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King's Road,
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Please note that the Brighton Centre is within the secure zone and that access is only possible with a valid conference pass.

Conference hotel

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Further information, registration and conference publications (including plain text and clear print versions) are available at:



www.libdems.org.uk/conference

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My mission to turn the Liberal Democrats into an 'ideas factory'

by Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable MP

It is just over a year since I became the leader of the Liberal Democrats. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead this unified force for good in an era otherwise characterised by the triple disasters of Brexit, Vladimir Putin, and Donald Trump.

When I took over, we were already distinct from the other major parties because of our opposition to Brexit; this is a position that was a political risk but was also the correct course for the country.

We have rightly doubled down on our campaigning for the people to have the final say on any deal, including the option of an exit from Brexit. While the Conservatives engage in civil war and Labour helps them to deliver Brexit, we remain the only major party fighting for this people's vote.

We have made significant political progress, as shown by a string of council by-election victories, local authority results in May (our best for more than a decade), and the surge in our vote in Lewisham East, led by our excellent candidate, Lucy Salek.

Historically, we have taken risks and been ahead of the curve, be it our opposition to the Iraq War, championing of LGBT rights, or warnings of the financial crisis. Our fight to remain in the European Union, with all its economic and social benefits, is the latest example of this – and it won't be the last. We are more than just a movement against Brexit. My ambition during the first year of leadership was to re-establish the party as an 'ideas factory'.

Since the start of the year we have developed agenda-setting proposals in the following areas:

- NHS reforms, including an earmarked tax to fully fund the health and care system.
- Education, including abolishing the discredited Ofsted and introducing a system that genuinely provides support for struggling schools.
- Housing, including ambitious proposals for social housing and genuinely affordable homes for first time buyers through rent to buy.



- Homelessness, including Layla Moran's campaign to abolish the cruel, Dickensian nightmare that is the Vagrancy Act and Ed Davey's bill to provide end-of-life care for terminally ill homeless people.
- Big tech, including ways to break up and regulate the giant companies that stifle innovation and force them to pay people for the use of their data.
- Reforming business behaviour, including reform of corporate governance to incentivise long-term investment, the creation of a sovereign wealth fund and a five-point plan to reform the broken outsourcing model.

We have also led the charge on protecting the Windrush generation, tackling inter-generational inequality, and making sure women couples have fair access to IVF. I must also highlight the efforts of Wera Hobhouse, who pushed the government to adopt her upskirting bill.

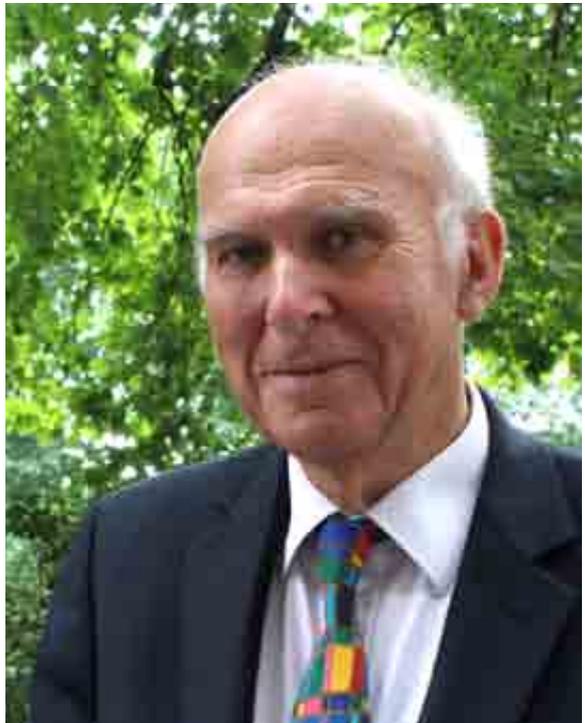
Under my leadership we will continue to promote new ideas and I encourage all of you to participate. I want to open up this party so that we welcome the best minds and campaigners in the

country. Like all politicians, I have strong views – but I am open-minded and I am willing to be persuaded if an argument stands up to scrutiny.

After a tough few years we are on the up again. And with these big ideas, combined with our strong values, we can demand better for our constituents, our members, and the country.



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We have established an Access Fund to improve accessibility for members attending conference.

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Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the Brighton Centre.

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Conference Extra and Conference Daily

Conference Extra shows any changes to timings shown in the agenda, amendments to motions, topical issues, emergency motions and questions to reports. Copies will be available from the Information Desk at conference and, in conference week, online at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Conference Daily includes last-minute changes to the auditorium timetable; collect your copy from the Information Desk each morning for the latest updates.

Disabled access

If you need assistance at the venue, contact the Information Desk.

If you need assistance in advance, please contact the Conference Team on:

conferences@libdems.org.uk



Conference information

For auditorium facilities and access, please see the *Agenda*.

Mobility aids

The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of electric scooters available for use around the Brighton Centre and conference hotel. They are free of charge and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note they need to be returned each evening.

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FCC helpdesk

Members of the Federal Conference Committee (FCC) will be available to give advice at the Information Desk at the following times:

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

FB helpdesk

The Federal Board (FB) helpdesk is situated on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre near the Information Desk. Members of the Federal Board will be available to have strategic conversations with members at the following times:

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

First Aid

In the event of needing First Aid assistance, please approach a conference steward who will arrange for First Aiders to attend and/or request a paramedic.

Information Desk

The Information Desk is located on the ground floor of the Brighton Centre (see plan of venue on page 12) and is open at the following times:

Saturday	15 Sept.	08.30–20.00
Sunday	16 Sept.	08.30–18.30
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and can be contacted during these hours via:

conferenceinformation@
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Internet access

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Registration

Please register for conference before you travel to Brighton via:

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Conference passes can be collected from Late Registration in the Brighton Centre which is open at the following times:

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Sunday	16 Sept.	08.30–17.30
Monday	17 Sept.	08.30–17.30
Tuesday	18 Sept.	08.30–12.30

We strongly advise all those wishing to attend conference to pre-register as you may experience queues at Late Registration.

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. A fantastic opportunity for members to find out more about what our Parliamentarians are up to.

Details of sessions will be printed in *Conference Extra* and *Conference Daily*.

If you have lost your conference pass, visit Late Registration to arrange a re-print. A replacement fee of £25 applies and photo passes are reissued at the discretion of the Registration Manager.

Security and safety

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Attendees will be subject to random bag searches at the secure zone entrance. To speed your progress into the building please only bring essential items into the conference venue. Please allow queuing time, particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

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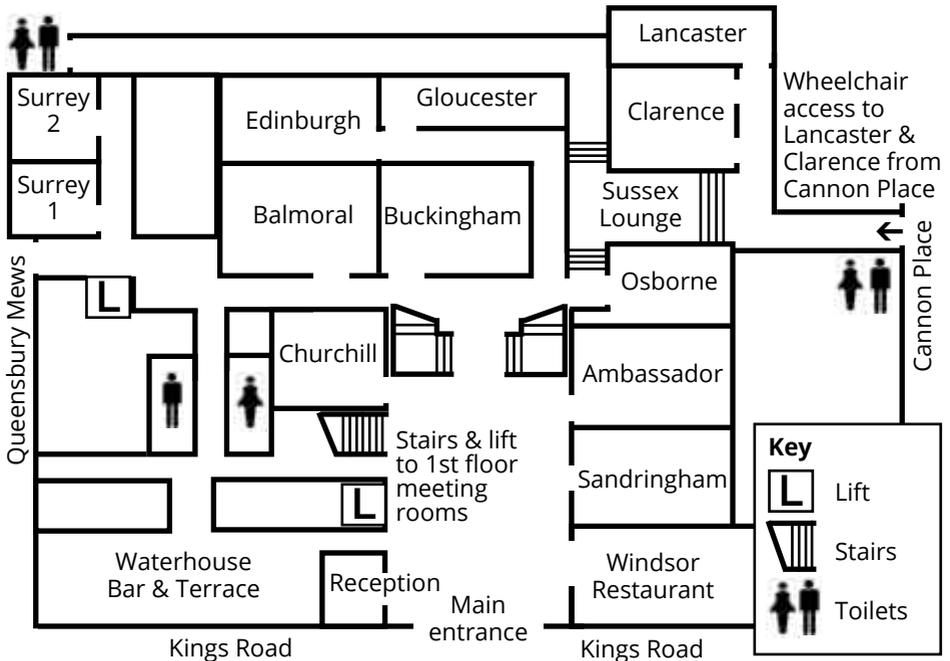
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For further details, please see:

