

Autumn Conference | Online

25 - 28 September, 2020



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Conference App

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

To download the App visit **App Store** or **Google Play**



For Blackberry / Windows Phone visit www.libdemconference.org.uk



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Please note that the *Directory* is only available online and not in hard copy format.

If you have any questions whilst at conference, please email the conference team at:

conferences@libdems.org.uk

For details of the main auditorium sessions, see the separate conference *Agenda*, available at:

www.libdems.org.uk/a20-agenda

Our virtual conference venue – Hopin

Registered attendees will be emailed details of how to log onto the Hopin platform a few days prior to the start of the conference. See page 6 for information about Hopin.

Please note that all events taking place on the Hopin platform (including fringe events and exhibitors) require you to have a valid conference registration.

To register, please go to:

www.libdems.org.uk/autumn-conference

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www.libdems.org.uk/conference

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Spokespeople Q&A sessions

There will be four Q&A sessions during conference where you can ask questions of our spokespeople.

Foreign affairs and looking beyond the end of the Brexit transition period

Baroness Northover (Lords Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs)

Baroness Ludford (Lords Spokesperson for Europe)

Christine Jardine MP (Spokesperson for the Treasury, Brexit, Europe and Trade)

Layla Moran MP (Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs & International Development)

Chair: Chris Maines

Saturday 10.00–10.40 in the auditorium

The climate emergency

Lord Oates (Lords Spokesperson on Climate Change),

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville (Lords Spokesperson for the Environment)

Lord Teverson (former Lords Spokesperson for Energy)

Sarah Olney MP (Spokesperson for the Climate Emergency, Business & Energy and Transport)

Chair: Belinda Brooks Gordon

Saturday 16.00–16.50 in the fringe

Coronavirus: the economic, work and educational legacy

Lord Fox (Lords Spokesperson on Business)

Baroness Kramer (Lords Spokesperson for the Economy)

Lord Storey (Lords Spokesperson for Education)

Daisy Cooper MP (Deputy Leader and Spokesperson for Education)

Sarah Olney MP (Spokesperson for the Climate Emergency, Business & Energy and Transport)

Chair: Cllr Joe Otten

Saturday 18.00–18.45 in the auditorium

Coronavirus: the health approach and the impact on communities and society

Baroness Brinton (Lords Spokesperson for Health),

Baroness Pinnock (Lords Spokesperson for Communities & Local Government)

Lord Shipley (former leader of Newcastle City Council)

Munira Wilson MP (Spokesperson for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)

Chair: Chris Maines

Sunday 16.00–16.50 in the fringe

Voting members can submit concise questions (maximum 25 words) on the subject of the session, until 16.00 on Friday 25 September via the website at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_submissions

or using the conference chat whilst the session is in progress.



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Welcome to our online Autumn Conference

by Mark Pack

As we gather virtually for our very first online federal conference, I'm reminded of the words of David Lloyd George. Speaking at the close of the First World War, he said the task for politicians was, "to make Britain a fit country for heroes to live in ... There is no time to lose. I want us to take advantage of this new spirit. Don't let us waste this victory merely in ringing joybells".

As we struggle through coronavirus, we now face a similar challenge. What sort of country do we want our recovery from coronavirus to produce? There are two answers to that.

There's the illiberal, nationalistic, suspicious response. One that sees the answer to coronavirus as cutting ourselves off from the world. One that puts up barriers and keeps people out. One that's about hunkering down in a corner.

Or there's the liberal answer. One that sees coronavirus – like climate change – as a problem that does

not stop at borders. One that needs greater international cooperation. One that welcomes the flow of skills and expertise across borders. One that requires our best and generous nature to overcome.

You can see those two visions at odds in the questions over who we welcome into our country. Conservatives are so hostile to the outside world that they even want to exclude most care workers from post-Brexit visas.

And as for Labour? It's a split coalition, as its twisting over immigration and free movement shows. It is certainly welcome that Keir Starmer is steering Labour away from the worst excesses of Corbynism. His steps on tackling anti-Semitism are much needed. But Labour is not a liberal party. Our values cannot be trusted to them.

Which is why continuing and accelerating our recovery is so important. Many thanks are due to





I look forward to hearing at conference your views on all those, and other steps you think we need to take.

The move to an online conference is an exciting innovation for the party. It means we can involve far more people. Those of us used to conference will miss the chance to catch-up with old friends in person. But I'm sure the many new opportunities of an online conference will give us something different to enjoy instead.

However, the circumstances which have forced the move to an online conference are,

Dorothy Thornhill and her colleagues for their frank election review. It sets out the huge task we have as a party to fix how we campaign, how we communicate and how we organise ourselves.

We've made a big start on that so far. We have the largest field staff team in place at this point in a Parliament since Charles Kennedy was leader. We're making a major investment in improving our technology. In response to the Thornhill Review's criticisms of the way the party is run, the Board is piloting a new Steering Group. A new plan to improve our record on diversity and inclusion is on its way, and much more.

of course, born of tragedy. Many long-standing friends are absent, their lives cut short by COVID-19. Our thoughts and sympathies are with all those who have lost friends, colleagues and relatives. Let us remember them as we discuss, debate and vote on the way ahead for the party they contributed so much to.

**Mark Pack,
President of the Liberal
Democrats**



Conference information

Any questions

- If you have any questions prior to or during conference please email:

conferences@libdems.org.uk

- If you have any tech queries, please go to the tech helpdesk in the exhibition area of the online conference (see page 9).

- If you have a formal request that you wish to make of the chair of a debate, please email:

debates@libdems.org.uk

(available 24–28 Sept).

- If you have a question with regards to the session you are in, please use the conference chat function; do not use chat to communicate with the chair of a session. See guidance on page 7.

Attending conference

Hopin: our virtual conference venue

All registered attendees will be emailed details of how to login to Hopin, our virtual conference venue, just prior to the conference starting.

For best results on 25–28 September, please use a computer when logging into Hopin, and use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Ensure you turn off your ad blockers and don't have any other

programs open. If something goes wrong, try refreshing your browser!

If you do not have a computer and are using a tablet, please ensure you have downloaded Google Chrome and are using this browser to enter Hopin.

There is a short video on how Hopin works on our website:

www.libdems.org.uk/autumn-conference

After the conference, all sessions will be available for 72 hours on Hopin and the auditorium sessions will be available on YouTube.

