

Conference Extra

Autumn Conference

16–19 September 2017 Bournemouth



Updates to the *Agenda* and *Directory*, information from the Conference Committee, amendments, emergency motions and questions to reports. Please read in conjunction with the *Agenda* and *Directory*.

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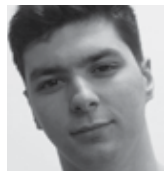
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Federal Board helpdesk

The Federal Board helpdesk is situated on the ground floor of the BIC near the Information Desk. Members of the Federal Board will be available at the following times:

Saturday	16 Sept	14.00-16.00
Sunday	17 Sept.	10.30-12.30 and 14.00-16.00
Monday	18 Sept.	10.30-12.30 and 14.00-16.00
Tuesday	19 Sept.	10.30-12.30

The Federal Conference Committee



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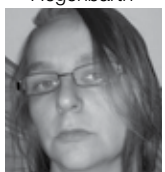
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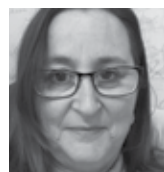
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Non-Voting:
Nick Harvey, Federal Chief Executive

FCC helpdesk

Members of the FCC will be available to give advice at the Information Desk at the following times:

Saturday	16 Sept.	13.00-15.00
Sunday	17 Sept.	10.30-12.30
Monday	18 Sept.	10.30-12.30
Tuesday	19 Sept.	10.30-12.30



The Federal Policy Committee



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Where:
Dorchester Suite,
Highcliff Marriott

When:
Saturday 16th September
From 10:30pm

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From 8:15pm

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(More may be available on the door)

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A question of leadership: Why everything in elections and public policy hinges on the frontman or woman

Date: Sunday 17th September, 18.15
Chairman: Tom Clark, Editor, *Prospect*
Speaker: Andrew Adonis, Chairman, National Infrastructure Commission



The Great Jobs Agenda: How do we get more of the sort of work that works for everybody

Date: Monday 18th September, 11.00
Chairman: Tom Clark, Editor, *Prospect*
Speaker: Jo Swinson MP, Deputy Leader; Frances O'Grady, General Secretary, TUC



Digital Safety—helping your constituents get fraud smart

Date: Monday 18th September, 13.15
Speaker: Norman Lamb MP, Chairman, Science & Technology Committee; Andy Booth, Managing Director, Current Accounts and FX, Barclays



Tom Clark in conversation with Nick Clegg

Date: Monday 18th September, 18.15



Information update

Standing orders

Standing orders for federal conference have been produced as a separate document. This can be downloaded from:
www.libdems.org.uk/autumn_conference_17
Or printed standing orders will also be available from the Information Desk in the BIC.

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Spokespeople Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference, where you can ask questions of our Spokespeople on the issues relating to their responsibilities.

All sessions will take place in the BIC in the rooms indicated.

Sessions, apart from Party Affairs, are open to all, but Party members will be given priority.

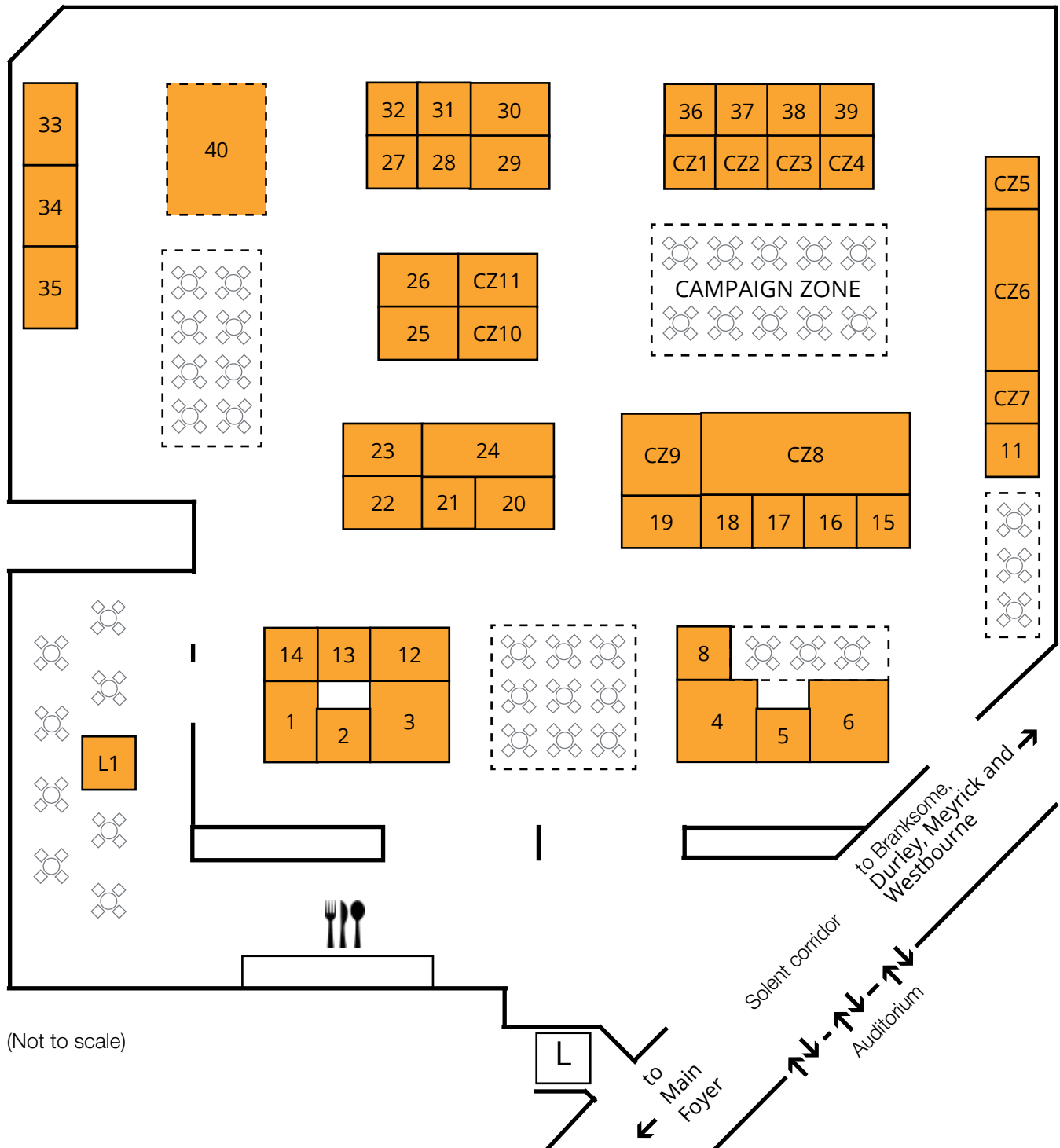
Saturday 16	15.00–16.00	Bayview Suite 2	Devolved Regions with Alistair Carmichael & Jamie Stone
Saturday 16	16.30–17.30	Bayview Suite 2	Local Government with Wera Hobhouse, Kath Pinnock & John Shipley
Sunday 17	11.00–12.00	Meyrick Suite	Education with Layla Moran & Mike Storey
Sunday 17	15.00–16.00	Meyrick Suite	Transport and Environment with Jenny Randerson & Kate Parminter
Monday 18	15.00–16.00	Bayview Suite 1	Home Affairs with Ed Davey, Brian Paddick & Jonathan Marks
Monday 18	15.00–16.00	Meyrick Suite	Party Affairs with Nick Harvey, Federal Chief Executive, & Baroness Brinton, Party President. <i>Members are invited to ask questions on internal party matters (party members only)</i>
Monday 18	16.30–17.30	Meyrick Suite	Health with Norman Lamb, Joan Walmsley, Judith Jolly & Liz Barker (tbc)