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/using-your-blue-badge-and-where-you-can-park

Conference hotel plan

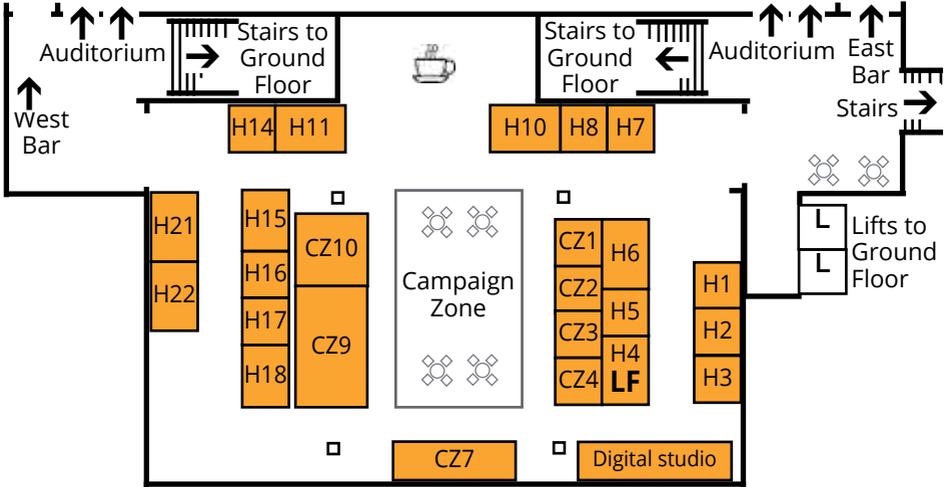
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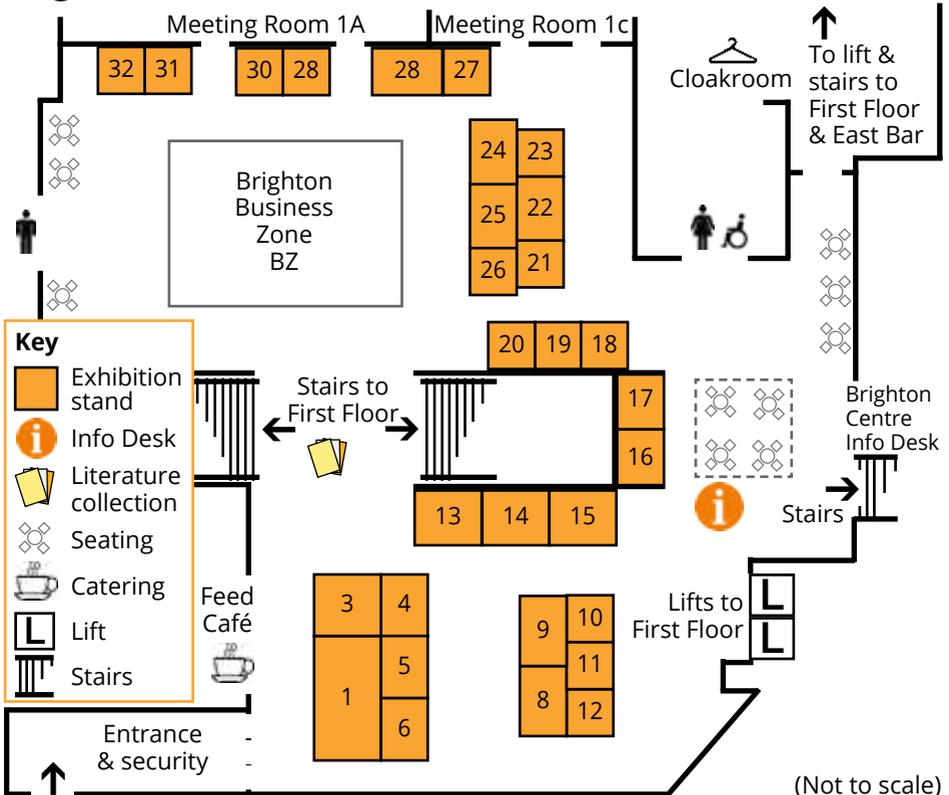
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Brighton Centre, First Floor, Auditorium 2

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Brighton Centre, Ground Floor



(Not to scale)



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The exhibition is located throughout the ground floor and in Auditorium 2 on the first floor of the Brighton Centre and is open at the following times:

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Fringe guide

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Hilton Brighton Metropole
King's Road, Brighton BN1 2FU

There is a plan of the Brighton Centre on page 12 and of the Hilton on page 11.

Locations of the conference venues are shown on the map of Brighton city centre on the back cover.

Fringe meeting access

Access to fringe meetings in the Brighton Centre is possible only with a valid conference pass.

All fringe events listed in the official venues are wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible. If you experience access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.

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Whether it will be your first visit, or one of many, we hope that while you get down to business, you will find time to enjoy the atmosphere and the wonderful array of cultural and culinary delights we have to offer. Within a very short walk of the Brighton Centre you will find a Royal Palace, the amazing British Airways i360, Museums, Art Galleries and some truly unique and independent retail sectors. If it is fresh air or an energising walk you're looking for, do wander down to the beach where there is over 10km of amazing seafront for you to discover and enjoy.

Thank you so much for coming to Brighton; we hope you enjoy your time in the city as much as we enjoy hosting you, and we all hope we have the chance to welcome you back at some point in the near future

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Saturday 15 September

Fringe Saturday morning 08.00–09.00

Prayer Room

Embracing Diversity: Prayer and Meditation sessions in secular and religious traditions

Contemplation of Humanist ideas using a Quaker method. Session 8.15 to 8.45am. For the quiet and focus of our session please arrive by 8.10am. Thanks. Reading presented by Toby Keynes, Chair of Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats. Facilitator Jane Reed.

Hilton, Churchill

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.

Details of sessions will be printed in Conference Extra and Conference Daily.

Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30

Liberal Democrats

Federal Conference Committee / Conference Access Group

This is your chance to help improve disability access at future conferences. Join in an informal discussion and tell us – what else can be done?

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

London Liberal Democrats

Campaigning in a City

Celebrating successes in Camden, Haringey and Southwark. May's local election saw Lib Dem gains in central London – find out about campaigning among hard-to-reach, transient voters. Taking on Labour in their heartlands. Learn the lessons from London's winners.

Hilton, Churchill

Your Liberal Britain

Policy Lab – in association with the Ashdown Prize

Join Paddy Ashdown to help test drive innovative policy ideas. Together with other Lib Dems, you'll put promising ideas through their paces to polish them into winning policies. Bring ideas, or just bring yourself! All are welcome.

Hilton, Edinburgh

Social Liberal Forum

Ownership for All: Democracy at Work

Panellists including Miatta Fahnbulleh (Chief Executive, New Economics Foundation) (tbc) and Gordon Lishman will discuss radical solutions drawing on our long Liberal commitment, the IPPR report *Broadening Company Ownership in the UK* and the Employee Ownership Association's *The Ownership Effect*.

Hilton, Gloucester



Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30 continued

ALDC

Winning in 2019

In the 2019 local elections we can really move forward. Hear from Mayor Dave Hodgson, South Cambridgeshire, Mary Regnier-Wilson, Cllr Lisa Smart and Layla Moran MP about how we can win more seats in 2019. Chaired by Cllr Heather Kidd.

Hilton, Lancaster

Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC

What should a Lib Dem Planning Policy look like?

How do we balance conflicting demands to ensure our communities get the homes and infrastructure needed while ensuring the local environment is safeguarded? Speakers include Cllr Adele Morris, Lord John Shipley and Cllr James Baker.

Hilton, Osborne



Liberal Democrat Voice

Transgender and intersex rights – spotlight on the media

Tackling Transphobia: hear how Scottish voluntary organisations are working together to ensure that trans equality enhances wider gender equality. Caron Lindsay (Chair), Emma Ritch (Engender), James Morton (Scottish Transgender Alliance), Sal Brinton and Sarah Brown (LGBT+ Lib Dems).

Hilton, Sandringham



Federal Conference Committee

First Timer's Q&A session

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

Hilton, Surrey 1

WAVE Trust

Radical, evidence-based solutions to violence, mental ill-health, disease, poverty and inequality.

WAVE Trust and the All Party Parliamentary Group for Prevention of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) present evidence-backed solutions to the perennial problems of violence, mental ill-health, disease, school-readiness, educational failure, poverty and inequality. These solutions would save £billions.