Hopin navigation

On the Hopin platform, the menu bar appears on the left.

Home

View the agenda and the exhibition tiles (one for each entity in the exhibition area).

Auditorium

Watch the debates and speeches. Members can vote on motions via polls (within Hopin). There will be BSL signers during auditorium sessions.

Fringe & Training

Fringe is available for all to view. Fringe events happen outside auditorium hours.

Training is only for party members to view and is run simultaneously



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alongside the auditorium sessions.

See the fringe and training guide on pages 16–48 for details.

Exhibition

You can enter this area to view the exhibition stands throughout conference, view exhibitor's videos, ask questions in the chat function and connect to their websites.

Please note that all stands will be live to chat to those interested at the following times:

Friday	25 Sept.	17.30–18.30
Saturday	26 Sept.	12.00–12.45 & 16.30–17.15
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See pages 10–15 for details.

Networking

Chat with a randomly selected participant and share common interests.

If you wish to contact a particular individual to chat with them or have a live video link, please click onto 'people' next to the 'chat' function on the top right of the Home page and find the person you wish to connect with.

Voting

Only registered members can vote at conference. Voting will be available through Hopin and the polling function in the auditorium.

For the emergency motions ballot, mi-voice voting will be used and registered members will be emailed a link prior to conference to vote in the ballot.

Conference Chat

In each auditorium session there will be a chat feature enabled, which allows attendees to post their views and comments about events in the auditorium.

The chat is public and visible to everybody: bear this in mind when posting. All comments in the chat must be respectful, lawful, and in keeping with the Members' Code of Conduct, accessible here:

[www.libdems.org.uk/
code-of-conduct](http://www.libdems.org.uk/code-of-conduct)

The chat will be moderated, and if your post does not meet the required standards of behaviour, sanctions start with post deletion, and more serious breaches may lead to you having your conference access revoked and/or disciplinary action within the party.

Please do not use the chat to attempt to communicate with members of the FCC or the chairs and aides of debates. There is a dedicated email address for raising points of order etc:

debates@libdems.org.uk

Some Q&A sessions may use the chat to solicit questions; but not



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formal party reports, to which questions must be submitted in the usual manner, see the **Agenda** for details.

The chat is there to facilitate interactivity in our virtual conference, but it can only do this if everyone in it behaves responsibly and with courtesy and respect towards each other and the moderators.

The fund consists of a contribution from the conference budget as well as donations from party members. Contributions made by members are ring-fenced. All donations from this conference will be carried over to the next physical conference.

For details see:

www.libdems.org.uk/access-fund

Auditorium information

Details of the auditorium sessions at conference, and about speaking, voting etc, can be found in the **Agenda**, available at:

www.libdems.org.uk/a20-agenda

Conference App

The **Conference App** will be available early September. All attendees will receive an email once it is live.

The **Conference App** will include the full agenda, general information, fringe, training and exhibition listings **Conference Extra** and **Conference Daily**.

Conference Access Fund

To improve accessibility for members attending conference we have established a Conference Access Fund.

Conference Extra and Conference Daily

Conference Extra is published ahead of conference and **Conference Daily** is published each day of conference. They both contain updates to the agenda including amendments, topical issues, emergency motions and questions to reports and changes to timings.

You can find them via the **Conference App** and online at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Spring Conference

19–21 March 2021

FCC is currently reviewing the timing of deadlines for Spring Conference – the deadlines will be announced in Friday's **Conference Daily** and via other channels.



Conference information

Federal Board and Federal Conference Committee helpdesks

Members of the Federal Board and members of the Federal Conference Committee will be available to chat with conference attendees at their helpdesks in the virtual exhibition at the following times:

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See page 2 for details of the sessions.

Social media

Follow conference on social media:



@LibDemConf #LDConf



www.facebook.com/groups/ldconf

live blog

www.libdems.org.uk/conferencelive



www.libdems.org.uk/autumn-conference

Technical helpdesk

If you have any tech issues during the conference, we have a tech helpdesk located in the exhibition area which will be open at the following times:

Friday	25 Sept.	11.00–21.00
Saturday	26 Sept.	08.30–19.00
Sunday	27 Sept.	08.30–19.00
Monday	28 Sept.	11.30–21.00



The exhibition

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Campaigners and Councillors

ALDC provide advice, training and resources for activists, campaigners and councillors. Our staff and volunteers are experts who can help you build a winning campaign.

www.aldc.org

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<https://artworker.aldc.org>

ALDC – Be a councillor

Lib Dem councillors work hard for local people, stand up for our communities and make sure everyone knows the difference the Lib Dems make. You can be a councillor too.

<https://aldc.org/stand-for-council>

ALDC – Kickstart



Find out more about our flagship training weekend of bespoke training for your team with the party's most experienced campaigners.

<https://aldc.org/kickstart-weekend>

ALDC – Local Election Appeal



2021 will see a huge set of local elections. Find out how your contribution can make a difference.

<https://aldc.org/local-election-appeal>

ALDE Party



The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party is the party for liberal democrat values in Europe. It consists of 70 member parties including the Liberal Democrats and thousands of individual members.

www.aldeparty.eu



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Association of Liberal
Democrat Trade Unionists

ALDTU (Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists)

The Association of Liberal Democrat Trade Unionists (ALDTU) is here to support Liberal Democrats who are active in their trade union and in the community of their workplace.

<https://associationofliberaldemocrattradeunionists.wordpress.com/>

Liberal Democrats
ALTER
Association of Liberal Democrat
Trade Unionists
www.libdemsalter.org.uk

ALTER

ALTER seeks to build support for Land Value Taxation amongst Liberal Democrats; and to promote and campaign for this policy as a more sustainable and just resource-based economic system

www.libdemsalter.org.uk



Aldes

Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

The Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists (ALDES) provides a resource of engineering and scientific know-how to support the Party. Meet our members and learn how to get involved.

www.aldes.org.uk

Conference Daily

Conference Daily will be available each morning of conference, online at www.libdems.org.uk/conference and via the Conference App.



Chinese Liberal Democrats

A bridge between the party and the Chinese & SE Asian diaspora communities in UK. Outreach.

Campaigning. Policy advice. <https://chineselibdems.org.uk/en/page/join-us>. Chair: Dr Yeow Poon.

Facebook: Chinese Liberal Democrats.

