Conference Extra

Autumn Conference

Brighton 15–18 September 2018



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

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Members of the Federal Board will be available at the Federal Board helpdesk near the Infirmation Desk on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre at the following times:

Saturday	15 Sept.	15.00–16.00 10.30–12.30
Sunday	16 Sept. and	14.00–12.30
Monday	17 Sept. and	10.30–12.30 14.00–16.00
Tuesday	18 Sept.	10.30–12.30

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Saturday	15 Sept	13.00-15.00
Sunday	16 Sept	10.30-12.30
Monday	17 Sept	10.30-12.30
Tuesday	18 Sept	10.30-12.30

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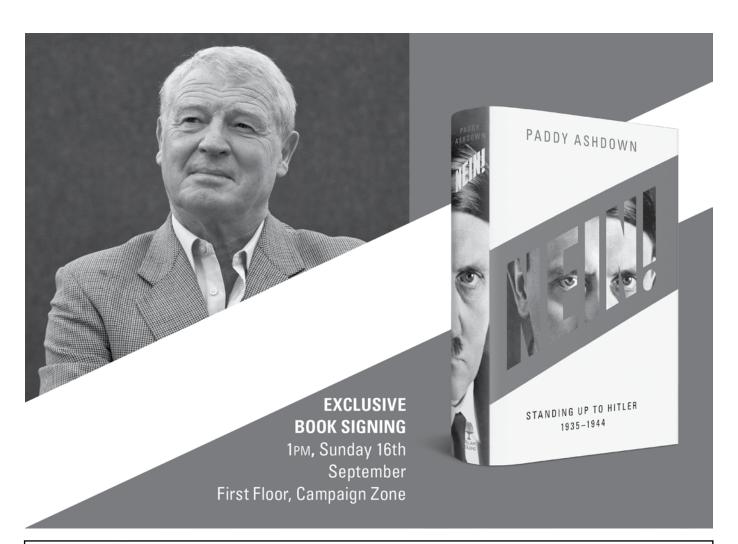
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Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrats











Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference where members can ask questions of our spokespeople - a fantastic opportunity to find out what our Parliamentarians are up to.

Saturday 15 September

15.00-16.00: Education

With Layla Moran & Mike Storey. Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

Sunday 16 September

11.30-12.30: Brexit

With Tom Brake, Dick Newby & Sarah Ludford. Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

14.30-15.30: Environment

With Tim Farron, Jenny Randerson & Cathy Bakewell. Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

16.30-17.30: Work and Pensions With Stephen Lloyd & Celia Thomas.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

Monday 17 September

14.30-15.30: Housing

With Wera Hobhouse, Kath Pinnock & John Shipley. Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

16.30-17.30: Women and Equalities With Christine Jardine & Lorely Burt. Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Conference Rally

No conference experience is complete without joining Lib Dems from across the country at the Conference Rally!

The rally will feature the talents of the Citizens of the World Choir, a group of humanitarian and musical professionals. There will also be a host of speakers, from Lewisham East by-election candidate Lucy Salek to Vince Cable MP.

Expect also a number of special guests across an evening of fun and entertainment. Look forward to seeing you there alongside our host, Christine Jardine MP.

Where? Brighton Centre, Auditorium When? Saturday early evening 18.15-19.30



Opening up the party

Join Vince Cable for a consultation session on his proposals to transform the party into a wider movement.

When: Saturday,

13:00 -14:30

Where: Balmoral Room,

Hilton

Join the Federal People Development Committee to discuss the detail of a registered supporter scheme.

When: Sunday,

18:15 - 19:15

Where: Syndicate 2,

Brighton Centre



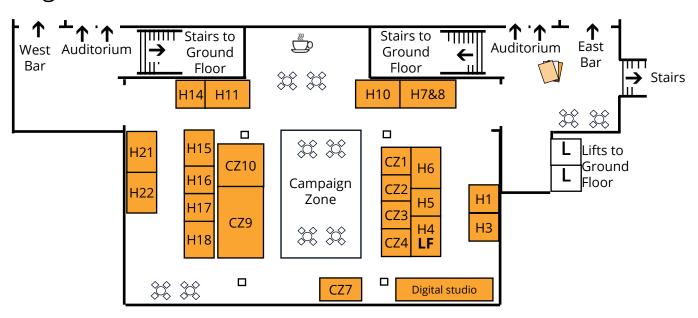


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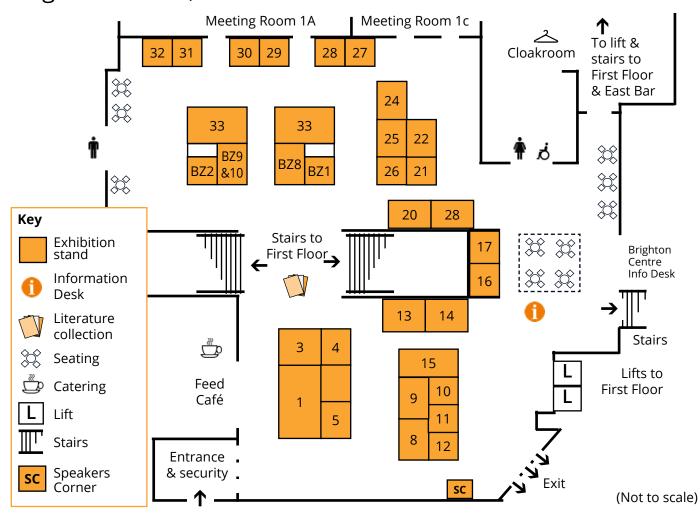
Amendments and additions to the exhibition plan and listings in the Conference Directory.