Hilton, Surrey 2



Green Liberal Democrats

Fantastic plastic (or is it?) and Local Green campaigning

Supporting Save our Seas and other drives towards a more renewable future in a circular economy world with Rt. Hon. Alistair Carmichael MP, Cllr Pippa Heylings (LGA), Cllr Jane Brophy (Greater Manchester, campaigning), Cllr Lucy Care (Derby, circular economy).

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

Fringe Saturday early evening 18.15–19.30

Members' Rally

No conference experience is complete without joining Lib Dems from across the country at the Conference Rally! Always a highlight of conference, come join leading parliamentarians and special guests.

Brighton Centre, Auditorium



Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30

ALDC

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors AGM and the Election Workshop Campaigner Awards

Have your say in how the Association of Liberal Democrat Campaigners and Councillors is run at our Annual General Meeting followed by this year's Campaigner Awards for local campaign success sponsored by Election Workshop.

Hilton, Ambassador



Catherine Bearder MEP

Voices from Europe – fighting for an Exit from Brexit

Join Catherine Bearder MEP for a rally of voices from both sides of the Channel in support of our campaign for an Exit from Brexit.

Hilton, Balmoral

Liberal Democrat Education Association / Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

Home Schooling: a consultative workshop with speakers

Party policy should support all children to receive the best start in life. Join Prof. John Howson, Prof. Daniel Monk, Cllr Ruth Nethsingha and an Education Otherwise representative to explore this complex, multi-dimensional subject and help establish its policy implications.

Hilton, Buckingham

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SoS)

AGM and an update on current issues affecting asylum seekers and refugees

After the AGM an open forum discussing current issues faced by those seeking Sanctuary in the UK. Has the hostile environment become less hostile? Contributions from active campaigners including Parliamentarians and befrienders. Join us to plan further lobbying and support.

Hilton, Churchill

Liberal Democrat Women

In conversation with Jo Swinson, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats

Jo Swinson, former Minister for Women and author of *Equal Power*, outlines what we can do, as individuals and as a Party, to make our society truly gender equal. (Event will include a book signing.)

Hilton, Clarence



Young Liberals

Fake News Panel

How do we know that what we read in the media is true? Come and listen to our panel as we discuss the rise of Fake News and the challenges we are all faced with as discerning consumers of media.

Hilton, Edinburgh



Ask an Expert is staffed by people with wide-ranging expertise and experiences from right across the party.

So why not come along and get advice today? Visit us in the Campaign Zone.



Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30 continued

The Liberal Democrats Legacy Fund *Lib Dems at 30 – Legacy Society Reception*

Join us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Liberal Democrats, with the launch of the Legacy Society. Open to all who have left a legacy gift or are considering it. Visit the Legacy Information Point in the exhibition for information.

Hilton, Lancaster



Candidates & Diversity Team *How do we recruit and retain candidates from underrepresented groups?*

How can our representatives better reflect the diversity of the country we wish to one day lead? Join the discussion with senior party figures as well as race and equality experts from outside the party.

Hilton, Osborne



South East Region Liberal Democrats *Members' Reception*

Come and meet fellow South East Members and members of the Regional Executive over a drink. Cash bar.

Hilton, Sandringham

ALDES (Association of Lib Dem Engineers and Scientists)

ALDES AGM

We are a membership group of Engineers and Scientists, Medics, Teachers and those interested in science and evidence-based policy. Annual General Meeting. New members welcome.

Hilton, Surrey 1



Fringe Saturday late evening 22.00–01.00

London Liberal Democrats *Regional Reception*

London Region invite you to celebrate our recent successes. Meet our three MPs, Tom Brake, Ed Davey and Vince Cable (tbc), Caroline Pidgeon AM and our three Council Leaders (tbc), and many of the over 150 councillors elected in May.

Hilton, Clarence



LibDemDisco

The #Vote100 Centenary Disco

#LibDemDisco 2018 is a #Vote100 Centenary special. Defending champion DJ Daisy Benson takes on Christine Jardine, Sarah Olney and Layla Moran. Join us as our star line-up face-off in the only competition that matters (assuming Theresa makes it to September).

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Autumn Conference Training Programme

Welcome to our Autumn Conference training programme.

This year there are several new sessions available, so whether you joined the party a month ago or twenty years ago, there is a training opportunity for everyone.

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



Alongside our traditional sessions there are shorter, 'bitesize' introductions to a topic that last 30 minutes. We're also running some in-depth workshops lasting three hours.

You can turn up to any training session you like, unless otherwise indicated.

Enjoy your conference!

Sarah Green,
Chair, Federal Training Committee

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 someone from an under-represented group.

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.

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.

compliance

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

fundraising

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

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.

party roles

Across the party there are many roles you could take on. Learn the skills needed to take on different party roles.

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 Programme: Saturday

Saturday 09.30–10.45

Introduction to getting the most from Autumn Conference

(This session runs 09.30 - 10.00)

Find out how to get the best experience at Brighton from the team who pull conference together and know all the secrets.

Federal Conference Committee

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

personal

Digital 101 - what everyone needs to be doing with digital in their area

Are you as confident with digital campaigning as you are with writing a leaflet or canvassing? If not, come along and we'll show you how every campaigner can make the most of digital to enhance their campaign.

Campaigns and Digital Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

teams

Speaking at conference (Women Only)

Find out how to make the most of an opportunity to speak at Conference.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Churchill

diversity

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Leadership for women (Women Only)

Women make great team members. This module will help you up your game to be a great team leader.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Gloucester

diversity

personal

Introduction to policy making

Do you have a great policy idea? Find out how policy making in the party works and meet someone who got her idea on the front page of the manifesto.

Federal Policy Committee (Lizzy Jewkes)

Hilton, Edinburgh

personal

Councillor training - Being an effective ward councillor

(For current councillors only)

Getting the balance right between local campaigning, your community and the council. You will learn about how to be an effective community champion, who knows their ward and stands up for it effectively. It also covers the different aspects of being a councillor and councillor / work / life balance.

ALDC

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Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 09.30–10.45 cont.

You could get elected to parliament

(Invite Only)

Thinking about parliamentary candidate approval? We want to encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds. Come along and get buddied up with someone to help you complete the form!

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham

diversity

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How to run a great event for your local members

From Pizza & Politics, to Liberteas, events are a great way to build a community in your local party. Join us in this session and find out how to make the most out of it - and turn those events into real action.

Membership Team

Hilton, Lancaster

teams

party roles

Young and Winning

Interested in standing for election either locally or nationally, but no idea how to do it? Come and meet our panel of young councillors and candidates who have stood for election - and won!

Young Liberals and ALDC

Hilton, Surrey 2

party roles

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campaigning

Introduction to campaigning - and where to get the support you need

(This session runs 10.15 - 10.45)

If you're new to campaigning, find out about the different training opportunities at conference to learn more. Also find out how and where to get support for your campaign.

ALDC and Campaigns & Elections team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

campaigning

Moving from 3rd to 2nd place - lessons from St Albans

Find out how St Albans bucked the trend in the 2017 General Election - overtaking Labour and becoming the main challengers to the Conservatives.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Balmoral

campaigning

teams

Be a councillor - Finding candidates

2019 is the big one in terms of candidates. Across England we need thousands of candidates. Where will you find them and how do you encourage them to stand?

ALDC

Hilton, Buckingham

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Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 11.00–12.30

Writing and delivering a brilliant hustings speech *(Women Only)*

The decisive moment in a selection is often the speech a candidate makes to the hustings meeting of local party members.

Campaign for Gender Balance
Hilton, Gloucester

personal

diversity

Successful selection workshop

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

Candidates Team
Hilton, Edinburgh

personal

party roles

Breaking through - winning your first seat

Getting that first bit of yellow on the map is often the toughest task. Come learn how campaigners in many parts of the country achieved this in 2018 and gain important insight in how to break through in your area.

Campaigns & Elections Team
Hilton, Balmoral

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Unconscious Bias – what is it and why it matters

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
Hilton, Osborne

personal

diversity

Campaign masterclass - Facebook with Mark Pack

A session that looks at the basic essentials of what you should be doing to engage with your local community online by email and simple social media.

ALDC
Hilton, Buckingham

campaigning

digital

Campaign masterclass - Video

Online campaigning is changing fast. We discuss the why's and wherefores of digital campaigning and show you how to effectively do your next video.

ALDC
Hilton, Ambassador

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Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 11.00–12.30 cont.

Introduction to becoming an approved candidate

Get vital info about how to join the growing team of Lib Dem candidates. Ideal for new members looking to make the most of their first 12 months of membership.