Twitter: @chineselibdems

<https://chineselibdems.org.uk>



Federal Board

The Federal Board provides strategic direction for the Party. It is currently particularly focused on implementing the 2019 Election review and developing the party's strategy for this Parliament.

www.libdems.org.uk/federal_board



Federal Conference Committee

FCC is responsible for organising our two Federal Conferences per year. Come and chat to us about how we select the agenda and run the event and ask us any questions you may have about conference.

www.libdems.org.uk/federal_conference_committee



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Green Liberal Democrats

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Visit: www.greenlibdems.org.uk



Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats

For Liberal Democrats who believe the state should treat everyone equally regardless of their religion or belief. Recent campaigns cover caste discrimination, humanist weddings, discrimination by schools and illegal schools.

www.hslid.org.uk



LGA Liberal Democrat Group

We work within the LGA and the party to support our 2,500 councillors and promote Liberal Democrat values. Liberal Democrats run over 50 councils, influencing budgets of over £5 billion.

www.libdemgroup.lga.gov.uk



LGBT+ Liberal Democrats

LGBT+ Lib Dems are the party body for gender and sexual minorities, including lesbian, gay, bi and trans people.

<https://lgbt.libdems.org.uk>



Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

We are a Christian voice in the Party and a voice of liberal democracy among Christians. We support Christians of all backgrounds to engage positively and constructively in politics.

www.ldcf.org



Liberal Democrat Disability Association

Working to win the votes of disabled people. Providing a voice for disabled members. Influencing policies to ensure they reflect the views of disabled people and carers.

www.disabilitylibdems.org.uk



The Liberal Democrat Education Association

The Liberal Democrat Education Association aims to improve education through: publishing articles; running conferences; generating new ideas; promoting Lib Dem education policies and providing advice to Liberal Democrats in power.

www.libdemeducation.org



Liberal Democrat European Group

The Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG) campaigns for the closest possible relationship with the EU, including in due course to rejoin.

Subscribe to our email updates at <https://lddeg.org>



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LD4P fights for the rights of the Palestinian People, for immediate recognition of Palestine as a State, and for the human rights of Palestinians as defined in international law.
www.ldfp.eu

Liberal Democrat History Group



The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the Journal of Liberal History. Buy Liberal history publications, including booklets on Liberal thinkers, Liberal thought and a short history of Liberal politics in Britain.
www.liberalhistory.org.uk

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www.libdemimage.co.uk

Liberal Democrat Women



Liberal Democrat Women works to promote women's voices and policies that will help women across Britain. Our fringe focuses on the disproportionate impact Covid has had on women. Join us!
www.libdemwomen.org.uk

Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform



The home for Lib Dems who support a fairer and more effective voting system, working to ensure the party gets the arguments and the politics right, to make reform happen.
http://ld4er.org
www.facebook.com/libdemsforelectoralreform/

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary



LD4SOS believe in standing up for asylum seekers in the UK and treating them with compassion, humanity, dignity and respect. Our Party's and Country's policies and practice should reflect this.
www.ld4sos.org.uk

Liberal Reform



Liberal Reform exists within the Liberal Democrats to promote personal liberty and a fair society supported by free, open and competitive markets. We seek to make these values central to party policy.
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Read the latest from the Party's leading thinkers. As ever RB, shines light on the dark corners of the Party.
www.liberator.org.uk



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www.neu.org.uk



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www.socialliberal.net



The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society is the Liberal Democrat society for those wishing to leave a gift to the Party in their will. You can learn more by visiting our stall.

www.libdems.org.uk/legacyfund



The Liberal Democrats in England

The Liberal Democrats in England: a federation of the eleven Regional Parties, plus the English Young Liberals. We support Regions so they can support their local parties even more effectively.

www.englishlibdems.org



Transport for the North

We are England's first Sub-national Transport Body. We were formed to transform the transport system across the North of England, providing the infrastructure needed to drive economic growth.

<https://transportfornorth.com>



Young Liberals

We provide a platform for young people and students to have their voices heard and act as a radical pressure group within the Liberal Democrats.

www.youngliberals.uk

Training courses

Training courses are taking place throughout conference. See details in the fringe & training guide on pages 16-48.



Building resilient communities fit for the future

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The impact of poverty on educational outcomes; do schools need more support?



Saturday 26 September
4pm to 4.50pm

Speakers:

Dr Mary Bousted

Joint general secretary, National Education Union

Nigel Jones

Chair, Liberal Democrat Education Association

Councillor Lucy Nethsingha

Lead for Children & Young people, Liberal Democrat Local Government Association group

David Bradley

Child Poverty Action Group



Up to the grade? - England's education system in the pandemic



Sunday 27 September
12pm to 12.50pm

Speakers:

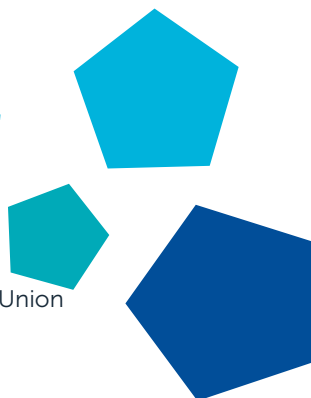
Kevin Courtney

Joint general secretary, National Education Union

Daisy Cooper MP

Liberal Democrat Education Spokesperson

Other speakers to be confirmed



Fringe & Training guide

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Key to fringe listings



British Sign Language



By invitation only

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– Saturday 16.00 in the fringe.

Coronavirus: the economic, work and educational legacy (F16)

– Saturday 18.00 in the auditorium.

Coronavirus: the health approach and the impact on communities and society – Sunday 16.00 in the fringe.

See page 2 for details.

Fringe & training

Self-Determination is Democracy



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Training & Skills Programme

Welcome to our Autumn Conference 2020 training programme!

Whether you're just starting out as a Liberal Democrat member, or whether you've been a member for decades, there's a training session for everyone.

You can learn new skills, brush up on existing skills or even learn how to take on new roles in the party.

Each training session is 'tagged' with coloured buttons that indicate what you can expect to learn.

You can turn up to any session you like, just make sure you login before the start time in order to get the most from the training. Once you're logged in you'll be able to listen to the full session and ask questions in the chat bar.

Enjoy your conference!

What skills will you learn at conference?

DIVERSITY

Learn how to engage diverse people and communities, or find out how to build a successful and sustainable political career as a person from an under-represented group.

