ros Altman, Saga; Dr Adam Marshall, British Chambers of Commerce; Ian Mulheirn, SMF (Chair).

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**Liberal Democrat Education Association**

*Academies and Free Schools – What next?*

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP; Christine Blower, General Secretary, NUT; Cllr. Peter Downes, Vice President, LDEA; Cllr. Oliver Wells, Associate Principal, Westminster Academy. Chair: Andrew Bridgwater, Chair, LDEA.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

**Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel**

*Israel's Peace Initiative: can it succeed?*

Speakers: Dr Alon Liel (Former Director-General, Israeli Foreign Ministry); Jeremy Browne MP (Foreign Office Minister); Sir Alan Beith MP (President LDFI). Chair:

Sarah Ludford MEP (Vice President LDFI).

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**Prater Raines Ltd**

*Stronger Campaigning: Using Online Petitions to the Max*

Integrating online and off-line campaigning will improve your petition responses. Get more from petitions, with speakers Peter Carroll (Gurkha Justice Campaign and FairFuelUK) & Neil Fawcett (Lib Dem organiser, OxWAb). Jurys Inn, 103

**Say No To Trident – A Lib Dem ACT group**

*Britain's Nuclear Weapons – Latest Developments towards 2060*

Speakers: Peter Burt, Nuclear Information Service; Kate Hudson, Chair CND and a Great Liberal Democrat parliamentarian! Trident isn't the only story. Get a full picture of Britain's intentions over the next decades.

Jurys Inn, 104

**Campaign for Gender Balance**

*CGB Networking Drinks*

A reception for potential women candidates and all those in the Party who are keen to help increase our number of women Parliamentarians. Keynote speaker: Lynne Featherstone MP.

Jurys Inn, 105



**ResPublica**

*Civic Limits: How much more involved can people get?*

Launch of a ResPublica report, with Lord Rennard, Chair of ACEVO Commission on the Big Society; Richard Wilson, ResPublica Associate and Founder / Director of Involve; Phillip Blond, Director, ResPublica.

Jurys Inn, 106



**Liberal Democrats Friends of Kashmir (LDFK) 11th Anniversary**

*Kashmir Diaspora Perspective is the World concerned (policy)*

Nuclear Neighbours A Dialog To Peace. Speakers: HE Wajid Hassan; Deputy Leader Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP; Liz Lynne MEP; Paul Rowan. Chair: Qassim Afzal (Federal Executive). Contact 07956873046, [qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com](mailto:qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com).

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111



**Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**

*Local Campaigning on National issues*

How do we campaign as a party in the new political environment? What are the best ways to deliver our party campaigns locally and nationally? With Andrew Stunell MP, Chris Huhne MP and Shaun Roberts. Drinks provided.

Jurys Inn, 112



## All Party Parliamentary Water Group

# TOMORROW'S WATER

## Preparing for the Water White Paper

Chair **Andrew George MP**, Co-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Water Group

**Dan Rogerson MP**, Environment Select Committee

**Graeme Simms**, Director of Regulation, United Utilities

**Michelle Lewis**, Head of Communications, Yorkshire Water

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

**Monday 19th September, 13.00 - 14.00**

**Allegro Room, Hyatt Regency**

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## The Rural Reception

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**Monday 19 September 2011**

**1.00pm - 2.00pm**

**Dolce Room, Hyatt Regency,  
Birmingham**

Hosted by The Lord Redesdale

**Speakers:** Roger Williams MP – Chair of the  
Liberal Democrat Policy Committee on Wales,  
Tom Brake MP – Co-Chair of the Home Affairs  
Committee

*Buffet lunch provided*





sunday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

**CentreForum and TheCityUK**

*Ensuring EU financial services reform supports growth*

Speakers: Sharon Bowles MEP; Chris Cummings, Chief Executive, TheCityUK and Lord Razzall. Chair: Lord Newby.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



**ALDE Group**

*Where have all the insects gone?*

No bugs, no birds, no biodiversity. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Matt Shardlow, Chief Exec, Buglife.

Jurys Inn, 114



**Lib Dem HS2 Challenge Group**

*A better alternative to HS2?*

A debate to consider the FACTS that should be published before we write the cheque for £33billion. Includes Jerry Marshall Chair of AGAHST (Action Groups Against High Speed Two) and a parliamentary speaker.

Jurys Inn, 116

**Boehringer Ingelheim, Age UK, Local Government Information Unit**

*The Big Health Quiz*

A fun health related quiz, all welcome. Free traditional pub grub and soft drinks. Speaker: Andrew George MP, Member Select Committee on Health (Invited).

BigHealthQuiz@ketchum.com.

**Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 21.00**  
Pitcher and Piano, Lower Room



**LGA Liberal Democrats**

*Local Government Reception*

The popular Local Government reception returns for another year! Friends of local government welcome. Speeches from the Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP and Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Lib Dem Group Leader. Kindly sponsored by CCLA.

**Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 22.30**  
The ICC, Hall 8a



**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.

**Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 22.30**  
The ICC, Hall 8b



sunday late evening 21.45 – 23.00

**The European Azerbaijan Society**

*From Baku to Birmingham*

A drinks reception sponsored by The European Azerbaijan Society with short addresses by HE Fakhreddin Gurbanov, Azerbaijani Ambassador to the UK, and Lord German, member of the Azerbaijan All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Hyatt Regency, Andante



Sunday 18th September

**West Midlands Liberal Democrats**

*Members reception*

Admission by ticket only, available from the region's stand 300a in Hall 4. Guests include Nick Clegg. Wine and canapés. Supported by Midshire Business Systems.

**Note: this event will end at 00.45**

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



**CentreForum, BVCA and Policy Exchange**

*Conference Reception*

Supported by Diageo. By Invitation only.

**Note: this event will start at 22.00 and end at 00.00**  
Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**South West Liberal Democrats**

*South West Joint Regional Reception*

Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions warmly invite their delegates to a reception in Room 102 at Jurys Inn. Cash bar.

Jurys Inn, 102

# Liberal Democrat Party Conference 2011

**Monday 19 September**  
**Smarter Networks:  
 Empowering the  
 people?**

Speaker: **Duncan Hames MP**  
 1pm-2pm  
 Novotel, Garden room  
 Central Birmingham



**Is there a future for  
 discovering and  
 producing medicines  
 in the UK?**

Speaker: **Julian Huppert MP**  
 1pm-2pm  
 Novotel,  
 Burne - Jones room  
 Central Birmingham



**In conversation with  
 The Rt Hon Danny  
 Alexander MP**

Speaker:  
**Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP**  
 Chief Secretary  
 to the Treasury  
 1pm-2pm  
 Novotel, Priestly room  
 Central Birmingham



**Palestine: in the shadow  
 of the Arab Uprising -  
 what role should  
 Britain play?**

Speakers:  
**Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP**  
 Deputy Leader of the  
 Liberal Democrats,  
**Rt Hon  
 Sir Menzies Campbell MP**  
 6.15pm-7.15pm,  
 Novotel,  
 Burne - Jones room  
 Central Birmingham



**Monday 19 September**  
**All in it together?  
 The winners and  
 losers of the Coalition's  
 university reforms**

Speaker:  
**Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP**  
 6.15pm-7.15pm,  
 Novotel, Priestly room  
 Central Birmingham



**Where would we be  
 without UK landlords?**

Speaker: **Stephen Gilbert MP**  
 6.15pm-7.15pm,  
 Novotel, Garden room  
 Central Birmingham



**Tuesday 20 September**  
**Will we ever be a nation  
 of responsible drinkers?**

Speaker: **Andrew George MP**  
 1pm-2pm, Novotel,  
 Garden room  
 Central Birmingham



**What will our schools  
 look like in 2016?**

Speaker: **Sarah Teather MP**  
 Minister of State for Children  
 and Families  
 1-2pm, Novotel,  
 Burne - Jones room  
 Central Birmingham



**Who should profit from  
 the penal system?**

Speaker: **Rt Hon Lord McNally**  
 Minister of State  
 for Justice  
 1-2pm, Novotel,  
 Priestly room  
 Central  
 Birmingham



**How can we  
 empower  
 headteachers to  
 improve our schools?**

Speaker:  
**Dan Rogerson MP**  
 6.15pm-7.30pm,  
 Novotel,  
 Burne - Jones room  
 Central  
 Birmingham



**How can Government  
 and business  
 nurture a green tech  
 revolution?**

Speaker:  
**Lorely Burt MP**  
 6.15pm-7.30pm,  
 Jurys Inn,  
 Room 104  
 Central  
 Birmingham



**Is government tax  
 policy driving  
 illicit trade?**

Speaker:  
**Gordon Birtwistle MP**  
 6.15pm-7.30pm,  
 Novotel,  
 Garden room  
 Central  
 Birmingham



**Can we afford to  
 work locally?**

Speaker:  
**Lorely Burt MP**  
 9.15pm-10.15pm,  
 Novotel,  
 Priestly room  
 Central  
 Birmingham



Refreshments provided at all events.  
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MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2011 7.30PM-10PM

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# Hands On

## What role for local authorities in education?

Join us to debate if, as Tony Travers has said, "Councils' role in education is in terminal decline" or as Michael Gove assures "local authorities have a crucial role to play as strong, strategic champions".

Rt Hon David Laws MP

Jonathan Carr-West, LGIU

Cllr Peter Downes  
Cambridgeshire County Council

Jon Richards, UNISON

Christine Blower, NUT (Chair)

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Monday 19 September Hall 10a, ICC Birmingham



# Hands Off

1 year to go  
Ask London 2012

### London 2012 fringe event with refreshments

Monday 19 September, 1-2pm

ICC Birmingham, Hall 5

- Seb Coe, London 2012 Organising Committee Chair
- Jonathan Edwards CBE, Olympian
- Rt Hon Don Foster MP
- Cllr Chris White, Local Government Association

### London 2012 reception, supported by Visa and Lloyds TSB

Monday 19 September, 6.15-7.30pm

Hyatt Regency Birmingham, Sonata Suite



# fringe monday 19th september

monday morning 07.15 – 08.30

## Demos in partnership with Drinkaware

### *In it Together*

How can parents and teachers tackle youth binge drinking? Lynne Featherstone MP (invited); Jamie Bartlett, Demos; Vivienne Evans, Adfam; Chris Sorek, Drinkaware; Jeremy Todd, Family Lives; David Brindle, *The Guardian*.

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

The ICC, Hall 6a



## Fabian Society supported by EEF

### *Have we got the balance right on climate change policy?*

Lead speaker: Duncan Hames MP. An expert panel looks at the government's green record and if a carbon tax could be what the environment and business needs. Email james.hallwood@fabian-society.org.uk to register.

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

The ICC, Hall 7b



## Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)

### *UK Automotive: Driving Growth*

Breakfast roundtable with Rt Hon Vince Cable MP (invited) and Paul Everitt, Chief Executive, SMMT, to discuss the role of the UK automotive industry in driving economic growth.

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

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8



## CBI

### *Transforming Public Services: Can we afford not to?*

Chair: Katja Hall, Chief Policy Director, CBI. Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Mark Lovell, Chief Executive, A4E; Derek Osbourne, Leader Kingston Council.

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

The ICC, Dods Marquee 3



## National Youth Agency

### *The future role of councils in securing a local youth offer*

Policy Roundtable, by invitation only (jonathanh@nya.org.uk). Chair: Cllr David Bellotti. Speakers: Fiona Blacke, CEO, NYA; Andrew Stunell MP (invited); Annette Brooke MP (invited).

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

The ICC, Youth Zone



## Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Group

### *The workshop of the world: securing jobs & growth in Birmingham*

Speakers: Minister, TBC, and Steve Hollis, Deputy Chair of the Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP. This business-led debate will consider how to deliver growth and jobs in Greater Birmingham.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro



## CentreForum and Microsoft

### *How should we tackle the skills gap in UK business?*

Speakers: Tessa Munt MP and Stephen Uden, Head of Skills and Economic Affairs, Microsoft.

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

Hyatt Regency, Andante



## The Centre for London at Demos in partnership with Asda

### *What's the winning formula for London?*

The 2012 mayoral election and beyond. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Mike Tuffrey, Member of the London Assembly; Jude Kelly, Southbank Centre; Ben Rogers, Centre for London. Chair: Jonathan Freedland, *The Guardian*.

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

Jurys Inn, 103



## Demos in partnership with Dr Foster

### *What the doctor ordered?*

Can data transparency revolutionise public services? Tom Brake MP; Mike Farrar, NHS Confederation; Claire Fox, Institute of Ideas; Ben Lucas, 2020 Public Service Trust; Roger Taylor, Dr Foster; Philip Collins, Demos.

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

Jurys Inn, 104



## Make Justice Work

### *Can fewer prisoners mean less crime?*

The findings of our National Enquiry, Community or Custody: Which Works Best? Discussed with our expert panel: Peter Osborne (Chair), Lord Blair, Roma Hooper, Paul McDowell, Dame Anne Owers, Javed Khan and John Thornhill.

**Note: this event will start at 07.30 and end at 09.00**

Jurys Inn, 105



# There is an alternative

Supporting local services: A fair way forward

## PCS fringe meeting

ICC Birmingham, Exec meeting room 1

Monday 19 September, 1pm – 2pm

### Speakers:

John Pugh, MP for Southport

Mark Serwotka, PCS General Secretary

Prem Sikka, Professor of Accounting at the University of Essex

Alison Garnham, Chief Executive Child Poverty Action Group (invited)

Refreshments provided



**Public and Commercial Services Union** | [pcs.org.uk](http://pcs.org.uk)



The **co-operative** Foundation Trust Network

**MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**  
**18:15 - 19:30**

Hall 6b, ICC

## Commission on Ownership

### Good Ownership

#### SPEAKERS:

- Ed Davey MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Will Hutton, Chair, Commission on Ownership
- Peter Marks, Group Chief Executive, The Co-operative Group
- Sue Slipman, Director, Foundation Trust Network
- Peter Hunt, Chief Executive, Mutuo



**MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**  
**13:00-14:00**

Exec Room 2, ICC

## Fostering diversity: Promoting mutuals

#### SPEAKERS:

- Baroness Maddock, Joint-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Building Societies and Financial Mutuals
- Adrian Coles, Director General, Building Societies Association
- Martin Shaw, Chief Executive, Association of Financial Mutuals
- Mark Lyonette, Chief Executive, Association of British Credit Unions



monday morning 07.15 – 08.30 continued

**Transport Hub – CILT event**

*Transport: A Vision for 2035 – Profit vs. Sustainability*  
Norman Baker MP (invited); relevant industry and political panel TBC. CILT will present their Vision 2035 study and a discussion on how logistics will change over the next 30 years.