Venue and exhibition plan

Brighton Centre, First Floor, Auditorium 2



Brighton Centre, Ground Floor



Exhibitors listed by stand number

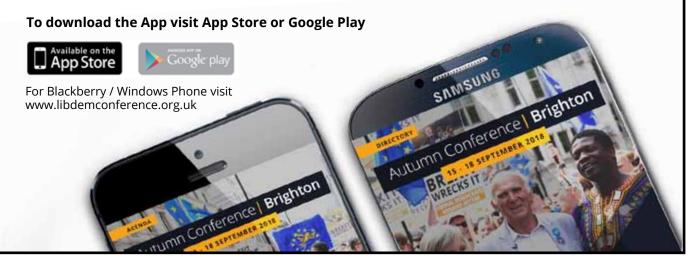
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- 10 Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary
- 11 WASPI
- 12 Your Liberal Britain
- 13 National Education Union
- 14 SKS Business Services Chartered Accountants
- 15 D-Stress & Go (UK) Ltd
- 16 Visit York
- 17 Business Events Bournemouth
- 18 Catherine Bearder MEP
- 20 Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats
- 21 Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists
- 22 Migrants' Rights Network
- 24 Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
- 25 Liberal Democrats in Business
- 26 Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform
- 27 Young Liberals
- 28 Liberal Democrat Disability Association
- 29 Liberal Reform
- 30 Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
- 31 English Liberal Democrats
- 32 Rights-Liberties-Justice (LDLA)
- 33 Guide Dogs

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- BZ8 VisitBrighton
- BZ9 Waterstones Brighton
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- CZ2 LGBT+ Liberal Democrats
- CZ3 Liberal Democrat Education Association
- CZ4 Park Communications
- CZ7 Ask an Expert
- CZ9 Liberal Democrat Image
- CZ10 RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems
- H1 Association of LD Trade Unionists
- H3 Liberal Democrat Women
- H4 Legacy Fund
- H5 Energy4
- H6 Election Workshop
- H7 ALDC Liberal Democrat Campaigners and Councillors
- H8 LGA Liberal Democrats
- H10 Green Liberal Democrats
- H11 Print & Digital Associates Ltd "The Tabloid Newspaper Specialists"
- H14 E.A.R.S. Campaign Software
- H15 Liberal Democrat History Group
- H16 South East Region Liberal Democrats
- H17 Parliamentary Candidates Associaton
- H18 ALTER
- H21 National Liberal Club and LIBG
- H22 Liberator Magazine

Conference App



Download our Conference App for Autumn Conference, with great features such as My Schedule (the easiest way to plan your Conference) and a searchable Fringe Guide and Agenda.



Directory of exhibitors

The following exhibitors are additional to those listed in the Conference Directory.

Brighton and Hove City Mission (BHCM)

BHCM run Brighton's busiest food bank who respond to those in crisis to alleviate the impact of poverty by providing people with food and directing them to other agencies for more help.

www.bhcm.org.uk



British Airways i360

Take to the skies to see Brighton and the beautiful south coast as you have never seen them before. Glide up gently to 450ft in our futuristic glass viewing pod, which was conceived and designed by Marks Barfield Architects, creators of the London Eye.

www.britishairwaysi360.com





D-Stress & Go (UK) Ltd

Relaxation area with seated acupressure massage specifically designed for exhibitions and the workplace.

www.dstress.co.uk

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Energy4

Due to Energy4's utility higher buying power and lower overheads, we can save your organisation money. Whether you own a commercial premises or work from

www.energy4.co.uk





Guide Dogs

Have you ever imagined what life without sight is like? Visit our sensory experience, don a blindfold, and allow Natalie the guide dog to help you safely round our obstacles.

www.guidedogs.org.uk/campaigns

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LIBERAL REFORM

Liberal Reform

Liberal Reform exists within the Liberal Democrats to bring together members and campaigners committed to "four-cornered freedom" - personal, political, social and economic.

www.liberalreform.org.uk

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Migrants' Rights Network

Migrants' Rights Network (MRN) is a policy and advocacy organisation working with migrants to allow their voice be heard and with stakeholders to move towards a progressive immigration policy.

Parliamentary Candidates Association



www.libdempca.org.uk

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Tell MAMA

Tell MAMA is the UK's leading project countering anti-Muslim hate. It is a measuring and reporting service, providing multi-level assistance to victims and local authorities. Since its inception Tell MAMA has assisted over 15,000 people.

www.tellmamauk.org



Women Against State Pension Inequality

Organisation campaigning against Inequality in pension provision for women born in the 1950s.

www.waspi.co.uk



Waterstones Brighton

A vibrant five-floor city bookshop situated opposite the iconic clock-tower, Waterstones Brighton is a haven of coffee, cake and wonderful books.

www.waterstones.com/

bookshops/brighton-clock-tower



Fringe update

Amendments and additions to the listings in the fringe guide in the Conference Directory.

Saturday morning 08.00-09.00

Addition to the listings in the Directory:
Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)
AGM

The Annual General Meeting of LDDA members, associate members and supporters.

Hilton, Surrey 1



Saturday late evening 20.15-21.30

Addition to the listings in the Directory: **English Party**

Local Party Chair's Reception

Join the English Party Chair, Liz Leffman, for drinks and nibbles. If you would like to attend, please contact English.party@libdems.org.uk

Hilton, Gloucester

Sunday morning 08.00-09.00

Event moved to Monday morning: Liberal Democrat Christian Forum Annual Conference Prayer Breakfast Hilton, Clarence



Ask an Expert is a stand in the exhibition where you can get advice and help on issues big and small.

It is open throughout conference and you don't need an appointment.

Come along and get advice or one-to-one support on a range of party and campaigning issues - from fundraising to strategy, seat approval and selection and much, much more!

Whatever you need help with, our team of Liberal Democrat experts will be pleased to help you.

Sunday early evening 18.15-19.15

Event moved to Monday early evening:

LDLA and the law society

Impact of Brexit on the legal profession and Justice System

Hilton, Lancaster

LGBT+ Lib Dems

AGM

LGBT+ Lib Dem members are invited to join us for our AGM, where we'll update you on the year's events and campaigns, and select a new exec for next year.