DIGITAL

Learn how to get the most from the party's suite of digital tools. Find out how to engage voters and supporters through a range of digital channels.

FUNDRAISING

Whether you are trying to win an election or grow your local party, fundraising is crucial. Learn how to raise regular income, get ideas, tips, tricks as well as advice and support.

PARTY ROLES

Across the party there are many roles you could take on. Learn the skills needed to take on different party roles and find out about how you can develop your skills further.

CAMPAIGNING

Whether you have been campaigning and fighting elections for decades, or are just getting started, learn the latest techniques and brush up on your existing skills

COMPLIANCE

These courses will keep you up to date on legal and compliance issues. Particularly useful for election agents and local party officers.

PERSONAL

Personal development courses will help you develop a range of skills that will enable you to grow in your roles within the Liberal Democrats as well as in the outside world.

TEAMS

Building diverse, winning teams is crucial to our success at all levels. These courses will help you build a team and enable your team to thrive and grow further.



Training & Skills Campaign Surgeries

Planning your campaign

Using Connect

'Make my leaflet better!'

Improving your online campaign

**Spend 30 minutes with Campaigns and Elections
and pick their brains on the topics above.**

Available time slots:

Friday	15.30	16.00	19.30	20.00		
Saturday	10.30	11.00	14.30	15.00	17.30	18.00
Sunday	10.30	11.00	14.30	15.00	17.30	18.00
Monday	14.30	15.00	17.45	18.15		

**Get in touch with sarah.morris@libdems.org.uk
to make an appointment**

Friday 25 September

Fringe Friday 17.00–17.50

Cambridge Liberal Democrats

The Generous Society – creating the future that liberals want

Britain desperately needs an inspiring and compelling liberal vision. The Generous Society sets out what that vision could be – join Tom King, Julian Huppert, Alibhe Rea and Polly Mackenzie to discuss this exciting new booklet.

Green Liberal Democrats

2020 Vision – Leadership on the Road to COP

GLD together with sponsors sustainability hub welcome Sir Ed Davey, Sarah Olney and others to discuss how Liberal Democrats can show leadership in the run up to COP26. With Keith Melton, Karen Potter and other guests.

London Liberal Democrats

London Assembly Candidates' Q&A and Quiz

A Q&A with a difference. Come along to the London LibDems' conference kick-off to celebrate, quiz and find out unusual facts about our LA candidates. We'll test your London knowledge and there will be prizes! Admittance conditional on you having a glass of wine, cake or other treat to enjoy. Speakers include Caroline Pidgeon, Gareth Roberts and Hina Bokhari.

LGA Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC

How can we revive our town centres?

How can we help our town centres recover and what are the challenges? With Tim Farron MP; Councillor Emily Smith, Vale of White Horse Mayor; Dave Hodgson, Bedford; Kirsten Henly, Kingston First. Chair: Councillor Heather Kidd, LGA Liberal Democrat Group.

The National Academies

Ask the experts: Coronavirus

Join us to hear from Munira Wilson MP, Health & Social Care spokesperson, and researchers and innovators who are working together across the globe to help us better understand COVID-19 and develop innovations and interventions to treat, live with and ultimately to stop the spread of the virus.



Training & Skills Friday 15.30–16.30

Don't forget to log onto your training session a little earlier than the start time to get settled in!

Remember, if you want to ask questions then you can message the trainers using the chat function.

If you have any questions that don't get answered email them to: help@libdems.org.uk

Pastoral care

Safeguarding goes hand in hand with wellbeing and is an area which is paramount in an effective political party which cares about each and every person. Join the party pastoral officer for a session on safeguarding and pastoral care.

Pastoral care team

PERSONAL | **TEAMS**

Setting up and running a Young Liberals branch

Covering everything from establishing your branch, to running events and maximising your membership's potential, this session will provide a comprehensive guide to building a branch from the ground up.

Young Liberals

PARTY ROLES | **TEAMS**

Adjudicator training and Q&A

By invitation only

An invite only session for members who are volunteering as Adjudicators in the Disciplinary process.

Federal Board – Disciplinary subgroup

PARTY ROLES | **PERSONAL**

Growing your council group – Developing your targeting strategy

You have established yourselves as an opposition group. Now, how do you grow the size of your group and move to the next level?

ALDC

CAMPAIGNING | **TEAMS**

Friday



Agent training – Part 1

What every agent and campaigner need to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing expenses returns. Part one of a four-part course.

ALDC

PARTY ROLES | COMPLIANCE

Be a councillor – Getting your approval and selection process right

This session covers the approvals process in detail, discussing why it is necessary, how to do it and how to carry out your local selection process.

ALDC

PARTY ROLES | TEAMS

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Becoming a target seat

If you want to win your Westminster seat, this session is for you. Find out more about what it takes to make your constituency a party target.

Campaigns and Elections

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Outlook across the party

An opportunity for you to meet the new Head of People and People Adviser. We will share why we want to be a more people-focused team and why we have made a shift from policies to people.

Pastoral care team

PERSONAL | TEAMS

How CGB can help women succeed in the Lib Dems

Join us for a session about how CGB can help you in your journey through the Lib Dems. Learn about the resources and the people who can help you succeed.

Campaign for Gender Balance

PERSONAL | DIVERSITY

How Parliament works

Want to learn how Parliament works? We will be covering everything from select committees to amending legislation. This training session will help PPCs build credibility as MPs in waiting.

Lib Dem Lawyers

PERSONAL | PARTY ROLES

Investigator training

By invitation only

An invite-only session for members who are volunteering as Investigators in the Disciplinary process.

Federal Board – Disciplinary subgroup

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Growing through issue campaigns

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Digital campaigning – Planning your digital campaign

Digital campaigning can be very effective, but you need to have a consistent message across all channels. In this session you will get the support you need to make sure your message reaches as many people as possible.

ALDC

DIGITAL | CAMPAIGNING

Being an effective councillor – organising your work as a councillor

Being a councillor is busy and in this training session you will learn how to prioritise and make the best use of your time.

ALDC

PERSONAL | PARTY ROLES



Campaigning effectively with surveys and petitions

Surveys and petitions are a key part of any campaign, especially in the era of social distancing. They help you identify issues, find out what is important to people and get the data you need to win.

