

Training Guide

Glasgow 2013



National Jobs Campaign Day of Action

28th September 10am - 4pm

Help to deliver a stronger economy in a fairer society.

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Canvassing



The Future of Targeting



Campaign Strategy

Welcome to the Conference Training Programme

Whether it is from our fantastic Eastleigh by-election success, the winning Obama campaign or the success stories from our elections in May, the party is always learning.

Throughout this period we have been testing and embracing fresh techniques for getting our message across, developing skills and earning votes – at the same time as improving the way we work as a party, encouraging new volunteers and refreshing basic skills.

You'll find the results on OSKAR, through the regional delivery of the national LaunchPad series of workshop events and here at conference in the 140 training sessions on offer.

Meanwhile do have a great conference and take back home lots of inspiration and new ideas to grow your local party and increase your election success.

Best wishes

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We value your feedback so please fill in the forms given out in the sessions and do contact me with any other ideas.







Bringing the best in party training to your region.

Action packed workshops suitable for local party teams at every level – with specialist trainers, group discussions and seat focused advice.

Hear the latest on how you can:

- Develop and engage more volunteers and members
- Plan and prioritise for success
- Achieve the most effective message for your voters
- · Get the best from Connect and social media
- Apply new campaign techniques

Have you been to LaunchPad? If not, find out where future events are scheduled at:

http://launchpad.libdems.org.uk/

- or ask your regional team about future plans.



"Very, very useful and well done"

Lord Paddy Ashdown, Chair of the 2015 General Election Campaign



"The cornerstone of your preparation for every election from parish to Europe before, during and after 2015"

Tim Farron MP, Party President

Lessons from this year's elections

The last twelve months have been exciting and challenging with many new learning experiences for the party at all levels.

In Eastleigh and in the county and unitary elections we took much of that learning and tested many new approaches, measuring their impact wherever possible.

Our training programme this year is based heavily on experiences from these campaigns and learning from the US Obama campaign.

To the right is a summary of some key election winning learning points which you will see developed across the Conference Training Programme.

Plan for less predictable voting patterns

- Turnout levels are generally lower and very variable
- Ensuring that we identify Liberal Democrats and get them out to vote is even more vital now
- Make the most of Connect and the virtual phone bank to identify voters and spread the message

Early work pays

- Research shows that work done in the first half of the cycle -during 2013 - will pay big dividends in 2014
- Knocking on doors increases turnout – proven in both 2012, Eastleigh and in May 2013
- Getting more helpers is a vital first stage to success

Consistent messages get through

- Repeat key messages through EVERY medium you can
- A genuine record of candidate action counts
- Take national achievements in government and demonstrate their positive effect locally – stay in touch and use the Jobs Campaign materials

Strong local leadership gets results

- Always be positive helpers need to know their work will pay off
- Agree, share and monitor monthly targets – celebrate achievement!
- Be clear what help you need
- Ask thank ASK AGAIN!

Winning with Connect:

From start to finish

The new 'Winning with Connect' course takes you through your campaign from start to finish. Through each session of the course, you'll gain the knowledge you need to make the most of Connect and the information you have collected.

The five parts are:

Part 1: Understanding your electorate

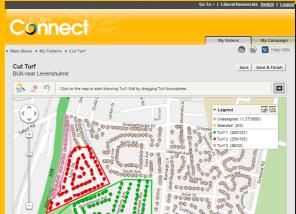
Part 2: Growing your team
Part 3: Targeting your activity

Part 4: Communicating with voters

Part 5: Getting Out The Vote

Each module focuses on an aspect of campaigning starting with targeting and planning through to Getting Out The Vote. They explain what needs to be done in your campaign and how you can do it with Connect.







If you're a candidate in next year's local elections

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
9.15 – 10.45	9.15 – 10.45 Getting started with your campaign (All welcome) (James Baker, Paul Moat) Castle 3 – Crowne Plaza Hotel	9.15 – 10.45	9.15 – 10.45
11.00 – 12.30	11.00 – 12.30	11.00 – 12.30	11.00 – 12.30 Winning campaign leadership (Dan Purchese, Rachel Palma Randle) Argyll 1 – Crowne Plaza Hotel
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If you're a parliamentary candidate, or would like to be one

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16.00 – 17.30 Effective performance at hustings (Layla Moran, Anthony Hook) Morar – SECC Conference Centre	16.00 – 17.30 Digital media for candidates (Rob Blackie for the Candidates' Office) Morar – SECC Conference Centre	16.00 – 17.30	16.00 – 17.30

If you're a campaign organiser or agent

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9.15 – 10.45	9.15 – 10.45 Advanced Election Law (Andrew Garner and Richard Marbrow for the Agents and Organisers' Association and Paul Trollope, Strategic Seat Team) Etive – SECC Conference Centre	9.15 – 10.45	9.15 – 10.45 Build a winning campaign infrastructure (Kelly Bloomfield, James MacCleary) Argyll 1 – Crowne Plaza Hotel
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If you want help in growing your membership