Exhibition update

Exhibition plan

Solent Hall, Ground Floor of the BIC



(Not to scale)

Key



Exhibition stand

Key to stand numbers on page 7.



Catering

Lift



Seating area



Exhibitors listed by stand number

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| 1 | Social Liberal Forum | 32 | English Party |
| 2 | Liberty | 33 | ALTER |
| 3 | National Pharmacy Association | 34 | <i>Liberator</i> |
| 4 | Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar | 35 | Liberal International (British Group), Liberal Democrat European Group and National Liberal Club |
| 5 | <i>Prospect</i> Magazine | 36 | Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary |
| 6 | National Education Union | 37 | Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel |
| 8 | ALDE Party | 38 | Liberal Reform |
| 11 | Lib Dem Disability Association | 39 | Young Liberals |
| 12 | Your Liberal Britain | 40 | Guide Dogs – dog display area |
| 13 | Liberal Democrat History Group | CZ1 | Prater Raines |
| 14 | Transport for the North | CZ2 | Parliamentary Candidates Association |
| 15 | Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw | CZ3 | Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform |
| 16 | Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats | CZ4 | Print & Digital Associates Ltd "The Tabloid Newspaper Specialists" |
| 17 | LGBT+ Liberal Democrats | CZ5 | Park Communications |
| 18 | Liberal Democrat Christian Forum | CZ6 | Ask an Expert |
| 19 | Rights-Liberties-Justice (LDLA) | CZ7 | E.A.R.S. Campaign Software |
| 20 | Liberal Democrats in Business | CZ8 | Liberal Democrat Image |
| 21 | Liberal Democrat Women | CZ9 | RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems |
| 22 | ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors | CZ10 | ONEPOST |
| 23 | LGA Liberal Democrats | CZ11 | Election Workshop |
| 24 | Carryon Clothing | | |
| 25 | Berber Leather | | |
| 26 | Guide Dogs | | |
| 27 | Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists | L1 pop-up: | |
| 28 | Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists | | Indie Books – Saturday 16, 12.50–14.10 only.
Heathrow PODs and a future of sustainable aviation – Monday 18 only. |
| 29 | Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine | Ground floor foyer: | |
| 30 | Green Liberal Democrats | | Business Events Bournemouth. |
| 31 | Liberal Democrat Education Association | | |

Directory of exhibitors



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CZ7

Guide Dogs

Please note that the Guide Dogs stand is at stand 26, and the Dog Display Area is at stand 40.



Indie Books

Join Sir Robert Worcester – author of *Explaining Cameron's Catastrophe* – for a pop-up booking signing and author Q&A. (Cash only).

L1 – pop-up

Saturday 16 September 12.50–14.10



Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

The Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel exists to support and promote policies leading to peace and security for Israel in the context of a comprehensive lasting Middle East peace settlement.

<https://ldfi.org.uk/>

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Fringe and training update

Additions and amendments to listings in the fringe and training guide in the Directory.

Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Real Press

Fourth to First – how we won an election in six months

First-time candidate Steffan Aquarone and his campaign manager Freya will share some top tips from the tried-and-tested to the hair-brained that together helped achieve a majority of more than 400. Join us to launch the book – all are welcome.

BIC, Avon Room

Federal Conference Committee

First Timers' Q&A Session

New to conference? Come and ask members of the Federal Conference Committee any questions that you may have about how conference, or the Party in general, works.

Note: this event starts at 13.30 and ends at 14.30.

BIC, Bayview Suite 2

POP: Public Opinion Platform (hosted by The Intercivil Society)

How to enable the Progressive Alliance to work effectively against 'hard Brexit'?

POP – www.popplatform.org – is an international initiative, an instrument of real-time democracy. POP can also help the Progressive Alliance to carry out its pro-EU mandate without asking its members to compromise on their political views on other policies.

BIC, Westbourne Suite

ALDES – Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

AGM

Meeting open to new and old members and those who want to find out more. www.aldes.org.uk

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Room

Training Department

Were you a candidate, campaigner, agent or otherwise involved in some way at the snap General Election? If so, we want to hear from you. Come along and give your feedback on how things went in your part of the country, give us your thoughts on what went well, what could have been done better and what we need to think about for future elections.

Members only.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite

Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

Please note that the Saturday mid evening fringe session runs from 20.15 to 21.30 (not 20.30 as shown in the printed Directory)

Lib Dem Voice

Adult education and training

Skill shortages are having a detrimental effect on the UK's productivity and this needs to be addressed urgently in order to meet immediate economic and workforce challenges. Speakers are Sir Vince Cable (Party leader), Lord Fox (spokesman for Business and skills), Layla Moran MP (Education spokesperson) and Joanna Cain, Deputy CEO, Workers' Educational Association/Institutes for Adult Learning.

Note: this event starts at 19.45.

Highcliff Marriott, Purbeck Suite



Fringe Sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

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?

BIC, Avon Room

Federal Conference Committee

How to write a Conference Motion

If you have any questions on how to write a conference motion, come and ask Andrew Wiseman, Chair of the FCC.

BIC, Tregonwell Hall

Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Celebrate and discuss the Liberal link in the relationship between Britain and Israel in the Centenary year of the Balfour Declaration.

Highcliff Marriott, Yeovil Room



Fringe and training update

Fringe Sunday late evening 21.30–23.00

London Lib Dems

Communi-oke

Show us your air guitar and exercise your lungs at our first ever Communi-oke. No worries about embarrassing show offs – everybody sings as the karaoke screens are turned for the audience to join in. £3 admission for Conference's best party night.