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Saturday 26 September

Fringe Saturday 09.00–09.50

LGA Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC

Working in coalition in councils – From York to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

What are the challenges and successes in working with other parties to run our councils? Speakers include: Councillor Keith Aspden, Leader, City of York; Councillor Darryl Smalley; Councillor Vikki Slade, Leader, Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council. Chair: Councillor Alan Connett.

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Fringe Saturday 12.00–12.50

Federal International Relations Committee (FIRC)

Diplomats Briefing: Foreign Affairs

An opportunity to question the Party's Foreign Affairs spokespeople in the Commons and Lords, Layla Moran MP and Baroness Lindsay Northover, on key areas of concern on the international stage. Moderator: Jonathan Fryer (Chair, FIRC).



Green Liberal Democrats

2020 Vision – Wellbeing beats GDP

The time is right to transition the UK economy to one that values Wellbeing as highly as GDP. Join GLD for a joint session with Liberal Reform and Young Liberals that promises to be enlightening and lively...

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

Speaker from Breaking the Silence in Israel with Q&A

BreakingtheSilence was formed by ex-soldiers from the Israel Defence Force who oppose current Israeli government policy towards the Palestinians, and want to speak out about human rights issues they encountered while doing military service.

Liberal Democrat History Group

The post-war welfare state, Beveridge and the Liberal Party 75 years on

2020 marks 75 years since the 1945 election and the creation of the welfare state. Join Professor Pat Thane and Doctor Peter Sloman to discuss the contribution of Liberal Party thinkers and politicians to the development of post-war social security.



Fringe Saturday 12.00–12.50 continued

Northern Liberal Network


Building Back Better in the North

Join Cllr Keith Aspden, leader of York City Council and Board Member, Transport for the North, Julia Muir, founder and CEO of Gaia Innovation, and Professor Peter Styring, University of Sheffield. Chair: Cllr Lisa Smart.

Fringe Saturday 13.00–13.50

Defend Digital Me

Making predictions and measuring progress: Questions for local and national government

Daisy Cooper MP, Spokesperson for Education; Swee Leng Harris, Principal in Data and Digital Rights, Luminate; Kathy Evans, Chief Executive, Children England; and Jen Persson, defenddigitalme. The challenges, rights and wrongs of emerging technology in children's social care and schools. Twitter: @defenddigitalme 

Federal Party

Governance consultation session – with Elaine Bagshaw (Vice Chair, Federal Board) and Jack Coulson (Company Secretary)

The Federal Party is looking to improve its governance in order to improve its effectiveness. Help us determine what comes next so we can win more elections.

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

You Can't Say That! Criticising religious beliefs in a hostile environment

With widespread hostility towards members of some faith groups, especially Muslims, what criticism

of religious institutions, beliefs and practices should be acceptable? Chair: Christine Jardine; Pragna Patel (Southall Black Sisters); Mohammed Amin MBE; Dr Rajin Chowdhury (2019 candidate, Sheffield SE).

LGA Liberal Democrat Group

How to oppose government meddling in our planning system while delivering the homes we need.

Speakers include: Councillor Tumi Hawkins; Baroness Olly Grender; Ed Davey MP, Liberal Democrat Leader. Chair: Councillor Howard Sykes.

Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)

Liberal Democrat Disability Association Annual General Meeting

The LDDA AGM is the annual meeting of the party's leading disability campaigners. This meeting features updates on the association's candidate support activities, policy development and strategy for 2020-21. With address from Spokesperson for Work and Pensions, Wendy Chamberlain MP.



Fringe Saturday 13.00–13.50 continued

The Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG)

The UK's relationship with the EU: Pirate State – Vassal State – Member State?

Do not miss the opportunity to hear insight directly from Europe's political leaders on this most important topic shaping our country's future.

Liberal Reform

Dadabhai Naoroji: the 1st Indian MP in the House of Commons

Dadabhai Naoroji was an extraordinary man – a founder of Indian National Congress, described by Gandhi as 'father of the nation', Liberal MP for Finsbury and much more. Dinyar Patel, author of new biography will be in conversation with Isabelle Parasram.

Social Liberal Forum

Can the Lib Dems 'do business' with Labour?

Alistair Carmichael MP, LibDem Chief Whip and Ian Kearns, SLF Director
Going forward: building alliances by campaigning together, sharing new (and old) ideas, quiet understandings, local arrangements, national pacts or just mutual assured destruction? Chair: Denali Ranashinghe, SLF Vice-Chair.

Fringe Saturday 16.00–16.50

Federal Policy Committee

Principles and Values – What do the Liberal Democrats stand for?

A consultation session to allow members to comment on consultation paper 141, *Principles and Values*.

Chaired by Duncan Brack. See

www.libdems.org.uk/s20-consultation141

Green Liberal Democrats

2020 Vision – Challenging the Tory Planning Regime

Join GLD as we discuss the Tories' proposed changes to planning rules and the resulting impact on people and place. Speakers include Cllr Pippa Heylings and Cllr Adele Morris (LGA Lib Dems), and CPRE guest speaker. Chair: Martin Horwood.

London Liberal Democrats

London 2021 Campaign Briefing

A special event with a London focus – hear about our campaign plans for the election in May 2021 from the Campaign Director and Chair of London Region.

National Education Union & Liberal Democrat Education Association

The impact of poverty on educational outcomes; do schools need more support?

Join the NEU and LDEA to discuss the support that schools need given that poverty is on the increase. Speakers: NEU Joint General Secretary Mary Bousted; LDEA Chair Nigel Jones; and Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Local Government Association group.

Fringe Saturday 16.00–16.50 continued

Question and Answer Session

The Climate Emergency

Chair: Belinda Brooks Gordon. The panel will include: Lord Oates (Lords Spokesperson for Climate Change), Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville (Lords Spokesperson for the Environment), Lord Teverson (former Lords Spokesperson for Energy), and Sarah Olney MP (Spokesperson for the Climate Emergency, Business & Energy and Transport). Voting members may submit questions to the panel – see page 9.

Young Liberals

The role of young people in the Liberal Democrats

A panel discussion about the role of young people in the party. Featuring university and regional Young Liberals branch chairs, members of the Young Liberals executive and members of the wider party.

Fringe Saturday 18.45–19.35

ALDES (Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists)

Beijing to Silicon Valley: What is the Liberal future for Artificial Intelligence?

Who should own the fruits of AI? What limits should we place on it? And why do we keep teaching our AI to be racist? Join ALDES, Lord Tim Clement-Jones and former MEP Lucy Nethsingha to discuss Artificial Intelligence.