Hilton, Lancaster

Addition to the listings in the Directory:

The Albert Kennedy Trust

Preventing Lifetimes of homelessness: working towards a solution for ending youth homelessness LGBT youth homelessness charity, The Albert Kennedy Trust, who support young people who face the risk of homelessness, will use this session to discuss with politicians and homelessness specialists issues to inform a forward direction to prevent youth homelessness.

Hilton, Surrey 2

Sunday mid evening 19.45-21.00

Addition to the listings in the Directory: Liberal Reform

Winning in London - Some exclusive research on how to attract soft Labour and Soft Tories

Join Aria Babu, Dinesh Dhamija and a polling expert to hear some specially Commissioned Focus Group and Polling data on what voters in London are thinking - and what might make them switch to the Lib Dems.

Hilton, Edinburgh

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Fringe update

Monday morning 08.00-09.00

Change of time from Sunday morning: Liberal Democrat Christian Forum Annual Conference Prayer Breakfast

We are delighted to welcome our leader Sir Vince Cable, who will be speaking at our LDCF Prayer Breakfast. Please join us for breakfast, encouragement and fellowship, we look forward to meeting you there.

Hilton, Clarence

Monday morning 11.30-12.30

Addition to the listings in the Directory:
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
Shaping Drug Policy Today

Despite the good work being done by many, the 'war on drugs' is failing. This seminar looks at work being undertaken by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson, and the innovative approach he's taking in supporting those with addiction.

Hilton, Gloucester

Note: this event starts at 11.15

Spring Conference 2019

2019 Spring conference will be in York, 15–17 March.

Book your accommodation with Visit York at stand 16 in the exhibition.



Conference Daily

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

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

Monday early evening 18.15-19.15

Change of time from Sunday early evening: LDLA and the law society

Impact of Brexit on the legal profession and Justice System

Chair: James Sandbach, Right-Liberties-Justice; Baroness Ludford (invited); Simon Davis, Vice President of the Law Society.

Hilton, Lancaster

Update to listing in Directory – additional speaker: **NFU and FDF**

What should the UK's future food policy look like? Joint NFU and FDF Fringe Event Speakers: Tim Farron MP, Liberal Democrat Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Spokesperson, Stuart Roberts, NFU Vice President, Ian Wright CBE, FDF Chief Executive, Dr Elise Wach, Institute of Development Studies. Chair: Mike Stones, Group Editor of New Food.

Hilton, Sandringham

Addition to the listings in the Directory:

Compliance and FFRC

Q&A with the Chair of the Federal Finance and Resources Committee

A chance to meet the new chair of the Federal Finance and Resources Committee, Tony Harris. Swap best practice with treasurers from all levels of the party.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Monday mid evening 19.45-21.00

Addition to the listings in the Directory:

One Cyprus

Conference to promote efforts for the unification of Cyprus as one people

Invaded in 1974, Cyprus is still divided, with troops from Turkey under Erdogan's orders. His followers assaulted the Turkish Cypriot newspaper offices of Sener Levent, who advocates democracy in Turkey and Cyprus reunited. Kathy Alexander and others speak on this.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions during conference, where you can come along and ask questions of our spokespeople.

See page 5 for details.



Saturday 15 September

F2 Report of the Federal Conference Committee

Q1. Submitted by: Adam Bernard

Is it considered remarkable for FCC to select a motion for debate without having had sight of the policy paper which that motion endorses?

Q2. Submitted by: Theo Butt Philip

Why has the FCC limited questions to reports to just 25 words? What proportion of questions submitted to previous conferences were within this arbitrary and

F3 Report of the Federal Policy Committee

Q1. Submitted by: Mark Hall

Will you consider doing more to campaign for the rights of Leaseholders? Currently there are many people paying excessive charges and receiving a poor service from freeholders. This is the kind of issue missed by the two main parties.

Q2. Submitted by: Mark Hall

Should the Lib Dems policy on Criminal Justice differentiate more between violent and non-violent crime for example whilst calling f or shorter or non-custodial sentences for non-violent crimes we could call for significantly longer sentences for the most violent offences which would bring the policy more into line with wider public opinion?

Q3. Submitted by: Clive Lever

Domestic abuse is a terrible crime that inflicts horrendous damage on the lives of women and they need far more support than they get. It is often forgotten that the crime seriously damages the lives of male victims, and support available to them falls even further short of the need. How does the party propose to ensure that in future, both female and male victims and their children can get access to an appropriate level of support when they need it?

Q4. Submitted by: Adam Bernard

Is it considered remarkable for a policy paper not to be supplied to FCC in time for consideration with the motion which endorses it?

Q5. Submitted by: Stewart Reddaway

Should the Working Group on Climate Change take into account carbon embedded in imports and exports?

F6 Establishing Real Freedom of Choice

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

- 1 In 1 (line 48) after 'safe abortion' insert '; any changes to the legislation would incorporate the
- 2 existing 24 week term limit'.



Saturday 15 September

Consultative sessions

Climate Change and the Low-Carbon Economy Policy Working Group

Chair: Duncan Brack. Rapporteur: Christian Moon. Hilton, Buckingham Room.

Race Equality Policy Working Group

Chair: Merlene Emerson. Rapporteur: Jonathan Everett. Hilton, Clarence Room.

Vince Cable: Opening up the party

Chair: Liz Barker. Rapporteur: To be announced. Hilton, Balmoral Room.

The FPDC Supporters' Scheme consultative session has been rescheduled to 18.15–19.15, Sunday 16 September.