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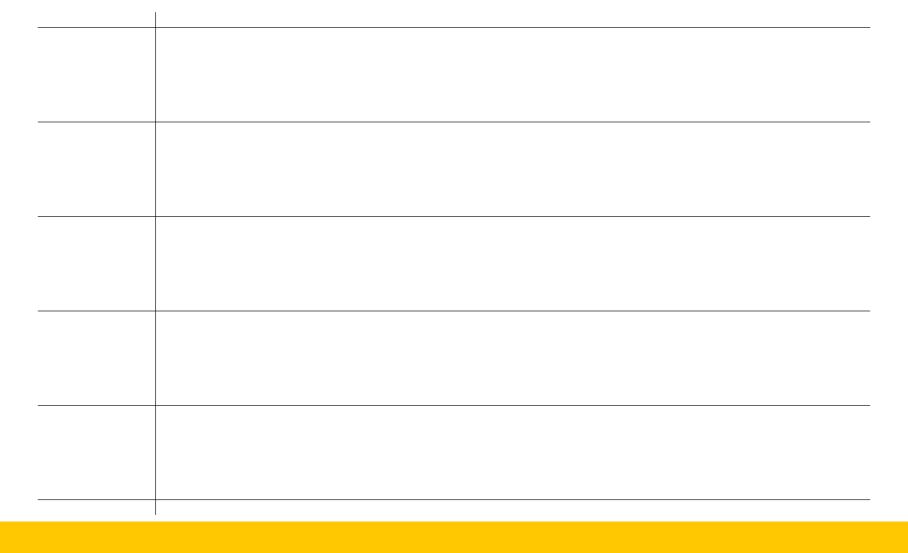
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	Recruiting & retaining young members
Etive,	Examples and best practice showing you how to recruit and retain young people to your campaign.
SECC	Kat Pugh (Liberal Youth), Austin Rathe (Membership), Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seat
	How to get approved (Women only)
Leven,	Come and find out about how the approval process works. Get one to one advice on filling in the application form.
SECC	Ros Gordon (for the Diversity Ur
Morar,	Winning with Connect, Module 1 – understanding your electorate Planning your campaign and want to know where to find all the information you need to get started with a success campaign? Part 1 of Winning with Connect gets you started. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attended will get most from attending all the appaigne in this course, but each against on he taken on its gurp.)
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	Campaign planning workshop 2014 (Part 1 of 2, continued at 4pm)		
Dochart 1,	Plan your winning campaign for the 2014 elections.		
SECC	John Bridges (ALDC), Tom Morrison (Strategic Seats), Elspeth Finlay (Yorkshire & The Humber Euro Agen		
	Next Generation Councillors Alumni (Invitation only) (Part 1 of 2, continued at 4pm)		
Dochart 2,	For former participants in the Liberal Democrat Next Generation councillors programme.		
SECC	Cllr Erica Kemp (for ALDC		
	Basic election law		
Etive, SECC	Everything you need to know about staying legal including getting your nominations done and completing those expense returns. Richard Marbrow, Andrew Garner (for the Agents & Organisers' Association		
	Page Plus drop-in session		
Fyne,	Come along with any PagePlus queries, however basic or advanced.		
SECC	Kelly Bloomfield, Adam Williams (Strategic Seats		
	How to apply for a seat (Women only)		
Leven, SECC	In many constituencies the process of applying for a seat is very competitive. Find out about what you need to include it the selection application form to give yourself the best chance of getting onto the shortlist. Martin Tod (for the Diversity Un		

	Now you are a PPC – first steps
Morar, SECC	A session on the best first steps for any newly selected PPC – useful for any candidate hoping to be selected in this electoral cycle. Anthony Hook (for the Candidates' Office
	Winning with Connect, Module 2 – Growing your team
Ness, SECC	Want to grow your local team so you can win in the years ahead? This session takes you through how you can grow your team and use Connect to keep it growing. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending al the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own). Jake Holland (Digital), Austin Rathe (Membership
	Making the most of VIP visits (Invitation only)
Argyll 1,	
	How to get the most out of your VIP visits for your campaign.
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SECC	Cllr Erica Kemp (for ALDO		
	Introduction to agenting		
Etive,	Have you been asked to be an agent? This course will help you to prepare for this rewarding if at times challenging rol		
SECC	Neil Walton, Billi Williams (for the Agents & Organisers' Association		
	Writing & delivering a fabulous hustings speech (Women only)		
Leven, SECC	Giving a great hustings speech can be a vital part of winning a selection in a competitive seat. Come along and heat some top tips on how to write and deliver one! Candy Piercy (for the Diversity University U		
	Effective performance at hustings		
Morar, SECC	Every candidate knows that their hustings speech is the moment of truth for their selection campaign. Come and heat from Layla Moran PPC for Oxford West and Abingdon on what works and how to make that winning speech.		
	Layla Moran, Anthony Hook (for the Candidates' Office		

Ness, SECC	An introduction to Nationbuilder for organisers and campaign managers Have you visited the Million Jobs (www.amillionjobs.org), Fairer Tax (www.fairertax.org) or Mike Thornton websites? All were built on Nationbuilder sites and have helped us blast through records on online fundraising, engaging voters and signing up supporters. Come and find out more about using Nationbuilder as an organiser or campaign manager.
	Emily Schwartz (Nationbuilder), David Millar (Digital), Austin Rathe (Membership)

Dochart 1, SECC	Winning with Connect, Module 3 – Targeting your activity Want to target your activity where it will make the most difference? Part 3 of Winning with Connect takes you through the best ways to target to get a winning result. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from
	attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own). Jake Holland (Digital), Tom Morrison (Strategic Seats), James Lillis (Political Communications)
	Advanced election law
Etive, SECC	This course will increase your knowledge of election law and covers topics including apportioning your expenses and defamation. Andrew Garner, Richard Marbrow (for the Agents & Organisers' Association), Paul Trollope (Strategic Seats
	Winning in the cities (Invitation only)
Fyne, SECC	Shaun Roberts (Political Communications), Tim Pickstone (ALDC
	Planning & winning your selection campaign (Women only)
Leven, SECC	An essential guide to all aspects of running an effective selection campaign for all women who are hoping to stand as candidates in this electoral cycle. Martin Tod (for the Diversity Unit)