**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 110



**Liberal Democrat Christian Forum**

*Morning Praise*

Join us to start the day with prayer in Room 112, Jurys Inn, at 8.15. Finish by 8.45 am. Everyone welcome.

**Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45**  
Jurys Inn, 112

**CentreForum, Citizens Advice and Wonga**

*Credit where credit's due: short-term loans and the consumer*

The meeting will discuss the provision of short-term credit and consider new approaches towards industry standards and regulation. Speakers: Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; Henry Raine, Wonga, and Stephen Williams MP.

**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



**Policy Exchange and Deloitte**

*Balancing Act: Do we need to re-balance the UK economy?*

Chair: John Willman, Editorial Consultant. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Jane Bevis, The British Retail Consortium; Chris Loughran, Senior Partner Midlands, Deloitte; Matt Oakley, Policy Exchange.

**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Mint Hotel, Barra Room



**Action for Children**

*Action for Children's Early Start: Giving young people a stake in society*

Host: Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive, Action for Children. This event will feature a series of interactive round-table discussions.

**Note: this event will start at 08.30 and end at 09.00**  
Novotel Birmingham Centre,  
Priestley & Darwin Suites



## Party training

### Free training sessions for party members

There is an extensive range of free training events for party members at conference.

Training sessions take place on **Saturday 17th September** in the **Hyatt Regency** and on **Sunday 18th to Tuesday 20th September** in the **Jurys Inn**.



A party membership card or conference photo pass is required for entry. For details, see the *Conference Training Programme* or view online at [www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers](http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers)

## The Guardian Debate



### Confirmed Panel

Lord Ashdown, Tim Farron MP, The Rt Hon Dr Vincent Cable MP, Lynne Featherstone MP

Monday 19 September, 1 - 2pm, Hall 1, ICC, Birmingham

Refreshments provided

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

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# Ripping up the Rule Book

## *Transforming universal services*

Monday 19 September 2011, 13.00-14.00

The ICC, Hall 6b

What will universal services such as Libraries, Environmental Services and Local Transport Services look like in 2015 and beyond? Join us for this session to debate how local authorities can be challenged to think innovatively about transforming services.

**Andrew Stunell OBE MP**, *Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, CLG*

**Norman Lamb MP**, *Member of Parliament for North Norfolk*

**Cllr Sean Brennan**, *Leader, London Borough of Sutton*

**Nicola Peake**, *Managing Director, Environmental Services, May Gurney*

**Chair: Simon Parker**, *Director, NLGN*

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monday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

**The Guardian**

*Guardian Debate*

Midterm Makeover: What must the Liberal Democrats do next? Speakers include: Lord Ashdown; Rt Hon Dr Vincent Cable MP; Tim Farron MP; Lynne Featherstone MP.

The ICC, Hall 1



**London 2012**

*Ask London 2012: 1 Year to Go*

Speakers: Rt Hon Don Foster MP; Seb Coe, Chair, London 2012 Organising Committee; Cllr Chris White, Local Government Association. Chair: Jonathan Edwards, Olympian.

The ICC, Hall 5



**The Work Foundation**

*Health, work & wellbeing in an age of austerity*

Speakers: Stephen Bevan (The Work Foundation) & John Pugh MP (invited). We will be debating how a person's ability to work can be enshrined within the new NHS and how employers can be supported to keep people in work.

The ICC, Hall 6a



**NLGN / May Gurney**

*Ripping up the Rule Book: Transforming universal services*

Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Local Government Minister; Norman Lamb MP; Cllr Sean Brennan, London Borough of Sutton; Nicola Peake, May Gurney. Chair: Simon Parker, NLGN.

The ICC, Hall 6b



**Parliamentary Candidates' Association**

*In government but not yet a minister...*

What role can Lib Dem MPs play in an era of Coalition? Come and join the PCA in this stimulating debate.

Speakers include Norman Lamb MP, chief advisor to Nick Clegg. Open to all.

The ICC, Hall 7a



**Nuclear Industry Association**

*Nuclear New Build*

Speakers: Rt. Hon Lord Hutton of Furness (Chair), Alan Raymant (COO, Horizon Nuclear Power). Other speakers tbc.

The ICC, Hall 8a



**The Times and Populus**

*Liberal Democrats and the voters*

Chair: Camilla Cavendish, Associate Editor, *The Times*. Speakers: James Harding, Editor, *The Times*, Rick Nye, Director, Populus. Free entry.

The ICC, Hall 8b



**LGiU / NUT / Unison**

*Hands on or off: what role 4 local authorities in education?*

David Laws MP; Cllr Peter Downes, Cambridgeshire CC; Jonathan Carr-West, LGiU; Jon Richards, Unison; Christine Blower, NUT (Chair).

The ICC, Hall 10a



**Northumbrian Water and Association of North East Councils**

*Working together for a sustainable North East*

Chair: Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP. Speakers: Heidi Mottram, Northumbrian Water and Councillor Jeff Reid, Association of North East Councils.

The ICC, Hall 10b



**Public and Commercial Services Union**

*Supporting local services: A fair way forward*

Speakers: John Pugh MP for Southport; Mark Serwotka, PCS general secretary; Prem Sikka, professor of accounting, Essex university; Alison Garnham, Chief Executive Child Poverty Action Group (invited).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1



**Mutuo**

*Fostering diversity: Promoting mutuals*

Speakers: Baroness Maddock, Chair; Adrian Coles, Building Societies Association; Martin Shaw, Association of Financial Mutuals; Mark Lyonette, Association of British Credit Unions.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



**LGiU and Partnership**

*Local Care or Social Care: Funding Care post-Dilnot*

Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Jonathan Carr-West, Director of Policy, LGiU; Chris Horlick, Partnership, Long-term care specialists; Cllr Liz Green, Deputy Leader, RB Kingston Upon Thames.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8





## Sustainable business in a sustainable economy

- Monday 19th September: 1pm – 2pm
- Hyatt Regency Drawing Room
- Food and drink available

### Panel includes:

- Paul Abberley, CEO Aviva Investors London
- Marie Sigsworth, Aviva Group Corporate Responsibility Director
- Corporate Governance Minister Edward Davey MP (tbc)
- Mark Goyder, Founding Director, Tomorrow's Company
- Lord Razzell to chair (tbc)

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**Transport for Greater Manchester Committee** (formerly GMITA) is working to improve the region's economic growth.

**Greater Manchester Combined Authority** – the first in the country, has more local decision-making power on transport, economic development and regeneration, regional planning, skills and air quality. Our new powers will strengthen the transport offer in the country's largest economic centre outside of London.

Come to our fringe meeting to find out what is top of Transport for Greater Manchester Committee's agenda.

**Monday 19 September 2011  
1pm to 2pm**

**Andante Room  
Hyatt Regency, Birmingham**

**Guest speakers  
Minister invited  
Councillor Richard Knowles  
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group  
Transport for Greater Manchester  
Committee**

**Greater Manchester – the country's first Combined Authority**



monday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**A|D|S**

*Foundations for the Future*

Defence & Security in an Unstable World. Chair: Deborah Haines, *The Times*. Speakers: Nick Harvey MP, Minister for Defence, & Douglas Barrie, The International Institute for Strategic Studies.  
The ICC, Dods Marquee 3



**Transition to Adulthood (T2A) Alliance**

*Effective local services for young adults in the CJS*  
Speakers: Rt. Hon. Lord McNally (invited), Justice Minister; Clive Martin, Director Clinks; Penelope Gibbs, Director of Out of Trouble, Prison Reform Trust; Mike Maiden, CEO Staffordshire & West Midlands Probation Trust.  
The ICC, Youth Zone



**All Party Parliamentary Water Group**

*Tomorrow's Water – Preparing for the Water White Paper*

Chair: Andrew George MP, Co-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Water Group; Dan Rogerson MP, Environment Select Committee; Graeme Simms, United Utilities; Michelle Lewis, Yorkshire Water; Peter Simpson, Anglian Water.  
Hyatt Regency, Allegro



**Transport for Greater Manchester Committee**

*What is top of TfGMC's agenda?*

Minister invited. Councillor Richard Knowles, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, TfGMC.  
Hyatt Regency, Andante



**College of Occupational Therapists & College of Social Work**

*Supporting Vulnerable People & the Future of Social Care*

Roundtable on how social workers & occupational therapists help vulnerable people to gain independence & how Government can work with them to give the best outcomes for those in need. Invites: greg.stafford@cot.co.uk.  
Hyatt Regency, Concerto



**BASC & The Angling Trust**

*The Rural Reception*

Hosted by Lord Redesdale. Speakers: Roger Williams MP, Tom Brake MP (TBC).  
Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**Aviva**

*Sustainable business in a sustainable economy*

Minister for Corporate Governance, Edward Davey MP; Alain Dromer, CEO Aviva Investors; Marie Sigsworth, Aviva Group CR Director; Mark Goyder, Founding Director, Tomorrow's Company; Lord Razzall (tbc).  
Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room



**IPPR North and Careers Development Group**

*The welfare of communities: what roads to full employment?*

Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Roy O'Shaughnessy, Chief Executive, Careers Development Group; Brian Johnson, Chief Executive, Moat Housing Association. Chair: Ed Cox, Director, IPPR North.  
Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**Centro**

*Smart Network – Smarter Choices*

Chair: Councillor Jon Hunt; Vice Chair Centro. Confirmed speakers: Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport; Geoff Inskip, Chief Executive Centro; Rhiane Davies, Managing Director ACT Travelwise.  
Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



**British Chambers of Commerce**

*Business Question Time: where next for the UK economy?*

A panel debate around the future of the UK economy, with guest speakers Rt Hon Vince Cable (TBC), Steve Brittan, BSA Machine Tools, and Mike Wright, Jaguar Land Rover (TBC).  
Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**The Smith Institute, Asthma UK & UNISON**

*Are We Creating A Postcode NHS?*

Baroness Williams; Dr Samantha Walker (Executive Director, Research & Policy, Asthma UK); Christina McAnea (National Secretary, Health, UNISON); Dr Peter Patel (Chief Exec, South Birmingham Independent Commissioners).  
Hyatt Regency, Soprano



**ALDE Group**

*Has fish had its chips?*

Is it too late to save Europe's seas? Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Professor Alex Rogers, University of Oxford; Andrew George MP.  
Jurys Inn, 102



monday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**Micropower Council, PRASEG, UKBCSE**

*Saving Community Power – Changing the Green Energy Debate*

Chair: Fiona Harvey, Environment Correspondent, *Guardian*. Speakers: Tessa Munt MP; Doug Parr, Chief Scientist, Greenpeace UK; Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, Micropower Council.

Jurys Inn, 103



**Save the Children**

*Supporting families, boosting children's chances*

Fergus Drake, Save the Children (Chair); Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Children and Families; Professor Geoff Lindsay, Warwick University; Martyn Jones, Group Corporate Services Director, Morrisons.

Jurys Inn, 104



**The Smith Institute and the Webb Memorial Trust**

*The Big Society: What's poverty got to do with it?*

Paul Burstow MP (Health Minister) TBC, Steve Moore (Chief Executive, The Big Society Network), Alison Garnham (Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group), Lord Rennard (Chair, Commission on Big Society, ACEVO).

Jurys Inn, 105



**Criminal Justice Alliance and Prison Reform Trust**

*Delivering a fairer, more efficient & effective justice system*

Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice; Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, Justice Committee; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum; Vicki Helyar-Cardwell, Criminal Justice Alliance. Chair: Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust.

Jurys Inn, 106



**Institute of Development Studies**

*Is business the new aid?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP; Noshua Watson, Institute of Development Studies; Christine Svarer, CARE International UK; Zahid Torres, Business Action for Africa.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111



**Transport Hub – Freight Transport Association event**

*Balancing affordable fuel, the deficit and the environment*

Chair: James Hookham (MD, Policy and Comms, FTA). Norman Baker MP (DFT, invited); Quentin Willson (motoring journalist, spokesman, Fair Fuel UK); Dr Tim Leunig (CentreForum); Phil Lipman (Sustrans).

Jurys Inn, 110



**Help the Hospices, Health Professions Council**

*The Cabaret of Care – where every type of care is crucial*

Effective care is like a cabaret – it is only as good as its component parts. How will providers, professionals, local authorities, regulators and the government work together to ensure high quality integrated care?

Jurys Inn, 112



**General Medical Council, Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Surgeons**

*How can the NHS improve quality during a time of change?*

Speakers: Baroness Northover; Niall Dickson (GMC); Sir Richard Thompson (RCP); Prof Norman Williams (RCS); Roswyn Hakesley-Brown CBE (Patients Association).

Jurys Inn, 114



**Diabetes UK, London Councils**

*More Than a Sticking Plaster? Joining up health and care*

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP (DH Minister); Evan Harris (Social Liberal Forum); Baroness Barbara Young (Chair, Diabetes UK); Cllr Derek Osbourne (Leader, RB Kingston upon Thames). Chair: Sally Gainsbury (*Financial Times*).