Note change of time: this event starts at 22.30 and ends at 01.00.

Highcliff Marriott, Dorchester Suite

Fringe Monday morning 11.00–12.30

Academy of Medical Sciences, Royal Academy of Engineering, British Academy, Royal Society *Delivering growth and prosperity for the UK: Doubling investment in research & innovation*

Layla Moran MP, Dame Helen Wallace and others discuss how we can deliver the Liberal Democrats' ambition to double investment in research & innovation. Chaired by Graeme Reid – Professor of Science and Research Policy at UCL.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Room

Another Europe is Possible

Why Lib Dems must fight for freedom of movement

Tory Brexit is a move towards harsher borders and a more closed society. How do we turn the tide and win a progressive immigration policy? Join the discussion with Tom Brake MP and speakers from inside and outside the party.

Highcliff Marriott, Sherbourne Suite

Fringe Monday morning 13.00–14.00

Radix

How do we revitalise the centre of British politics?

Join Jo Swinson, David Boyle and Joe Zammit-Lucia for a discussion about how a politics that avoids the extremes of right and left manages to make headway in Brexit Britain.

BIC, Bayview Suite 1

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15

Your Liberal Britain

The Road to Liberal Britain

Now that 7,000 of you have created your vision for Liberal Britain, come and share your ideas for how to make it a reality. Jim Williams and Party President Sal Brinton invite you to take up the challenge.

BIC, Avon Room

Dimensions

Doing Social Care Differently

A panel discussion looking at the future of social care for working aged disabled people. Norman Lamb, Health Spokesperson, Liberal Democrats; Gary Bourlet, Co-founder, Learning Disability England; Steve Scown, Chair, VODG; Liz Wilson, Family Consultant, Dimensions. Chaired by Paul Burstow.

BIC, Westbourne Suite

The Smith Institute and Prospect

Tomorrow's world: are our science and innovation plans fit for purpose?

Join our discussion with: Lord Fox (Lords Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy); Sue Ferns (Deputy General Secretary, Prospect); Dr Sarah Main (Executive Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering); and Hannah Devlin (Science Correspondent, Guardian) TBC.

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Shaftesbury Suite**



Kids Count

Youth crime – time for more action and less talk; protecting our young people and reducing violence on our streets'

Speakers Include: Cllr John Leech (Former MP for Manchester Withington), Lord Tom McNally, Jerome & Renell (Kids Count Youth Ambassadors), Jennifer Blake BA (Hons) (Youth crime consultant & Kids Count crime group member), Cllr Lisa Smart (Deputy Leader of Stockport Council).

Highcliff Marriott, Yeovil Suite



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Fringe and training update

Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45-21.00

Lib Dem Friends of Whisky

Whisky Tasting

An Opportunity to taste, discuss and learn a bit about malt whisky in a relaxed and friendly environment. Hosted by Alistair Carmichael MP. Tickets £30. Numbers limited. Apply to libdemfow@gmail.com. Proceeds support campaigning in Orkney and Shetland.

Note: this event starts at 20.00 and ends at 21.30.

BIC, Meyrick Suite

London Lib Dems

London Liberal Democrats Drinks Reception

A chance for London Region to thank members and volunteers, and an opportunity for London activists to get together and celebrate our General Election successes.

Highcliff Marriott Bryanston Suite



Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00-14.00

LD Women

Liberal Democrat Women AGM.

Please join us as we review the past year and make plans for the future.

Members only.

Highcliff Marriott, Blandford Room

MEND: Muslim Engagement and Development Counter-terrorism, Civil Liberties and Muslim Communities

An exploration of the boundaries between security and freedom, and the impact of current counter-terrorism strategies on Muslim communities. The event will consist of short speaker presentations from individuals such as Baroness Shas Sheehan, followed by a Q&A session.

Highcliff Marriott, Shaftesbury Suite

Conference App

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Intergenerational Inequality

At a time when the interests of millennials and baby boomers are in conflict, the issue of how to address intergenerational inequality is increasingly important? Was the Brexit vote unfair to the young? How should we address the decline of education funding or the housing crisis

The Venue

Tregonwall Hall - BIC
Saturday 20.15 - 21.30

The Lineup

Vince Cable
Jo Swinson
Layla Moran
Jonn Elledge
Charlie Kingsbury

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Monday 18 September 2017

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Money on the Mind: how local services can help improve Financial Wellbeing and Mental Health

Monday 18 September

Time: **6.15-7.15pm** Venue: **Best Western Plus, The Connaught Hotel, West Cliff, Bournemouth BH2 5PH**

Speakers:

Rt Hon. Norman Lamb MP Advisory Panel, Money & Mental Health Policy Institute

Charles Counsell Chief Executive, Money Advice Service

Joanna Elson OBE Chief Executive, Money Advice Trust

Anna Hall Head of Money Advice, Citizen's Advice

Mike O'Connor Chief Executive, Stepchange

Complimentary food and refreshments provided.

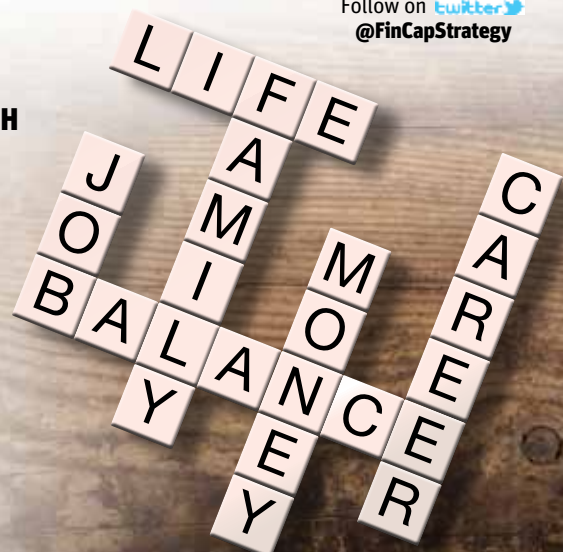
This event is free to attend, held outside the secure zone and does not require a conference pass.

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Saturday 16 September

F2 Federal Conference Committee Report

Q1. Submitted by: Tom Stubbs

Why are staff who work for local parties and are members being denied the right to vote when coming to conference?

Q2. Submitted by: Christopher Hudson

What action is taken by the Conference Committee to make sure that all policy decisions made by Federal Conference are followed through and action taken by the relevant parts of the party, and in particular what action has been taken to deliver the policy in Motion F17 on Associate Citizenship of the EU which was agreed at March Conference at York earlier this year?