Green Liberal Democrats

2020 Vision – Carbon Tax and Dividend

Join GLD for a debate on Carbon Pricing in relation to cutting GHG emissions – Carbon Tax & Dividend vs Emissions Trading Scheme. Keith Melton, John Leach, Julian Hawkins and others, plus a film from Deiter Helm CBE.

Federal Policy Committee

The Natural Environment

An opportunity for members to feed into the work of the party's Natural Environment Policy Working Group. Chaired by Richard Hebditch.

Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform

The UK: a 'democracy' that cheats the voter

Why the UK badly needs true democracy – and how to get it. Speakers include: Wendy Chamberlain MP, our front bench spokesperson; Darren Hughes, Chief Executive, Electoral Reform Society; Peter Dunphy, Unite to Reform; Emma Knaggs, Grassroots Leader, Make Votes Matter.



Fringe Saturday 18.45–19.35 continued

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)

The Plight of LGBT+ asylum-seekers

Leila Zadeh (Director of UKLGIG & former refugee) and Christine Jardine MP in conversation with LD Seekers of Sanctuary Council member Dr Ruvy Ziegler (University of Reading) on the legal & political challenges facing LGBT+ asylum-seekers in the UK.

Fringe Saturday 19.45–21.00

Comedy Night

Liberal Democrats Creative Network

Cracking Up The House

Comedians battle it out to pitch a new law for post pandemic life in Cracking Up The House 3, with the winning idea being taken to parliamentarians. The Lib Dem Creative Network is a forum working in support of the creative industries.

Training & Skills Saturday 10.30–11.30

Local and Regional media training

How can you make a bigger impact in your regional and local media? This session, run by the HQ press office, will give you the basic tools you need to succeed.

Press team

TEAMS | PARTY ROLES

People behind the scenes

Not everyone wants to be an MP, but every MP needs help to get elected. Agents, Returning Officers and Assessors are essential. Here's what you can do to help.

Candidates team

PARTY ROLES | PERSONAL

Intro to Lighthouse

Lighthouse is the party's new tool for managing your local party, membership and donations. Join us and learn how it works and what it can do for you.

Membership team

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ALDC

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Be an effective councillor – Building a councillor brand

Make sure that being a councillor is more than just a title. This session will help you be a visible and trusted superhero for your community.

ALDC

CAMPAIGNING | TEAMS

How the party works, for new members

New to the party? This session will help you navigate Party structures and find out how you can make a contribution.

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Digitalise your local party

Knowing what technology to use can be hard. Learn about how to plan, using technology to allow you to collaborate, make decisions and move forward in a COVID19 world. Who knows, you may want to stick with it.

Technology Team

DIGITAL | TEAMS

Unconscious Bias

Unconscious Bias is the source of prejudice and discrimination. Understanding how to recognise Unconscious Bias and challenge it appropriately are the key to building high performing teams.

Diversity team

DIVERSITY | TEAMS

Agents training – Part 2

What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns. Part two of this four-part course.

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Digital campaigning – Great Emails

Whether you are sharing information about road closures, letting people know about local success or rallying support for your campaign, this session will make sure you know how to use email to get your message out there.

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Training & Skills Saturday 14.30–15.30 continued

Fundraising for freshers and refreshers

This session will cover the basics of political fundraising for those who are starting out or who want to rethink and improve their approach to raising money for a local seat in these straightened times.

Fundraising team

FUNDRAISING | TEAMS

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Training & Skills Saturday 17.30–18.30

Be a councillor – Make your candidate pool more diverse

Finding new candidates can be difficult. This session looks at ways to find new candidates and to help your pool of candidates look like the communities you are trying to represent.

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Growing your council group – Building the team

Use this session to take the time to reflect on the strengths of your current council group but also to assess what talents and skills you need in the future. We look at how to build a sustainable, effective council group.

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Fringe Sunday 12.00–12.50

Board of Deputies of British Jews / Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel *A conversation with Sir Ed Davey on issues of concern to Britain's Jewish community*

The Board of Deputies and LDFI are pleased to host the Leader of the Liberal Democrats, to discuss topics of interest to the Jewish community in the UK. A speech by Sir Ed will be followed by a Q&A session with the Leader led by Gavin Stollar, Chair of LDFI.

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National Education Union *Up to the grade? England's education system in the pandemic*

Join Kevin Courtney, Joint General Secretary of the National Education Union, and other speakers to discuss the challenges facing England's education system during the pandemic and how we can build back better.

LGBT+ Liberal Democrats *LGBT Reflections on COVID-19*

LGBT people face particular challenges from Covid-19. What can Liberal Democrats do about LGBT homelessness, abusive situations, and access to healthcare? Panel: Stonewall, Albert Kennedy Trust, LD Spokes (TBC).



Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

Humanist Marriage – why the delay?

After seven years of waiting, six couples have gone to court to force the government to give humanist marriage ceremonies legal recognition. With Dr Julian Huppert (HSLD Co-President); Richy Thompson (Humanists UK); legal claimant and humanist celebrant Kate Harrison.

LGA Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC

You've declared a climate emergency, what next?

Hear what steps Liberal Democrat Councils are taking. Wera Hobhouse MP; Victoria Marsom, Friends of the Earth; Councillor Pippa Heylings, South Cambridgeshire DC; Councillor Giles Archibald, Leader, South Lakeland DC; Councillor Adele Morris. Chair: Councillor Ruth Dombey, Leader, Sutton Council.

Lib Dems Overseas

Frozen Pensions to Lost Pensions – dealing with Britain's pension mis-steps

No one's getting younger. This concerns everyone. Triple lock threatened. Half million pensions frozen abroad. Our pensions under attack. What's to be done? Join: Baroness Sal Brinton; John Duffy, International British Pensions Pensioner Testimonials. Moderator: George Cunningham, Chair LibDems Overseas.

Social Liberal Forum

Radical Federalism

Wendy Chamberlain MP, Lib Dem spokesperson on the Constitution, and Jane Dodds, leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats, discuss liberal federalism, the UK's shocking regional inequalities and Keir Starmer's new idea. Chair: Cllr Gordon Lishman, SLF Council.



ALDES (Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists)

Who owns the conversation? Social Media, with Daisy Cooper and Young Liberals

The banning of TikTok around the world opens up wide-ranging questions on who should own our digital commons. Join ALDES, Daisy Cooper and Young Liberals as we kick off a discussion on the intersection of Liberalism and the digital world.