	Sue Evans (Fundraising), Rachel Palma Randle (Strategic Seats)
An integrated campaign in 2014 (In	vitation only)
xecute a winning strategy for Local and European e	elections in May 2014.
	Dave McCobb, Dan Purchese (Strategic Seats)
Activists' Network: Two elections, o	ne polling day (ALDC members only)
	w to campaign for the Local and European Elections on the same MacCleary (Strategic Seats), Elspeth Finlay (Yorkshire & The Humber Euro Agent)
Campaign Basics (Build Up Progra All welcome)	mme) – Getting started with your campaign
low to get a local campaign off the ground, looking part of ALDC's Build Up Programme, but open to all	at the basics that you need to do to get you on the path to victory,). James Baker (ALDC), Paul Moat (Strategic Seats)
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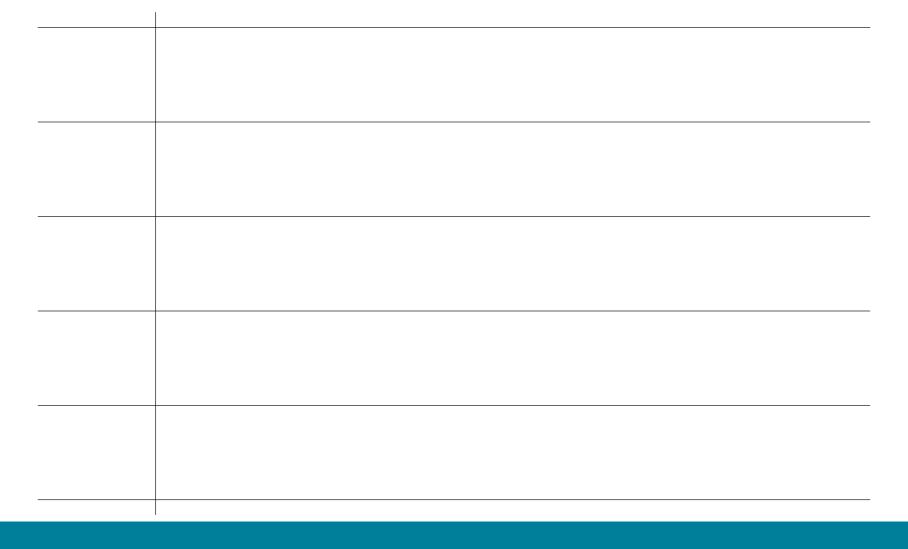
	Getting the most from email and targeted communications
Dochart 1, SECC	Want to maximise the return from your email? Learn how to use email and other targeted online communications to wing people over and recruit supporters. Tim Pollard, Simon Cooper (Digital)
	Growing local parties' membership
Etive, SECC	Many local parties have increased their membership this year. Come along to find out how they did it. Austin Rathe, Jonny Steen (Membership
Fyne, SECC	How to get involved in policy making Bess Mayhew (Policy Unit), members of FP
	Literature to get you selected (Women only)
Leven, SECC	A guide to planning and producing first-class selection literature to help you win! Miranda Roberts (for Diversity Uni
	Public speaking
Morar, SECC	Public speaking is the key skill that all politicians are expected to have. This session will fill you in on the tips and trick that can turn a good speech into a winning speech. Candy Piercy (for the Candidates' Office

Castle 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Lessons from America – organising to win your campaign First hand experience from the US elections – and how we can implement it to win here in the UK. Victoria Marsom, Dave McCobb, Dan Purchese, Adam Stachura (Strategic Seats)
Castle 2, Crowne Plaza	Activists' Network: Targeting – how we use the 4 S's effectively (ALDC members only)
Hotel	An exchange of best practice and experience on using supporters, squeeze, switch and stay at homes as distinct target groups in your winning campaign. John Bridges (ALDC), Adam Williams (Strategic Seats), Richard Marbrow
Castle 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Councillor training – Implementing the Morrissey Report for council groups Following the publication of Helena Morrissey's report, we look at how this relates to Lib Dem council groups. Alan Connett & Claire Hudson (for ALDC)

	Winning with Connect, Module 4 – Communicating with voters
Dochart 1, SECC	There are lots of ways to communicate with voters, find out how to make the difference quickly and easily with Part of Winning with Connect. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own).
	Jake Holland (Digital), Adam Williams (Strategic Seats), Shaun Roberts (Political Communication
	Time & stress management
Etive, SECC	A useful guide to agents, organisers and others on managing their time and the inevitable stresses of any electic campaign. Chris Butler (Strategic Seats), Billi Williams (for the Agents & Organisers' Association)
	Page Plus drop-in session
Fyne,	Come along with any PagePlus queries, however basic or advanced.
SECC	Simon Drage, Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seat
	Pictures worth a thousand words (Women only)
Leven,	An essential guide to learning how to plan, produce and pick first-class pictures for your selection campaign.
SECC	