F4 Learning to Communicate in English

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

- 1 *In 6. (line 36), after 'colleges' insert ', the voluntary and community enterprise sector'.*
- 2 *After 6. (line 37), add:*
- 3 7. Provide adequate funding to Local Authorities to implement the above.

Amendment One

38 members

Mover: Layla Moran MP

Summation: Cllr Lucy Nethsingha

- 1 *After iv) (line 12), insert:*
- 2 v) There is no statutory obligation to support refugees with low levels or no English with free
- 3 ESOL provision if they are in work, or asylum seekers until they have been in the UK for 6
- 4 months, which in turn impedes their ability to independently navigate systems, seek support
- 5 and integrate.
- 6 *Delete a) (lines 14-17), and insert:*
- 7 a) The ability to speak and understand English is important for those living in England as it
- 8 enables them to engage with their individual freedoms and participate and contribute fully to
- 9 British society.
- 10 b) The Government and devolved administrations must have a crucial role in funding ESOL
- 11 provision.
- 12 *After 3. (line 29), insert:*
- 14 4. Require all state-funded schools (including free schools and academies) to work closely with
- 15 LAs in developing the Language Needs Assessment.

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- 16 5. Require all schools to work closely with LAs in understanding the target groups within their
17 school community, and assist LAs in assisting those groups to access ESOL classes.
18 6. Provide asylum seekers and refugees with low levels of English a minimum of 6 months free
19 ESOL provision from as soon as they have applied for asylum or, have been granted asylum
20 but are in work, so they can reach a functioning command of English to access the support
21 they need.

F6 The Paris Agreement and UK Climate Change Policy

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In 2. (line 45), after 'buildings and industry,' insert 'including through better insulation,'*

F8 The Impact of Brexit on Public Services

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

- 1 *In A. (line 4), after 'Single Market' insert 'and European Customs Union'.*
- 2 *In c) (line 45): after 'public sector' insert 'and risk eroding the employment rights of those working in*
3 *the public and private sectors, not least those of women, young workers and currently protected*
4 *minority groups'.*
- 5 *In 2. (line 57), after 'Single Market' insert 'and European Customs Union'.*
- 6 *After 4. (line 66), add:*
- 7 5. The Government to publish the research into the impact of Brexit it has carried out across 50
8 sectors of the economy.

Amendment One

ALDC

Mover: to be announced

Summation: to be announced

- 1 *After G. (line 23), insert:*
- 2 H. That Local Government has a formal advisory role in the EU law and policy-making process
3 through its membership of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR), and that currently no
4 alternative formal mechanism exists post-Brexit for a similar arrangement with the UK
5 government.
- 6 I. That according to the Local Government Association there will be a structural investment
7 funding gap of £8.4 billion across the UK unless a replacement scheme is implemented.
- 8 *After 4. (line 66), add:*
- 9 5. Replacement of the formal advisory role for local government currently established in the EU
10 Committee of the Regions to help continue local government's role in law-making in the UK
11 and leaving no deficiency in local government powers.

Saturday 16 September

- 12 6. Decisions over future structural investment funding to be taken at as local a level as possible,
13 rather than always made in Whitehall.

F10 Natural Environment Policy

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In A. (line 3), after 'air quality' insert ', soil quality'.*

Amendment One

Greater Reading

Mover: John Grout

Summation: Ricky Duveen

- 1 *After b) (line 49), insert:*

- 2 c) Humane treatment of farm livestock (as per the European Convention for the Protection of
3 Animals kept for Farming Purposes) and consideration for endangered species (as per CITES).

F11 Federal Board Report

Q1. Submitted by: Kevin Daws

Can the Federal Board please tell conference the amount of resource that was expended on getting BaME candidates elected as a proportion of the total, as compared with the proportion of BaME individuals in the population as whole?

Can the Federal Board also inform conference how many BaME candidates were selected in the top 50 most winnable key seats and how many reached the final short list in each of those constituencies?

As a matter of interest can we be told how many of the individual members of Federal Board were campaigning for the election of a visible BaME candidate?

Q2. Submitted by: Simon McGrath

What progress has been made in resolving the anomaly that only the English Party pays the Federal levy?

Q3. Submitted by: Tony Vickers

What is being done to prepare for the coming into force next year of the EU General Data Protection Regulations, which (our Data Officer advises me) will render most of our modern campaigning and communication techniques illegal?

F12 Campaign for Gender Balance Report

Q1. Submitted by: Daniele Gibney

How can local party Diversity Officers work with and support the Campaign for Gender Balance?



Saturday 16 September

F13 Membership Subscription

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

- 1 In a) (line 3), delete 'Liberal Youth' and insert 'Young Liberals'.
- 2 In 4. (line 18), delete 'Liberal Youth' and insert 'the Young Liberals'.

Sunday 17 September

F15 Report of the Parliamentary Parties

Q1. Submitted by: Christopher Hudson

Can Conference have a commitment that our parliamentary parties will always follow up motions passed at Federal Conference and seek to deliver the policy changes or initiatives agreed as party policy by Conference, and in particular what action has been taken and will be taken to make sure that the policy in Motion F17 on Associate Citizenship of the EU agreed at York 2017 Federal Conference is agreed between the UK and the EU before March 2019?

Q2 Submitted by: Keran Kerai

How will we help women get into boardrooms when there are big issues with them needing to take time out of work more often? Could we create flexible work times by having them start later with childcare provided by employers or is it harder to create a good balance between work and private life?

F16 Armed Forces Personnel: Recruitment, Retention and Welfare

Amendment One

Beaconsfield and Young Liberals

Mover: Thomas Hughes

Summation: Abbie Llewelyn

- 1 After h) (line 49), insert:
- 2 i) A review into mental health exclusions in the Armed Forces' medical criteria for recruitment.

Literature collection points

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Distribution of literature must be booked. Day and weekly options available for leaflets. For more information please email: jack.everitt@libdems.org.uk

Conference Daily

Pick up *Conference Daily* each morning from the literature collection points or view it online at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers



Sunday 17 September

F17A Opposing Brexit

20+ members

Mover: Stephen Crosher

Summation: Ryan Mercer

1 Conference notes that:

- 2 I. On the 23rd June 2016, the United Kingdom voted via a referendum by a margin of 52-48 to
3 begin the process of leaving the European Union.
- 4 II. The Liberal Democrats campaigned to remain in the European Union.
- 5 III. The lack of a clear plan for Brexit from the Leave side meant that there was no clear
6 agreement on what final destination was being voted on.