Jurys Inn, 116



**Birmingham City Council**

*Setting Cities Free*

Birmingham, Westminster and Manchester set up the City Finance Commission earlier this year. The Commission's report has been very influential. Speakers: senior government minister (tbc), commission members. Baskerville House, Centenary Room



**Birmingham City Council**


*Growing the Green Economy*

Birmingham is a leader in the development of low carbon, green economy and the Green Investment Bank. Speakers: a senior government minister (tbc), Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council. Baskerville House, Victoria Room




monday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued


**CBSO, Birmingham Contemporary Music Group and Association of British Orchestras**

*Britain's Got Talent? HE and the music industry*  
 What role does creativity in education play in driving growth? Speakers: Stephen Maddock, CBSO; Dan Howard, Birmingham City University; Ian Grosvenor, University of Birmingham; Louise Teboul, Common Purpose.  
 CBSO Centre 


**Social Market Foundation & Universities UK**  
*Success by degrees? Social mobility and higher education*

Simon Hughes MP, Access Tsar (invited); Professor Julia King, Vice Chancellor, Aston University; Professor Nick Barr, LSE; Phil Collins, *The Times*; Ian Mulheirn, SMF (chair).  
 Council House, Chamberlain Room 


**Policy Exchange and SITA UK**

*Does the Renewable Energy Strategy help us decarbonise?*  
 Chair: Geoffrey Lean, Contributing Editor, Environment, *The Daily Telegraph*. Speakers: Lord Teverson; Simon Less, Policy Exchange; David Palmer-Jones, CEO, SITA UK; Michael Pollitt, University of Cambridge.  
 Mint Hotel, Barra Room 


**Policy Exchange**

*Law and Order online: The future of internet regulation*  
 Chair: Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange.  
 Speakers: Dr Evan Harris; Julian Huppert MP; Mark Pack, Head of Digital, MHP Communications.  
 Mint Hotel, Lismore Room 


**New Statesman in association with GlaxoSmithKline & AstroZeneca**

*Is there a future for discovering and producing medicines in the UK?*  
 Speaker: Julian Huppert MP.  
 Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones 


**Centre for Social Justice**

*Poverty Forum: Is there Liberal concern for social justice?*  
 Chair: Gavin Poole, CSJ Executive Director. Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Minister of State to the Department for Work and Pensions; Patrick Regan, XLP; Samantha Callan, CSJ Chairman-in-Residence.  
 Novotel Birmingham Centre, Darwin Suite 

**New Statesman & the Energy Networks Association**

*Smarter Networks: Empowering The People?*  
 Speakers: Duncan Hames MP; David Smith, Chief Executive, Energy Networks Association; Dr Peter Connor (invited).  
 Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room 

**New Statesman & the ICAEW**

*In Conversation with Danny Alexander*  
 Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Rafael Behr, Chief Political Correspondent, *New Statesman*.  
 Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Suite 

**Royal Town Planning Institute and Savills**

*Localism and Growth. Can the planning system deliver both?*  
 Chair: Dr Peter Geraghty, RTPI. Stephen Gilbert MP, CLG Select Committee and member of the Localism Bill committee; Dr Tim Leunig, CentreForum's Chief Economist; Trudi Elliott CBE, Chief Executive of the RTPI.  
 Novotel Birmingham Centre, Wedgewood Suite 

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**ICC, Hall 10B**

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# THE **LIVE!** INDEPENDENT



## STEVE RICHARDS IN CONVERSATION WITH VINCE CABLE

plus a Q&A with the audience

**Monday 19 September**  
**18.15-19.30**  
**Hall 5, The ICC**

in association with  
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monday early evening 18.15 – 19.30

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Join in the discussion with the BBC's Sony award-winning interactive news show, broadcast live from conference to the world. Presented by Ros Atkins with special guests TBC.

**Note: this event starts at 17.30 and ends at 19.00**

The ICC, Hall 10b



**The Independent**

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Steve Richards in conversation with Vince Cable, plus a Q&A with the audience.

The ICC, Hall 5



**The Police Federation**

*The Policing Fringe*

Chair: Alan Travis, *The Guardian* (invited). Tom Brake MP; Paul McKeever, The Police Federation; Sir Hugh Orde, Association of Chief Police Officers; Derek Barnett, Police Superintendents' Association.

The ICC, Hall 6a



**Commission on Ownership**

*Good Ownership*

Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Will Hutton, Chair; Peter Marks, Group Chief Executive, The Co-operative Group; Sue Slipman, Director, Foundation Trust Network; Peter Hunt, Mutuo.

The ICC, Hall 6b



**ACEVO & NCVO**

*Are charities going quiet? Too much campaigning or arms of the state?*

A panel discussion with Dame Suzi Leather (Chair, Charity Commission), Nick Seddon (Reform), Lady Claire Tyler (Relate) & Dame Clare Tickell (Action for Children).

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

The ICC, Hall 7a

**JUSTICE and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association (LDLA)**

*Human rights: what role for the EU?*

This event considers the greater role being played by the EU in the protection of human rights. Speakers: Roger Smith OBE, Director of JUSTICE, and Baroness Sarah Ludford MEP. Chaired by Graham Colley, LDLA.

The ICC, Hall 7b



**Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors**

*Community politics for 2011 and beyond*

Come and hear how we can use community politics in 2011 to shape both our local communities and our distinctive identity as a party. Speakers include Paddy Ashdown, Tim Farron MP, Hilary Stephenson and others.

The ICC, Hall 8a

**Oxfam GB**

*Table for 9 billion? Hunger in the global food system*

The party launch of Oxfam's GROW campaign.

Speakers: Martin Horwood MP; Phil Bloomer, Oxfam Policy & Campaigns Director; Camilla Toulmin, Director of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

The ICC, Hall 8b



**NASUWT and ASCL**

*Discipline or Punish? Promoting good behaviour in schools*

What will the Coalition Government's education reforms mean for the future of discipline in schools?

The ICC, Hall 10a



**Liberal Democrats in Public Relations**

*Effective Communications in Coalition*

Chair: Lord Newby, Chair, Lib Dems in PR. Speakers: Danny Finkelstein, Executive Editor of *The Times*; Norman Lamb MP, PPS and Political Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1

**IPPR and Family Mosaic**

*2020 vision: housing*

Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP; Stephen Gilbert MP; Lord Shipley; Matt Griffith, PricedOut; Brendan Sarsfield, Family Mosaic. Chair: Nick Pearce, IPPR.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



**Social Market Foundation & Taylor Bennett with Career Academies**

*Routes to success*

'Improving skills to encourage social mobility'. Simon Hughes MP, Access Tsar (tbc); Heather McGregor, Taylor Bennett; Paul Johnson, IFS (invited); Tom Clark, *The Guardian* (invited); a recent graduate from Career Academies.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8



monday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**Everything Everywhere**

*Digitally Connected: Empowering People, Society and Prosperity*

As part of an ongoing year-long research piece the event will host a series of roundtables, which will feed into a larger conversation over the course of the evening.



The ICC, Dods Marquee 1

**Association of Train Operating Companies**

*Are we getting a good deal from the railways?*

Chair: Julian Glover, *The Guardian*. Confirmed speakers: Norman Baker MP, Minister for Transport; Michael Roberts, Chief Executive, ATOC; Paul Plummer, Network Rail.



The ICC, Dods Marquee 2

**RSPCA, The Blue Cross, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home**

*Can we afford to be a nation of dog lovers in the age of austerity?*

Roger Williams MP, APG Animal Welfare; Steve Goody, Director of External Affairs The Blue Cross; Claire Horton, Chief Executive Battersea Dogs & Cats Home; David Bowles, Director of Communications RSPCA.



The ICC, Dods Marquee 3

**Kids Count**

*Drink, Drugs and facing Parole*

John Leech MP; Denise Rogers, Drive to Survive program; Chris Robin, Janus Solutions; Kids Count Young advisors. Join us exploring youth-led and community-based solutions to issues that claim and blight so many lives.

**Note: this event will end at 20.00**



The ICC, Youth Zone

**Liz Lynne MEP / ALDE**

*Elder Abuse and Social Care*

How widespread is this scandal? Could an EU-wide code of conduct help tackle it? Liz Lynne MEP; Paul Burstow MP, Care Services Minister; Hilary Evans, Head of International & Public Affairs, Age UK.



Hyatt Regency, Andante

**Charities Aid Foundation**

*The Charity Question Time*

Chris Blackhurst, Editor, *The Independent* (Chair); Chris Nicholson, Director, CentreForum; John Low CBE, CEO, Charities Aid Foundation; Caroline Slocock, Director, Civil Exchange; Sarah Atkinson, Charity Commission.



Hyatt Regency, Dolce

**Age UK and HelpAge International**

*On the edge: older people in international emergencies*

Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, Select Committee, International Development; Silvia Stefanoni, Deputy Chief Executive, HelpAge International; Tom Wright CBE, Group Chief Executive, Age UK.



Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

**Living Streets, Localise West Midlands, Friends of the Earth**

*Developer's Charter or Community Control?*

Spkrs: Andrew Stunell MP (tbc); Cllr Vernon-Jackson, Portsmouth. What does the localism agenda and changes in planning mean for communities, local producers and high streets? Will power be decentralised and to whom?

Hyatt Regency, Soprano

**Money Advice Service**

*Smart with money or out of control: who's really in control of your wallet?*

Speakers: Tony Hobman, Money Advice Service (Chair); Ed Davey MP; Anthony Hilton, *Evening Standard*; Lord Oakeshott; Sarah Deaves, RBS.



Jurys Inn, 101

**All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group**

*A level playing field for Trams in the UK*

Delivering a low cost railway – TramTrain & TrainTram can help deliver better services, passengers & Treasury getting more for less.



Jurys Inn, 102

**The Work Foundation & Big Innovation Centre**

*Innovate or fail: UK's only route to prosperity and growth*

Speakers: Vince Cable (invited), Will Hutton; Birgitte Anderson (Director, Big Innovation Centre), Paul Spence (Dir of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy). What does the UK need to do to secure a true Age of Innovation?



Jurys Inn, 103

**Demos in partnership with Vertex**

*The What Not The How*

Can the social care white paper deliver on outcomes? Speakers: Paul Burstow MP; Lord Adebawale; Kieron Brennan, Vertex; Michelle Mitchell, Age UK. Chair: David Brindle, *The Guardian*.



Jurys Inn, 104





# Smart with money or out of control: who's really in charge of your wallet?

Managing money well is more important than ever in challenging economic times.

But who really has the most control over what we spend: the markets, retailers, politicians, banks... or you?

**What can be done to help people take control of their money?**

## Join us at

Room 101  
Jurys Inn

Monday 19 September  
18.15–19.30

## Speakers include:

**Tony Hobman** (Chair)  
Chief Executive –  
Money Advice Service

**Ed Davey MP**  
Minister for Employment  
Relations, Consumer and  
Postal Affairs

**Matthew Oakeshott**  
Liberal Democrat Peer

**Anthony Hilton**  
Financial Editor –  
Evening Standard

**Sarah Deaves**  
Senior Executive – RBS

monday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**Campaign for Better Transport; Save our Buses**

*How can we protect vital buses to our villages and towns?*

Stephen Joseph to discuss the impact of bus funding cuts. Our Campaign Bus (in Victoria Square, open Mon 9am–6pm) will also host a gathering of bus users and delegates with a photo-friendly event at 11am.

Jurys Inn, 105



Webb MP. Chair: Philip Souta, BNE.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111



**Transport Hub: ACT TravelWise event**

*Delivering a Low Carbon Transport System*

Chair: Neil Scales (CEO, Merseytravel). Norman Baker MP (invited), James Hookham (FTA), Sally Herbert (ACT Travelwise) and motoring industry speaker.

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**ResPublica and Monster.co.uk**

*NOT a jobless recovery? Localising skills-driven growth*

With: Lorely Burt MP, Co-Chair, LibDem Parliamentary Policy Committee on Business, Innovation & Skills; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, B'ham City Council; Andy Ramsay, Business Development Director, Monster; Andrew Cave, FSB.

Jurys Inn, 106



**Royal College of GPs, Alzheimer's Society and National Voices**

*Seamless Care: Whose Job is it Anyway? Who is Accountable?*

Come and challenge Dr Clare Gerada (RCGP), Liberal Democrat health spokesperson Baroness Jolly and Councillor David Rogers. Former carer Barbara Pointon will set the scene and Jeremy Taylor (National Voices) will chair.

Jurys Inn, 112



**CentreForum, BNE and Aviva**

*Europe's ageing population*

Does Europe have the political will to deal with its demographic challenges? Speakers: Dr Tim Leunig, CentreForum; Sir Graham Watson MEP and Prof Steve

# The Policing Fringe

**Monday 19th September, 18.15 - 19.30**  
Hall 6A, the ICC • refreshments served

Chair **Alan Travis**, Home Affairs Editor, The Guardian (invited)

**Tom Brake MP**

**Paul McKeever**, Chairman, The Police Federation

**Sir Hugh Orde**, President  
Association of Chief Police Officers

**Derek Barnett**, President  
Police Superintendents' Association

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**The Police Federation of England and Wales,**  
**Police Superintendents' Association of England & Wales**



## monday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

### CentreForum and ESB

#### *Opening up the energy market to competition*

How independent generators benefit consumers. Speakers: Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group; Pat O'Doherty, Executive Director, ESB and Lord Teverson.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



### British Dental Association, Eye Health Alliance, PSNC

#### *Local Government – Public Health Speed Dating*

Local politicians will have new responsibilities as a result of health reforms; join us in breakout sessions with local public health professionals we represent. Speakers: John Pugh MP; Cllr Sue Anderson, Birmingham CC.

Jurys Inn, 114



### All Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure

#### *Infrastructure for Growth*

Evening reception hosted by John Hemming MP, with a speaker from industry and Government on issues of investment and delivery of low-carbon infrastructure needed for economic growth.

**Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 20.30**

Bank Restaurant and Bar, Private Area



### NESTA

#### *The new economy: the role of high growth businesses*

Chair: Matt Mead, Managing Director, NESTA Investments. Speaker: The Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Baskerville House, The Victoria Room



### Green Alliance, Greenpeace, WWF, Christian Aid and RSPB

#### *Climate Check: Lib Dems and the low carbon transition*

How are the Lib Dems influencing the UK's low-carbon transition? What progress has been made so far and where to next? With Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Damian Carrington, David Nussbaum and Joan MacNaughton.