	Communicating Lib Dem policy for candidates
Morar,	Learn about new Lib Dem policy, brush up on the old and find out more about what we're already delivering in government
SECC	Bess Mayhew (for the Candidates' Office
	Making the most of VIP visits (All welcome)
Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Making visits work for your campaign. Tim Bearder (Strategic Seats), Ben Rathe (Visits & Events Manager
	Getting the message right for Scotland
Argyll 2, Crowne Plaza	Message session specifically for Scottish campaigners.
Hotel	Adam Stachura, Steve Jolly (Strategic Seats
Assessed 0	Getting the most from your website and social media
Argyll 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Want to know how to get more from your website and social media? Learn how to use your website and social media to recruit supporters and win people over. Kev O'Connor, Simon Cooper (Digital)
	Build a winning campaign infrastructure (Invitation only)
Castle 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Recruit and build your winning campaign team.
	Paul Trollope, Paul Moat (Strategic Seats

Castle 2,	Activists' Network: Using the power of social media (ALDC members only) An exchange of best practice and experience on the effective use of social media.	
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Craig Whittall, Mark Pack, Daisy Benson (for ALDO	
Castle 3,	Campaign Basics (Build Up Programme) – Polling day and the count (All welcome)	
Crowne Plaza Hotel	How to run an effective polling day that gets as many of our voters to the ballot box, and then avoid throwing it all awa at the count, (part of ALDC's Build Up Programme, but open to all). Anders Hanson (ALDC)	



	Winning with Connect, Module 5 – Getting Out The Vote
Dochart 1, SECC	Planning how to get your supporters out to vote? The final part of 'Winning with Connect' takes you from recruiting post voters to polling day. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the session in this course, but each session can be taken on its own). Jake Holland, Kev O'Connor (Digital), Paul Trollope (Strategic Seat
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	An introduction to Nationbuilder (Invitation only)
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Leven, SECC	Building your profile in the party – part of getting yourself selected (Women only)
	Getting your name known in the Lib Dems is a great first step to getting selected in a winnable seat. Come and find of more about how to establish a successful and positive profile in the Party. Candy Piercy (for the Diversity United Seat Seat Seat Seat Seat Seat Seat Seat
	Digital media for candidates
Morar,	Dos, don'ts and best practice - Learn the best ways to harness social media for campaigning and avoid the ma

Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Project planning for campaigners (Invitation only) How to manage your campaign plan on time, on budget, and on message. Victoria Marsom, Chris Butler (Strategic Seats)
Annual 2	Taking the fight to Labour
Argyll 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Message and communication session for campaigners fighting Labour. Shaun Roberts, James Lillis (Political Communications), Dave McCobb (Strategic Seats)
Argyll 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Running Connect in your local area Are you a local Connect Manager or do you help support local users? Learn all the tips and tricks for making Connect easier to use in your local area and for supporting your local team. Tim Pollard, Lizzy Parr (Digital)
Castle 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Winning campaign leadership Leadership skills to help you win. Dan Purchese, Rachel Palma Randle (Strategic Seats)
Castle 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Making the most of ALDC membership – Your MyCouncillor website (All welcome) Every ALDC member is entitled to a free Wordpress-based MyCouncillor website. This session will take members through every step from registration to posting and promoting your stories effectively. Craig Whittall, Chris White (ALDC)

Dochart 1,	Activists' Network: Encouraging young campaigners in your local campaigning (ALDC and Liberal Youth members only)
SECC	An exchange of best practice and experience on how to recruit, enthuse, train and motivate young campaigners in you team. John Bridges, Rhys Taylor, Hannah Thompson (for ALDC & Liberal Yout
	Campaign Basics (Build Up Programme) – Basic fundraising (All welcome)
Dochart 2, SECC	This session is aimed specifically at people trying to raise money for ward campaigns and small to medium sized loc parties, (part of ALDC's Build Up programme, but open to all). Neil Fawcett (ALDC), Sue Evans (Fundraisin
	Growing local parties' membership
Etive,	Many local parties have increased their membership this year. Come along to find out how they did it.
SECC	Austin Rathe, Jonny Steen (Membershi
	Page Plus drop-in session
Fyne,	Come along with any PagePlus queries, however basic or advanced.
SECC	Tom Morrison, Simon Drage (Strategic Seat
	Defining your message for selection (Women only)
Leven, SECC	Good literature is not enough to make sure you get selected – a strong message is essential. This session will he women candidates develop a powerful campaign message to help them win. Candy Piercy (for Diversity University Univer

Morar,	Approving & selecting candidates – How does it work and how can you get involved	
SECC	Come along to this session to find out more about becoming a Returning Officer, taking part in shortlisting committees, becoming a Regional Candidates Chair, or an assessor for approval assessment days. (Candidates' Office)	
	Winning with Connect, Module 1 – Understanding your electorate	
Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Planning your campaign and want to know where to find all the information you need to get started with a successful campaign? Part 1 of Winning with Connect gets you started. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own).	
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Argyll 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Learning from success – the best campaigning from Eastleigh by-election, 2013 local elections and by-elections.	
	James Lillis (Political Communications), Dave McCobb (Strategic Seats)	

	Activists' Network: Developing your activist base (ALDC members only)
Dochart 1, SECC	An exchange of best practice and experience where we are introducing some Obama style field organisers into the UK Lib Dem political environment. James Baker, Chris Lovell (for ALDC), Adam Stachura (Strategic Seats)
	Councillor training – Leadership training for councillors (All welcome)
Dochart 2, SECC	Leading community politics and your ward campaigning is a vital skill for councillors, this session will help to boost skills in this area. Candy Piercy (for ALDC)
	Basic election law
Etive, SECC	Everything you need to know about staying legal including getting your nominations done and completing those expenses returns. Simon Drage, Tim Huggan (for the Agents & Organisers' Association)
	European Agents (Invitation only)
Fyne, SECC	Briefing for Regional Agents for the 2014 European Elections. Strategic Seats