7 Conference believes that:

- 8 i) The United Kingdom is safer and more prosperous as a member of the European Union as it:
 - 9 a) Facilitates essential cooperation on international challenges including climate change
10 and terrorism.
 - 11 b) Supports the UK economy by facilitating movement of people and cross border trade
12 under a common framework of regulation.
 - 13 c) Enables greater collaboration on research and exchange of ideas.
 - 14 d) Enriches the UK culturally through collaboration and cultural exchange.
 - 15 e) Enhances and protects the rights of UK citizens both within the UK and abroad.
 - 16 f) Strengthens the UK's position on the world stage, for example in negotiations over trade.
- 17 ii) To leave the European Union is detrimental to the UK's fundamental national interests.
- 18 iii) Continued membership of the European Union would better serve the UK's national interest
19 than any alternative arrangements that could be negotiated through the Article 50 process.

20 Conference further notes with concern the following developments which have occurred
21 subsequent to the June 2016 referendum:

- 22 A. The significant fall in the value of the pound and resulting raising inflation, leading to a
23 further squeeze on living standards.
- 24 B. The Governor of the Bank of England's appraisal of the cost of Brexit and the resulting black
25 hole this will create in the public finances.
- 26 C. Reports that a range of businesses, including one third of manufacturing firms, are moving
27 or are considering moving some of their operations out of the UK.
- 28 D. Reports that UK based researchers are being hindered from participating in EU-funded
29 research projects in anticipation of Brexit and UK research institutions being unable to play
30 leading roles in multinational research projects.
- 31 E. That the number of nurses from the EU registering with the Nursing and Midwifery Council
32 fell by 96% between June 2016 and April 2017.
- 33 F. That as of February 2017, the number of EU students applying to UK universities had fallen
34 by 7% since June 2016.
- 35 G. The rise in hate crimes following the referendum, with the number recorded between July
36 and September 2016 increasing to 14,295 from 10,793 during the same period in 2015.



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37 Conference condemns the shambolic and deeply divided approach of the Conservative
38 Government to the negotiations, and the Labour Party's support for leaving the Single Market and
39 the Customs Union.

40 Conference calls for:

- 41 1. The Government to seek to reverse the triggering of Article 50 of the Lisbon treaty at the
42 earliest opportunity and for the UK to retain its current status as a member of the European
43 Union.
- 44 2. The Liberal Democrats to continue to campaign for Britain to remain a member of the
45 European Union.
- 46 3. The Liberal Democrats to commit to seeking to reverse the triggering of Article 50 in the
47 event of a Liberal Democrat-led Government being formed prior to the UK leaving the
48 European Union and to construe their election as a democratic mandate for doing so.

Applicability: Federal.

This motion, which was submitted but not selected for debate by the Federal Conference Committee, will be the subject of the suspension of standing orders procedure under Standing Order 11.6. If the vote to suspend standing orders is successful, the motion will be debated as Agenda Item F17 in place of the Europe consultation session on Sunday 17 September 10.45–12.30.

Mover: 7 minutes; summation of motion and movers and summation of any amendments: 4 minutes; all other speakers: 3 minutes. For eligibility and procedure for speaking in this debate, see page 4 of the Agenda.

In addition to speeches from the platform, voting members will be able to make concise (maximum one-minute) interventions from the floor during the debate on the motion. See page 4 of the Agenda for further information.

The deadline for requests for separate votes is 09.00 Saturday 16th September; see page 3 of the Agenda.

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *After f) (line 16), insert:*
- 2 g) Secures the unique relationship between Ireland and the United Kingdom including free
3 movement of people and goods across the Irish border.

Amendment One

Federal Policy Committee

Mover: to be announced

Summation: to be announced

- 1 *After line 39, insert:*
- 2 Conference further condemns the Leave campaign for making so many claims which have since
3 been proven false and/or undeliverable.
- 4 *Delete 1., 2. and 3. (lines 41–48) and insert:*
- 5 1. The Government to admit that the Brexit deal will not deliver the promises of the Leave



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- 6 campaign.
- 7 2. An 'exit from Brexit' referendum (in which 16- and 17-year olds, EU Citizens resident in the UK,
8 and British Citizens resident overseas will be able to vote) to be held once the outcome of the
9 UK-EU negotiations is known, for the public to choose between 'the deal' or Britain remaining
10 a full member of the EU.
- 11 3. As leading champions of Britain's membership of the EU, the Liberal Democrats to continue to
12 campaign for Britain to remain a full and active member of the European Union.

F21 Safe Building Standards for all Homes

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

- 1 *In B. (line 9), delete 'Britain' and insert 'the UK'.*
- 2 *In 7. b) (line 44), after 'renovation' insert ', and take any necessary enforcement action'.*

Amendment One

Wokingham

Mover: to be announced

Summation: Prue Bray

- 1 *In 3. (lines 29–30), delete 'by the Fire Service' and insert 'by persons on a professional register who*
2 *meet the competency criteria established by the Fire Risk Assessment Competency Council'.*

Amendment Two

Southwark

Mover: Caroline Pidgeon AM

Summation: to be announced

- 1 *After 3. (line 32), insert:*
- 2 4. Central government to now comply with the recommendations of the Coroner who
3 investigated the Lakeland tower block fire in 2013, and provide clearer guidance on the extent
4 to which fire safety regulations apply to residential blocks.

Monday 18 September

F26 Employment in the 21st Century

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In vii) (line 23), after 'status' insert 'and that the Supreme Court has recently ruled them to be illegal'.*



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Amendment One

Young Liberals

Mover: Scott Emery

Summation: Henry Jones

1 *After 8. (line 72), insert:*

- 2 9. Hours that are not guaranteed as part of a contract to have a higher minimum wage rate,
3 in order to incentivise employers to offer fixed hours when possible, with the size of the
4 wage rate increase to be determined by the Low Pay Commission, as suggested in the Taylor
5 Review.

F28 Encourage Companies to be Responsible Corporate Citizens

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In 2. (line 35), after 'promote' insert 'legislation to secure', and delete 'including' and insert 'which may*
2 *include'.*

Amendment One

11 members

Mover: Simon McGrath

Summation: Joe Otten

1 *Delete 2. (lines 35–38) and insert:*

- 2 2. Require all UK listed companies and all private companies with more than 200 employees
3 to have at least 1 employee representative on their Boards with the same legal duties and
4 responsibilities as other directors.

Tuesday 19 September

F34 Gun and Knife Crime

The Federal Conference Committee has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

1 *Delete 1. (line 29–31) and insert:*

- 2 1. Police, education providers, and public, private, community, faith and other organisations to
3 consider how they can work more closely together and with other individuals and groups,
4 particularly to engage with 16–25 year olds.