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham

personal

party roles

Targeting and writing the best email and direct mail

Can you GRAB ATTENTION with just a few words of text? Come find out about the techniques that the best campaigners use to create the most engaging, eye-catching and dazzling emails and letters.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

teams

digital

Digital fundraising - raising more money online (*Beginners' session*)

Techniques, tips, tricks and smart fundraising ideas to maximise your online income across email, websites and social media. Poach examples from charities to ensure you survive and thrive as a local campaigning team.

Fundraising and Membership Team

Hilton, Lancaster

fundraising

digital

How to build and lead a great local team

Winning teams don't just happen by chance - they take hard work, perseverance and leadership. Join us and learn from people who've built brilliant teams that make a real difference in their communities.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

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GDPR - what you need to know now that the new Data Protection Rules are in force

The new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are now in force and impact the way everyone in the Liberal Democrats handles and collects data.

Local party officers and campaigners should attend one of the sessions at this conference to find out more.

Session 1

Saturday 16.30 - 17.45

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

Session 2

Sunday 14.30 - 16.00

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a



Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 15.00-16.15

Resilience for women - Bouncing Back *(Women Only)*

Coping brilliantly with the ups and downs of political life is the mark of a top candidate.

Campaign for Gender Balance
Hilton, Gloucester

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Be an Agent - Election Law Part 1

What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates to completing your expenses returns.

Compliance Team
Hilton, Osborne

compliance

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Media skills for candidates

Our candidates are on the frontline delivering the party message. Learn how to perfect your skills, build press contacts and give a good interview.

Candidates Team
Hilton, Edinburgh

party roles

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Be a councillor - Approval and selection

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
Hilton, Buckingham

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Diversifying your membership

Does your membership reflect the communities you seek to serve? Probably not as much as it should - and we all have a part to play in fixing that. Come and find out how you can help diversify your membership in your area.

Membership and Diversity Teams
Hilton, Lancaster

teams

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For help and queries please email training@libdems.org.uk



Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 15.00–16.15 cont.

Next generation campaigning – advanced digital campaigns

So you've mastered the basics of digital campaigning - now it's time to take your campaigning to the next level, making the most of email, digital advertising and social media.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

digital

Be a councillor - Building a councillor and candidate brand

A look at all the ways you need to think about developing your councillor or candidate brand, both online and offline and how to turn it into electoral success.

ALDC

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Fundraising for freshers and refreshers

Whether you're starting now, or haven't done fundraising for ages, there are new techniques plus ideas from behavioural science about what makes a compelling appeal, who'll give what and why, and why not to be scared of asking for money.

Fundraising Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

fundraising

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Top Tip for Training

The coloured buttons make suggestions as to what skills you will learn in each session. Use this as a guide to help you find the right training for your needs.



Lib Dem Campaign for Race Equality

The new party SAO *Lib Dem Campaign for Race Equality* is holding three training sessions in conjunction with the Diversity Team at conference. Do come along to one of our sessions and find out more.

Resilience for BAME activists - Bouncing Back

Sunday 14.30 - 16.00

Hilton, Edinburgh

How LDCRE can help you get elected and support your journey in the party

Saturday 16.30 - 17.45

Hilton, Lancaster

Meeting the members - Making a positive impression one to one

Monday, 16.15 - 17.45

Hilton, Edinburgh



Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 'bitesize' training sessions (times vary)

People behind the scenes - Returning Officer

Returning Officers are a key cog in selecting PPCs and preparing for the next General Election. Come along to find out about what they do.

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham (15.00–15.30)

People behind the scenes - Candidate Assessor

Assessors make it possible for the party to field a great team of candidates at elections. Find out about their vital work and how you can get involved.

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham (15.45–16.15)

Introduction to being a Chair

Thinking about becoming a local party officer for next year? Why not come and meet a current Chair and find out more about the role?

Membership Team

Hilton, Churchill (15.00–15.30)

Introduction to being a Treasurer

Thinking about becoming a local party officer? Why not come and meet a current Treasurer and find out what the role entails?

Membership and Compliance Teams

Hilton, Churchill (15.45–16.15)

Introduction to being a Data Officer

Would you like to be a Local Party Officer? Why not come and meet a current Data Officer and find out more about the role?

Membership Team

Hilton, Surrey 2 (15.00–15.30)

Introduction to being a Diversity Officer

Could you be a local party officer? Come and meet a current Diversity Officer and find out more about the role.

Membership Team

Hilton, Surrey 2 (15.45–16.15)

Introduction to being a Membership Development Officer

Thinking of becoming a local party officer? Why not come and meet a current Membership Development Officer and find out more about the role?

Membership and Compliance Teams

Hilton, Churchill (17.15–17.45)

Find the right training sessions for you...

Not sure what training opportunities at conference are right for you? Contact us at training@libdems.org.uk and we will happily help guide you.



Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 16.30–17.45

Improve your public speaking skills

Top tips and advice on how to improve your public speaking skills as a candidate. Find out how to communicate your message clearly and confidently.

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham

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Fundraising for candidates: finding, persuading and retaining larger donors

(Approved Candidates Only)

Learn how to identify and approach new prospects, how to open a conversation with potential larger donors, how to navigate social events such as dinners and receptions, how to make a pitch for a donation, and how to handle objections. See others' techniques and test out your own.

Fundraising Team

Hilton, Edinburgh

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Data Protection now GDPR is here

Data protection matters. Make sure you and your local party know what you need to do to comply with the new law.

Compliance Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

compliance

Motivating members - open to all

Engaging and enthusing members is a top priority for the best candidates.

Campaign for Gender Balance and Membership Team

Hilton, Osborne

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Interview skills for women

(Women Only)

Find out how to impress the interview panel and get shortlisted in your selection.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Gloucester

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How LDCRE can help you get elected and support your journey in the party

The Lib Dem Campaign for Race Equality exists to oppose all forms of racial inequality. Come along to find out how LDCRE can support you in getting more involved in the party.

Lib Dem Campaign For Race Equality and Diversity Team

Hilton, Lancaster

diversity



Training Programme: Saturday continued

Saturday 16.30–17.45 cont.

Delivering change in your community

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Come find out the power of effective advocacy campaigning and how it can bring change to your area.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Balmoral

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Squeezing your weaker opponents

Find out how successful squeeze campaigns can make your opponent's opponents your friends that push you across the winning line.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

Be a councillor - More diverse candidate pools

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.

ALDC and Diversity Team

Hilton, Ambassador

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Pick a ward and win it - Winning the postal vote

First we look at the importance of the postal vote and how to maximise your vote amongst postal voters. Then we cover the 'Get Out The Vote' plan for the last week of the campaign.

ALDC

Hilton, Buckingham

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You could get elected to parliament!

Are you thinking about becoming an approved parliamentary candidate?

Come along and find out more about what's involved and the process to get there. You'll also be buddied up with someone to help you complete the form during the session.

We want to especially encourage

prospective candidates from diverse backgrounds.

Saturday, 0930 - 1045

Hilton, Sandringham
(By invitation only)

Sunday, 1430 - 1600

Hilton, Sandringham
(Open to all)

Please email any questions to candidates@libdems.org.uk.



Sunday 16 September

Fringe Sunday morning 08.00–09.00

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



Prayer Room

Embracing Diversity: Prayer and Meditation sessions in secular and religious traditions

Muslim Prayers 8.15 to 8.45am. For the quiet and focus of the session please arrive by 8.10am. Facilitator Jane Reed.

Hilton, Churchill

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.

Details of sessions will be printed in Conference Extra and Conference Daily.



Join us for our education fringe meeting

on Sunday 16 September
1pm to 2pm
Edinburgh Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

Speakers:

Layla Moran MP
Education Spokesperson

Kevin Courtney
Joint General Secretary, National Education Union

Other speakers to be confirmed
Refreshments available

Sunday



Fringe Sunday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

What Hope for Palestine in the Era of Trump?

Anas Al-Tikriti, President of the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB); Robert Cohen, writer, blogger and speaker on Israel/Palestine and a trustee of Amos Trust.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Green Liberal Democrats

Is Climate Change Accelerating and What to Do about it?

Latest expert evidence on how and why things are getting warmer quicker than expected with local campaigning ideas + Q&A panel. Speakers: Sir Ed Davey MP, Prof Keith Barnum (Imperial College London), Prof Nick Cowern (Renewables specialist), James Baker (ALDC).

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1 C



Education Policy Institute and Core Cities

Skills in the City – Making our Education System Fit for Purpose

Speakers: Layla Moran MP; Chris Murray (Core Cities); Caroline Pidgeon AM; Lord Shipley; and Baroness Thornhill. Chair: David Laws (EPI).