Leven,	Unconscious bias – how your unconscious mind tricks your thought processes & what to do about it
SECC	Research has shown that natural people preferences are hard wired into our brains and can influence prejudgement which sometimes lead to unintended bias. This session is an opportunity to understand the processes and find ways t ensure they don't influence your decisions. Jemima Jefferson (for the Diversity United by Company of
	Becoming an approved candidate
Morar, SECC	The essential session for anyone who is not currently an approved candidate and who is interested in finding out mor about the approval process, or going forward for approval in the future. Candidates' Office
A	Getting coverage in your local media (All welcome)
Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	How to get the coverage you deserve in your local media.
	Tim Hobden, Tim Bearder (for Strategic Seats
Argyll 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Taking the fight to the Conservatives
	Message and communication session for campaigners fighting the Conservatives.
	Shaun Roberts (Political Communications), Steve Jolly & Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seat

	Activists' Network: Building a strong candidate brand (ALDC members only)
Dochart 1, SECC	An exchange of best practice and experience in making your sitting councillor or a new candidate the obvious choice fo local voters. Tim Pickstone, Claire Hudson (for ALDC
Dochart 2, SECC	Campaign Basics (Build Up Programme) – Campaigning in your community (All welcome)
	How to understand and then put your community at the heart of your local campaigning, (part of ALDC's Build Up programme, but open to all).
Etive, SECC	Winning the youth vote
	Showing you how we can win with young people. Kat Pugh (Liberal Youth), Kelly Bloomfield, Jon Aylwin (Strategic Seats)
Fyne, SECC	Annual accounts training
	This is a brilliant opportunity for all Treasurers who found the new criteria by the Electoral Commission confusing, to come along and speak to the annual accounts team directly. With a live demonstration of the new template and a chance to ask questions about the accounts, this is a training session not to be missed. Charlotte Harris, David Allworthy (for the Compliance Team)
	Making the best use of the Virtual Phone Bank
Leven, SECC	Phone contact is a huge part of winning modern elections. Get the latest best practice from campaigns in Eastleigh and across the country. Austin Rathe (Membership), Wasim Yunus (Lib Dem Calling)

	Getting yourself better local press coverage
Morar, SECC	Local press can deliver you free coverage to hundreds of your local residents. Learn how to make best use of it in this comprehensive session. Tim Hobden (for the Candidates' Office)
Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Fuelling your campaign – how to find major donors (Invitation only) Sue Evans (Fundraising), Victoria Marsom (Strategic Seats)
Argyll 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Targeting your message to women Sharpen up your campaigning with women. Rachel Palma Randle (Strategic Seats), Miranda Roberts (for Political Communications)

Dochart 1, SECC	Making the most of ALDC membership – Connect Casework (ALDC members only)
	ALDC members are entitled to free access to the Connect Casework module. This session takes members through the basics of setting up and using Casework Connect in your ward and local area. Anders Hanson (ALDC), Lizzy Parr (Digital)
	Winning with Connect, Module 2 – Growing your team
Dochart 2, SECC	Want to grow your local team so you can win in the years ahead? This session takes you through how you can grow your team and use Connect to keep it growing. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own).
	Jake Holland (Digital), Tom Morrison (Strategic Seats), Austin Rathe (Membership)
	Recruiting & retaining young members
Etive, SECC	Examples and best practice showing you how to recruit and retain young people to your campaign.
	Kat Pugh (Liberal Youth), Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seats), Tom Hollis from Ashfield
Leven, SECC	Now you're a PPC – building the right relationships from the start (Women only)
	Once you win selection you need to develop the team that will help you win in the General Election. The evidence shows that getting this right from Day One is a key factor helping women win and make it to Westminster!
	Candy Piercy (for the Diversity Unit)

	An introduction to Nationbuilder
Morar, SECC	Have you visited the Million Jobs (www.amillionjobs.org), Fairer Tax campaign or Mike Thornton websites? All were built on Nationbuilder sites and have helped us blast through records on online fundraising, engaging voters and supporters and signing up supporters. Come and find out how you can use Nationbuilder in your local area.
	Emily Schwartz (Nationbuilder), David Millar (Digital), Jon Aylwin (Strategic Seats)
Argyll 1,	Campaigning on the referendum in your constituency
Crowne Plaza	How to make the most of the Better Together campaign to win in your area.
Hotel	Adam Stachura, Steve Jolly (Strategic Seats)
Ocalla 1	Targeting your message to older people
Castle 1, Crowne Plaza	Sharpen up your campaigning with older people.
Hotel	James Lillis (Political Communications), James MacCleary (Strategic Seats), Annette Brooke MP (Parliamentary Champion for Age UK)