Birmingham Conservatoire, Recital Hall



### National Farmers Union & Food and Drink Federation

#### *Are the Lib Dem's being heard on food and farming issues?*

Debate with question and answer session. Speakers: Andrew George MP, Chair Lib Dem Defra Policy Committee; Roger Williams MP; Melanie Leech,

FDF Director General; Peter Kendall, NFU President. Chairman: Tessa Munt MP.

**Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 20.30**

Copthorne Hotel, The Restaurant



### Birmingham City Centre Partnership

#### *Business Dynamics in De-regulation*

Leading figures in Birmingham's business community and business improvement districts discuss the opportunities arising from the Government's decentralisation and deregulation agendas.

Deloitte: Brindleyplace,

Main conference room



### Financial Times / City of London

#### *Jobs and Growth – is overseas trade the answer?*

Chair: Brian Groom (*Financial Times*). Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP (Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills), Stuart Fraser (City of London), Peter Lodder QC (The Bar Council).

**Note: this event will start at 19.15 and end at 20.30**

IET Birmingham: Austin Court,

The Lodge Rooms



### Stonewall & Delga

#### *Ensuring LGBT Representation in Public Life*

Join us to discuss LGBT representation in public life in areas such as politics, media and sport. Speakers: Stephen Williams MP, Ben Summerskill (Chief Executive, Stonewall), Adrian Trett (Chair, Delga) & others.

**Note: this event will end at 20.15**

Malmaison, Mal 3 & 4



### Policy Exchange and Victim Support

#### *How liberal is the Coalition policy on victims of crime?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Lord McNally; Julian Huppert MP; Blair Gibbs, Head of Crime & Justice, Policy Exchange; Javed Khan, Chief Executive, Victim Support.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Mint Hotel, Barra Room



### Policy Exchange and Oil & Gas UK

#### *Remonopolising Power? Reforming the electricity market*

Chair: Oliver Morton, The Economist. Speakers: Sir Robert Smith MP; Simon Less, Head of Environment & Energy, Policy Exchange; David Odling, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK; Professor George Yarrow, Chairman, RPI.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Mint Hotel, Lismore Room




monday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**New Statesman & Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)**

*Palestine: in the shadow of the Arab uprising*

Looking at the role that Britain should play. Speakers:


Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader; Rt Hon Menzies Campbell, CBE QC MP; Andrea Becker, Head of Advocacy, MAP.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones 

**New Statesman & Million+**

*All in it together? Winners and losers of university reforms*

The coalition's university reforms have proved controversial. Will there be any beneficiaries? Speakers: Charles Kennedy MP; Professor Les Ebdon, Chair, Million+.


Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Suite 

**Centre for Social Justice**

*Education: Do we exclude the most vulnerable?*

Chair: Gavin Poole, CSJ Executive Director. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for the Department for Education; Paul Marshall, ARK; Adele Eastman, CSJ Senior Policy Specialist.


**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Darwin Suite 

**Total Politics**

*The Future of Local Government, the 'Big Society' and cuts*


Panel: Andrew Stunell MP, Under Secretary for Communities and Local Government; Stephen Gilbert MP, MP for St Austell & Newquay; Mark Pack, Ed. Lib Dem Voice; Sophy Ridge, Political Correspondent, Sky News.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Wedgewood Suite 

**New Statesman & National Landlords Association**

*Where would we be without UK landlords?*

Speakers: Stephen Gilbert MP; David Saulsbury, CEO National Landlords Association.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room 

# Care & Support: DECISION TIME

After the Dilnot report, at a crucial turning point for social care, join the debate with experts, policy-makers and organisations representing older and disabled people, those with long-term conditions and their families.

Monday 19th September, ICC, Hall 10a

**Debate** 20:00 - 21:00 **Reception** 21:00 - 22:30

**Chair: Jackie Ashley**  
*The Guardian*

**Andrew Dilnot CBE**  
Chair, Commission on the Funding of Care & Support

**Norman Lamb MP**  
Chief Political & Parliamentary Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister

**Imelda Redmond CBE**  
Chair, Care & Support Alliance

**Paul Burstow MP**  
Minister for Care Services  
(reception only)

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for families with disabled children

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## monday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

### Social Liberal Forum

#### *Pension reform – public, private and state – what's fair?*

Will we all get what we deserve when we retire? Can we justify changes to contributions & entitlements? With: Dave Prentis, Gen Sec UNISON; Janice Turner, SLF; Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; Daniel Finkelstein, *The Times*.

**Note: this event will start at 20.15 and end at 21.30**  
The ICC, Hall 5

### Northumbrian Water, Northern Region, Yorkshire and the Humber

#### *Northern Region, Yorkshire and the Humber Evening Reception*

The ICC, Hall 6b



### Citizens Advice

#### *The Biggest Challenges Facing Britain*

Dr Evan Harris, Vice-chair of FPC. Other speakers to be confirmed.

The ICC, Hall 7a



### Refugee Council, UNHCR and Still Human Still Here Campaign

#### *60 years on – political leadership on refugee protection*

Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP (invited); Julian Huppert MP, Chair; Donna Covey, Refugee Council; Roland Schilling, UNHCR; Joelle Kankonde.

The ICC, Hall 7b



### Candidates' Office

#### *Candidates' Reception*

Reception for all approved candidates, assessors, returning officers and candidates' committee members. Sponsored by Tesco.

**Note: this event will end at 23.00**

The ICC, Hall 8b



### Care & Support Alliance

#### *Care & Support: Decision Time – debate and reception*

Social care debate hosted by an Alliance of 20 care organisations. Chair: Jackie Ashley, *The Guardian*. Speakers include Norman Lamb MP and Andrew Dilnot. Followed by drinks reception with Care Minister Paul Burstow MP.

**Note: this event will end at 22.30**

The ICC, Hall 10a



### Institute of Economic Affairs and Liberal Vision

#### *Coalition and the Changing Liberal Democrats*

Are the days of the LibDems making high public spending pledges over? Is the LibDem leadership now decisively "free market liberal"? Jeremy Browne MP;

David Laws MP; Mark Littlewood, IEA; Andy Mayer, LV; Peter Osborne.

The ICC, Hall 10b

### Neurological Commissioning Support, the RCN, Dr Foster Intelligence

#### *Reshuffling the deck: dealing a better hand for neurology*

Speakers include Colin Blakemore, Professor of Neuroscience (Oxford University), Dr Peter Carter, CEO & General Secretary (RCN), and Roger Taylor, Director of Research (Dr Foster). Chaired by Sue Thomas, CEO (NCS).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1



### Electoral Reform Society

#### *Common Causes? Conversations across the Political Divide*

A cross-party platform with speakers including Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP and Rt Hon John Denham MP, chaired by ERS Chief Executive Katie Ghose.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



### The Royal British Legion

#### *The Royal British Legion Reception*

Reception event by invitation only.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1



### Dods UK Manufacturing Dialogue

#### *The Image of UK Manufacturing*

Various speakers and presentations with ideas and concepts to address negative perceptions of UK manufacturing and so attract talent and investment to the sector.

**Note: this event will end at 21.30**

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2



### British Youth Council / Liberal Youth

#### *Young people: Democracy Deficit?*

Come along to debate about young people and their engagement in society and democracy with views from panellists including Stephen Williams MP, Charlotte Henry (Vice Chair Liberal Youth) and Cllr Thomas Hollis.

**Note: this event will start at 20.15**

The ICC, Youth Zone



### Liberal Youth

#### *The Education Bill: a Youth Perspective*

Kayva Kaushik of Liberal Youth (Scotland) debates the impact of the Education Bill with Christine Blower (General Secretary, National Union of Teachers). Liberal Democrat speaker to be confirmed.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce

monday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

**The Foreign Policy Centre and Saab UK**

*Which path to peace? Stability in conflict-affected states*

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Intl Development Committee; Myles Wickstead, Open University; Marie Staunton, Plan UK; Alan Roan, Saab UK. Chair: Baroness Lindsey Northover, Govt Lords Spokesperson on Intl Development.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**Love Luton Campaign**

*Celebrating DiverCity*

Host, Lord Hussain. Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister (tbc) with the Luton International Carnival and the Luton Mela including Caribbean and Asian drummers and dancers.

Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**Holocaust Educational Trust**

*Examining British responses to genocide following the Holocaust*

Hyatt Regency, Soprano



**Health Hotel; Anthony Nolan; Medical Protection Society; Royal College of Midwives**

*THE Health Debate – Will the coalition deliver a better NHS?*

We explore commissioning, public health, patient safety, patient choice & competition to see if the coalition can deliver a better NHS. Vote at the event and pose questions & comments live on twitter using #HealthDebate.

**Note: this event will start at 20.15 and end at 21.30**  
Jurys Inn, 101/102



**Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security**

*Who benefits from the Arms Trade?*

Nick Harvey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces; Ann Feltham, Campaign against the Arms Trade. Who makes, who sells, who buys British arms? Who kills? Who dies? What's the coalition policy? What's ours?  
Jurys Inn, 103



# Celebrating DiverCity

with the Luton International Carnival and the Luton Mela including Caribbean and Asian drummers and dancers as well as refreshments and drinks

**Monday 19 September, 20.00 - 21.15**  
**Sonata Room, Hyatt Regency**

Host, Lord Hussain

**Lynne Featherstone MP**, Equalities Minister (tbc)

**Prize draw:**

**2 free return flights sponsored by easyJet**

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## monday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

### Social Market Foundation & Association of Employment and Learning Providers

#### *No NEET solution?*

Jo Swinson MP, PPS to Vince Cable (invited); Graham Hoyle, Association of Employment and Learning Providers; Katja Hall, CBI Chief Policy Director; Aditya Chakraborty, *The Guardian* (invited); Ian Mulheirn, SMF (Chair).

Jurys Inn, 105



### Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

#### *Localism & the Green Deal*

Turning the Green Deal into a Great Deal for Councils. Speakers: Cllr Keith House, Eastleigh BC; Friends of the Earth's Liz Hutchins; B&Q's Ben Earl; Andrew George MP and Chris Davies MEP.

Jurys Inn, 106



### Liberal Democrat History Group

#### *Peace, Reform and Liberation: A History of Liberal Politics*

As Paddy Ashdown said, successful political parties possess 'a heart, a history and a soul'. Join Paddy Ashdown, Shirley Williams and Julian Glover (*The Guardian*) to launch the new history of Liberal politics in Britain.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

### Transport Hub: The Big Transport Debate

#### *How Loud is the Lib Dem Voice in the Coalition?*

James Hookham, (FTA) Managing Director, Policy and Communications; Sharon Davies, (DHL) Director Sally Herbert (ACT TravelWise) – invited; Norman Baker, MP – invited.

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

Jurys Inn, 110



### Lib Dem Friends of Searchlight

#### *Fear & Hope – Extremism and Political Identity – who wins?*

Tom Brake MP; Nick Lowles (Searchlight) and Rob Berkeley (Runnymede Trust) debate the threat from EDL and other extremist groups. Tom Brake will launch Lib Dem Friends of Searchlight. Chair: Cllr Rabi Martins.

Jurys Inn, 112



## monday late evening 21.45 – 23.00

### The Health Hotel

#### *The Health Hotel Reception*

This is an opportunity to meet with the health team and hundreds of stakeholders in health and social care. For your invite (1 per non-member organisation) contact [reception@healthhotel.org.uk](mailto:reception@healthhotel.org.uk).

Hyatt Regency, Sonata



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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:

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## multi-faith prayer and meditation room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located next to **Café Vite** in the **Mall** of The ICC.

The room is available all day throughout conference – please be respectful of others using the room.

Please visit our website and social media throughout the conference for the most up-to-date news and information



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## Ministerial Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Ministerial Q&A sessions, where you can come along and ask questions of our Ministers on the issues relating to their responsibilities and their departments – a fantastic opportunity for members to find out more about what our Ministers are up to. These sessions are very popular and places are limited so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

**All sessions will take place in Hall 10b, The ICC. Priority will be given to party members.**

### Saturday 17 September

- 14.30–15.30 Coalition, and the economy with Danny Alexander
- 16.00–17.00 Business and banks with Vince Cable

### Sunday 18 September

- 09.00–10.00 Operating in Coalition and Liberal Democrat distinctiveness with co-chairs:  
Tom Brake (chair of co-chairs & Commons co-chair of Home, Justice & Equalities committee); Jane Bonham-Carter (Lords DCMS co-chair); Annette Brooke (Commons DCLG co-chair); Julian Huppert (Commons Transport co-chair)
- (In Government we have a series of parliamentary party committees from the Commons and Lords to follow the work of departments and act as a conduit between Government, the backbenches and the party.)*
- 10.30–11.30 Access to Higher Education with Simon Hughes
- 14.30–15.30 Community cohesion and Local Government with Andrew Stunell

16.00–17.00 The Environment with Chris Huhne

### Monday 19 September

10.30–11.30 Transport with Norman Baker

### Tuesday 20 September

- 09.00–10.00 Equalities and Civil Liberties with Lynne Featherstone and Tom McNally
  - 10.30–11.30 Education with Sarah Teather
  - 14.30–15.30 Parliament and political reform with David Heath and Commons Whips  
*(Commons Whips are: Government Whips: Alistair Carmichael (Chief Whip), Mark Hunter (Deputy Chief Whip), Norman Lamb (Deputy Chief Whip); and Stephen Gilbert (Party Whip).)*
  - 16.00–17.00 Welfare and Pensions with Steve Webb
- ### Wednesday 21 September
- 09.00–10.00 Health and Social Care with Paul Burstow
  - 10.30–11.30 Employment and consumer rights with Ed Davey





# autumn conference pocket diary

The new conference *pocket diary* is a credit-card-sized fold-out guide to the agenda for conference.

Carry it with you at all times so that you do not miss that vital debate or speech!