Hilton, Ambassador



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conferencelive](http://Libdems.org.uk/conferencelive)

London Liberal Democrats

Winning in Wimbledon

Come and find out about the Liberal Democrat successes in Merton – where we won 6 Councillors in May. Lessons for everybody in winning outside a target seat. Cllr Hina Bokhari, Cllr Anthony Fairclough, Cllr Carl Quilliam.

Hilton, Balmoral

Social Liberal Forum

A conversation with Sir Vince Cable MP

Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable MP interviewed by Faisal Islam (tbc).

Hilton, Buckingham

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

AGM, with Andrew Copson: “The Global War on the Non-Religious”

All welcome. Can we keep up momentum after our wins on faith schools and illegal schools? Hold your existing committee to account; elect your new committee – new campaigners always welcome. With guest speaker Andrew Copson, Chief Executive of Humanists UK.

Hilton, Churchill

Lib Dems Abroad

Giving the Vote to all Brits abroad: Launch of Lib Dems Abroad

5.5 million Brits live outside the UK. The Tory Government intends to enfranchise all of voting age. Three local parties will campaign for those votes and overseas constituencies. Party President Baroness Brinton; FIRC Chair Robert Woodthorpe Browne; local party chairs.

Hilton, Clarence



National Education Union

Education fringe meeting

Join Layla Moran MP and Kevin Courtney of the NEU to discuss the crisis facing our education system and a vision for what our education system should look like.

Hilton, Edinburgh



ALDC (Liberal Democrat Campaigners & Councillors) and LGA Liberal Democrats

Air Pollution on Schools: Taking the lead in your area

Children in schools are being exposed to higher levels of damaging air pollution putting them at risk of lifelong health problems. Speakers include Baroness Lynne Featherstone, Cllr Adele Morris, Cllr Jeanette Sunderland and Client Earth. Chaired by Cllr Sarah Boad.

Hilton, Lancaster

Your Liberal Britain

You Can Stop Brexit

Are you wondering what you can do to stop Brexit? We all need to take responsibility for our country's future. Come along to find out how you can lobby your MP and help keep Britain firmly in the EU.

Hilton, Osborne

Action for Land Tax and Economic Reform (ALTER)

Land Value Tax – The Business Case

Review of Business Rates reform and business case for Land Value Tax with Andrew Dixon.

Hilton, Sandringham

Social Democrat Group

How should we spend the Exit from Brexit dividend?

Brexit was partly a protest against globalisation. Without Brexit, the UK economy may be 5% bigger. Could we use that extra money to make globalisation work for everyone? Speakers to be announced.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Lib Dems in International Development

Join our new network of development professionals and enthusiasts from 1–4pm for a panel series featuring parliamentarians, NGOs and the private sector. From sustainable energy and value-based trade to human rights, whatever your experience, we want to hear your views!

Hilton, Surrey 2

Note: this event ends at 16.00



Conference Extra and Conference Daily

Conference Extra will be available online in the week running up to conference, at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Copies will be available at the literature collection points at conference.

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

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers



Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15

Dignity in Dying

Assisted dying: The next great liberal reform

Why is the UK lagging behind on assisted dying, despite overwhelming public support for the cause? How can Liberal Democrats increase choice at the end of life? Speakers include Christine Jardine MP, Thomas Davies (Dignity in Dying) and Shana Pezaro.

**Brighton Centre,
Meeting Room 1A**



H.M. Government of Gibraltar

Brexit 2 years on – Views from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar

Dr Joseph Garcia (Deputy Chief Minister Gibraltar), Jane Dodds (Lib Dem Wales Leader), Naomi Long (Alliance Party Leader) and Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP will give their views on Brexit two years on since the EU referendum.

Hilton, Buckingham

Note: this event starts at 18.00 and ends at 19.00



Social Liberal Forum and Unlock Democracy

Is our Electoral System Fit for Purpose?

James Patrick (author, *Alternative War*) discusses the damage caused by Cambridge Analytica. Alexandra Runswick (Director, Unlock Democracy) examines the Electoral Commission's verdict on the state of our weakened electoral system. How can we combat these emerging threats to our democracy?

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

The Investment Association

In Conversation with Vince Cable

The Investment Association is proud to host party leader Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable MP in discussion with Andrew Rawnsley.

Hilton, Balmoral

Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SoS) with Liberal Democrat Voice

(How) should the UK change its refugee family reunification policies?

Can current restrictions be justified on grounds of 'push' factors? How do the Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill and the "families together" campaign aim to change them? Our informed panel explores how we can pressure the Government to change its approach.

**Hilton,
Edinburgh**



Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group

Next Generation Reception

Find out more about the LGA's "Next Generation" scheme for Lib Dem Councillors aspiring to leadership positions, hosted by Cllr Alan Connett. Speakers: Baroness Dorothy Thornhill and Next Generation graduate Cllr Philippa Hart. Refreshments provided.

**Hilton,
Gloucester**



Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15 continued

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

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Trump and the Middle East: potential peace maker or dangerous loose cannon?

LDFI debate the impact of Donald Trump on the Middle East to date and what the future might hold. This fringe will also consider what opportunities the most maverick US President in recent history may present for Middle East peace.

Hilton, Osborne



Liberal Democrat History Group

Europe: The Liberal Commitment

Why have the Liberal Democrats, and our Liberal and SDP predecessors, always supported membership of the EU? Discuss the historical origins of the Liberal commitment to Europe with Professors Anthony Howe and Eugenio Biagini. Chair: Baroness Julie Smith.

Hilton, Sandringham

Action for Land Tax and Economic Reform (ALTER)

Annual General Meeting

AGM for ALTER members. Appointment of officers. Review of activity and future plans.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Local Government Association

Liberal Democrat Group

Local Government Reception

Hosted by Cllr Howard Sykes, the ever popular LGA reception returns for another year. All friends of local government welcome. Refreshments provided. Guest speaker Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable MP.

Hilton, Buckingham



Candidates & Diversity Team

Supporting Candidates Better – Tackling candidate harassment

The political environment can often be divisive. Following the Standards in Public Life (SPL) report, what steps is the party taking to better support our candidates? Hear from former MPs, members of the SPL Committee and senior party figures.

Hilton, Osborne



Liberal Democrat Education Association

The future for HE policy

What are the key issues for Liberal Democrats policy on Higher Education? Tuition fees, graduate tax, teaching standards or increased funding? Join David Howarth, Baroness Sue Garden and Sal Jarvis (pro-vice-chancellor, Herts University) to discuss ideas.

Hilton, Lancaster

Liberal Democrats

Conference Quiz

Come along and watch as Alastair Carmichael MP delivers an entertaining night of questions and laughter. Tickets may be available on the door depending on availability.

Hilton, Balmoral

Note: this event starts at 20.00 and ends at 21.30



Fringe Sunday late evening 21.30 til late

Young Liberals

Reception for Members and Supporters

Come and meet the Young Liberals at our official reception! This is an opportunity to find out what YL have been up to this year and our plans for the future. We will also announce the winners of the raffle.

Hilton, Ambassador



Education Policy Institute and BVCA Conference Reception

Speakers: Tim Hames (BVCA); David Laws (EPI); and Natalie Perera (EPI).

Note: this event starts at 21.30 and ends at 00.00.

Hilton, Sandringham



London Liberal Democrats

Communi-Oke – the mass singing of disco favourites

Join Sarah Olney, Simon Hughes and many newly elected Councillors in raising the roof. Singing pop anthems, disco standards and your favourites. Join the latest craze of mass Karaoke – London's Lib Dem Communi-Oke. Admission by wrist band – £5. Everybody welcome.

**Hilton,
Balmoral & Buckingham**



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Training Programme: Sunday

Sunday 08.00–09.00

Great selection literature - drop-in session (*Women Only*)

Come and take a look at some top designs for selection leaflets.

Campaign for Gender Balance
Hilton, Sandringham

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Find the right training sessions for you...

Not sure what training opportunities at conference are right for you? Contact us at training@libdems.org.uk and we will happily help guide you.

Sunday 09.30–10.45

Burning the candle at both ends? Developing a better balance between politics, work and life in general!

Top tips on staying sane and rested as a political activist.

Campaign for Gender Balance
Hilton, Sandringham

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Working with and supporting Young People in the Party

An in-depth session on how to work productively with young people, on a local and national level, including the roles they can take and ideas they can bring. Followed by Q&A.