	Advanced election law
Etive, SECC	This course will increase your knowledge of election law and covers topics including apportioning your expenses and defamation. Andrew Garner, Richard Marbrow (for the Agents & Organisers' Association), Paul Trollope (Strategic Seats)
	Activists' Network: Strengthening your squeeze message (ALDC members only)
Fyne, SECC	An exchange of best practice and experience on developing messages but also tactics for a successful campaign for the Connect squeeze category you may need to win.
	Neil Fawcett (ALDC), Chris Butler (Strategic Seats)
	Managing your time as a candidate (Women and under-represented groups only)
Leven, SECC	Research has shown that many candidates find it difficult to combine politics with other aspects of their lives – this session will be useful for any potential candidates or activists who want advice about how to manage their time!
	Candy Piercy (for the Diversity Unit)
Morar,	Campaign Basics (Build Up Programme) – How to persuade people to vote for you (All welcome)
SECC	Looking at the theory of how people decide who to vote for and then how to put this in to practice in your local campaigning (part of ALDC's Build Up programme, but open to all). James Baker (ALDC)
A	Build a winning campaign infrastructure (All welcome)
Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza	Recruit and build your winning campaign team.
Hotel	Kelly Bloomfield, James MacCleary (Strategic Seats)

Argyll 2,	Taking the fight to the Conservatives
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Message and communication session for campaigners fighting the Conservatives.
	Shaun Roberts (Political Communications), Steve Jolly & Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seats)
0	Getting the most from email and targeted communications
Castle 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Want to maximise the return from your email? Learn how to use email and other targeted online communications to win people over and recruit supporters. Tim Pollard, Simon Cooper (Digital)
	Winning with Connect, Module 3 – Targeting your activity
Castle 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Want to target your activity where it will make the most difference? Part 3 of Winning with Connect takes you through the best ways to target to get a winning result. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own).
	Jake Holland (Digital), Tom Morrison (Strategic Seats), James Lillis (Political Communications)

	Time & stress management
Etive, SECC	A useful guide to agents, organisers and others on managing their time and the inevitable stresses of any election campaign. Chris Butler, Kelly Bloomfield (Strategic Seats) (for the Agents & Organisers' Association
	Page Plus drop-in session
Fyne,	Come along with any PagePlus queries, however basic or advanced.
SECC	James MacCleary, Paul Moat (Strategic Seats
Leven, SECC	Planning your political career (All welcome)
	Come along and find out more about how to plan your political career and navigate a successful path through the complicated structure and opportunities of politics as a Lib Dem! Candy Piercy, Anood Al Samerai (for the Diversity Unit
Morar, SECC	Activists' Network: Developing a successful switch campaign (ALDC members only)
	An exchange of best practice and experience on developing messages but also tactics for a successful campaign for the Connect switch category you may need to win. Neil Fawcett (ALDC), Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seats), Claire Thomas (all for ALDC)
Averall 4	Winning campaign leadership
Argyll 1, Frowne Plaza Hotel	Leadership skills to help you win. Dan Purchese, Rachel Palma Randle (Strategic Seats

Argyll 2,	Getting your message right for Wales Message session specifically for Welsh campaigners.
Crowne Plaza Hotel	James Lillis (Political Communications), Jon Aylwin (Strategic Seats)
Ocallo O	Getting the most from your website and social media
Castle 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Want to know how to get more from your website and social media? Learn how to use your website and social media to recruit supporters and win people over. Kev O'Connor, Simon Cooper (Digital)
Castle 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Winning with Connect, Module 4 – Communicating with voters There are lots of ways to communicate with voters, find out how to make the difference quickly and easily with Part 4 of Winning with Connect. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own).
	Jake Holland (Digital), Adam Williams (Strategic Seats), Shaun Roberts (Political Communications)

Dochart 1, SECC	Activists' Network: Dealing with Local Government funding cuts (ALDC members only)
	An exchange of best practice and experience in control and opposition on how to deal with the challenge when cuts have to be made.
	Anders Hanson, Gerald Vernon Jackson, Sue Derbyshire (for ALDO
	Winning the youth vote
Etive,	Showing you how we can win with young people.
SECC	Kat Pugh (Liberal Youth), Kelly Bloomfield, Jon Aylwin (Strategic Seats
	General compliance Q&A session
Fyne, SECC	A Question and Answer session aimed at Local Party Treasurers who want to get an answer for all those difficulty Compliance related issues. Charlotte Harris, David Allworthy (for the Compliance Teans)
Leven, SECC	A 2-way street: developing stronger relationships between SAOs/AOs and regional and local parties (All welcome)
	How can SAOs and AOs work more closely with local and regional parties? Leading figures in the party's special-interest groups share best-practice on how local parties can benefit from the wide range of experience and expertise within the SAOs and AOs. Hear how we can jointly develop strong local relationships and help encourage greater loyalty and commitment with the membership. Chaired by Gordon Lishman (for the Diversity University

Morar, SECC	Campaign Basics (Build Up Programme) – Planning your postal vote campaign (All welcome)	
	How to persuade more Lib Dem supporters to take up postal voters and how to maximise our share of the postal vote, (part of ALDC's Build Up programme, but open to all). Neil Fawcett (ALDC), Mike Matuszczyk (Strategic Seats)	
Aravii 1	Targeting your message to ethnic minority communities	
Argyll 1, Crowne Plaza	Sharpen up your campaigning with ethnic minority communities.	
Hote	Steve Jolly, Zuffar Haq (for Political Communications)	
Armyll O	Taking the fight to Labour	
Argyll 2, Crowne Plaza	Message and communication session for campaigners fighting Labour.	
Hote	Shaun Roberts, James Lillis (Political Communications), Dave McCobb (Strategic Seats)	
Cookle O	Winning in your local media (Invitation only)	
Castle 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	How to get the coverage you deserve in your local media.	
	Tim Hobden, Tim Bearder (for Strategic Seats)	
Castle 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Councillor training – Motivating the motivators – councillors and keeping motivated (All welcome)	
	Motivating yourself and your local activists is a particular challenge in difficult times. This session will help you improve at this vital skill. Howard Sykes & Jeanette Sunderland (for ALDC)	