F8 Power for People and Communities

Amendment One

14 members

Mover: Michael Kilpatrick Summation: Andrew Haldane

- 1 Delete 1. d) and 1. e) (lines 42–47).
- 2 After 3. d) (line 82) add:
- 3 Conference, however, rejects the specific proposals in the paper on a devolved tier within England.
- 4 Conference instead calls for the Federal Party to consult and engage with the English Regional
- 5 Parties to establish a process by which a regional tier of government across England may be
- 6 designed and implemented, on the basis that it should:
- 7 I. Be a fully inclusive process combining top-down oversight and locally-led design so as to provide all parts of England with viable devolved government.
- 9 II. Allow a geographic makeup reflecting local opinion and identity, economic units and travel-to-10 work areas.
- 11 III. Prevent first-come-first-served or self-selective devolution and allow no power of veto by individual local authorities.
- 13 IV. Devolve substantial powers from Westminster uniformly as much as practicable to avoid a multitude of 'West Lothian Ouestions'.
- 15 V. Operate with pluralistic, elected assemblies.
- 16 In the long run we will a develop a model for a written constitution for the UK entrenching the
- place of all devolved governments so that they cannot simply be swept away at the whim of
- 18 Central Government.

Amendment Two

South Gloucestershire
Mover: Claire Young
Summation: Louise Harris



Saturday 15 September

- 1 After 2. f) (line 70) insert:
- 2 Reforming the Combined Authorities so that they are more representative of their 3 communities, by ensuring that they do not simply consist of council mayors and leaders 4
- alongside the elected Mayor, but instead have a membership where each party in the
- 5 relevant area is represented in proportion to its number of representatives on the
- 6 relevant councils.

F11 **Reforming our Party's Disciplinary Processes**

Amendment One

13 members

Mover: April Preston

Summation: Rebecca Plenderleith

- 1 After 11. (line 127) add:
- 2 12. Routes should be set up to adopt a system so that complainants can log reports anonymously
- 3 to the party, with the reports being accessible to the complainant, the Standards Officer, or
- 4 such person who may replace the Standards Officer in any future version of the Disciplinary
- 5 procedure. The Standards Officer must identify multiple reports about the same person or
- 6 persons, and should draw them to the attention of the Lead Adjudicator. The Lead Adjudicator
- 7 should then determine whether or not to advise complainants, so that they can consider
- 8 whether or not to waive their anonymity thus allowing further investigation.

Amendment Two

Young Liberals

Mover: Tara Copeland

Summation: Aria Dinakara Babu

- In 10. (line 120) after 'respondents' insert', including referrals to counselling services where
- 2 appropriate,'.

F12 **Reforming our Party's Disciplinary Processes**

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

- In line 39, delete 'paragraph' and insert 'sentence'. 1
- 2 In line 43 after '22.' insert: 'Any person whose membership is refused shall have a right of appeal,
- which must be made in writing within 14 days of the applicant being advised of the refusal to 3
- admit, and which shall be dealt with in accordance with the guidance published under Article 22'.
- 5 In line 53 after '22.' insert: 'Any person whose membership is refused shall have a right of appeal,
- which must be made in writing within 14 days of the applicant being advised of the refusal to 6
- admit, and which shall be dealt with in accordance with the guidance published under Article 22'.



F13 Report of the Campaign for Gender Balance

Q1. Submitted by: Theo Butt Philip

What, if any, targets are the CGB currently working to in terms of numbers/proportion of women candidates approved/selected?

Q2. Submitted by: Theo Butt Philip

Other than waiting until after the next General Election and counting the number/proportion of female MPs, how is the CGB measuring its own success?

F15 Ending Discrimination in Mental Health Provision

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

- 1 After line 38 insert:
- 2 Conference welcomes the establishment of the Wessely Review into the Mental Health Act and the
- 3 opportunity it provides to reform mental health law.
- 4 In lines 39–40, delete 'the Mental Health Act' and insert 'mental health law'.

Amendment One

Kingston Borough Mover: Abbie Llewelyn

Summation: To be announced

- 1 Delete b) (lines 29–31) and insert:
- 2 b) A person should not be forced to receive treatment unless they lack the capacity to make that
- decision, or their refusal to receive treatment poses a serious risk of harm to themselves or to
- 4 others.
- 5 *In d) (line 33), after* 'capacity' *insert* 'or a medical assessment of risk,'.
- 6 Delete 1. and 2. (lines 41–49) and insert:
- 7 1. The 'mental disorder' test for involuntary detention and treatment is replaced with a test
- 8 which combines an assessment of capacity and of whether the individual concerned poses a
- 9 serious risk of harm to themselves or others, so that people cannot be involuntarily detained
- 10 without good, medical reason.

F16 A Fair Deal for Everyone: Prosperity and Dignity in Migration

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

- 1 *In line 2, after* 'world' delete ',' and insert '-'.
- 2 In i) (line 44) after 'target' insert',' and after 'policy' insert 'and using civil society as border guards'.



- 3 In 2. a) (line 75) after 'rules and' insert', for a time-limited period of not more than two years and
- 4 subject to individual assessment,'
- 5 In 5. c) (lines 114–116) after 'fairness and justice,' insert 'doing away with the culture of disbelief,'
- 6 and after 'reunification applications' insert 'and those who fled because of their religious or non-
- 7 religious beliefs, or who are at risk if returned because they have since converted to another faith
- 8 or belief'.
- 9 *In 6. a) (line 118) delete 'the' and insert 'accountable'.*