Young Liberals
Hilton, Surrey 1

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Be an Agent - Election Law Part 2

Make sure you don't find yourself on the end of a solicitors letter from the opposition and know what you need to run legal campaigns and get your expenses returns in without stress.

Compliance Team
Hilton, Lancaster

compliance

Defending your council – lessons from successful 2018 defences

How to make the most of incumbency, deliver for residents and to keep winning. Advice and best practices from our successful 2018 defences.

Campaigns & Elections Team
Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

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Sunday



Training Programme: Sunday continued

Sunday 09.30–10.45 cont.

Councillor training – Taking scrutiny to the next level

How to use the council in your campaigning from full council to scrutiny. This session discusses how to agree key themes/messages, communicating what you are doing and planning your campaigning efforts.

Campaigns & Elections Team
Hilton, Ambassador

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A year to win: a super-effective, 12 month budget and fundraising plan

Examples, techniques and real-time planning to help you create and manage a fundraising-focused budget, identify income streams and tackle cash-flow gaps. Plus how to persuasively present your budget to larger donors.

*Fundraising Team and
Registered Party Treasurer*
Hilton, Edinburgh

fundraising

teams

Get involved with running a selection for a parliamentary seat

(This workshop runs 09.30-12.30)

Play a vital role in ensuring the fairness of candidate selections. Attending this workshop will enable you to qualify as an Assistant Returning Officer - helping us to get candidates in place earlier.

Candidates Team
Hilton, Gloucester

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Pick a ward and win it - community campaigning

How to identify the issues in your local area and campaign to make a liberal difference in your community. This session will make you think about how to run campaigns that engage people.

ALDC

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Training Programme: Sunday continued

Sunday 11.00–12.30

Liberal Democrats 101 - around the party in 90 minutes

Find out how the party works, who runs what and how you can get more involved as we take a whistlestop tour around the party.

Federal People Development Committee

Hilton, Edinburgh

personal

Now you are selected: first steps in developing your team *(open to all)*

Congratulations. You are now a selected candidate! Find out how to decide what to do now.

Campaign for Gender Balance and Diversity Team

Hilton, Lancaster

personal

teams

Campaign masterclass - Facebook with Mark Pack

A session that looks at the basic essentials of what you should be doing to engage with your local community online by email and simple social media.

ALDC

Hilton, Buckingham

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digital

Don't Feed the Trolls! Women staying safe online *(Women Only)*

Women politicians have particular challenges in the digital world. Come and find out how to manage them.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Sandringham

personal

digital

Making the most of your Connect data and statistics

Are you using your data to maximise the use of precious resources in your area? Come find out how to make the best use of the wide range of data and stats available to campaigners.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

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Training Programme: Sunday continued

Sunday 11.00–12.30 cont.

Campaign masterclass - Video

Online campaigning is changing fast. We discuss the why's and wherefores of digital campaigning and show you how to effectively do your next video.

ALDC

Hilton, Ambassador

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digital

Top Tip for Training

The coloured buttons make suggestions as to what skills you will learn in each session. Use this as a guide to help you find the right training for your needs.



Sunday 14.30–16.00

Now you are selected: Managing a difficult Executive (*Women Only*)

Most Executives are lovely and supportive of their candidate. This is how to build that positive relationship too.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Gloucester

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Resilience for BAME activists - Bouncing Back

This module will help you manage the ups and downs of political life as an activist and member.

Lib Dem Campaign For Race Equality and Diversity Team

Hilton, Edinburgh

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Build a photo bank now! - a great photo is worth a thousand words (*open to all*)

Learn how to find the perfect picture for your leaflets or online presence.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Lancaster

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diversity

You could get elected to parliament (*open to all*)

Thinking about Parliamentary candidate approval? We want to encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds. Come along and get buddied up with someone to help you complete the form!

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham

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Training Programme: Sunday continued

Sunday 14.30–16.00 cont.

Data Protection now GDPR is here

Data protection matters. Make sure you and your local party know what you need to do to comply with the new law.

Compliance Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1a

compliance

Why should I vote for you – getting your message right

At the heart of all the best election campaigns, you will find a clear, emotive and relevant message. Come find out how to develop your local message to give your campaign a boost.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning **personal**

Campaign masterclass – literature

Literature is vital but nowadays it needs to be more than just Focus. ALDC's artwork team shows how to create a range of great literature.

ALDC

Hilton, Ambassador

campaigning

Talking to voters - Knocking on doors and using MiniVAN

Another double session - We begin by looking at the importance of talking to voters and look at ways to do it. We follow this by looking at the party's canvassing app - 'MiniVAN'.

ALDC

Hilton, Buckingham

campaigning **digital**

Salesforce drop-in session

Got questions about Salesforce? Pop along to one of our drop-in sessions and get answers and practical guidance on how to make the most of our membership database.

Membership Team

Hilton, Surrey 1

digital **teams**

Sunday



Training Programme: Sunday continued

Sunday 16.15–17.45

Planning and winning selection

(Women Only)

Discover how to design a winning selection plan.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Gloucester

diversity

party roles

Winning against the Tories - How we won in East of England: Watford, Three Rivers and South Cambridgeshire

Best practice and insider knowledge from the brilliant campaigns in Watford, Three Rivers and South Cambridgeshire. Learn how to take on the Tories and win in 2019.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Balmoral

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How local parties can support candidates with disabilities

We are committed to diversifying our candidates. Come along to learn how best local parties can recruit and support deaf and disabled candidates & those with long term health conditions.

LDDA, Diversity Team and ALDC

Hilton, Edinburgh

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teams

Building an effective and inclusive Local Party

This exciting new session will explore ways you can take practical steps in fostering inclusion, addressing conflict and tackling bias. This will enable you to break through barriers to build strong and effective teams. It will help you make the most of the talents of every member of the party and the communities in your area.

Diversity and Membership Teams

Hilton, Lancaster

teams

diversity

Media skills for candidates

Candidates are on the frontline delivering the party message. Learn how to perfect your skills, build press contacts and give a good interview.

Candidates Team

Hilton, Sandringham

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campaigning

How CGB can help you become a Parliamentary candidate

(Women Only)

Come along to find out what we do to help women win!

Campaign for Gender Balance

Hilton, Surrey 1

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Training Programme: Sunday continued

Sunday 16.15–17.45

Moving forward against Labour – lessons from Hull, Haringey, Lewisham East and Liverpool

Some of our seats made outstanding progress against Labour in 2018. Come find out how they did it and take away best practice and advice that can help your local campaign.

Campaigns & Elections Team

Hilton, Clarence

campaigning

teams

Campaign briefing – Winning town and parish council elections

Next May many town and parish councils are up for election. How can you fight effective local council campaigns, what can local councillors do and how can these councils bring about change?

ALDC

Hilton, Ambassador

campaigning

teams

Local Elections 2019: Achieve your winning income before May

All the techniques and ideas you need to grow your income, expand your pool of donors and increase regular donations to enable you to run the ambitious, winning campaign you want. Learn about what works and what doesn't in running a fundraising event, and how to make the most of different skills and networks.

Fundraising Team and ALDC

Hilton, Buckingham

fundraising

campaigning



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



Monday 17 September

Fringe Monday morning 08.00–09.00

People's Postcode Lottery

Helping charity lotteries raise more funds for good causes.

Join People's Postcode Lottery, leading charities and Parliamentarians to support the campaign to get the U.K. Government take action to allow charity lotteries raise more funds for good causes.

**Brighton Centre,
Meeting Room 1A**



Prayer Room

Embracing Diversity: Prayer and Meditation sessions in secular and religious traditions

Secular Mindfulness 8.15 to 8.45am.

For the quiet and focus of the session please arrive by 8.10am. Thanks. Body scan and Loving Kindness Meditation Led and Facilitated by Jane Reed. Jane has over thirty years experience of teaching such techniques.

Hilton, Churchill

Demos and The Centre for Progressive Policy

Can inclusive growth provide an answer to rising populism?

What can history teach us about the relationship between lack of opportunities and a rise in populism? Is inclusive growth the panacea or just one piece of the puzzle? What can be done at local level to address global challenges?

Hilton, Gloucester



Urban Transport Group

Westminster, Transport and the City Regions

The Urban Transport Group will be holding its annual breakfast meeting chaired by Lord Shipley. We have limited places available, if you are interested in attending please contact info@urbantransportgroup.org.

**Hilton,
Osborne**



ALDC

Preparing your community for crisis: Is your community prepared for crisis?

A discussion on how councils, councillors, the voluntary sector and community groups can work together to respond to emergencies. Speakers from the British Red Cross, Cllr Keith Aspden, Cllr. Victor Chamberlain, Lord Andrew Stunell and chaired by Baroness Councillor Kath Pinnock.