Tuesday 19th September

Amendment One

Fareham Liberal Democrats

Mover: Kathleen Trott

Summation: Kathleen Trott

- 1 *In a) (line 15), delete 'knife and gun crime' and insert 'knife, gun and acid attacks'.*
- 2 *In b) (line 17), delete 'Gun and knife crime' and insert 'Gun, knife and acid attacks'.*
- 3 *In c) (line 19), delete 'gun and knife crime' and insert 'gun, knife and acid attacks'.*
- 4 *After 5. (line 42), add:*
- 5 6. Introduce measures to ban the sale of corrosive liquids to children.

The Future of Corporation Tax? *An Informal Discussion*

Are you involved in business, an entrepreneur, or are you just interested in the future of UK corporation tax?

Last year Vince Cable put together a group of experts to consider the future of Corporation Tax. That group aims to report at Spring Conference 2018 and wants to hear from you.

Please join us for an informal open discussion in the CIC Durley Suite, on Monday 18th September, 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Tony Harris, member of the group and co-chair of the Liberal Democrat Entrepreneurs Network, will be chairing proceedings.

For more information please email nonexec@hotmail.co.uk.



Emergency motions ballot

Three of the following motions will be selected by ballot, one to be debated as F23 at 09.00 on Monday 18 September and two as F31A and F31B at 09.40 on Tuesday 19 September. Ballot papers will be printed with Saturday's Conference Daily and the ballot box will be open in the Auditorium between 09.00 and 12.50 on Saturday 16 September.

Emergency Motion 5: Mental Health Reform Act was submitted as a motion to the June 28 deadline and was rejected at that stage by the Conference Committee; however following a successful appeal it is now included in this ballot along with the other emergency motions.

Emergency motion 1: Deterioration of Human Rights in Venezuela

11 members

- 1 Conference notes the deteriorating political, social and economic situation in Venezuela, and the
- 2 concerns raised in a report published by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 3 on 30 August 2017.

- 4 In particular, conference condemns:
 - 5 i) The erosion of democratic institutions via the accumulation of power by the executive branch
 - 6 of the government.
 - 7 ii) The undermining of human rights guarantees which have enabled the government to
 - 8 intimidate, punish and censor critics, journalists, judges and political opponents.
 - 9 iii) The arbitrary detention and alleged torture of protesters.
 - 10 iv) Inadequate government responses to severe shortages of medicines, medical supplies, and
 - 11 food.

- 12 Conference believes:
 - 13 a) The UK has a responsibility to champion the rule of law, human rights and democracy across
 - 14 the world.
 - 15 b) The politicisation of the situation in Venezuela by US President Donald Trump has the
 - 16 potential to cause further harm to the people of Venezuela, and undermine efforts to
 - 17 strengthen democracy and the rule of law.

- 18 Conference calls on the UK government to:
 - 19 1. Immediately suspend the sale of all military and security equipment and arms to Venezuela.
 - 20 2. Look into the viability and efficacy of sanctions against Venezuelan government officials, in
 - 21 order to target those who are benefitting the most from the erosion of the democratic state.
 - 22 3. Provide further funding for programmes to strengthen democratic institutions, ensure free
 - 23 and fair elections, and protect human rights protestors and journalists.

Applicability: Federal.

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Emergency motion 2: Implementation of Universal Credit

Ten members

- 1 Conference notes that Liberal Democrats support the principles behind Universal Credit, namely
2 its aims of simplifying the social security system, improving work incentives, increasing take-up,
3 tackling poverty and reducing fraud and error.
- 4 Conference however further notes the criticisms made of the detailed design and implementation
5 of Universal Credit under the Conservatives as set out in policy paper 124 Mending the Safety Net
6 (2016) and the General Election Manifesto Change Britain's Future (2017).
- 7 Conference notes with deep concern the new Citizens Advice report Delivering on Universal Credit
8 published on 6 July 2017 which shows that the requirement to wait six weeks for first payment
9 is causing people serious financial difficulties, while highlighting a range of other administrative
10 problems, and similar findings by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. In particular, conference
11 regrets findings that:
- 12 i) Over a third (39%) of people are waiting more than the 6 weeks it should take to receive their
13 first payment.
14 ii) In some pilot areas, the average waiting time is as high as 12 weeks.
15 iii) Just over 1 in 10 (11%) are waiting over 10 weeks without the benefit.
16 iv) 3 in 5 (57%) are having to borrow money while waiting for their first payment.
- 17 Conference therefore calls for the Government to pause the planned accelerated roll-out of
18 Universal Credit until problems with implementation can be addressed through the following
19 measures:
- 20 a) Removing the 7 waiting days at the start of a claim, to reduce the amount of time people have
21 to wait for their first payment.
22 b) Monitoring the impact of payment one month in arrears, and changing it if this results in rising
23 debt and destitution.
24 c) Making sure everyone moving to Universal Credit is told they can get an Advance Payment to
25 help them while they wait for their first payment.
26 d) Introducing an online system so people can book their initial Jobcentre appointments online
27 rather than having to call the Universal Credit helpline.
28 e) Making the Universal Credit helpline free of charge, at least until the roll-out is complete.
29 f) Allowing people to adjust to Universal Credit by offering everyone options in how they would
30 like the benefit to be paid.
31 g) Putting in place a comprehensive support package before Universal Credit roll-out accelerates,
32 to make sure people get advice to manage their money and deal with any complications in the
33 application process.
- 34 Conference reiterates its support for more substantial reform of UC including:
- 35 1. Reversing the Government's cuts to the amount claimants can earn (the "work allowance")
36 before their benefits are reduced.
37 2. Introducing a second work allowance, allowing both members of a couple to work without
38 losing their benefits.
39 3. Restoring the first child premium for new claimants.