Amendment one

Stockton, Wigan and Leigh & Makerfield

Mover: Suzanne Fletcher Summation: Dr Ruvi Zielgler

- 1 After D. (line 34) insert:
- 2 E. Compromising, through their harsh and ineffective management of the asylum system, the UK's moral and legal obligation to help those seeking sanctuary from persecution and conflict.
- 4 Delete iv) (lines 53–56) and insert:
- 5 iv) A new policy for irregular migrants of "detention as last resort", using community alternatives 6 to detention such as more case-work in the community, thus allowing the closure of eight 7 of the UK's ten immigration detention centres; using the estimated £100m per year saved to 8 invest in an accountable Border Force and to reduce fees for visa and nationality applications
- 9 to the cost of administration.
- 10 *In 1. c) (line 71) after* 'Support' *insert* 'the Schools for Sanctuary programme and'.
- 11 Before 5. a) (line 106) insert:
- 12 a) Retain, alongside refugee status, humanitarian protection status, and reiterate our commitment to the principle of non-refoulement as applied in international and European human rights law.
- 15 *After 5. c) (line 116) insert:*
- d) Ensure an effective review and arbitration process to allow any decision apparently taken outside the rules to be rectified before reaching appeal.
 - e) Improve the appeals process by transferring the cost from the Ministry of Justice to the new dedicated unit for asylum applications, thereby incentivising getting it 'right first time'.
 - f) Endorse The Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill and support restoring the arrangements for legal aid for seekers of sanctuary that existed before The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders (LASPO) Act 2012.
- 24 g) Offer safe and legal routes to the UK for at least 10,000 refugees each year by expanding 25 the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, both to help a greater number of 26 people from that region and to cover other conflict zones such as Myanmar.
- 27 h) Provide an effective mechanism to implement in full Section 67 of the Immigration Act



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- 28 2016 that commits the UK to welcoming unaccompanied refugee children, this scheme to 29 be expanded to welcome 10,000 such children over a period of 10 years.
- 30 Delete 6. b) (lines 122–124) and insert:
- b) Ensure vulnerable people, such as pregnant women and those who have mental health problems or been subject to torture, are not detained, that no one is detained more than 72 hours without judicial oversight, and that no one is detained longer than 28 days in any circumstances.
- 35 *After 6. c) (line 126) insert:*
- d) Ensure that victims of trafficking are supported so that they can give evidence against
 their traffickers and never be returned against their will to their country of origin where
 their traffickers would have access to them all over again.

Amendment Two

27 members

Mover: Richard Flowers Summation: Holly Matthies

- 1 In II. (lines 16–19) delete 'partly by ... about immigration' and insert 'by introducing better, fairer
- 2 policies and rebuilding people's trust in the system, and that this requires us to propose workable
- 3 solutions to the very real social, infrastructure, and financial problems caused by economic
- 4 change, government indifference, and underfunding, which are currently being widely blamed on
- 5 immigration and on immigrants'.

Amendment Three

15 members

Mover: James Baillie Summation: April Preston

- 1 Delete 2. a) (lines 74–76) and insert:
- 2 a) For spouse and legal partner settlements, end the crude and arbitrary practice of the state splitting up families on grounds of income and permit families to stay together without any form of means testing or prohibition on seeking support from the state.

Amendment Four

Hammersmith & Fulham Mover: Irina Von Wiese Summation: Jessie Venegas

- 1 After 7. c) (line 135) add:
- 2 8. To enable all eligible UK residents to acquire British citizenship and participate fully in our democratic system, including the right to vote:



- 4 a) Request the Home Office to conduct and publish an independent audit of the total administrative cost of naturalisation of a foreign-born citizen.
- b) Significantly reduce and align the fees for naturalisation with the cost of processingapplications.

Amendment Five

LBGT+ Liberal Democrats Mover: lain Donaldson Summation: Jack Gilbert

- 1 *After line 8 insert:*
- 2 Conference notes with concern: the number of LGBT+ asylum claims failing at first stage due in
- 3 part to less than adequate legal advice in the preparation of the initial claims; the large number
- 4 of legal practices advertising immigration specialism with no expertise in relation to sexual
- 5 orientation or gender identity grounds.
- 6 After D. (line 34) insert:
- Failing to offer asylum to people fleeing countries where their sexual orientation or gender identification means that they risk domestic abuse, honour-based violence, imprisonment, torture or execution, and worse still removing people at risk of persecution to such countries.
- 10 F. The system is riddled with humiliating, unfairly intrusive elements that Conservative Ministers 11 continue to defend despite the evidence being they are not necessary; for LGBT+ applicants,
- there is a culture of disbelief about their sexuality, requiring applicants to make public
- social media postings of a personal sexual nature, screen capture dating apps, and produce
- submissions by sexual partners; there is also evidence that highly traumatised individuals,
- including survivors of child sexual abuse, have been refused due to suppressed emotional
- responses, with no reference to any of the extensive knowledge base in the area.
- 17 After v) (line 61) insert:
- vi) The government to offer asylum to people fleeing countries where their sexual orientation or gender identification means that they risk family-based hate-related domestic abuse, honour-based violence, imprisonment, torture or execution, and stop removing people at risk
- 20 nonour-based violence, imprisonment, torture or execution, and stop removing people at risk 21 of any of these to such countries.
- vii) Eradication of the presumption of disbelief about the sexuality or gender identity of LGBT+
- applicants, specifically ending the practice in which officials appear to habitually state that an
- applicant is not LGBT+ merely to justify an initial refusal, or refuse an LGBT+ applicant on the basis that they could be discreet.
- 26 After 5. c) (line 116) insert:
- 27 d) The extension of the definition of a refugee in Article 1 of the Geneva Convention to
 28 include persecution or oppression on the grounds of "sex, sexuality or gender", and in
 29 the meantime to extend the Liberal Democrats definition of refugee in this way for all our
- 30 policies.



F20 Britain at the Heart of a Changing World

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

- 1 In 1. d) (line 35) after 'world' insert 'as well as individuals who are persecuted for their religion or
- 2 belief.
- 3 *In 2. c) (line 54) delete* 'co-ordinate' *and insert* 'co-ordination'.
- 4 In 6. c) (lines 123) after 'Requiring' insert 'UK-registered NGOs,'.
- 5 *In 3. c) (line 78) delete* 'or' and insert 'and'.