Your *pocket diary* will be mailed to you with your conference photopass, or available for collection at the Information Desk in Birmingham.



satursday 17th september	sunday 18th september	monday 19th september	tuesday 20th september	wednesday 21st september
<p>10.00-12.30 Consultative sessions: Local Government Finance May 2011 Elections Mid-Term Review</p> <p>13.00-14.00 Lunchtime fringe</p> <p>14.30 F1 Formal Opening of the Federal Conference by Sir Paul Tilsley MBE</p> <p>14.40 F2 Report: Federal Conference Committee</p> <p>F3 Report: Federal Policy Committee</p> <p>15.10 F4 Policy motion: Lords Elections by 2015</p> <p>15.55 F5 Speech: Lyndie Featherstone MP</p> <p>16.15 F6 Policy motion: Employment Support Allowance and Work Capability Assessments</p> <p>17.00 F7 Report: Federal Executive</p> <p>F8 Report: Federal Finance and Administration Committee</p> <p>17.20 Case of session</p> <p>18.30-19.30 Conference Rally</p> <p>Evening fringe</p>	<p>Morning fringe</p> <p>09.00 F9 Party business: Accreditation for Party Conference</p> <p>09.45 F10 Report: Campaign for Gender Balance</p> <p>F11 Report: Diversity Engagement Group</p> <p>10.00 F12 Reports: Parliamentary Parties of the Liberal Democrats</p> <p>10.55 F13 Presentation: London Borough of Sutton</p> <p>11.15 F14 Speech: Sarah Teather MP</p> <p>11.35 F15 Policy motion: Higher Education Fees for Part-Time Students</p> <p>12.20 F16 Speech: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP</p> <p>13.00-14.00 Lunchtime fringe</p> <p>14.30 F17 Policy motion: Education on Credit</p> <p>15.30 F18 Q&amp;A session: Social Mobility</p> <p>16.20 F19 Speech: Tim Farron MP</p> <p>16.40 F20 Policy motion: Protecting Individuals and Communities from Drug Harms</p> <p>18.00 Close of session</p> <p>Evening fringe</p>	<p>Morning fringe</p> <p>09.00 F21 Party business: Membership Subscription and Federal Levy</p> <p>09.30 F22 Emergency motion: Phone Hacking</p> <p>10.30 F23 Speech: Edward Davey MP</p> <p>10.50 F24 Policy motion: Facing the Future (Policy Development Agenda Policy Paper)</p> <p>12.20 F25 Speech: Rt Hon Dr Vincent Cable MP</p> <p>13.00-14.00 Lunchtime fringe</p> <p>14.30 F26 Policy motion: Tackling Violence Against Women</p> <p>15.15 F27 Q&amp;A session: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP</p> <p>16.00 F28 Policy motion: Preparing the Ground: Stimulating Growth in the Digital Economy (Informal on Technology Policy Paper)</p> <p>17.10 F29 Speech: Norman Baker MP</p> <p>17.30 F30 Party business: Recognition of Specified Associated Organisations and Associated Organisations</p> <p>18.00 Close of session</p> <p>Evening fringe</p>	<p>Morning fringe</p> <p>09.00 F31 Standing order amendment: Emergency Motions</p> <p>F32 Constitutional amendment: Federal Appeals Panel</p> <p>09.40 F33 Policy motion: Science Not Stigma: Ending the Blood Ban</p> <p>10.20 F34 Policy motion: Adult Social Care</p> <p>11.15 F35 Speech: Steve Webb MP</p> <p>11.35 F36 Q&amp;A session: NHS Reform Report Back</p> <p>12.20 F37 Speech: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP</p> <p>13.00-14.00 Lunchtime fringe</p> <p>14.30 F38 Policy motion: A Green Stimulus for Economic Recovery</p> <p>15.30 F39 Speech: Andrew Stunell MP</p> <p>15.50 F40 Policy motion: A New Purpose for Politics: Quality of Life (Quality of Life Policy Paper)</p> <p>17.20 F41 Party business: Community Politics</p> <p>18.00 Close of session</p> <p>Evening fringe</p>	<p>Morning fringe</p> <p>09.00 F42 Party business: Northern Ireland Election Report</p> <p>F43 Party business: Federal Committee Election Regulations</p> <p>09.30 F44 Policy motion: The Arab Awakening</p> <p>10.15 F45 Speech: Rt Hon Michael Moore MP</p> <p>10.35 F46 Q&amp;A session: International Issues</p> <p>11.20 F47 Speech: Kirsty Williams AM</p> <p>11.40 F48 Emergency motion or topical issue</p> <p>13.00-14.00 Lunchtime fringe</p> <p>14.30 F49 Party business</p> <p>F50 Appeal</p> <p>F51 Speech: Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Deputy Prime Minister</p> <p>15.45 (approx.) Case of conference</p> <p>in government <b>on your side</b></p>

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# fringe tuesday 20th september

tuesday morning 07.15 – 08.30

## UNICEF UK

*The \$100 billion climate question: Who Should Pay?*  
Lord Paddy Ashdown, President UNICEF; UK Professor Andrew Norton, Head of Research, ODI; UNICEF UK Youth Climate Representative; Myles A Wickstead CBE, former British Ambassador to Ethiopia (Chair).  
The ICC, Hall 6b



## 1994 Group

*Winning back the confidence of students.*  
Chris Cook, *Financial Times* (Chair); Simon Hughes MP; Wes Streeting, Helena Kennedy Foundation; Sean O'Shea, UPP; Paul Marshall, 1994 Group; Kate Hunter, CASE Europe.  
The ICC, Hall 7a



## Fabian Society supported by Friends Provident

*Getting the right information to the hardest to reach*  
What is the vision for the future for free and impartial advice services at the national and local levels? Does advice matter? If so, how should this be met? To register email james.hallwood@fabian-society.org.uk.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.30**  
The ICC, Hall 7b



## Demos in partnership with City & Guilds and Unionlearn

*Unleashing talent: How do we plug the skills gap?*  
Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Frances O'Grady, TUC; Kate Shoosmith, City & Guilds; Stephen Uden, Microsoft. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



## EDF Energy

*Nuclear in the UK: Safety, Affordability and Transparency*  
Chair: Sue Cameron, *Financial Times*. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy; Malcolm Grimston, Associate Fellow, Chatham House.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
The ICC, DODS Marquee 3

## 4Children and FPM

*Happy Families: early intervention to support teenagers*  
Policy Roundtable, by invitation only (jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk). Speakers: Anne Longfield, CEO, 4Children; Sarah Teather MP (invited).  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
The ICC, Youth Zone



## Open Road

*Open Road Running Club*  
Open Road invites you to join us for a 5k run! Start time: 7.45am. We will donate £10 to Marie Curie Cancer Care for every runner who takes part.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 08.45**  
The ICC, Main entrance to the secure zone

## National Housing Federation

*Health and home: where do public health and housing meet?*  
Speakers: David Orr, National Housing Federation; Norman Lamb MP (invited). Invitation-only Breakfast Roundtable.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Hyatt Regency, Allegro



## CentreForum and Citi

*Public service efficiency and reform*  
How can financial institutions support government ambitions in public service efficiency and reform?  
Speakers: Rt Hon David Laws MP and Maurice Thompson, Citi Public Sector Group. Chair: Chris Nicholson.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Hyatt Regency, Andante



## Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)

*Dumbed down or downtrodden: Is there a 'lost generation'?*  
John Philpott, Chief Economic Adviser CIPD; Louisa Peacock, Jobs Editor, *Daily Telegraph* (Chair); Jenny Willott MP (invited); David Blanchflower, *New Statesman* (invited).  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room



## Reform / BMI Healthcare

*Healthy choices: Reforming the NHS*  
Norman Lamb MP, Chief Parliamentary and Political Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Stephen Collier, Group Chief Executive of BMI Healthcare will lead the discussion.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



tuesday morning 07.15 – 08.30 continued

**BBC World Service and BBC World News**

*BBC World Service and BBC World News Breakfast*  
Hosted by Peter Horrocks, Director, BBC Global News.  
By invitation only.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**Demos in partnership with Teach First and the Institute of Education**

*All Together Now*  
Rewriting the story of educational disadvantage.  
Speakers: Sarah Teather MP; Chris Husbands, the Institute of Education; Richard Gerver, education professional and author. Chair: Philip Collins, Demos.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 103



**Social Market Foundation & Nacro**

*Whose crime is it anyway?*  
Sir Alan Beith, Chair, Justice Select Committee (invited); Paul McDowell, Chief Executive, Nacro; Ian Mulheim, SMF (Chair).  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 104



**IPPR and Greenpeace**

*Untying the Knot: breaking the links between oil & transport*  
Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Stephen Joseph, Director, Campaign for Better Transport; Andrew Pendleton, IPPR, Dr Thomas Becker, Head of Government Affairs, BMW (invited). Chair: Ben Webster, *The Times*.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 106



**Transport Hub – ABTA / AOA event**

*Should the Lib Dems support growth in UK aviation?*  
Speakers: Mark Pack (Lib Dem Voice, Chair); Lembit Öpik (invited); Jeff Gazzard (Aviation Environment Federation); Stephen Alambritis (FSB); Luke Pollard (ABTA).  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 110



**CentreForum, University Alliance and BVCA**  
*Universities at the heart of growth*

Speakers: Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP; Tim Hames, BVCA and Prof Wendy Purcell, Vice Chancellor, Plymouth University. Chair: Duncan Greenland.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



**Centre for Cities & Network Rail**

*Driving growth: infrastructure, employment and the economy*  
A business breakfast on infrastructure investment and economic growth. Invitation only. For details please contact n.sands@centreforcities.org / 020 7803 4309.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Bank Restaurant and Bar



**The Finance & Leasing Association and the Asset Based Finance Association**

*SME voices: financial needs, options and realities*  
Chaired by Anthony Hilton, City Editor, *The Evening Standard*.  
**Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00**  
Bank Restaurant and Bar, Private dining room



**The Prince's Trust and RBS**

*Starting up, not giving up: Next generation of UK enterprise*  
How can we inspire and support disadvantaged young people to start their own business? With young entrepreneurs and Edward Davey MP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills.  
**Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00**  
Café Ikon



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# The Family Room



**Best support for families in challenging times: Is targeted support the answer?**

**Speakers:** Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families (invited), Cllr Michael Mullaney, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (invited), Sarah Stewart-Brown, Chair of Public Health, University of Warwick (invited), Shirley Stephenson Director, Family Links, Pamela Park, CEO, Parenting UK, Kate Williams, Director, Healthcare Professional Services, NCT, Anastasia de Waal, Director, Family and Education, Civitas (Chair).

*In the current economic climate how can the Government avoid pitfalls to ensure the services they provide are useful to all, used by all and achieve good outcomes?*

**Tuesday 20/09/11 1.00pm-2.00pm ICC, Hall 6a.**

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# RSA

21st century enlightenment

## The Rise of the disaffected Citizen

what happens when mainstream politicians fail to deliver prosperity and economic security?

**RSA Question time**

**Tuesday 20 Sept 2011**

The ICC Birmingham,  
Hall 8b

**13.00–14.00**

**Chair**

- Jenni Russell, Guardian and Evening Standard

**Speakers**

- Simon Hughes MP
- Sir Stephen Bubb, Chair, The Social Investment Business & CEO, ACEVO
- Peter Osborne, Telegraph
- Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI
- Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive, RSA

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tuesday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

**The Family Room**

*Best support for families in challenging times*  
Is targeted support the answer? See the Family Room advert for speaker details.  
The ICC, Hall 6a



**CST in partnership with CENTRI**

*Preventing Extremism – from those who used to promote it.*  
Former extremists explain how the Liberal Democrats can help fight extremism. Dave Rich, CST; Rt Hon Tom Brake MP; Rashad Ali, CENTRI (former Hizb ut-Tahrir); Matthew Collins, Searchlight (former National Front); Martin Bright, JC.  
The ICC, Hall 6b



**The Co-operative Group and Local Government Association**

*Is the future mutual?*  
Ed Davey MP; John Pugh MP; Russell Gill, The Co-operative Group; Cllr Vernon-Jackson, Portsmouth City Council; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum.  
The ICC, Hall 7a



**British Retail Consortium**

*Big Retail, Big Values?*  
Ed James, Breakfast Show Presenter, Heart FM (Chair); Ed Davey MP, Minister for Employment Relations & Consumer Affairs; James Timpson OBE, Chief Executive, Timpson Ltd; Jane Bevis, Director of Public Affairs, BRC.  
The ICC, Hall 7b



**Channel 4 / ITN**

*Channel 4 News' Gary Gibbon: In Conversation With...*  
Channel 4 News' award-winning Political Editor Gary Gibbon interviews one of the Party's most central figures; on themes from 2011, from Autumn Conference and for the year ahead. Filmed for Channel 4 News.  
The ICC, Hall 8a



**RSA**

*The Rise of the disaffected Citizen*  
Chair: Jenni Russell, *Guardian*. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Sir Stephen Bubb, CEO, ACEVO; Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI; Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive, RSA; Peter Osborne.  
The ICC, Hall 8b



**NASUWT and UNISON**

*The Big Society – the New Mums' Army?*  
What is the role of volunteers in securing high standards of education in the 21st century and what implications will this have for the workforce in schools?  
The ICC, Hall 10a



**IPPR**

*Coalition: Marriage of convenience to relationship from hell?*  
Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader of Liberal Democrats; Dr Evan Harris; Oly Grender, Columnist, *New Statesman*; Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR. Chair: Amber Elliot, Editor, *Total Politics*.  
The ICC, Hall 10b



**Federation of Small Businesses**

*The future for Britain's 'Real Life Entrepreneurs'*  
Government is relying on small business to grow the economy – hear from high-profile speakers about creating the right environment for Britain's entrepreneurs to start up, survive, and grow.  
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1



**ASCL, AoC, OCR**

*Path to employment: Education for a 21st century workforce*  
Baroness Sharp; Brian Lightman, General Secretary ASCL; Mark Dawe, Chief Executive OCR; Martin Doel, AoC.  
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