**Hilton,
Sandringham**



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.

Details of sessions will be printed in Conference Extra and Conference Daily.



Fringe Monday morning 11.30–12.30

Liberal International (British Group) *Iran and the Nuclear Deal; Jaw-Jaw or War-War? An assessment.*

Is the US withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA) a precursor to major war? Can the EU, Russia and China save the deal? Nazenin Ansari, Dr Bahram Ghiassaei, and Paul Reynolds shed light on these questions, leading a debate.

Hilton, Churchill

London Councils

What should the Spending Review do for London?

Professor Tony Travers (Chair); Cllr Ruth Dombey; Caroline Pidgeon AM; and Colin Stanbridge, Chief Executive of LCCI, look at what London needs from the forthcoming Spending Review and how Government can give London greater control of its own future.

**Hilton,
Osborne**



London Liberal Democrats with LDCRE

Creating a Diverse Party

Join Roderick Lynch (Chair of the Liberal Democrat Campaign for Race Equality) and Chris Maines (Chair of London Region). Celebrating the launch of LDCRE and addressing the need to ensure our party reflects a modern Britain.

Hilton, Surrey 1

Social Market Foundation and The City of London Corporation

How can fintech encourage financial inclusion and empower all consumers?

This expert roundtable will discuss how innovations in financial technology – fintech – can be utilised to empower all consumers and encourage financial inclusion. Places are limited; register your interest by emailing hannah@smf.co.uk.

The Grand, Consort Room



Fringe Monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

JUSTICE and Rights Liberties Justice/Liberal Democrats Lawyers Association

The Future of Legal Aid – how can access to justice be restored?

From barristers striking to the Bach Commission and Secret Barrister, evidence abounds of the legal aid crisis and wider justice system failings. Speakers: Andrea Coomber, JUSTICE; Lord Marks QC; Anthony Hook, Barrister; James Sandbach, LawWorks. Chair: Andrew Haslam-Jones, RLJ/LDLA.

**Brighton Centre,
Meeting Room 1 A**



Recovery and Development seat briefing

(Open to members from Recovery and Development seats)

Details on the new seat support programme to help Recovery and Development seats grow their local parties and win more elections.

Brighton Centre, Syndicate 3

Exit from Brexit Campaign – Liberal Democrats

Where we go from here?

With Sir Nick Clegg and Tom Brake MP.
Hilton, Ambassador

**Local Government Association
Liberal Democrat Group**

*Unlocking talent, fulfilling potential:
local answers to the social mobility
challenge*

How can local government and local communities help people unleash their talents? Speakers include Wera Hobhouse MP; Cllr Ruth Dombey. Speakers from the National Housing Federation and Joseph Rowntree Trust (invited). Refreshments provided.

Hilton, Buckingham



The Smith Institute and Prospect
*No voice, no growth: Is the lack of
democracy at work holding back the UK
economy?*

Speakers: Baroness Susan Kramer (Liberal Democrat Treasury Spokesperson); Sue Ferns (Deputy General Secretary, Prospect); Ian Brinkley (Interim Chief Economist, CIPD); Chair: Vicky Pryce (Economist and Board Member, Centre for Economics and Business Research).

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Churchill**



The Rural Reception



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Monday 17 September 2018
1.00 – 2.00pm
Osborne Room at
The Brighton Hilton Metropole

Baroness Cathy Bakewell
*Lords Spokesperson on Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs*

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UK Music

How can we support our future musical talent pipeline?

Join Christine Jardine MP (Spokesperson for Scotland), Jane Bonham-Carter (Spokesperson for DCMS) and Tim Clement-Jones (Lords Spokesperson for Digital Economy) for an expert panel discussion on how the UK stays at the forefront of producing creative talent. Refreshment provided.

Hilton, Edinburgh



Academy of Medical Sciences, Royal Academy of Engineering, British Academy, Royal Society

What has science ever done for me?

Politicians are making challenging decisions over how to prioritise limited funds to improve people's lives across the UK. Is research and innovation a good investment? Speakers include Norman Lamb MP (tbc), Layla Moran MP. Chaired by Professor Graeme Reid, UCL.

Hilton, Gloucester



The Angling Trust and The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The Rural Reception

Speaker: Baroness Cathy Bakewell, Lords Spokesperson on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Hilton, Osborne



Demos and the Solicitors Regulation Authority

How technology is changing access and choice to professional services

Advances in technology are expanding access to a wider range of professional services. What do consumers need to make easy comparisons between suppliers? How can regulators and Government make sure this information is reliable and trusted?

Hilton, Surrey 1



Fair By Design and Child Poverty Action Group

Life shouldn't cost more when you're poor – ending the poverty premium

Poor people pay around £490 per year more for everyday goods and services. Join Fair By Design and CPAG for the launch of a roadmap to end this unfair premium. Speakers: Stephen Lloyd MP, Martin Coppack. Chair: Mark Pack.

Hilton, Surrey 2



Green Liberal Democrats In association with the Vegan Society

A food menu for a sustainable and Healthy Future? Talks and panel

Our food choice and farming methods are increasingly in news with their impacts on wellbeing and planet. What policies are better for all? Speakers: Phil Bennion (Advisor, Farmer, Ex-MEP), Helen Harwatt (Harvard University), Louise Davies (VeganSociety), Graham Neale (GreenLibDems).

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Fringe Monday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 continued

Greener UK

How can we deliver an ambitious environment act?

How can a world-leading environment act be passed within the next year and what role do the Liberal Democrats need to play in delivering it? Greener UK is a coalition of 13 major environmental organisations. RSVP: pmcnamee@green-alliance.org.uk

Hotel du Vin, The Dome



Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15

National Pharmacy Association (NPA) and Lib Dems in Business

Wellbeing at Work: how can local business and communities build person-centred health?

Healthy people and places are the bedrock of a productive economy. And work is beneficial to wellbeing when it provides income, interaction and identity. This panel debates the role that business can play in a healthcare system that is centred on people and anchored in communities.

**Brighton Centre,
Meeting Room 1A**



Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Reception

Speakers: The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister Responsible for Exiting the EU, The Hon Dr Joseph Garcia MP.

**Hilton,
Buckingham**



The Royal British Legion

Royal British Legion Drinks Reception

To commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1, we are saying 'Thank You' to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world. Come to our reception to find out how to get involved and support our Armed Forces community.

Hilton, Gloucester



Liberal Democrat Peers

Peers All Ears!

Your chance to meet the Liberal Democrat Peers! Come and talk to them about your views on anything that matters to you in an informal, meet and mingle setting. New members particularly welcome.

Hilton, Ambassador



Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15 continued

National Youth Agency

Generational Divide? Supporting young people in the present, ambitious for the future

What we want for and expect of young people, to be treated fairly: the role of youth work and investing in quality services. Speakers include: Layla Moran MP; Leigh Middleton, National Youth Agency; Local Government Association and youth sector representatives.

Hilton, Lancaster

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 (invited); Stuart Roberts, Vice President, NFU; Ian Wright CBE, Chief Executive, FDF. Chair: Mike Stones, Group Editor, New Food.

**Hilton,
Sandringham**



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

Political Skills Forum and Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd

Compulsory Voter ID: Sensible security measure or deliberate disenfranchisement?

In May 2018 five boroughs with local elections piloted compulsory ID, ahead of Government plans for national roll-out. Join Watford's Lib Dem Mayor Peter Taylor, Jessica Garland (Electoral Reform Society) and Janet Grauberg (Political Skills Forum) to debate the issues.

Hilton, Surrey 2

Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Charities Aid Foundation

Rethinking international development: Can building civil society play a key role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?

This event is by invitation only, please contact koliver@cafonline.org if you would like more information.

Hilton, Churchill



Prospect Magazine

Tom Clark in Conversation with Sir Vince Cable MP

With only months to go until the United Kingdom officially leaves the European Union, the Editor of *Prospect* speaks with the party leader about the road ahead and the policy priorities of the party. For more information contact events@prospectmagazine.co.uk

Hilton, Clarence

Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00 continued

sustainability hub with Green Liberal Democrats

Low Carbon Economy Reception – come and meet leading figures from the industry

Speakers: Graham Neale, Chair, Green Liberal Democrats; Baroness Lynne Featherstone, Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change. More speakers to be confirmed. sustainability hub is a coalition of organisations working to promote action on sustainable growth. Further information:

www.sustainability-hub.org/events/

**Hilton,
Sandringham**



Liberal Democrats

Whisky tasting with Alistair Carmichael MP

A unique opportunity to taste, discuss and learn a bit about malt whisky in a relaxed, friendly environment. RSVP by emailing libdemfow@gmail.com or call 07469 714839.