Amendment One

10 members

Mover: Elizabeth Payne Summation: Jonathan Brown

- 1 *After line 16 insert:*
- 2 Conference reaffirms support for Liberal Democrat achievements in government, particularly
- 3 legislating for 0.7% of GNI to be spent on aid, and deplores attempts by the current government
- 4 to undermine this legacy by re-focusing aid away from alleviating extreme poverty and towards
- 5 promoting UK trade and investment and attempts to reduce migration.

Amendment Two

Liberal Democrats in Europe Mover: Robert Harrison Summation: Dave Chadwick

1 *In line 12 after* 'people' *insert* 'individual liberties'.

Amendment Three

32 members

Mover: Matt McLaren Summation: Ruby Chow

- 1 *After 4. b) (line 87) insert:*
- 2 c) Continuing to promote free trade across the world, in particular between developed and developing nations, recognising the benefits this brings to all nations involved.

F21 Report of the Federal Appeals Panel

Q1. Submitted by: Simon Pike

Can you explain why your ruling on section 1.7 of the English Party constitution has not been reflected in the published version of that constitution on the Lib Dem website?



F22 Report of the Federal Board

Q1. Submitted by: Jennie Rigg

LGBT+LDs have been asking FB for enrolling body status for several years. Can you outline a method/timescale by which we could do this?

Q2. Submitted by: Theo Butt Philip

Does the FB believe it's meeting the requirement placed upon it by conference to ensure the CGB is adequately funded to carry out its functions?

Q3. Submitted by: Theo Butt Philip

Does the FB believe that the federal, state, regional and local parties are implementing the spirit of the recommendations of the Electing Diverse MPs Motion?

FPDC Supporters' Scheme consultative session

18.15–19.15, Syndicate 2, Brighton Centre. Chair: Miranda Roberts.

This consultative session has been rescheduled from Saturday 15 September.

Monday 17 September

F23 An Affordable, Secure Home for All

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

- 1 After B. (line 6) insert:
- 2 C. The commitment of the Liberal Democrats to slow climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- 4 After VIII. (line 39) insert:
- 5 IX. Many people are impoverished by the cost of heating damp or poorly insulated homes, with inefficient fossil fuel and costly heating systems.
- 7 After j) (line 72) insert:
- 8 k. Taking action to improve domestic heating systems and the thermal properties of housing would have the effect of reducing both poverty and greenhouse gas emissions.
- 10 l. The problems of fuel poverty and high per capita greenhouse gas emissions tend to be
- greater in rural areas where mains gas is not available and where heating tends to be by more
- expensive and more polluting oil fired systems, or in smaller homes by expensive electrical
- 13 resistive heating.



- 14 After 9. (line 103) add:
- 15 10. Higher and better enforced thermal standards for new, extended or refurbished housing,
- including the requirement for renewable energy based heating or generating equipment for
- properties not connected to the gas grid, and a requirement that social and private rental
- houses have minimum energy rating of C, to be enforced on re-let or by 2024 if no change of
- 19 tenant.

Amendment One

10 members

Mover: Laura Coyle

Summation: Stewart Edge

- 1 *After 9. (line 103) add:*
- 2 10. Amend the Housing Act 1988 so as to increase the notice that landlords must give tenants
- 3 (after the initial minimum fixed term of 6 months) from 2 months to at least 6 months.

Amendment Two

St Ives

Mover: Andrew George Summation: Juliet Line

- 1 After 6. (line 90) insert:
- 2 7. The introduction of a new use class in the Planning "Use Classes Order" for "Non-Permanent
- 3 Occupancy", to enable local communities to determine how many/what proportion of homes
- 4 may be second/holiday homes and to provide a stronger statutory definition on which to
- 5 apply appropriate tax, entitlement, voter registration and other policy to ensure a fair and
- 6 balanced management of the available local housing resource.

F24 Europe motion: Stopping Brexit

14 members

Mover: Rt Hon Tom Brake MP (Spokesperson on exiting the European Union and Internaitonal Trade) Summation: Wera Hobhouse MP (Spokesperson on Communities and Local Government)

- 1 Conference notes that:
- 2 A. The Conservative Government are making a mess of Brexit and Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party are helping them to deliver this destructive Brexit.
- 4 B. Liberal Democrats campaigned to remain in the EU during the 2016 referendum and have
- since campaigned for the people to have the final say on the Brexit deal, including the option
- 6 to remain in the EU.
- 7 C. The Treasury have stated that a no-deal Brexit could require the UK to borrow £80 billion
- 8 more by 2033, the Conservative Government have begun releasing the 84 no-deal technical
- 9 notes, and the UK health sector are stockpiling medicines in case of a no-deal.
- 10 D. The Chequers plan is unworkable, rejected by both the EU and Conservative European
- 11 Research Group MPs.



- 12 E. A conclusive agreement has not yet been reached on many of the issues arising from the
 13 Brexit referendum, including Government red lines, and both sides have stated that "nothing
 14 is agreed until everything is agreed".
- F. Whilst the principle of a Northern Ireland backstop has been agreed, the UK's plan to
 temporarily avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland has not been agreed and there is still
 no agreement on a long-term solution.
- 18 G. During the transition period, which is due to end in 2020, the UK will remain in the Single Market and Customs Union.
- 20 H. The draft Withdrawal Agreement stipulated that EU citizens will have to apply for pre-settled 21 or settled status and if they fail to do so will be at risk of deportation; Irish citizens do not have 22 to apply but can if they choose to.
- 23 I. EU citizens, who are not Irish or Commonwealth citizens, living in the UK are excluded from 24 voting in UK General Elections or referendums and voting rights have been left outside the 25 scope of Brexit negotiations by the EU Commission.
- J. The 2016 EU referendum gave no clear destination for Brexit, as the terms of the deal were not yet known.