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- 40 4. Abandoning the restriction of benefits to just two children.
41 5. Ending the freeze on working-age benefits.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency motion 3: International Students

Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire

- 1 Conference welcomes the recent announcement by the Home Office of the first results of the
2 newly installed exact border checks.
- 3 Conference notes that:
- 4 i) The number of international students overstaying, after their studies were complete, was
5 4,600 in this first year.
6 ii) This number is far smaller than the estimate of 100,000 previously used by the Home Office.
7 iii) The estimate of 100,000 was the justification for imposing higher levels of visa and other
8 restrictions on students.
- 9 Conference further notes that:
- 10 a) International students bring economic benefits to colleges, universities and the wider
11 economy.
12 b) Higher education is one of the most successful export industries this country has.
13 c) Educating the future leaders of the rest of the world is a very effective exercise of “soft power”.
14 d) Universal co-operation in academic learning and research is a mark of civilisation and is to the
15 benefit of the whole world.
- 16 Conference therefore:
- 17 1. Calls on the Government to remove international students from the migration figures
18 immediately.
19 2. Welcomes the Home Secretary’s announcement of a review of international students and
20 presses that visa restrictions and other impediments should be part of that review.
21 3. Calls on the media to recognise the facts and portray international students in a more positive
22 light, as an asset rather than a threat.
23 4. Calls on the Government to ensure that international students are treated as the positive
24 benefit to the country that they are, and not a problem to be solved.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency motion 4: Leasehold Scandal

Eddisbury and Weaver Vale

- 1 Conference welcomes Government proposals (announced in late July, with an eight-week
2 consultation period) to outlaw leasehold property sales which allow freeholders to:



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- 3 a) Charge excessively escalating ground rents, and/or
4 b) Demand unreasonably large sums for the subsequent purchase of the freehold.
- 5 Conference is nevertheless very disappointed that this consultation may not help the millions of
6 households already trapped in unfair leaseholds and who are or will be struggling to sell their
7 homes, and demands that the Government also take urgent action to help these people who are
8 always described as homeowners but under the eyes of the law are long-term tenants.
- 9 Conference calls on the Government to move to adopt the systems now used in Northern Ireland,
10 Scotland and countries around the world with a system establishing a fixed formula for:
- 11 1. The freehold purchase of a house or block of flats;
12 2. Maximum levels for increases in ground rent and a cost for their removal;
- 13 and then using these bases to replace unfair terms in sales contracts that have already been
14 completed.
- 15 Conference welcomes the fact the government has finally moved Commonhold from the Justice
16 Department to the Housing Department and hopes that this legislation will be reviewed so as to
17 provide a far better alternative to our feudal leasehold system.

Applicability: England and Wales.

Emergency motion 5: Mental Health Reform Act

Beaconsfield and Wycombe

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 i) In May 2017, the Prime Minister described the 1983 Mental Health Act as “outdated”,
3 “discriminatory” and “unfit for purpose”, and promised to repeal it and replace it with
4 new legislation; and in June 2017, the Queen’s Speech promised to “reform mental health
5 legislation”.
- 6 ii) Current UK law treats physical and mental health differently: physical health patients cannot
7 be forcibly treated unless they lack capacity to make that decision, and they can make
8 “advance decisions” to refuse treatment, as defined in the 2005 Mental Capacity Act; however,
9 under the Mental Health Act, mental health patients do not have these rights - they can be
10 forcibly detained and treated even if they have capacity to make that decision for themselves,
11 and even if they’ve made an advance decision to refuse treatment.
- 12 iii) If a person has a “mental disorder” (which includes Asperger’s Syndrome and learning
13 disabilities), they can be forcibly detained and treated, but people without one can’t be,
14 even under the exact same circumstances; In some cases, having a childhood diagnosis of
15 Asperger’s has allowed people to be forcibly detained for months, while they could not have
16 been detained at all without this diagnosis.
- 17 iv) Mind, a mental health charity, has argued that detaining people based on disability is
18 discriminatory, and in breach of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
19 it has called for replacing the “mental disorder” test with a “mental capacity” test, as defined
20 in the Mental Capacity Act, so that mental health and physical health are treated equally, and
21 people with disabilities or “mental disorders” are not discriminated against.



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- 22 Conference believes that:
- 23 a) Everyone has the right to control their own life: a person should never be forced to receive
24 treatment, unless they do not have capacity to make that decision.
- 25 b) Detaining people on the basis of disability or “mental disorder”, rather than capacity, is
26 discriminatory, contributes to stigma and discourages people from being open about their
27 mental health.
- 28 Conference calls on the Government to reform the Mental Health Act to ensure that:
- 29 1. The “mental disorder” test for involuntary detention and treatment is replaced with a “mental
30 capacity” test, so that a person cannot be involuntarily detained or treated unless they lack
31 capacity, as defined in the Mental Capacity Act.
- 32 2. Advance decisions, as defined in the Mental Capacity Act, can be applied to mental health
33 conditions, including an advance decision to refuse detention and/or treatment.
- 34 Conference reiterates its call for the Government to ensure that mental health services are fully
35 funded, so that people can be given care without unnecessarily having to be detained.

Applicability: England and Wales.

Emergency motion 6: Opposing UK participation in Trump’s re-escalation of the war in Afghanistan

14 members

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 i) The current brutal war in Afghanistan, which has involved UK forces since it began, has been
3 underway for almost 16 years.
- 4 ii) The US Department of Defence released data on 30th August 2017 showing that there are
5 currently 11,000 US troops in the country, aided by 600 UK Armed Forces personnel.
- 6 iii) According to UN estimates, 2m people have been displaced since the US/UK-led invasion in
7 2001, and more than 26,000 civilians have died, as a result of the war. More than 450 UK force
8 personnel have died, and 7300 injured.
- 9 iv) The continuing peace talks between the Taliban and other parties, and the Afghan
10 government, in Qatar, and the preparatory peace negotiations between the Taliban and
11 Afghan senior intelligence officials, have made little formal progress due in part to weak
12 support from international participants such as the UK and US.
- 13 v) Reversing his prior stated policy, President Trump announced a new Afghanistan strategy
14 on 20th August 2017, vowing to ‘fight to win’ the war by committing more US troops, 4000
15 initially, calling on NATO allies such as Britain to increase troop numbers in parallel; a strategy
16 ‘welcomed’ by the UK Secretary of State for Defence, with more UK military personnel to be
17 sent, confirmed by officials.
- 18 vi) After 16 years of fighting, the Taliban and other insurgent and non-government forces now
19 control a majority of the land area of country, as well as having bases across the unformalised
20 border with Pakistan; thus the US-led escalation is very unlikely to have any positive effect on
21 the peace process.
- 22 vii) Major Chinese investments in Afghanistan, including copper mining and the announcement



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23 that China will build a road from China and Northern Afghanistan to Gwadar port in Pakistan,
24 demonstrate that China is fast becoming the main geopolitical beneficiary of the war.

25 Conference believes:

- 26 a) This war cannot be won by military means, that a stalemate has been reached, and that the
27 focus should now be on a peace agreement beneficial to the wider Afghan population.
28 b) The absence of an agreed Afghanistan–Pakistan border and existence of the lawless FATA in
29 Pakistan across the border contribute to the perpetuation of the conflict.
30 c) The recent history does not justify the continued invocation of NATO Article 5 in relation to the
31 new US re-escalation, and the UK should not accept new Article 5 obligations in Afghanistan in
32 this context.