**Centre for Local Economic Strategies**

*Getting local economies growing again*  
Speakers will explore the challenge of rebalancing the economy and the effectiveness of current policy proposals on LEPs, Regional Growth Fund and Enterprise Zones. Chaired by Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, CLES.  
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8



**Business in the Community**

*Transforming Business, Transforming Communities*  
Forum discussion with Stephen Howard, Chief Executive, Business in the Community; Ed Davey MP, Minister; Sir Tony Hawkhead, Groundwork UK; Duncan Tait, CEO, Fujitsu; Stewart Towe, MD, Hadley Group.  
The ICC, Dods Marquee 1



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# Path to employment:

Education for a 21st century workforce

**Tuesday 20 September, 1.00 - 2.00pm**

**ICC, Birmingham** Executive Room 2

Speakers:

**Baroness Sharp**

**Mark Dawe**

Chief Executive, OCR

**Martin Doel**

Chief Executive, AoC

**Brian Lightman**

General Secretary, ASCL



## Does it matter who runs our public services?

David Brindle, Guardian (Chair)

Heather Wakefield, UNISON

Cllr Richard Kemp, Liverpool City Council

Cllr Lord John Shipley, Newcastle City Council

Andy Sawford, LGiU

## Social mobility: how, what, when?

Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister (tbc)

Stephen Williams MP

Jon Richards, UNISON

Alison Garnham, Child Poverty Action Group

Wes Streeting, Helen Kennedy Foundation

Tuesday 20th September, 13.00 - 14.00  
Andante Room, Hyatt Regency  
Refreshments Served

Tuesday 20th September, 18.15 - 19.30  
Executive Meeting 1, The ICC  
Refreshments Served



tuesday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**AJDJS**

**Manufacturing for Growth**

How Government can rebalance the economy. Speakers: Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State; Mark Littlewood, Director, Institute of Economic Affairs. The ICC, Dods Marquee 2



**National Youth Agency**

**Young People and Money**

Panel debate: financial capability and pressures on young people in education, unemployment & poverty. Speakers include: Jenny Willott MP; Fiona Blacke, NYA; Linda Jack, Money Advice Service; Chris Jenkinson, Liberal Youth. The ICC, Youth Zone



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**Gridlock or prosperity? The big city transport debate**

Chaired by Cllr Ryk Downes, WYITA. Speakers: Norman Baker, Transport Minister; Geoff Inskip, Chairman of pteg; Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, Birmingham City Council. Hyatt Regency, Allegro



**UNISON**

**Does it matter who runs our public services?**

Chair: David Brindle, *Guardian*. Speakers: Heather Wakefield, UNISON; Cllr Richard Kemp, Liverpool City Council; Cllr Lord John Shipley, Newcastle City Council; Andy Sawford, LGiU. Hyatt Regency, Andante



**Demos in partnership with Pearson and Family Lives**

**School Accountability in the Digital Age**

Information overload or genuine choice? Speakers: David Laws MP; Rod Bristow, Pearson; Fiona Millar, writer and journalist; Jeremy Todd, Family Lives. Hyatt Regency, Concerto



**Association of British Insurers and Keoghs**

**The UK's Compensation Culture: Good or Bad for Consumers?**

Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair of the Justice Select Committee; Otto Thoresen, ABI; Steve Thomas, Keoghs; Dominic Clayden, Aviva; Richard Lloyd, *Which?*; Leading journalist (Chair). Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**Dignity in Dying**

**Assisted dying, assisted suicide: what's the difference?**

Speakers: Julian Huppert, MP for Cambridge; Chris Davies, MEP for North West England; Sarah Wootton, Chief Executive of Dignity in Dying. Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**UK Music**

**Is music the food of love and technology?**

Join UK Music's Feargal Sharkey in conversation with Liberal Democrat MP Julian Huppert. Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



**The Smith Institute and NAPF (National Association of Pension Funds)**

**Solving the Pensions Crisis**

Chair: Paul Hackett (Director, The Smith Institute). Professor Steve Webb MP (Minister for Pensions); Joanne Segars (Chief Executive, NAPF); Nick Timmins (Public Policy Editor, *Financial Times*). Hyatt Regency, Soprano



**Transport Times**

**Rail: Operating more efficiently and delivering HSR**

Norman Baker MP, Minister of State for Transport; Lawrie Quinn, Delivery Manager, Rail Projects, Bechtel (Chair); Hugh Clancy, Commercial Director, FirstGroup; Julie Mills, Director, Greengauge 21. Jurys Inn, 101



**LGA Liberal Democrats**

**Academies programme and the Public Service White Paper.**

"Localism or moving control to private companies?"

Speaker: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson.

Jurys Inn, 103



**Save the Children**

**What is Britain's role in shaping the 21st century for good?**

Chair: David Rennie, Political Editor, *Economist*.

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, FCO Minister; Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Development Committee chair; Dr Tristram Hunt MP; Baroness Williams; Dr Alex Vines OBE, Chatham House.

Jurys Inn, 104



tuesday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats**

*Where next for Multiculturalism?*

Debate on the Government's Prevent 2 Strategy to tackle extremism and promote community cohesion. Speakers include Yasmine Alibhai-Brown and Andrew Stunell MP, chaired by Issan Ghazni.



Jurys Inn, 105

**British Parking Association**

*Ending the war on the motorist: whose war is it anyway?*

Dr Evan Harris (invited); George Monbiot (invited); Prof Stephen Glaister, RAC Foundation (invited); BPA representative.



Jurys Inn, 110

**NESTA**

*Cultural value: creative industries in a digital world*

Chair: Jon Kingsbury, Director, Creative Economy Programmes, NESTA. Speaker: The Rt Hon Don Foster, co-chair of the Liberal Democrat back bench committee for Culture, Media and Sport.



Jurys Inn, 106

**Action On Hearing Loss, Beating Bowel Cancer, British Society Of Gastroenterology**

*Patient or doctor – whose fault is late diagnosis?*

Late diagnosis is a major factor linking hearing loss and bowel cancer; this event will explore the barriers to people taking prompt action over their symptoms and where responsibility for early diagnosis lies.



Jurys Inn, 112

**CentreForum and Centrica**

*Where next for energy policy?*

Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP; Barry Neville, Centrica, and Doug Parr, Greenpeace. Chair: Dr Tim Leunig.



Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

**CentreForum, BVCA and KPMG**

*Going for growth*

What should the Lib Dem approach to business be? Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP and Tim Hames, BVCA. Chair: Neil Sherlock, KPMG.



Jurys Inn, 113/115/117

# ASSISTED DYING, ASSISTED SUICIDE: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? 50 YEARS ON FROM THE SUICIDE ACT 1961.

**Tuesday 20 September  
1.00pm**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Fortissimo Room**

**Hot lunch provided**

**To finish no later than 2pm**

SPEAKERS

**Chris Davies**  
Liberal Democrat MEP for North  
West England

**Julian Huppert**  
MP for Cambridge

**Sarah Wootton**  
Chief Executive of Dignity in Dying

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tuesday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

**The Stroke Association, Parkinson's UK, Arthritis Research UK**

*Mind the gap – Bringing health and social care together*  
Care Services Minister Paul Burstow, LGA Community Wellbeing Board Chair Cllr David Rogers & charity representatives debate how best to bridge the gap between health and social care for people with long-term conditions.  
Jurys Inn, 114



**Demos in partnership with John Lewis Partnership**  
*Reinventing the Workplace*

Can productivity and well-being go hand in hand?  
Speakers: Lorely Burt MP (invited); Will Davies, Institute for Science, Innovation and Society; Patrick Lewis, John Lewis. Chair: Mary Riddell, *The Telegraph*.  
Jurys Inn, 116



**CitizenCard**

*Guess their age and face a £10,000 fine*  
Are retailers targeted unfairly? Chair: John Thurso MP. Speakers include: Paul Hegarty, DrinkAware; Richard Hickson, Camelot; Paul Baxter, Newsagents' Federation.  
Bank Restaurant and Bar



**Birmingham City Council**

*Does it stack up? Social investment for complex issues*  
BCC is exploring innovative financial models to support social intervention, including the "Be Active" health and fitness programme. Speakers: senior government minister (tbc) and BCC CEO Stephen Hughes.  
Baskerville House, Centenary Room



**Birmingham City Council**

*Local Enterprise Partnerships: Challenges and Opportunities*  
Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP is leading the development of enterprise zones and TIF. Speakers: senior government minister (tbc); Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of BCC; Steve Hollis, Midlands Chairman of KPMG.  
Baskerville House, Victoria Room



**Social Market Foundation & Community Justice Partnership**

*Smart on crime, tough on the causes of crime*  
Tom Brake MP, Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities Co-Chair (invited); a representative from the CJP; Ben Page, Ipsos MORI (invited); Dominic Williamson, Revolving Doors (invited); Ian Mulheim, SMF (Chair).  
Council House, Chamberlain Suite



**Policy Exchange and Nationwide Building Society**  
*Getting the UK saving again: Are radical solutions needed?*

Chair: Kevin Maguire, *The Daily Mirror*. Speakers: Lord Newby; Tony Hobman, Chief Executive, Money Advice Service; Matt Oakley, Policy Exchange; Chris Rhodes, Executive Director, Products and Marketing, Nationwide.  
Mint Hotel, Barra Room



**Policy Exchange and Home Group**

*Social Housing: Fixing the current mess*  
Chair: Matt Oakley, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP; John Bird, Founder, *The Big Issue*; Abigail Davies, Chartered Institute for Housing; Mark Henderson, CEO, Home Group.  
Mint Hotel, Lismore Room



**New Statesman and the Association of Teachers & Lecturers**

*End Of Term: What Will Our Schools Look Like in 2016?*  
Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families; Baroness Walmsley; Dr Mary Bousted, General Secretary, ATL.  
Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones



**New Statesman & Portman Group**

*Will We Ever Be A Nation Of Responsible Drinkers?*  
Speakers: Andrew George MP; David Poley, Chief Executive, Portman Group. This event will begin with a reception at 13:00 and the debate will commence promptly at 13:30.  
Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room



**New Statesman & Prison Officers Association & NAPO**

*Who Should Profit From The Penal System?*  
Speakers: The Rt. Hon. Lord McNally, Minister of State For Justice; PJ McParlin, National Chairman, POA; Steve Gillan, General Secretary, POA; Harry Fletcher, Assistant General Secretary, NAPO.  
Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Room

## The Observer Interview

“ BRITAIN'S LEADING POLITICAL COMMENTATOR **ANDREW RAWNSLEY** COMES TO FACE **FACE TO FACE** WITH RT HON **CHRIS HUHNE** MP FOR AN INTIMATE, PERSONAL AND POLITICAL DISCUSSION ”

Andrew Rawnsley interviews Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP

Tuesday 20 September, 6.15 – 7.30pm

Hall 1, ICC, Birmingham. Refreshments provided

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## The biggest challenges facing Britain

Date: Monday 19 September | Time: 20.00–21.15 | Venue: ICC, Hall 7A

### Whose job is it anyway?

The role of Government, the private sector and voluntary sector in consumer empowerment.

Date: Tuesday 20 September | Time: 18.15–19.30 | Venue: Hyatt Regency, Scherzo Suite

- Steve Webb MP, Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions
- Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice
- Michelle Smith, Head of UK Consumer and Community Affairs, Barclays

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**The Observer**

*Andrew Rawnsley interviews Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP*  
Britain's leading political commentator Andrew Rawnsley comes face-to-face with Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP for an intimate, personal and political discussion.  
The ICC, Hall 1



**Amnesty International**

*The 'Arab Spring': Putting human rights on the agenda*  
Jeremy Browne MP, Foreign Office Minister; Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister; Dr Sally Moore, Egyptian political activist involved in 25 January revolution; Kate Allen, Director, Amnesty International UK.  
The ICC, Hall 6a



**Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)**

*Leaving Legoland: Can we build the new homes we need?*  
Chair: Angela Brady (RIBA). Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government; Lord Taylor of Goss Moor; Cllr Richard Kemp (Liverpool City Council); Jonathan Falkingham (Urban Splash).

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

The ICC, Hall 6b



**PCG – The Voice of Freelancing; The Recruitment & Employment Confederation; ComRes**

*Flexible Working, the Liberal Way?*  
Stephen Gilbert MP, Chair; Ed Davey MP, Minister for Employment Relations; John Brazier, Managing Director, PCG; Tom Hadley, Director of Policy & Professional Services, REC; Andrew Hawkins, Chief Executive, ComRes.

The ICC, Hall 7a



**University of Birmingham**

*Nuclear Power: What is the future?*  
David Eastwood, University of Birmingham (Chair); John Hemming MP; Martin Freer, Birmingham Centre for Nuclear Education and Research; Andrew Worrall, UK National Nuclear Laboratory; Lord Hunt of Kings Heath.  
The ICC, Hall 7b



**Liberal Democrat Friends of India**

*Liberal Democrat Friends of India annual dinner reception*  
Annual dinner reception of the Liberal Democrat Friends of India. The leader of the Liberal Democrats & the Indian High Commissioner attend this sought after event. LibDem MPs, Peers and party activists attend.