28 Conference believes that:

- i) There is no deal that could be negotiated through the Article 50 process that could be more beneficial than continued membership of the EU, leaving the EU would therefore be damaging to the UK's fundamental national interests.
- 32 ii) Given the assertion that "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed", the risk of a no-deal remains, which would mean the UK crashes out of the EU without any final Withdrawal Agreement in place.
- 35 iii) The recent shifts in global affairs, including the USA withdrawing from the UNHRC, re-36 emphasise the vital importance of UK membership of the EU and the values upon which the 37 EU was formed.
- iv) The 2016 referendum and subsequent General Election had a severe impact on EU citizens living in the UK, leaving them in a place of uncertainty; referendums and elections will also disproportionately impact these citizens for decades to come.
- Conference condemns the Conservative Government's ideological, disastrous approach to Brexit
- 42 negotiations.
- 43 Conference urges the Labour Party to work in the national interest and reflect the views of its
- 44 members by campaigning for the people to have the final say on the Brexit deal and a chance to
- exit from Brexit, challenging Jeremy Corbyn's position as Leader if he refuses to do so too.
- 46 Conference further condemns the exclusion of EU citizens' voices from political decisions that have
- 47 had an unprecedented impact upon their lives.
- 48 Conference reaffirms the Liberal Democrat commitment to:
- a) Fight for an "exit from Brexit" referendum to be held once the outcome of the UK-EU
 negotiations is known, for the public to choose between "the deal" or Britain remaining a full
 member of the EU.
- 52 b) Campaign for Britain to remain a full and active member of the EU.
- 53 c) Enable all UK citizens living abroad to vote for MPs in separate overseas constituencies, and to participate in UK referendums.
- 55 d) Introduce votes at 16 for all elections and referendums across the UK.



56 Conference calls for:

- 57 1. The Government to release full impact assessments of all options, prior to any meaningful 58 parliamentary vote, thereby demonstrating that there is no Brexit deal on offer that will 59 deliver the promises of the Leave campaign.
- 60 2. The Government to seek to extend Article 50 to avoid a catastrophic no-deal scenario.
- The right to full participation in civic life, including the ability to stand for office or vote in UK referendums and General Elections, to be extended to all EU citizens not already entitled to vote as Irish or Commonwealth citizens, who have lived in the UK for five years or longer.
- The UK Government to guarantee unilaterally in law, including in a no-deal scenario, the rights
 of all EU citizens living in the UK, ringfencing the Withdrawal Agreements' Chapter on citizens' rights.

Applicability: Federal.

The deadline for amendments to this motion is 13.00, Thursday 13 September; see page 6 of the Conference Agenda. Amendments selected for debate will be printed in Saturday's and Monday's Conference Daily. The deadline for requests for separate votes is 09.00 Sunday 16 September; see page 3 of the Conference Agenda.

F28 Good Jobs, Better Businesses, Stronger Communities: Proposals for a New Economy that Really Works for Everyone

Amendment One

17 members Mover: James Baillie Summation: George Potter

- 1 After iv) (line 42) insert:
- 2 v) Stakeholdership, including that of workers, customers, and society at large, being a primary
- 3 concern in the constitution and profit allocation of businesses within a social market
- 4 economy; and a recognition that current models of business that treat capital-holding
- 5 shareholders as the only people with a stake in a business are fundamentally outdated and
- 6 inadequate for the 21st century.
- 7 *After 2. g) (line 95) insert:*
- 8 h) Building routes to secure funding for and thus incentivise starting new charitable and cooperative enterprises, in particular supporting the provision of low interest startup loans for such businesses.

Amendment Two

Canterbury & Coastal Mover: Michael Dixey Summation: James Flanagan

- 1 In 1. b) (line 57) after 'training levy,' insert 'a plan to develop the workforce for high tech
- 2 manufacturing industries needed to rebalance the economy,'.



F29 Plastic Pollution and UN Sustainable Development goals

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

1 *In F. iv) (line 48) delete 'this'*.

Amendment One

21 members

Mover: Duncan Brack

Summation: To be announced

- 1 After G. (line 51) insert:
- 2 Conference further calls on the government to initiate negotiations within the UN for a
- 3 legally binding international treaty on plastics, including phased reductions in the production,
- 4 consumption and trade of virgin feedstock, thus encouraging reuse and recycling, and a financial
- 5 mechanism providing aid and capacity-building assistance to developing countries.

Amendment Two

Winchester

Mover: Emma Levell

Summation: Lynda Murphy

- 1 After iv) (line 9) insert:
- 2 (v) Believes that Local Authorities should be key players in reducing plastic usage.
- 3 In F. iii) (line 46) after 'statutory target' insert 'and provide financial incentives to such groups starting
- 4 community-wide initiatives including, but not limited to, waste-free shops and cafes'.
- 5 After F. iii) (line 46) insert:
- 6 (iv) Introduce a nation-wide standard for the disposal and recycling of key plastics.
- 7 (v) Ensure the widespread availability of free drinking water taps.

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F33 Emergency Motions

Only two emergency motions were accepted as in order by the Federal Conference Committee and there will therefore not be a ballot. These motions will be debated between 09.20 and 10.25 on Tuesday 18 September.

F33A Teacher Shortages

Cambridge and 13 members

Mover: Layla Moran MP (Spokesperson for Education)

Summation: Cllr Lucy Nethsingha



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1 Conference notes with concern:

- 2 i) Research by the Education Policy Institute, published on 30th August, which highlights the severe teacher shortages in the 2018-19 academic year.
- 4 ii) That the report highlights growing class sizes and an increase in the number of subjects being taught by teachers without a relevant degree.
- That schools are seeing serious numbers of teachers resigning with many teachers only staying in the profession for a few years, and are having difficulty in recruiting enough teachers to fill essential posts.
- 9 iv) That teachers' pay is falling behind that of other graduate professions.
- 10 v) That the funding announced by the Government on 24th July for a pay-rise for teachers is insufficient, and ignores many of the recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body.
- 12 vi) That the Government have rejected calls to allow an equivalent pay-rise for staff in Colleges
- vii) That the school funding crisis is far from being resolved, with schools £2bn worse off compared with two years ago, and that the Institute for Fiscal Studies recently published an analysis which
- showed the money per pupil fell by 8% in England and 5% in Wales between 2009/10 and
- 16 2017/18.