33 Conference calls on the British government:

- 34 1. Not to participate in the US-led re-escalation of the war, and instead to apply more focus on
35 the peace negotiations and bringing the conflict finally to an end.
36 2. To focus on key necessary prerequisites for peace; including pressuring Pakistan and
37 Afghanistan to ensure there is a border agreement and an enforced border, and pressuring
38 the Pakistani Government to bring the Federally Administered Tribal Areas fully within the
39 Pakistani constitution and thus establish the rule of law, as a necessary step towards closing
40 Afghan insurgency bases.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency motion 7: Recruitment and Retention of Teachers

Ten members

- 1 Conference notes:
- 2 i) Deeply concerning figures published by UCAS which indicate that the number of graduates
3 beginning teacher training courses has fallen 10 per cent this year, compared to 2016.
4 ii) That these figures indicate that recruitment for subjects including maths, physics, biology,
5 computing, chemistry and English will fail to meet government targets.
6 iii) That this is part of longer term trends which show that teacher shortages across the country
7 are growing and that almost a third of teachers leave the profession within five years of
8 qualifying.
9 iv) That under the Government's current plans for public sector pay, teachers will see a real-
10 terms pay cut of around £3,000 between 2015–16 and 2020–21.
11 v) Worrying reports about levels of teacher stress, which have found that 60 per cent of the
12 teaching workforce say their job has impacted on their mental health, with one in ten taking
13 anti-depressants.
- 14 Conference believes:
- 15 a) Teachers have been placed under inordinate and unsustainable pressure in recent years
16 due to a combination of changes to the curriculum and assessment processes; and crippling
17 school budget cuts.
18 b) That it was wrong for the Government to retain the 1pc cap on teacher's pay rises in 2017–

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- 19 18 and that this has contributed to a growing feeling among teachers that they are being
20 undervalued.
- 21 c) That if teachers are not made to feel that they are respected and valued for the work they do,
22 then recruitment efforts will continue to suffer, and increasingly those in the profession will
23 be forced out, leaving our schools worse off and reducing educational opportunities for young
24 people.
- 25 Conference calls for:
- 26 1. Government to commission an urgent review to identify the factors leading to problems with
27 teacher recruitment and retention rates.
- 28 2. The Government to reverse the decision to retain a 1pc cap on teacher pay rises, and for all
29 teachers in state schools to be offered pay rises in line with inflation.
- 30 3. The Government to work with Ofsted to reform school inspection processes, ensuring they
31 take account of teachers' workload and staff retention and recruitment rates, so that school
32 leadership is incentivised to prioritise the wellbeing of their staff.
- 33 4. Liberal Democrats to continue to campaign in Parliament for a reversal of cuts to front-line
34 school and college budgets, protecting per-pupil funding in real terms.
- 35 5. The introduction of a clear and properly funded entitlement to continued professional
36 development for all teachers, to ensure people see opportunities to progress in their careers.
- 37 6. Liberal Democrats to continue to campaign for a new Royal College of Teachers to oversee the
38 delivery of continued professional development as well as Qualified Teacher Status.
- 39 7. The Government to reassess how it carries out long-term planning of teacher training places,
40 working in close partnerships with higher education and specialist routes such as Teach
41 First in ensure the recruitment of high quality teachers in shortage areas such as science,
42 technology, engineering, the arts and maths.

Applicability: England only.

Emergency motion 8: UK Government treatment of disabled people

29 members

- 1 Conference notes that in August 2017 the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons
2 with Disabilities (UN CRPD) Committee found that the UK Government's cuts to social security
3 and other support for deaf and disabled people had caused "a human catastrophe" which was
4 "totally neglecting the vulnerable situation that people with disabilities find themselves in" and,
5 taken with the UK Government's refusal to either recognise or implement the recommendations
6 of the previous inquiry by the UN CRPD Committee in 2016, concluded that the Conservative
7 Government had committed "grave, systematic violations of the rights of person with disabilities".
- 8 Conference further notes:
- 9 i) The House of Lords Select Committee on the Equality Act 2010 and Disability report of March
10 2016 made 55 recommendations for Government and other agencies, and concluded that
11 Government and other agencies still regard deaf and disabled people as an afterthought,
12 resulting in services (including transport, housing, access to the law, access to employment,
13 physical access, training and work) that are not fit for purpose and do not give deaf and
14 disabled people true independent living.
- 15 ii) The United Kingdom Independent Mechanism (UKIM), covering all four of the UK Equality

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16 and Human Rights bodies, gave evidence to the UN in August 2017 that the government “has
17 failed to realise the rights of disabled people, especially in relation to social security reforms,
18 resulting in grave and systematic violations of the right to an adequate standard of living, right
19 to social protection, right to independent living and right to work”.

20 iii) The UK Government has been repeatedly criticised for its treatment of people in secure
21 mental health settings, including particular criticism over the use of violence and illicit use of
22 taser guns on members of the African Caribbean community.

23 iv) Evidence of the inappropriate and dishonest assessment processes for PIP continuing
24 to show that the system is target-driven and designed to penalise deaf and disabled,
25 despite Government reassurances that Capita, ATOS and Maximus were running a fair and
26 independent service for the Department of Work and Pensions.

27 Conference believes:

28 a) That deaf and disabled people in the UK are entitled to rights, as set out in the UN CRPD,
29 and that the Conservative Government’s repeated refusal to act on the recommendations of
30 the UN CRPD committee, the House of Lords Select Committee, the UKIM, and the extensive
31 reports from Deaf and Disabled People’s Organisations (DDPOs) is illegal and shameful.

32 b) In a social model of disability, considering that people may have a condition or an impairment
33 but are disabled by society, and we must therefore remove the barriers in society that limit
34 deaf and disabled people’s opportunities and choices.

35 Conference resolves that a future Liberal Democrat government will incorporate the UN CRPD
36 into UK law by strengthening the Equality Act in order to empower deaf and disabled people to
37 confidently challenge all forms of discrimination and prejudice, and will ensure deaf and disabled
38 people a strong voice at the heart of government, inviting them to sit on the cross-government
39 committee ‘nothing about you, without you’.

40 Conference calls for:

41 1. Liberal Democrats across the UK to fight for the rights of deaf and disabled people in every
42 sphere of their lives, and hold Governments and agencies to account.

43 2. The UK Government urgently to review its policies, to take immediate steps to remedy those
44 highlighted by the UN and the Lords Select Committee report as failing, and to report back
45 within 12 months.

Applicability: Federal.