**Note: this event will end at 22.30**

The ICC, Hall 8b



**UNISON**

*Social mobility: how, what, when?*  
Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister (tbc); Stephen Williams MP; Jon Richards, UNISON; Alison Garnham, Child Poverty Action Group; Wes Streeting, Helen Kennedy Foundation.  
ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1



**Association of Convenience Stores and The Co-operative Group**

*Can Localism Save The High Street?*  
Ed Davey MP, Minister for Consumer Affairs; Andrew George MP; James Lowman, ACS, Chief Executive; Nigel Smith, Strategic Planning Manager, The Co-operative Group; Cllr Ayoub Khan, Birmingham City Council.  
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



**Social Market Foundation and the TUC**

*Growing pains? Where next for jobs and the economy?*  
Brendan Barber, TUC; Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP; Ian Mulhearn, Director SMF; Olly Grender (Chair).  
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8



**CBI**

*The Neglected Middle?*  
How mid-sized companies can help drive growth and create jobs. Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State; John Cridland, Director General CBI; Stewart Towe, Managing Director, Hadley Group.  
The ICC, Dods Marquee 3



**Children & Young People's Mental Health Coalition**

*Heads Together – improving young people's mental health*  
Panel debate: providing a unified voice for the mental health and wellbeing of young people. Speakers include: Paul Burstow MP, Health Minister; Sarah Brennan, CEO, Young Minds; Barbara Rayment, CEO, Youth Access.  
The ICC, Youth Zone



**Bond – the UK's leading international development agencies**

*A distinctive Lib Dem voice on international affairs?*  
Lord Paddy Ashdown; Martin Horwood MP, Liberal Democrat International Affairs spokesperson; Alice Nzomukunda, former Vice President of Burundi, TBC; Myles Wickstead, Deputy Director of Westminster Foundation for Democracy.  
Hyatt Regency, Allegro





# A TALE OF TWO CITIES

the impact of housing reform in Liverpool and London

Tuesday 20th September, 18.15 - 19.30

Andante Room, Hyatt Regency

refreshments served

Chair, **Stephen Gilbert MP** (invited)

Speakers

**Simon Hughes MP**

Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrats (invited)

**Joy Baggaley**, Deputy Chief Executive, Riverside

**Steve Howlett**, Chief Executive, Peabody

**Paul Stevens**, Head of Housing Finance, Santander



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## HOW CAN WE PROMOTE A SAVINGS CULTURE?



Tuesday 20 September, 6.15pm to 7.30pm  
Jury's Inn, room 106

### Panel includes:

- Edward Davey MP (TBC)
- Aviva Future Prosperity Panellist
- Senior speaker from Aviva plc

Aviva has brought together a collection of prominent thinkers, the Future Prosperity Panel, to stimulate fresh ideas about future prosperity. Join us to debate new ways of creating a culture of sustainable savings.

Food and drink provided.

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**Santander, Peabody and Riverside**

*A Tale of Two Cities – The impact of housing reform*  
Chair: Stephen Gilbert MP (invited). Speakers: Simon Hughes MP (invited); Joy Baggaley, Deputy Chief Executive, Riverside; Steve Howlett, Chief Executive, Peabody; Paul Stevens, Head of Housing Finance, Santander.  
Hyatt Regency, Andante



**Public Finance magazine**

*Kill or Cure? The Shape of Public Services after the Cuts*  
Speakers: CIPFA CEO Steve Freer; Action for Children CEO Dame Clare Tickell DBE; New Local Government Network Director Simon Parker.  
Hyatt Regency, Concerto



**Social Market Foundation & KPMG**

*The Green Growth challenge*  
'Opportunities for public-private partnerships on development finance'. Baroness Kramer; Yvo De Boer, Global Advisor on Climate Change and Sustainability, KPMG; Nick Mabey, E3g (invited); Fiona Harvey, *The Guardian*.  
Hyatt Regency, Dolce



**The Science Council**

*UK Science Skills – priorities for the 21st Century*  
A discussion on 21st Century skills needs for the UK economy need, and how regional growth can be a driver of innovation. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP and Mark Downs, CEO, Society of Biology.  
Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room



**IPPR and Unum**

*'Alarm clock Britain' – the new economic battleground?*  
Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Teresa Perchard, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Advice; Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR; Peter O'Donnell, Chief Financial Officer, Unum.  
Chair: Patrick Hennessy, *Sunday Telegraph*.  
Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo



**Citizens Advice (Supported by Barclays)**

*Whose Job is it anyway? How do we empower consumers?*  
Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Minister of State, DWP; Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice; Michelle Smith, Head of UK Consumer and Community Affairs, Barclays.  
Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



**Transport Times & Greener Journeys**

*Britain's Buses: Getting our priorities right*  
Norman Baker MP, Minister of State for Transport; Giles Fearnley, MD, First UK Bus (chair); Mike Cooper, MD, Arriva UK Bus; Dean Finch, CEO, National Express (invited); Claire Haigh, CEO, Greener Journeys.  
Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**Internet EARS & Casework Manager (free upgrade for existing users)**

*Launch of EARS v9 – see how the best just got better!*  
Adrian Sanders MP & John Jefkins. Your campaign software is now internet linked but still works off line. Smartphone or browser canvass input. Auto-walks with google maps. See how you can use your EARS upgrade.  
Hyatt Regency, Soprano

**British Medical Association, The Nuffield Trust, Royal College of Nursing**

*Hard times: difficult choices in the NHS?*  
An interactive event to facilitate debate about the difficult decisions the NHS faces at this time.  
Jurys Inn, 101



**Liberty**

*Liberty Fringe Event 2011*  
Panel discussion chaired by Shami Chakrabarti. Speakers include: Rt Hon the Baroness Williams of Crosby, Rt Hon Tom Brake MP, Dr Julian Huppert MP, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (Journalist and author).  
Jurys Inn, 102



**Reform / Sky**

*Creative growth: Helping the UK economy to recover and thrive*  
Rt Hon Don Foster MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport 2005–2010, will lead the discussion. John Tate, Director of Policy and Strategy, BBC, will be a panellist.  
**Note: this event will start at 18.30**  
Jurys Inn, 103



**Demos in partnership with Shell Springboard and the New Statesman**

*Opportunity Knocks*  
How can Government and business nurture a green tech revolution? Speakers: Lorely Burt MP; Kate Craig-Wood, Memset; Dean Curran, Himag Solutions Ltd; John MacArthur, Shell. Chair: Jon Bernstein, *New Statesman*.  
Jurys Inn, 104



tuesday early evening 18.15 – 19.30 continued

**Reform / Lloyds Banking Group**

*Going green: How to create a sustainable economy*

Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, will lead the discussion. Sir Win Bischoff, Chairman, Lloyds Banking Group, will be a panellist.  
Jurys Inn, 105



**CentreForum and Core Cities**

*Cities, localism and reform: a plan for growth*

Speakers: Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol Council; Chris Murray, Core Cities, and Lord Shipley, Government adviser on cities policy. Chair: Lord Wallace of Saltaire.  
Cophthorne Hotel, Jubilee



**Aviva**

*How can we promote a savings culture?*

Norman Lamb MP (TBC); Lord Newby; Matthew Taylor, RSA chief executive; Senior speaker from Aviva. Join us to debate new ways to promote prosperity.  
Jurys Inn, 106



**Liberal Democrat DCLG Parliamentary Committee with support from the Hyde Group**

*Lib Dems and Housing: campaigning, challenges, and success*

Annette Brooke MP, Lord Graham Tope, Steve White (Hyde Group CEO), DCLG Minister Andrew Stunell lead discussion of Coalition's Housing record and the FPC Housing Policy Review. Reserve your space at libdem@local.gov.uk

**Note: this event will end at 19.45**

Council House, Committee Room 3&4



**The Royal Society**

*The Ideas Economy: science, innovation & growth*

With less money and greater pressure to deliver economic growth, the UK has to be more innovative and creative. Join a high-level panel with Lord Willis to identify the hidden wealth that will ensure a healthy economy.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

**Kapsch TrafficCom**

*Driving our way out of recession*

Joerg Konrad (Kapsch TrafficCom); James Hookham (FTA); Relevant Political and Industry Panel invited.  
Jurys Inn, 110



**CentreForum and ACCA**

*Moving on up? Breaking down the barriers to social mobility*

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Neil Stevenson, Executive Director, ACCA; Polly Toynbee, *Guardian* (inv), and Gill Wyness, CentreForum.

Crowne Plaza, Suite 2



**CentreForum and Resolution Foundation**

*Squeezed Britain: when will living standards rise again?*

Speakers: Rt Hon David Laws MP; Gavin Kelly, Chief Executive, Resolution Foundation; Chris Nicholson, Chief Executive, CentreForum, and Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI. Chair: Anoushka Asthana, *The Times*.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117



**Policy Exchange and Working Links**

*Can Coalition politics deliver the rehab revolution?*

Chair: Simon Israel, ITN News. Speakers: Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP; Rory Geoghegan, Crime & Justice, Policy Exchange; Rob Owen, Chief Executive, St Giles Trust; Debbie Ryan, Director of Justice Division, Working Links.

**Note: this event will end at 19.15**

Mint Hotel, Barra Room



**Age UK, Rethink Mental Illness, Local Government Association (LGA)**

*A Healthy Partnership: Councils, Charities and the NHS*

Join us to debate the future of health and social care from a Local Government perspective. Speakers: Paul Burstow MP (invited), Cllr David Rogers, Paul Jenkins (Rethink CEO), Michelle Mitchell (Director, Age UK).

Jurys Inn, 116



**New Statesman & National Association of Head Teachers**

*How Can We Empower Our Head Teachers To Improve Our Schools?*

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP; Russell Hobby, General Secretary, NAHT; Professor Stephen Gorard; Professor Alison Halsted.

**Note: this event will end at 19.20**

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones



**New Statesman & Tobacco Manufacturers Association**

*Is government tax policy driving illicit trade?*

Speakers: Gordon Birtwistle MP; Christopher Ogden, CEO, Tobacco Manufacturers Association.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room



tuesday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15

**Social Liberal Forum**

*Are we democratic, independent and radical in Coalition?*

Dr Evan Harris of the Social Liberal Forum questions Government Deputy Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael and Lib Dem Deputy Leader Simon Hughes. Unity or Distinctiveness? Can conference votes influence Government policy?  
The ICC, Hall 5

**Ascertiva Group, Electricity Safety Council, Which?**

*Protecting consumers in the low-carbon economy*  
Speakers: Tessa Munt MP, Baroness Tonge (Patron, Electrical Safety Council), Emma McCarthy (CEO, Ascertiva), Richard Lloyd (Executive Director, Which?).  
The ICC, Hall 6a



**Demos in partnership with ActionAid and Christian Aid**

*Taxing Times*

Is there anything wrong with tax avoidance? Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Robin Fieth, ICAEW; Anna Thomas, ActionAid. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.  
The ICC, Hall 6b



**Energy UK, with the AEP, ERA, and the UKBCSE**

*Powering the UK – Energy Reception*

Energy reception with Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, and Christine McGourty, Director, Energy UK.  
The ICC, Hall 7a



**National Union of Teachers**

*NUT Fish & Chips Supper Reception*

Numbers are strictly limited. Please collect invitations from the NUT Stand (Number 406).

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

The ICC, Hall 10



**Show me the money:**

# Should big business do more to help communities? How you can make it happen for yours.

**Chair: Peter Latchford**, Board Director, Community Development Foundation and Chief Executive, Black Radley

**Guest Speaker: Paul Kelly**, External Affairs Director, Asda and Chair of The Asda Foundation

Big business invests millions in community projects every year in money, staff time and goods. But many community groups and community activists struggle to understand how and where they can access this support.

This reception will give you an opportunity to understand how business approaches community investment. Come and find out about business innovation in supporting local communities and how this fits in with public sector community support.

**Tuesday 20th September, 8.30pm – 10.00pm**

Room 105, Jurys Inn,  
245 Broad Street,  
Birmingham, B1 2HQ

**Light refreshments available**



tuesday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

**Children & Young People Now, Groundwork UK and NCVYS**

*For Youth's Sake: a positive agenda for young people*  
Panel debate: Ravi Chandiramani, CYPNow (Chair); Sir Tony Hawkhead, Groundwork UK; Susanne Rauprich, NCVYS; David Wright, CHYPS; Thomas Hemsley, Liberal Youth; Tim Farron MP (invited).  
The ICC, Youth Zone



**GovNet Communications**

*Reaching out Beyond the Party*  
Chair: Lord Archy Kirkwood. Speakers: Sir Robert Worcester, Founder, Ipsos MORI; Norman Lamb MP; Toby Helm, Political Editor, *The Observer*; Dr Daniel Poulter MP (Con).

**Note: this event will end at 22.00**

Hyatt Regency, Sonata



**Liberal Democrats in Business**

*Encouraging the next generation of entrepreneurs*  
How can we foster the next generation of entrepreneurs, the driving force for the UK economy? A panel of speakers chaired by Julian Huppert MP including Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP (invited) and others to discuss.  
Jurys Inn, 101



**Lib Dem Voice**

*Do we need a Coalition 'exit strategy'? Preparing for 2015*

How should the Liberal Democrats campaign as a distinct party in the next General Election? Our panel of experts explore the party's options for 2015.  
Jurys Inn, 102

**Green Liberal Democrats**

*AGM – Members only*  
Catherine Bearder MEP (& GLD VP) with Lord Tony Greaves heads up our annual accountability event which includes this year's reports and constitutional changes and the election for next year's executive.  
Jurys Inn, 103



**Community Development Foundation (CDF)**  
*Should big business do more to help communities?*

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Jurys Inn, 105



**Liberal Democrat Nuclear Security Forum**

*The Trident Alternatives Review: Progress and Prospects*

With: Rt Hon Nick Harvey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces; Lord David Shutt, LD Chief Whip in the House of Lords; Dr. Nick Ritchie, Research Fellow at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford.  
Jurys Inn, 106



**Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats**

*What is the liberal response to sharia law?*

Sharia courts operate in the UK. What are the dilemmas for liberals? Panel: Maryam Namazie, One Law for All; Naomi Phillips, British Humanist Association; Baroness Kishwer Falkner, Lib Dem Peer. Chair: Peter Kunzmann.  
Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

**Keolis UK**

*High Speed 2: fast forward to the future*

Geoff Inskip, Chief Executive, Centro (Chair); Alistair Gordon, CEO, Keolis UK; John Leech MP (invited); Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary Transport (invited).  
Jurys Inn, 110



**Liberal Democrat Education Association**

*Children with SEN: early identification and support*  
Main Speaker: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Education. Chair: Annette Brooke MP, President, LDEA.  
Jurys Inn, 112

**Lib Dem European Group & Liberal International British Group**

*The Arab Spring – how should the world community respond?*

Speakers including Edward McMillan-Scott MEP and Robert Woodthorpe-Browne, Co-Treasurer of the Liberal International.  
Jurys Inn, 113/115/117

**The Foreign Policy Centre and Standard Chartered Bank**

*From burden to opportunity? Big business in poor countries*

Speakers: Lord Richard Newby, Lib Dem Treasury Parliamentary Party Cttee; Gibril Faal, African Foundation for Democracy (AFFORD); Phil Bloomer, Oxfam GB; Ann Grant, Standard Chartered. Chair: Baroness Susan Kramer.