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

BREXIT IN TIMES OF COVID-19

Brexit and COVID-19 seriously challenge the UK's nations. Alistair Carmichael MP, Lib Dem Home Affairs, Dr Stephen Farry MP, Alliance Deputy Leader, and Dr Joseph Garcia, Gibraltar Liberal Party Leader and Deputy Chief Minister, debate.

LGA Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC

How can the arts and heritage sector recover from COVID-19?

What can local councils do to help the sector? Stephen Crocker, CEO, Norwich Theatre Royal & Playhouse; Councillor Chris White, St Albans; Baroness Jane Bonham Carter. Chair: Councillor Gerald Vernon Jackson, Portsmouth.

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Civil disobedience – should Christians respect the government or take action against it?

Join with LDCF as we debate the Biblical and historical perspectives of civil disobedience.

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)

AGM and Open Forum on current issues affecting asylum seekers and refugees

After the AGM business an open forum to discuss pressing issues faced by seekers of sanctuary in the UK including the right to work, detention, housing, unaccompanied children and family reunion, with contributions from campaigners and Parliamentarians. Have your say.

Question and Answer Session

Coronavirus – the health approach and the impact on communities and society

Chair: Chris Maines. The panel will include: Baroness Brinton (Lords Spokesperson for Health), Baroness Pinnock (Lords Spokesperson for Communities and Local Government), Lord Shipley (former leader of Newcastle City Council) and Munira Wilson MP (Spokesperson for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care). Voting members may submit questions to the panel – see page 9.



Fringe Sunday 18.45–19.35

Federal Policy Committee

Utilities

A consultation session to allow members to comment on consultation paper 142, *Utilities*. Covering issues including water, energy, telecommunications and rail. Chaired by Neil Stockley. See

www.libdems.org.uk/consultation-paper-142

Liberal Democrat Education Association

What do school leaders expect from politicians in the current climate ?

Join with our speakers to assess what our party needs to do and say for education. Geoff Barton, General Secretary, Association of School and College Leaders; Paul Whiteman, National Association of Head Teachers. Chair, Nigel Jones (LDEA).

Liberal Democrat Women

Protecting Women's Employment in the COVID-19 Crisis and Beyond

The COVID-19 crisis has disproportionately hurt women in its impact on the economy. Join us in a discussion of practical policies that can protect women's jobs, provide opportunities through government investment, and how we can support women-run businesses.

Social Liberal Forum

The radical tradition in British Liberalism

Duncan Brack (Editor, *Journal of Liberal History*) and Michael Meadowcroft explore the radical roots of British Liberalism, its development during Jo Grimond's leadership and lessons for today. Chair: Chris Willmore, SLF Council.

Fringe Sunday 19.45–21.15

Lib Dem Book Club

Join our discussion " Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race".

The Lib Dem Book Club is a collaboration between various local parties and the Young Liberals. We'll be showcasing the Book Club concept, and discussing the book: *Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race*. The Book Club aims to rediscover the ideas and values of Liberalism, and explore themes of diversity. We hope you'll join us!

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Getting ready for a selection campaign

Women only

Top tips on getting ahead in a candidate selection from building support in the membership to acing the hustings. Come along get the inside scoop from experienced candidates.

Campaign for Gender Balance

DIVERSITY | PERSONAL

Your journey to becoming an MP

BAME only

This will cover all stages of the journey and will cover: becoming approved, choosing your seat, a winning selection campaign and support available throughout from the RDC.

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Talking to voters is key to winning elections but we can't talk to everyone. How should we decide who to talk to, what sorts of conversations should we have and how should we handle the data? Part three of the 'Pick a ward' series.

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CAMPAIGNING | TEAMS



Training & Skills Sunday 10.30–11.30 continued

Growing your council group – Developing your local message

Help your council group develop their message for year round communication, and how to use it on leaflets, direct mail and social media. At the next polling day, this is what will set you apart.

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Compliance – The basics

Want to know about the basics of compliance? Join this session to find out about donations, loans and complying with PPERA. This session is aimed at anyone involved in running their local party.

Compliance team

COMPLIANCE | PARTY ROLES

How to become an approved candidate

It's probably four years to the next election, but if you want to be a candidate your best chance is to start now – and start here! All the information you will need to get going.

Candidates team

PERSONAL | PARTY ROLES

Resilience for women candidates

Being a candidate can be nerve-wracking. Come along and learn techniques on how to deal with being a candidate in the modern political climate.

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Join a Compliance Clinic Conference Special where you can ask questions of the Compliance Team on the issues that matter to you. For example, what are the donation limits? How do I record gifts received?

Compliance team

PARTY ROLES | COMPLIANCE

Building your profile in the Lib Dems *BAME only*

This session looks at ways you can build your brand reputation within the Lib Dems. We will explore how best to navigate the party, where the opportunities are and how to make the most of them.

Racial Diversity Campaign

DIVERSITY | PERSONAL

Understanding the complaints process

Join our team to learn all about the Party's complaints process and how the Federal Board Complaints team works.

Federal Board – Complaints team

DIVERSITY | PERSONAL

Pick a ward and win it – Get out the vote

You've campaigned all year, but now you need to turn those pledges into votes. This session is to make sure you know now what will make a difference on the first Thursday in May. Part four of the 'pick a ward' series.

ALDC

CAMPAIGNING | TEAMS

Being an effective councillor – success as a ward councillor

The ultimate sign of success as a ward councillor is getting re-elected. Plan now how to make a real difference for your community and make that happen at your next election.

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Monday 28 September

Fringe Monday 12.00–12.50

Federal International Relations Committee (FIRC)

Diplomats Briefing: International Development

Why the Liberal Democrats are opposed to the downgrading of DFID and a look at the Party's priorities in the field of International Development, with Baroness Shas Sheehan and Councillor Martin Horwood (ex-MEP). Moderator: Jonathan Fryer (Chair, FIRC).



Green Liberal Democrats

2020 Vision – Dr Jane Goodall – advice on caring for the planet

GLD welcomes Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace, for advice on improving the lives of people, animals and the environment.

‘Everything is connected – everyone can make a difference’ – Dr Jane Goodall. ‘We believe that each generation is responsible for the fate of our planet...’ – Lib Dems.

www.janegoodall.org.uk

www.rootsnshoots.org.uk

London Councils

London's Green Recovery

How London recovers from the COVID-19 crisis will shape our country's economy and society. Can the capital recover in a green and sustainable manner? What are the risks and opportunities?