Hilton, Lancaster

Fringe Monday late evening 21.30–23.00

Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Liberal Democrats

Reception

All members of Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties are warmly invited to the Regional Reception, Come and join friends from across both regions. Cash bar.

Hilton, Ambassador

Liberal Democrats – Federal People Development Committee

Liberal Democrat Trainers' Reception

If you're a party trainer or co-ordinate training in your area, please join us as we say 'thank you' for the fantastic work you do. If you've previously delivered training for the party or want to find out more, come along and find out how to get involved.

Hilton, Lancaster

Liberator

Glee Club

Glee Club is back this Autumn! Come along and enjoy as Liberator reel out the Liberal Democrat Conference Classics. Entry is free on the door.

Hilton, Balmoral & Buckingham

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.

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Training Programme: Monday

Monday 08.00–09.00

Salesforce drop-in - early morning session

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Membership Team
Hilton, Lancaster

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Monday 09.30–10.45

People behind the scenes: Selection Committee

(This sessions runs 09.30-10.00)

If you're interested in shaping the criteria for the candidate to represent your constituency, then come along to learn more.

Candidates Team
Hilton, Osborne

party roles

People behind the scenes: Mediator

(This sessions runs 10.15-10.45)

Good at resolving disputes, keen to get involved or do you have professional experience? We'd love you to come along to this session.

Candidates Team
Hilton, Osborne

party roles

Be an Agent - Election Law Part 1

What every agent and campaigner needs to know about running an election, from standing candidates in an election to completing your expenses returns.

Compliance Team
Hilton, Lancaster

compliance

Jumpstart Your Media Campaign with Young Liberals

How to get an effective media campaign up and running, including how to navigate social media and how to engage on a university and local branch level.

Young Liberals
Hilton, Churchill

campaigning



Training Programme: Monday continued

Monday 09.30–10.45 cont.

Delivering change in your community

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Come find out the power of effective advocacy campaigning and how it can bring change to your area.

Campaigns & Elections Team
Hilton, Balmoral

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Talking to voters - Knocking on doors and using MiniVAN

Another double session - We begin by looking at the importance of talking to voters and look at ways to do it. We follow this by looking at the party's canvassing app - 'MiniVAN'.

ALDC
Hilton, Buckingham

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How to recover from disappointing local election results

Didn't get the results you were hoping for? Come to this session and learn how to recover, keep your local team motivated and make sure you win next time.

Membership Team
Hilton, Edinburgh

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Councillor training - Being an Effective Council Group

A council group is more than a collection of individuals. We discuss how to make sure your group is cohesive and inclusive while being effective at delivering change and making an impact.

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Monday 14.30–16.00

Personal resilience skills

We often talk about the 'rough and tumble' of politics. But how do we cope when the going gets tough? Join this session to find out how to build up your resilience.

Federal People Development Committee
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Breaking through - winning your first seat

Getting that first bit of yellow on the map is often the toughest task. Learn how campaigners achieved this in 2018 and gain important insight in how to break through in your area.

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Training Programme: Monday continued

Monday 14.30–16.00 cont.

Engagement matters - finding members, helpers and voters in diverse communities

Where to find unexpected support in places where you may not have looked before.

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Pick a ward and win it - Winning the postal vote

First we look at the importance of the postal vote and how to maximise your vote amongst postal voters. Then we cover the 'Get Out The Vote' plan for the last week of the campaign.

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Why should I vote for you – getting your message right

At the heart of all the best election campaigns, you will find a clear, emotive and relevant message. Come find out how to develop your local message to give your campaign a boost.

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Digital fundraising: raising more money online (*Advanced session*)

New learning on techniques, timing and wording, email, website and social media tricks and smart fundraising ideas to maximise your online income. Poach the best from charities to ensure you survive and thrive as a fighting-fit local campaigning team.

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Monday 16.15–17.45

Top tips for first time local and parliamentary candidates

First time candidate, or trying to become one? Come along to find out how to get your candidacy off to a flying start.

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Top Tip for Training

The coloured buttons make suggestions as to what skills you will learn in each session. Use this as a guide to help you find the right training for your needs.



Training Programme: Monday continued

Monday 16.15–17.45 cont.

Pick a ward and win it - Community campaigning

How to identify the issues in your local area and campaign to make a liberal difference in your community. This session will make you think about how to run campaigns that engage people.

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Pick a ward and win it - Yes, you can still use emails

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Dealing with difficult people

(open to all)

Explore ideas for building positive relationships with people you don't see eye to eye with.

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Moving forward against Labour - lessons from Hull, Haringey, Lewisham East and Liverpool

Some of our seats made outstanding progress against Labour in 2018. Come find out how they did it and take away best practice and advice that can help your local campaign.

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Winning against the Tories - How we won in East of England: Watford, Three Rivers and South Cambridgeshire

Best practice and insider knowledge from the brilliant campaigns in Watford, Three Rivers and South Cambridgeshire. Learn how to take on the Tories and win in 2019.

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Meeting the members - Making a positive impression one to one

Come along for tip tips on making a positive impression as well as engaging and motivating members.

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Tuesday 18 September

Fringe Tuesday morning 08.00–09.00

Prayer Room

Embracing Diversity; Prayer and Meditation Sessions in secular and religious traditions

Christian Prayers 8.15 to 8.45am. To keep the quiet and focus of the session please arrive by 8.10am. Thank you. Led by Elizabeth Jewkes, Chair of the Liberal Democrat Christian Forum. Facilitator Jane Reed.
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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.

Details of sessions will be printed in Conference Extra and Conference Daily.

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Young Liberals

Careers in Politics

Are you young and early on in your career? Are you interested in finding your path in politics? Come along and quiz our panel of young professionals and find the best route for you into the world of politics!

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1 C

Brighton & Hove Liberal Democrats

Women in Science

Layla Moran, Education Spokesman and Oxford West & Abingdon MP, will speak to an audience of delegates, local party members and students on "Women in Science". Layla was at school in Brighton and is an Imperial College Physics graduate.

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North West, North East and Yorkshire & Humber Regional Parties

Powerhouse or #NorthernFail: the Northern Perspective

Speakers from North West, North East and Yorkshire & Humber regions, with a focus on the working transport infrastructure the North of England needs.

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Liberal Democrat Women and Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists

What's next in the campaign for women's equality in STEM?

Whether you have a STEM background or just wondered what the gender barriers faced are, you are invited to join ALDES, LDW and renowned guest speakers for a lively discussion on women's equality within the still male dominated STEM areas.

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IPPR and The UK in a Changing Europe

What next for Brexit?

With speakers: Rt Hon Tom Brake MP, Spokesperson for Exiting the European Union and International Trade; Baroness Sal Brinton, Liberal Democrat Party Chair (invited); Dr Simon Usherwood, Deputy Director, The UK in a Changing Europe; Tom Kibasi, Director, IPPR (chair).

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Training Programme: Tuesday

Tuesday 08.00–09.00

Salesforce drop-in - early morning session

Got questions about Salesforce? Pop along to one of our drop-in sessions and get answers and practical guidance on how to make the most of our membership database.

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Tuesday 09.30–10.45

Now you are selected: Building a target seat from scratch *(Open to all)*

If you cannot move to a target seat, this is how to build one where you live!

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Introduction to the role of an Agent

Find out more about the role of an agent, how to thrive in the role and learn top tips and more.

Compliance and

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Donation Law - a guide for all treasurers

Everything you need to know to comply with donation law. A must for all local party officers of any experience level.

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Training Programme: Tuesday continued

Tuesday 09.30–10.45 cont.

How to run a phone bank

Connect's Virtual Phone banks can supercharge your election campaign. Come and learn how to make the most out of them - and turn phone-banking into a fun activity for all ages in your local party!

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Tuesday 11.00–12.30

Coping with conflict in Local Parties

(Open to all)

Differences of opinion occasionally spin out of control into outright conflict. Come and hear how to repair relationships and rebuild a positive team.

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How to engage and communicate with your members

Members are a fantastic resource - but all too often, we don't make the most out of them. Join us and find out how to communicate with and engage your membership - so you can make the most out of them in your area.

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Running a data driven local party

You've got loads of information on your members - but how can you use it? Join us and find out how to make your local party a data-driven local party.

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- H** Hilton Brighton Metropole
- G** The Grand Hotel
- V** Hotel Du Vin

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