Making the most of ALDC membership – Where to find the help you need (All welcome)
A 'how-to' session exploring the different services which ALDC provides to support its members, including the Ask ALDC advice service, the ALDC File Library, the nationwide Build Up programme and all ALDC training opportunities.
Craig Whittall, Mike Bell (ALDC
Making the best use of the Virtual Phone Bank
Phone contact is a huge part of winning modern elections. Get the latest best practice from campaigns in Eastleigh and across the country. Austin Rathe (Membership), Wasim Yunus (Lib Dem Calling
Fuelling your campaign – how to make a persuasive case for funding (Invitation only) Sue Evans (Fundraising), Victoria Marsom (Strategic Seats
How diversity and inclusion can strengthen your local party (All welcome)
What do we mean by 'Diversity' and 'Inclusion'? Are they the same or different? Why are they important to the work o a political party? Join the discussion and learn what these terms really mean and why they are important in all areas o politics. Jemima Jefferson (for the Diversity Unit
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	An introduction to Nationbuilder
Morar, SECC	Have you visited the Million Jobs (www.amillionjobs.org), Fairer Tax campaign or Mike Thornton websites? All were built on Nationbuilder sites and have helped us blast through records on online fundraising, engaging voters and supporters and signing up supporters. Come and find out how you can use Nationbuilder in your local area.
	Emily Schwartz (Nationbuilder), David Millar (Digital), Jon Aylwin (Strategic Seats)
Argyll 2,	Lessons from America – message & targeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Find out best practice from the 2012 US campaign on message and targeting. Shaun Roberts, James Lillis (Political Communications)
Ocalla O	Campaigning on the referendum in your constituency
Castle 2, Crowne Plaza Hotel	How to make the most of the Better Together campaign to win in your area.
	Adam Stachura, Steve Jolly (Strategic Seats)
Ocallo O	Winning with Connect, Module 5 – Getting Out The Vote
Castle 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Planning how to get your supporters out to vote? The final part of 'Winning with Connect' takes you from recruiting postal voters to polling day. (A part of the 'Winning with Connect' course – attendees will get most from attending all the sessions in this course, but each session can be taken on its own). Jake Holland, Kev O'Connor (Digital), Paul Trollope (Strategic Seats)

The A to Z of conference training

Activists' Network

Two elections, one polling day (ALDC members only) – 9.15am Sunday

Activists' Network

Targeting – how we use the 4 S's effectively (ALDC members only) – 11am Sunday

Activists' Network

Developing your activist base (ALDC members only) – 11am Monday

Activists' Network

Dealing with Local Government funding cuts (ALDC members only) – 2.30pm Tuesday

Activists' Network

Strengthening your squeeze message (ALDC members only) – 9.15am Tuesday

Activists' Network

Developing a successful switch campaign (ALDC members only) – 11am Tuesday

Activists' Network

Building a strong candidate brand (ALDC members only) – 2.30pm Monday

Agents & Organisers

Basic election law – 2.30pm Saturday & 11am Monday

Agents & Organisers

Introduction to agenting – 4pm Saturday & 4pm Sunday

Agents & Organisers

Advanced election law -9.15 am Sunday & 9.15 am Tuesday

Agents & Organisers

Time & stress management for agents – 2.30pm Sunday & 11am Tuesday

ALDC membership

Where to find the help you need (All welcome) – 4pm Tuesday

Campaign basics

Getting started with your campaign – 9.15am Sunday

Campaign basics

Polling day and the count – 2.30pm Sunday

Campaign basics

Basic fundraising – 9.15am Monday

Campaign basics

Campaigning in your community – 2.30pm Monday

Campaign basics

How to persuade people to vote for you – 9.15am Tuesday

Campaign basics

Planning your postal vote campaign – 2.30pm Tuesday

Campaigners' open sessions

Lessons from America – organising to win your campaign – 11am Sunday

Campaigners' open sessions

Making the most of VIP visits – 2.30pm Sunday

Campaigners' open sessions

Winning campaign leadership – 4pm Sunday & 11am Tuesday

Campaigners' open sessions

Getting coverage in your local media – 11am Monday

Campaigners' open sessions

Campaigning on the referendum in your constituency – 4pm Monday & 4pm Tuesday

Campaigners' open sessions

Build a winning campaign infrastructure – 9.15am Tuesday

Candidates' Office

Now you are a PPC...first steps - 2.30pm Saturday

Candidates' Office

Effective performance at hustings – 4pm Saturday

Candidates' Office

Public speaking - 11am Sunday

Candidates' Office

Communicating Lib Dem policy for candidates – 2.30pm Sunday

Candidates' Office

Approving & selecting candidates – how does it work – 9.15 am Monday

Candidates' Office

Becoming an approved candidate – 11am Monday

Candidates' Office

Getting yourself better local press coverage – 2.30pm Monday

Compliance

Annual accounts training – 2.30pm Monday

Compliance

General compliance Q&A session – 2.30pm Tuesday

Connect

Winning with Connect, Module 1 – Understanding your electorate – 11am Saturday & 9.15am Monday