17 Conference believes that:

- 18 a) The teacher shortage crisis has been fuelled by a combination of pay-cuts, rising workloads and stress levels.
- b) Stress levels among teachers are far too high and that it is a contributing factor for many who
 decide to leave the profession.
- 22 c) Pressure on school budgets also contributes to pressure on teachers, as headteachers worry 23 about how they will make ends meet, and workloads increase still further due to reductions in 24 support staff.
- 25 d) The pressure on teachers and growing workloads are largely due to a damaging culture of high-26 stakes assessments and inspections in our schools.
- e) More must be done to attract teachers to the education profession from maths, science and other fields where there are particular shortages of teachers

29 Conference calls on the Government to:

- 1. Allocate new money to fund the recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body in full, using additional funding from the Treasury, rather than from already over-stretched school budgets, as full funding is the only way to ensure that a pay rise (welcome though it is) does not result in redundancies and an increase in stress and workload, thereby increasing the harm
- not result in redundancies and an increase in stress and workload, thereby increasing the harm done to schools and our education system.
- 2. Provide colleges with additional funding so that colleges can provide a pay rise to their teaching staff which is equal to the pay rise for school teachers.
- 37 3. Invest to close the gap in school budgets, meaning that no school receives a real-terms per pupil budget cut in the next year
- 4. Introduce a clear and properly funded entitlement to genuinely high-quality professional development for all teachers 25 hours per year by 2020, rising to the OECD average of 50 hours by 2025; this should include specific additional training for teachers who are required to
- teach subjects which they are not trained in.
- 5. Implement reforms to school inspections and assessments, as set out in policy paper 128 *Every Child Empowered*, to reduce the stress they place on both teachers and pupils.

Applicability: England only.



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F33B Reducing Self-Harm

11 members

Mover: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP Summation: Tara Copeland

1 Conference notes with concern:

- A. The Children's Society recent report that found of a survey of 11,000 children found one in six children self-harmed. It found that 22% of girls and 9% of boys said they had self-harmed in the last year.
- 5 B. That nearly 110,000 children aged 14 may have self-harmed across the UK during the same 12-month period, including 76,000 girls and 33,000 boys.
- 7 C. That almost half of 14-year-olds who said they had been attracted to people of the same gender or both genders said they had self-harmed (46%); four in ten of these children had shown signs of depression (38%) and three in ten had low well-being (30%).

10 Conference believes that:

- i) Happiness with family relationships could be the best protection for children because it has the
 biggest positive influence on children's overall well-being.
- 13 ii) Schools can play an important part in children's well-being.
- 14 iii) Issues like appearance, gender stereotypes and sexuality should be included in schools when teaching about relationships and sex educations.
- 16 iv) Early support for vulnerable children and families in the community can help prevent mental 17 health problems from developing.

18 Conference reaffirms the Liberal Democrat commitment to:

- 19 a) Continuing the roll out of access and waiting time standards for children, young people and adults.
- b) A guarantee that people will not wait more than six weeks for therapy for depression or anxiety and no young person will wait more than two weeks for treatment when they experience a first episode of psychosis.
- 24 c) Ensuring that all front-line public service professionals, including in schools and universities, receive better training in mental health.
- 26 d) Ensuring that LGBT+ inclusive mental health services receive funding and support.
- e) Include in SRE teaching about sexual consent, LGBT+ relationships, and issues surrounding explicit images and content.
- 29 f) That a fair proportion of all public funding for medical research should be focused on research 30 into mental ill-health.

31 Conference calls for:

- 32 1. Government to make it a requirement for all secondary schools and colleges to offer access to a counsellor, regularly monitor children's well-being and ensure mental health support is taken into account as part of school inspections.
- Include when teaching about relationships and sex educations issues like appearance, gender
 stereotypes and sexuality.
- 37 3. Ensure counsellors and those in mental health provision are trained in LGBT+ awareness38 training.

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- Government to ensure all young people can access Children and Young People's Mental Health
 Services up to the age of 25, rather than 18 or 16.
- 5. Additional funding for Childline to allow it to provide a 24-hour service that can respond to all children and young people calling Childline with mental health issues.
- 43 6. Government to address the £2bn funding shortfall facing council children's services departments by 2020.

Applicability: England only, except 5 (lines 41–42) which is Federal.

F35 Demand Better: Liberal Democrat Priorities for a Better Britain

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

- 1 Delete lines 17–19 and insert:
- 2 Conference believes that this represents decades of failure by both the Labour and Conservative
- 3 Parties, to break down barriers, to challenge the concentrations of power in society, and to lay the
- 4 foundations for a successful future.
- 5 *In 1. (line 36) after* 'race' *and insert* 'or caste', *and after* 'religion' *insert* 'or belief'.
- 6 In 3. (line 48) after 'deprived backgrounds' insert 'and those with Special Educational Needs and
- 7 Disabilities'.

Amendment One

23 members

Mover: James Baillie

Summation: Richard Flowers

- 1 After 5. (line 67) insert:
- 2 6. Demands a freer society, in which surveillance and other encroachments upon civil liberties
- are curtailed, justice is accessible to all and focused on rehabilitation, and the state does not
- 4 criminalise people for victimless actions; in which the state does not make unjust intrusions
- 5 into people's lives to impose arbitrary lifestyle restrictions or ration service provision; in which
- 6 people can be confident that the government, law enforcement, and corporate entities alike
- 7 are fully and effectively accountable for their actions towards individuals; and in which the
- 8 UK remains a signatory of the European Convention on Human Rights and fully upholds the
- 9 Human Rights Act.

