

Conference Daily

Saturday 19th September

Autumn Conference 2015 Bournemouth



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Tim Pickstone and Caroline Pidgeon
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18.15–19.15

BIC, Auditorium

Sessions for conference newbies

Saturday 19th September
13.00–14.00

Procedures / speaking at conference
Federal Conference Committee (FCC)
BIC, Avon

Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

The Saturday mid evening fringe session will run from 20.15–21.30 (NOT 19.45–21.30 as shown in the Conference Directory). We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

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16.30–17.30: **Business**

In BIC, Bayview 2

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Additions and updates to the Agenda for Saturday 19th September.

Consultative session: General Election Review

This session will give representatives an important opportunity to contribute to what is the final phase of the 2015 General Election Review that is being conducted by the Campaigns and Communications Committee (CCC). The session will involve contributions from James Gurling, the chair of the CCC, and other members of the review group. Speakers will be asked to contribute in one or more of four main areas:

- *Messaging (core message, polling, Party Political Broadcasts/Press, Air/Ground war messages).*
- *Ground campaign (work in seats, use of Connect and Nationbuilder, literature, local elections).*
- *Use of resources (social media, Leader's tour, national/local fundraising, candidates).*
- *Engaging members and supporters (communication, email/social media, team2015).*

If you want to contribute to this session, please complete a Speaker's Card setting out which area(s) you would like to comment on and submit it at the Speaker's Table.

F1 Opening of Conference by Baroness Brinton

Hall Aide: Geoff Payne (Vice Chair, Federal Conference Committee)

F3 Report: Federal Conference Committee

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Q1 Submitted by Robert Adamson

Why do parts of the Conference Directory and Agenda not follow RNIB and other guidance regarding the need for contrast between text and background colours?

Q2 Alisdair McGregor

- A) How many Local Parties meet the constitutional criteria for Voting Representation at Federal Conference, and how many do not?
- B) How many Local Parties have designated the full complement of their permitted Federal Conference Representatives?
- C) What proportion of the total number of permitted Federal Conference Representatives has been filled?
- D) How many of the designated Federal Conference Representatives have chosen to attend the Bournemouth 2015 Conference?
- E) Do the answers to the previous questions indicate an increase or decrease on earlier Federal Conferences? Please provide at least a decade of data for this answer. Written answers published in the Conference Daily will be acceptable for these questions.

F4 Report: Federal Policy Committee

Q1 Submitted by Joe Otten

In the event that the Trident motion is passed unamended, will the party's overall policy on nuclear disarmament be, in the view of the FPC, a unilateralist or a multilateralist one? Or will this be unclear?

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F5 Creating Safe and Legal Routes for Refugees

Hall Aide: Liz Lynne

Mover: Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP (Home Affairs Spokesperson)

Summation: Shas Sheehan

The Federal Conference Committee has accepted the following drafting amendments to the motion:

1 *In line 14, delete ‘.’ and in i) (line 15) delete ‘i’.*

2 *Delete ii) (lines 18–19).*

3 *After 4. (line 51), add:*

4 In addition, Conference calls on local councils, particularly those that are run by the Liberal Democrats to
5 be generous in offering housing and other support to incoming refugees.

Amendment One

Stockton, Brussels & Europe and 13 conference representatives

Mover: Suzanne Fletcher

Summation: Rt Hon Tom Brake MP (Foreign Affairs Spokesperson)

1 *Before A. (line 21), insert:*

2 A. In responding to the migration crisis, Conservative ministers have used dehumanising language to
3 condemn the actions of refugees fleeing war and persecution, and have failed to recognise or address
4 the humanitarian crisis.

5 *In A. (line 21), before ‘governments’ insert ‘Some’ and after ‘Europe’ insert ‘including the UK’.*

6 *In 1. a) (line 42), after ‘persecution’ insert ‘including via an EU resettlement scheme’.*

7 *After 1. b) (line 44), insert:*

8 c) Accept that the best way of arresting smuggling is creating safe and legal routes for refugees,
9 as well as participating fully in EU efforts to tackle criminal people-smuggling which exploits the
10 misery and desperation of vulnerable people, instead of taking a minimalist approach to EU police
11 and crime cooperation.

12 *After 1. b) (line 44), insert:*

13 2. Work together with partners in the EU to find sustainable solutions to the current and long-term
14 migration crisis which has particularly affected Italy and Greece, including opting into a relocation
15 scheme to offer asylum to the most vulnerable refugees from Syria, Eritrea and Iraq.

16 3. Take leadership within the EU in support of multilateral efforts to help refugees and displaced persons
17 within their own regions and in support of host countries in North Africa and the Middle East which are
18 assisting large numbers of refugees.

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Amendment Two

Bermondsey & Old Southwark

Mover: Dan Whitehead

Summation: Cllr David Noakes

1 *In 1. a) (line 41), delete 'thousands' and insert 'a minimum of 10,000 per year'.*

Background briefing

This motion updates policy on resettlement of refugees in light of the ongoing migration crisis in the Mediterranean. It builds on existing policy as set out in the General Election Manifesto, *Stronger Economy. Fairer Society. Opportunity for Everyone* (2015) and policy paper 116, *Making Migration Work for Britain* (2014).

F6 Policy Pitch

Hall Aide: Gareth Epps

The panel will include Jeremy Hargreaves, Baroness Smith of Newnham and Baroness Ludford.

The following three pitches were shortlisted from 22 applications. There will be a show of hands in the auditorium after each pitch to indicate which ideas are worthy of further work to develop them.

1. Elaine Bagshaw

An education system that teaches to ability, not age.

2. Glanville Williams

All Public Bodies should, as part of their annual reporting on workforce monitoring, conduct and report on 'selection rate' and 'availability rate' comparison tests in terms of the visible 'protected characteristics', (gender, disability and race).

3. Catherine Smart

Divide the Border Agency and make the section dealing with asylum seekers an Agency of the Foreign Office, leaving the rest with the Home Office.

F38 Governance Review, 16.45, Tuesday 22nd

When submitting a Speaker's Card, conference representatives should indicate which section and question in the consultation paper they wish to address. Cards should be collected from and returned to the Speakers' Table at the front of the auditorium, an auditorium steward or the Information Desk.

Note: this session is for party members only.