Connect

Winning with Connect, Module 2 – Growing you team – 2.30pm Saturday & 4pm Monday

Connect

Winning with Connect, Module 3 – Targeting your activity – 9.15am Sunday & 9.15am Tuesday

Connect

Winning with Connect, Module 4 – Communicating with voters – 2.30pm Sunday & 11am Tuesday

Connect

Winning with Connect, Module 5 – Getting out the vote – 4pm Sunday & 4pm Tuesday

Connect

Running Connect in your local area – 4pm Sunday

Connect

Making the most of the Virtual Phone Bank – 2.30pm Monday & 4pm Tuesday

Connect

Connect Casework (ALDC members only) – 4pm Monday

Councillor training

High level message briefing (Councillors only) – 2.30pm Saturday

Councillor training

Implementing the Morrissey Report for council groups – 11am Sunday

Councillor training

Leadership training for councillors – 11am Monday

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Councillor training

Motivating the motivators – councillors and keeping motivated – 2.30pm Tuesday

Diversity Unit

How to get approved (Women only) – 11am Saturday

Diversity Unit

How to apply for a seat (Women only) – 2.30pm Saturday

Diversity Unit

Writing & delivering a fabulous hustings speech – 4pm Saturday

Diversity Unit

Planning & winning your selection campaign (Women only) – 9.15am Sunday

Diversity Unit

Literature to get you selected (Women only) – 11am Sunday

Diversity Unit

A picture's worth a thousand words (Women only) – 2.30pm Sunday

Diversity Unit

Building your profile in the party (Women only) – 4pm Sunday

Diversity Unit

Defining your message for selection (Women only) – 9.15am Monday

Diversity Unit

Unconscious bias - 11am Monday

Diversity Unit

Now you're a PPC...building the right relationships from the start (Women only) – 4pm Monday

Diversity Unit

Managing your time as a candidate – 9.15am Tuesday

Diversity Unit

Planning your political career (All welcome) – 11am Tuesday

Diversity Unit

A 2-way street: developing strong relationships between SAOs/AOs, regional and local parties – 2.30pm Tuesday

Diversity Unit

How diversity and inclusion can strengthen your local party – 4pm Tuesday

E-campaigning

Getting the most from email and targeted communications – 11am Sunday & 9.15am Tuesday

E-campaigning

Getting the most from your website and social media – 2.30pm Sunday & 11am Tuesday

E-campaigning

Using the power of social media (ALDC members only) – 2.30pm Sunday

E-campaigning

Social media for candidates – 4pm Sunday

E-campaigning

Your MyCouncillor website (All welcome) – 4pm Sunday

Elections 2014

Campaign planning workshop 2014 (Part 1 of 2) – 2.30pm Saturday & (Part 2 of 2) 4pm Saturday

Elections 2014

An integrated campaign in 2014 (Invitation only) – 9.15am Sunday

European elections

European election agents' briefing (Invitation only) – 11am Monday

Fundraising

Fuelling your campaign – asking for money the easy way – 2.30pm Saturday

Fundraising

Fuelling your campaign – a plan for all seasons, getting fundraising started – 9.15am Sunday

Fundraising

Fuelling your campaign – how to find major donors (Invitation only) – 2.30pm Monday

Fundraising

Fuelling your campaign – how to make a persuasive case for funding (Invitation only) – 4pm Tuesday

Membership

Growing local parties' membership – 11am Sunday & 9.15am Monday

Message & Communications

Winning in the cities (Invitation only) – 9.15am Sunday

Message & Communications

Getting your message right for Scotland – 2.30pm Sunday

Message & Communications

Taking the fight to Labour – 4pm Sunday & 2.30pm Tuesday

Message & Communications

Targeting your message to older people – 4pm Monday

Message & Communications

Taking the fight to the Conservatives – 11am Monday & 9.15am Tuesday

Message & Communications

Targeting your message to women – 2.30pm Monday

Message & Communications

What worked in 2013 – 9.15am Monday

Message & Communications

Getting the message right for Wales – 11am Tuesday

Message & Communications

Targeting your message to ethnic minority communities – 2.30pm Tuesday

Message & Communications

Lessons from America – message & targeting – 4pm Tuesday

Nationbuilder

An introduction to Nationbuilder for organisers and campaign managers – 4pm Saturday

Nationbuilder

An introduction to Nationbuilder (Invitation only) – 4pm Sunday

Nationbuilder

An introduction to Nationbuilder (All welcome) – 4pm Monday & 4pm Tuesday

Next Generation Alumni

Part 1 of 2 (Invitation only) – 2.30pm Saturday

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Next Generation Alumni

Part 2 of 2 (Invitation only) - 4pm Saturday

Page Plus

Drop in session – 2.30pm Saturday, 2.30pm Sunday, 9.15am Monday & 11am Tuesday

Policy making

How to get involved in policy making – 11am Sunday

Strategic Seats

Making the most of VIP visits (Invitation only) – 2.30pm Saturday

Strategic Seats

Build a winning campaign infrastructure (Invitation only) – 2.30pm Sunday

Strategic Seats

Project planning for campaigners (Invitation only) – 4pm Sunday

Strategic Seats

Winning in your local media (Invitation only) – 2.30pm Tuesday

Young people

Recruiting & retaining young members – 11am Saturday & 4pm Monday

Young people

Encouraging young campaigners in your local campaigning (ALDC & Liberal Youth members only) – 9.15am Monday

Young people

Winning the youth vote – 2.30pm Monday & 2.30pm Tuesday





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