

# spring conference



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Special *Conference Final* bulletin. Report back on the business of Sunday 14th March and highlights of the Leader's Speech.



The Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, makes his keynote speech to conference on Sunday 14th March (see page 2).

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## See you again soon!

We hope that you enjoyed spring conference and we look forward to welcoming you back to conference in September:

18–22 September 2010  
Liverpool ACC

Registration will be open very soon – check regularly for more details at [www.libdems.org.uk](http://www.libdems.org.uk).



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# report back for sunday 14th march

## Party Business

F17 Report: Campaign for Gender Balance Approved

F18 Report: Diversity Engagement Group Approved

## Policy Motions

F19 Emergency Motion: Freedom, Creativity and the Internet Passed

F20 Fair, Local and Responsive Politics Passed (Amendment One passed)

F22 Growth that Lasts: A Fair, Green and Sustainable Economy Passed

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## Nick Clegg's speech highlights

Nick Clegg started his keynote speech to Spring conference by saying that 'the way things are is not the way they have to be.' He said that there is a better way, and that our ambitions can come true if we do things differently; but that requires an end to the 'game of pass-the-parcel between the two old parties'.

He described Labour as the party of many disasters; and the Conservatives as the world's first offshore political party. But 'people are ready for something new; ready for something different; and ready to make it happen,' he said.

'People ask what the Liberal Democrats will do after the election. I'm flattered that people think I can predict the future. The newspapers think they can; some days I read we are planning a deal with Labour; some days the Conservatives. But I'm not the kingmaker; the 45 million voters of Britain are the kingmakers; they give the politicians their marching orders, not the other way round; its called democracy and I kind of like it.'

He described how the party has set out our four steps to a fairer Britain:

'We will give you a fair tax system, that rewards hard work, enterprise and initiative, where no-one will pay tax on the first £10,000 they earn;

We will give every child the fair start they deserve, by reducing class sizes and increasing one to one tuition in our schools;

We'll rebalance the economy, so that no longer just betting on things, Britain will start building things again;

And we will build a clean, open, fair politics.'

'All politicians are not the same', he said: 'Liberal Democrats are different. A vote for the Liberal Democrats is not a vote for anyone else'; it is a vote for real change and fairness.

Speaking to conference and the country, he concluded: 'Vote for what you believe in... or you will wake up on May 7th facing another five years of more of the same. This is your chance; this is your opportunity – for the sake of our future, do not waste it. Choose the Liberal Democrats.'

*The full text of the speech can be found at [www.libems.org.uk](http://www.libems.org.uk) under 'latest news'.*