Twitter: @londoncouncils

National Farmers' Union (NFU) *Feeding Britain: The importance of food security following COVID-19*

Britain was rocked by images of empty supermarket shelves in the wake of COVID-19. This event will look at the Government and supply chain response, the potential lessons learnt for supply chain resilience and the importance of domestic food supply.

Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)

How can Lawtech help people better understand their legal rights?

The coronavirus crisis has brought issues about how we use technology to find information and access services to the fore. What role can Lawtech play in helping people access legal services, better understand how to use them and legal rights?

Twitter: @sra_solicitors

UK Finance

The future of business support and the economic recovery

This panel will bring together leading figures from the worlds of finance, business, journalism and politics to discuss the future of business support and the economic recovery. Delegates are encouraged to submit questions in advance to:

daniel.wraith@ukfinance.org.uk

www.ukfinance.org.uk

CPRE The countryside charity and the Country, the CLA and the Federation of Small Businesses

Unlocking the potential of the rural economy post-coronavirus

A private roundtable discussing how rural communities and businesses can thrive in a post-coronavirus world and drive economic recovery.

The discussion will focus on small businesses, public transport, affordable housing, and improved broadband and rural connectivity. To attend please email EmmaA@cpre.org.uk

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Education Policy Institute and Core Cities UK

Reskill, Retrain, Recover: What's the Lib Dem Plan for Cities and Regions?

Join us to discuss what regional education provision is needed for Covid recovery. With: Daisy Cooper MP, Education Spokesperson (invited); Andrew Carter, Centre for Cities (invited); Chris Murray, Core Cities UK; and Frances O'Grady, TUC (invited).
Chair: David Laws, EPI.
Twitter: @EduPolicyInst

Public Policy Projects

Are volunteers the answer to support the future of care?

With COVID-19 we saw what can be achieved when volunteers were mobilised further, so what part can volunteering play in developing person-centered integrated care and support that is cost-effective and responsive to needs of different communities in the future?

Twitter: @Policy_Projects

www.publicpolicyprojects.com

www.linkedin.com/company/public-policy-projects/

Railway Industry Association and High Speed Rail Group

The Rail Interview

RIA and HSRG will be hosting the Rail Interview where Sarah Olney MP, Liberal Democrat Transport Spokesperson (tbc) will be interviewed on her thoughts about rail policy and the future of our railway system.

Thakeham Homes

Zero-carbon Placemaking

How do we build the new homes Britain needs, while achieving net-zero? What can housebuilders do to create new homes in an environmentally sustainable way? Join Thakeham and MPC for a panel discussion on sustainable, infrastructure-led placemaking.

Twitter: @Thakeham

www.facebook.com/Thakeham



Fringe Monday 16.00–16.50

UK in a Changing Europe

*The Lib Dems and Europe post-Brexit:
Should remain become rejoin?*

Speakers confirmed: Daisy Cooper MP; Christine Jardine MP; Mark Pack, President, Lib Dems; Professor Tim Bale, UK in a Changing Europe; Polly Toynbee, Guardian (chair).

Twitter: @UKandEU

[www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TheUKinaChangingEurope)

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Monday 28 at 11.00 in the auditorium

Interview with the Irish Taoiseach, Michaél Martin TD, conducted by Hugo Gye at TheL

Michaél Martin has been Taoiseach since June 2020 and leader of Fianna Fáil since January 2011, a sister party of the Liberal Democrats and member of Liberal International, ALDE and Renew Europe. Michaél Martin has previously been leader of the opposition from 2011 to 2020, and prior to that the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Minister for Health and Children, Minister for Education and Science and Lord Mayor of Cork. Michaél Martin formed a coalition government with the Green Party and Fianna Fáil's historic rivals, Fine Gael in June 2020.



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Please let us know about your experience of conference.

Building a diverse team

Is your team as diverse as it could be? Does your membership reflect your community? This session will help you make the most of the talents of every member of the party and the communities in your area.

Diversity team

DIVERSITY | TEAMS

How to be an effective treasurer

Being a treasurer is a tough job in a local party. Come and join our session on how to be an effective treasurer and hear from other treasurers about how they manage the requirements of PPERA and share best practice.

Compliance team

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Adapting a template effectively

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Agents training – Part 4

What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns. Part four of this four part course.

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COMPLIANCE | PARTY ROLES

Growing your council group – Campaigning on the council

Understand how people perceive the jobs the council does and how to use that to your advantage. Use the council to run effective campaigns and make changes, even in opposition.

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CAMPAIGNING | TEAMS

Pick a ward and win it – Get out the vote

You've campaigned all year, but now you need to turn those pledges into votes. This session is to make sure you know now what will make a difference on the first Thursday in May. Part four of the 'pick a ward' series.

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Intro to Lighthouse

Lighthouse is the party's new tool for managing your local party, membership and donations. Join us and learn how it works and what it can do for you.

Membership team

DIGITAL | PARTY ROLES

Fundraising and running Young Liberals events

This session will outline basic approaches to fundraising followed by a specific look at YL events and how community fundraising approaches can be used in a campus setting.

Young Liberals

FUNDRAISING | PARTY ROLES

Building your profile ready for a selection

Women only

Thinking about going for selection? Learn about building your profile to give you the best possible chance of success.

Campaign for Gender Balance

PERSONAL | DIVERSITY

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Growing through issue campaigns

Running strong single issue campaigns can deliver positive change in your community and nationally – and grow your team. Find out more in this session.

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Digital campaigning – Effective videos

Good social media is interactive and punchy. Learn what makes a great video which you can use across all of your social media platforms.

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Being an effective councillor – Making an impact on the council

The job of a councillor is to represent the people to the Town Hall. This session will take you through what you need to do to make sure their voice is heard.

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Pick a ward and win it – Talking to voters

Talking to voters is key to winning elections, but we can't talk to everyone. How should we decide who to talk to, what sorts of conversations should we have and how should we handle the data? Part three of the 'Pick a ward' series.

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Spring Conference

19–21 March 2021

FCC is currently reviewing the timing of deadlines for the Spring Conference.

The deadlines will be set by the time that the online conference starts, and will be announced via *Conference Extra* and on the party website at

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