Jurys Inn, 114





## tuesday mid evening 20.00 – 21.15 continued

### **New Statesman & Association of Chartered Certified Accountants**

#### *Can We Afford To Work Locally?*

Speakers: Lorely Burt MP (invited); Andrew Leck, Head of ACCA UK.

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

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Room



### **UK Music**

#### *The Great UK Music Political Pop Quiz*

Join Feargal Sharkey and special guests for an evening of pub grub and free flowing booze at the best quiz of the year! Registration essential – email:

popquiz@ukmusic.org

**Note: this event will start at 20.00 and end at 02.00**

Bar Risa



### **Fujitsu & Business in the Community**

*Transforming Business, Transforming Communities*

Late Night Reception.

**Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 22.30**

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1



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A left luggage facility will be available on Wednesday 21st September from 08.00–17.00, at House of Sport, Broad Street (across the road from The ICC – see map on inside back cover).

All luggage is left at owners risk; any luggage not collected by 17.00 may be destroyed. There will be a charge of £1 per item.

Do not bring large bags or luggage to The ICC on Wednesday morning – either leave items at your hotel or use the left luggage facility.

## tuesday late evening 22.00 – 02.00

### **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. Hyatt Regency, Symphony Ballroom

## glee club

**Where? Symphony Ballroom, Hyatt Regency**

**When? Tuesday 20th September,  
10pm to 2am**

**Join us for the ultimate  
end-of-conference celebration!**

Special bar prices:

Glass of House wine - £5

Pint of beer or Bottle of beer - £3.95

Soft drink (Coke / lemonade) £1.50

Pick up your copy of the *Liberator* songbook and come and 'raise the roof'!

### **visit us online!**

Our website contains all the conference information you need. 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)**.



# Best stand competition

## Help us select the best stands!

Each year we run a competition to find the best exhibition stands. You can help choose the winners - just pick up an entry form at the Information desk and nominate the stands giving reasons for your choice.

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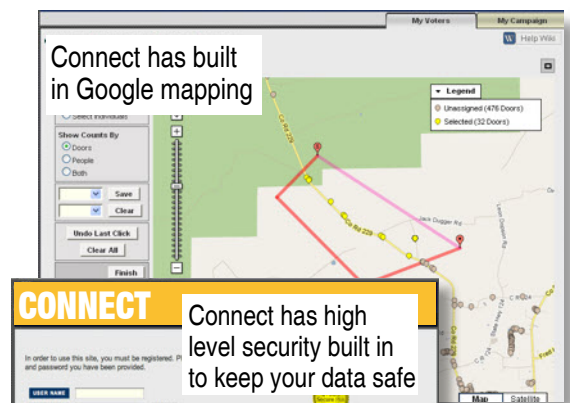


# Supercharge your campaign with **CONNECT**

From late 2011, Liberal Democrat campaigners will have the world's leading campaign software (CONNECT - powered by VAN).

Based on the technology that drove the Obama campaign to success, CONNECT includes:

- A user friendly system to help you target and communicate with voters in a smarter and more cost effective way
- A range of new tools to help you get more people involved in your local campaign
- Quicker, easier and more secure access to the data you collect on the doorsteps and online
- A UK dedicated system built on proven technology with a record of success around the world



Obama's campaign software was on a different level to anything I've seen before. I'm delighted that Lib Dem campaigners will now have access to the same kind of technology.

**Ed Davey MP**

Find out more at one of the daily **CONNECT** introduction sessions at conference

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# fringe wednesday 21st september

wednesday morning 07.15 – 08.30

## CHYPS (Confederation Heads of Young People's Services)

*Positive for Youth: inspiring services, improving lives*

Policy Roundtable, by invitation only

(jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk). Speakers include: Dan Rogerson MP; David Wright, CEO, CHYPS.

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

The ICC, Youth Zone



## Demos in partnership with PwC

*The Recovery Breakfast*

Defining economic policy for the next generation.

Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Mark Smith, PwC. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

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

Hyatt Regency, Dolce



## Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

*Morning Praise*

Join LDCF to start the final day of conference with Josh Harris. Finish by 8.45am. Everyone welcome.

**Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45**

Hyatt Regency, Concerto

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## You are invited to a conversation about

Community Organising and Community First:

# is government really giving power to the people?

With

- **Jess Steele**, Community Organisers Programme Manager, Locality
- **Alison Seabrooke**, Chief Executive, Community Development Foundation

Also featuring contributions from

- A government minister
- A leading councillor
- A Community Organiser host
- A private sector partner

**Wednesday 21st September, 1.00 – 2.00 pm**

Executive Meeting Room 8,  
The ICC, Broad Street,  
Birmingham, B1 2EA

**Light refreshments provided**



wednesday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

**World Vision**

*The Fallout of War: The value of health in fragile countries*

Chair: James Lyons, Political Correspondent for the *Daily Mirror*. Malcolm Bruce, Chair of the International Development Select Committee; Rachel Cooper, Head of Government Relations, World Vision.

The ICC, Hall 6b



**CentreForum**

*Parenting matters: a liberal approach to early years policy*

Speakers: Chris Paterson, CentreForum; Sarah Teather MP and others.

The ICC, Hall 7a



**BioRegional Development Group**

*Real life experiences of Localism, Big Society & Green Deal*

Chris Huhne MP (TBC); Tom Brake MP. Enjoy a sustainable lunch and hear how Sutton Council, BioRegional and B&Q have been working together to deliver sustainability using the one planet living approach.

The ICC, Hall 7b



**Chinese embassy**

*China forum*

Speakers: Chris Huhne, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Jeremy Browne, Minister, FCO; Lord McNally, Minister, Ministry of Justice; Edward Davey, Minister, BIS.

The ICC, Hall 10b



**Demos in partnership with Friends Provident Foundation and Barrow Cadbury Trust**

*Financial Well-being*

How do we foster inclusion during the downturn? Stephen Williams MP; Mark Allan, Toynbee Hall; Karen Rowlingson, CHASM; Danielle Walker-Palmour, Friends Provident Foundation; Jo Thornhill, *Mail on Sunday* (Chair).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2



**Community Development Foundation (CDF) & Locality**

*Is government really giving power to the people?*

With: Jess Steele, Community Organisers Programme Manager, Locality, and Alison Seabrooke, Chief Executive, CDF. Also featuring: a government minister, a leading councillor & a Community Organiser host.

The ICC, Executive meeting room 8



**Nacro and NASUWT**

*Capable of Greatness: reaching beyond custody*

Panel debate, speakers include: Lynne Featherstone, Home Office Minister; Frances Lawrence, PLANet; Paul McDowell, NACRO; Christine Keates, NASUWT.

The ICC, Youth Zone



**Liberal Democrats for Drug Policy Reform**

*Legal Regulation of the Cannabis Market. How, Why and When.*

What could control and regulation mean, what benefits could it bring, and how close are we to seeing it happen? Ewan Hoyle of LDDPR, Danny Kushlick of Transform and Prof. Stephen Pudney discuss. Julian Huppert MP chairs.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro

**Reuters / Ipsos MORI**

*Beyond the bubble: the voters' verdict by Reuters / Ipsos MORI*

Using brand new polling to discuss public perception of the Liberal Democrats with: Ben Page, Ipsos MORI; Jodie Ginsberg, Reuters; Simon Hughes MP tbc; Lord Rennard; Isabel Oakeshott, *Sunday Times*.

Hyatt Regency, Andante



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Hyatt Regency, Concerto

**Us&Them**

*Her Majesty's Prison Service is also Ours*

Speaker: Bill Strettle, ex prison worker. Our Prisons are failing us. Attacks on prison staff are increasing. Prison suicides are increasing. As a Nation we have to take responsibility for our prison system to work.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce

**Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA) AGM**

The formal AGM of the LDDA, celebrating our relaunch. Looking forward to campaigning about disability issues and encouraging disabled people to be activists within the Party.

Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room



## wednesday lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00 continued

### Lib Dem Voice

*Lib Dems and the Media: friend or foe, and does it matter?*

“The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about.” Media coverage of the Liberal Democrats has increased hugely since the 2010 General Election campaign – but have we got the coverage we craved?

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo

### Westminster City Council, sponsored by Enterprise plc

*Pushing the boundaries: where next for local government?*

Mike More, Chief Executive, Westminster City Council; Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGiU; Andrew Stunell MP, Local Government Minister; Lord Storey, Former Leader of Liverpool City Council.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo



### Department of Elections & Skills

*Working with the Regions*

All members of regional exec teams are invited to come and hear about the latest developments in campaigning and infrastructure building, feed in ideas and swap best practice.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano

### Consumer Credit Counselling Service

*Personal debt: Have UK households reached their limit?*

Speakers: Ed Davey, Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs (invited); Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert. Other panellists tbc. Please email [markh@cccs.co.uk](mailto:markh@cccs.co.uk) to join our mailing list.

Jury's Inn, Room 105

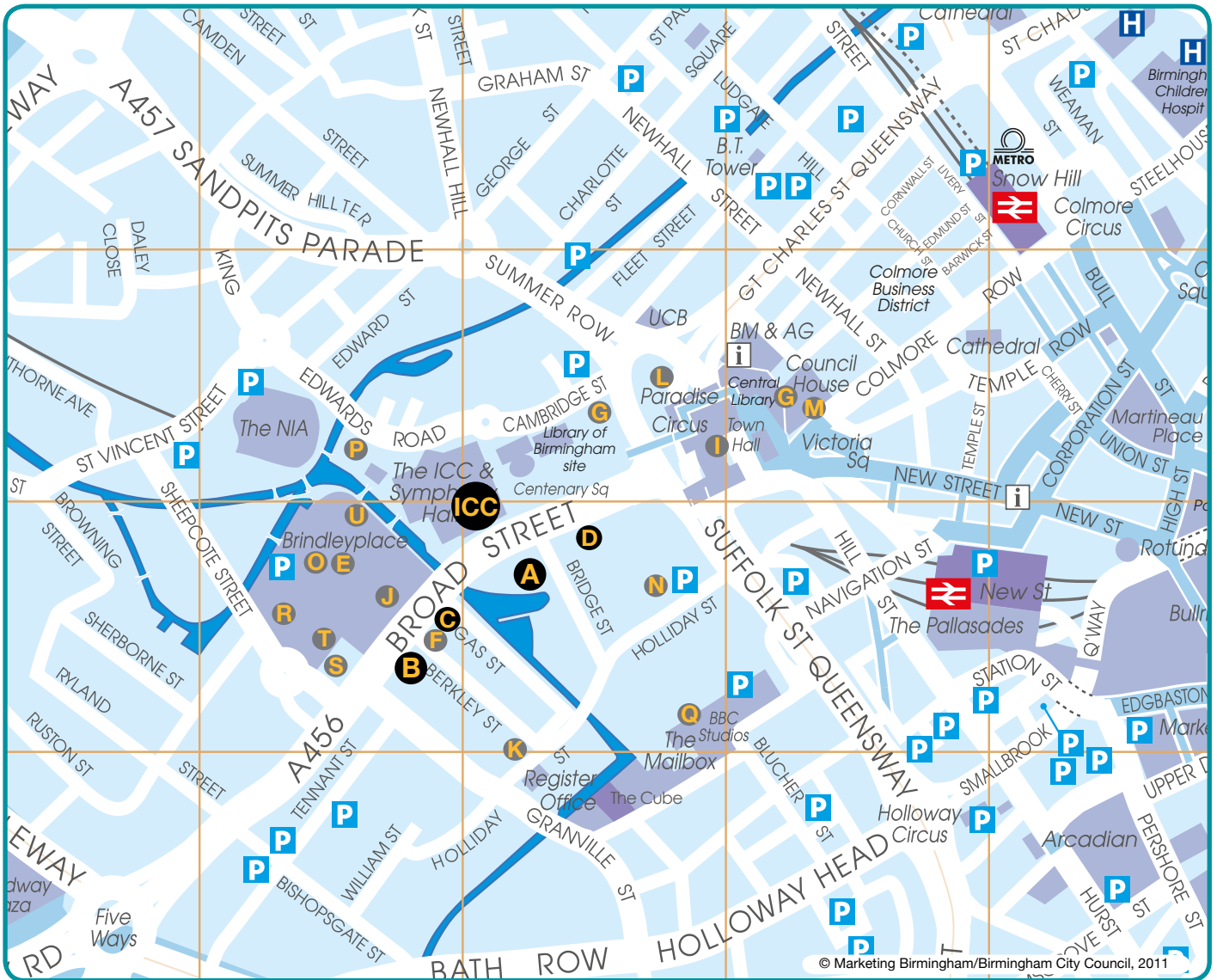


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### Main conference venues

- ICC** The ICC – main conference venue
- A** Hyatt Regency – conference hotel
- B** Jurys Inn – fringe and training venue
- C** Registration – Quayside Tower
- D** Left luggage – House of Sport
- i** Visitor centre
- P** Parking
- H** Hospital
- +** Railway station
- M** Metro station
- Restricted vehicle access
- Canal

### Other venues

- E** Bank Restaurant and Bar
- F** Bar Risa
- G** Baskerville House
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- I** Birmingham Conservatoire
- J** Café Ikon
- K** CBSO Centre
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- M** Council House
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- O** Deloitte: Brindleyplace
- P** IET Birmingham: Austin Court
- Q** Malmaison Birmingham
- R** Mint Hotel Birmingham
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- U** Pitcher & Piano

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