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Agenda extra

Updates and amendments to the Agenda printed in the *Agenda & Directory*.

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F2 Federal Conference Committee

Q1. Submitted by John Grout

Given the potential for an Autumn election to disrupt the Autumn Conference (for the 4th time in the last 5 years!), what plans do FCC have to minimise any disruption and ensure that something can still take place (e.g. purely online)? Given the high number of cancelled conferences over recent years, and the possibility of yet another cancellation in the autumn, on what grounds does FCC believe that any party member should arrange to attend any party conference ever again?

Q2. Submitted by Abrial Jerram

Do you plan to increase the diversity of conference venues beyond York, Brighton and Bournemouth in the long term?

Q3. Submitted by Abrial Jerram and John Grout

Did the possibility that this could be our last conference before the General Election have an impact on selection of motions for the agenda and if so, what was the impact? Given that this may well be the last Conference before the General Election, can FCC explain the decision not to have any GE- or manifesto-focused items on the main agenda?

Note: Both submitters of this composite question will be entitled to a supplementary question.

Q4. Submitted by Abrial Jerram

Please explain your selection of F23, *Tackling the Funding Crisis in Local Government*, given its lack of substance.

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Q5. Submitted by Toby Keynes

For Autumn Conference 2023, a number of submitted questions were 'composited' together, supposedly to prevent duplication – but major concerns raised within some questions were removed entirely. Does FCC undertake not to use compositing to suppress awkward questions that members are entitled to raise?

Q6. Submitted by Michael Berwick-Gooding and Andrew Hudson

According to Standing Order 12.4 "After the Conference the Committee shall publish the answers to all questions submitted under Standing Orders 1.5 (d) and (e) which are in order, and to all supplementary questions asked". After last Autumn's Conference I emailed asking where this information would be published, but I didn't receive an answer. Please can you say where these have been published for the Federal Conferences last year and where they will be published for this Conference?

Note: Both submitters of this composite question will be entitled to a supplementary question.

Q7. Submitted by Dionne Daniel

The Questions input form says, at the final submission stage, "Recommended maximum 25 words" for Questions to Reports. You've already tried and failed to limit us to 30 seconds for follow-up questions. Are you trying to neuter this important way of holding committees to account at Conference?

Q8. Submitted by Joe Norris

What's been your committee's biggest mistake, and what did you learn from it?

Q9. Submitted by Alisdair McGregor

Why is the conference registration process still acting in a discriminatory fashion against people with long-term disabilities?

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Q10. Submitted by James Bliss

At Bournemouth conference there was an issue of partisan leaflets on a major policy debate being handed out on chairs during a fringe event by a major party group. What steps are FCC taking to prevent this happening in future?

F3 Federal Policy Committee

Q1. Submitted by Em Dean

I welcome the efforts of the FPC to index our recent policy, however, some key policy is missing as it is much older, for example on Culture, Transport, and Equalities, which tend not to be updated as frequently. Could the FPC commit to going a bit further back in time on such issues, and add policy from prior years?

Q2. Submitted by Michael Berwick Gooding

Will FPC look into the tax expert Richard Murphy's Taxing Wealth Report, and into Margaret Hodge's claim made on 25th November 2023 in the House of Commons that there are 100 tax reliefs which could raise £195 billion if scrapped, with a view to the party adopting some of them?

F4 Sport for the People

Amendment One

ALDC

Mover: Cllr Alex Wagner.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *After 4. (line 68), add:*

- 2 5. Help councils to enhance community sporting facilities which play
- 3 a key role in the early sporting lives of many athletes by working
- 4 with councils to reform local government finance and supporting
- 5 improvements to those grassroots community facilities.

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Amendment Two

15 members

Mover: Helen Tamblyn-Saville.

Summation: Olly Craven.

- 1 *After 4. (line 68), add:*
- 2 5. Review opportunities to televise and provide media coverage to
- 3 sports that have not typically enjoyed mainstream coverage.

F5 Boosting Cancer Survival

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In line 1, delete 'Concern' and insert 'Conference'.*

Amendment One

Lambeth

Mover: Stevan Cirkovic.

Summation: Donna Harris.

- 1 *In D. (line 8), delete 'Tens of thousands of patients' and insert 'Nearly*
- 2 *100,000 patients'.*
- 3 *Delete J. (lines 25–26) and insert:*
- 4 J. An extra 33,000 cancer cases per year in the UK (nearly one in 10)
- 5 are associated with deprivation and inequality.
- 6 *After J (line 26), insert:*
- 7 K. The Conservative Government has allowed the UK research
- 8 environment to deteriorate, and is presiding over the closure of
- 9 the National Cancer Research Institute, which has coordinated
- 10 cancer research for more than two decades.
- 11 L. There are shortages across all professions in the cancer
- 12 workforce, which has contributed to growing expenditure on
- 13 short-term staffing across all areas of NHS care, estimated by the
- 14 British Medical Association at £9 billion in 2022.

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15 *After e) (line 50), insert:*

- 16 f) A fair deal for the NHS workforce is vital to delivering better
 17 patient care, outcomes and research. Investing in the recruitment
 18 and retention of specialised cancer doctors and nurses is
 19 investment in patients and tackling growing cancer waiting lists.

20 *Delete 3. (lines 63–64) and insert:*

- 21 3. Boost access to radiotherapy by investing in 200 new
 22 radiotherapy machines and the staff to deliver an increased
 23 service, eliminating any blackspots in geographical coverage.

24 *After 3. (lines 64), insert:*

- 25 4. Expand day units and satellite services for chemotherapy so that
 26 cancer patients in all parts of the country can access routine
 27 treatment within 60 minutes of travel from their home.

F7 Liberal Values in a Dangerous World**Amendment One**

10 members

Mover: Dr Ruvi Ziegler.

Summation: Jacqueline Bell.

- 1 *In III. (line 9), after 'cooperation' insert 'and recalling the commitment*
 2 *in Spring conference 2021 policy motion, Safe and Legal Routes to Save*
 3 *Lives, to the creation of pathways for submission of humanitarian visa*
 4 *applications, including at embassies and consulates at countries of*
 5 *origin and at channel crossings'.*

6 *After F (line 20), insert:*

- 7 G. Partaking in global responsibility-sharing through providing
 8 protection for refugees fleeing conflicts wherever they arise
 9 such as through expansion of resettlement schemes and
 10 demonstrating a consistent commitment to family unification,
 11 recalling our commitment in Autumn conference 2018 policy

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12 motion *A Fair Deal for Everyone: Prosperity and Dignity in Migration*,
13 to offer safe and legal routes to the UK for at least 10,000
14 refugees each year as well as welcoming 10,000 unaccompanied
15 refugee children over a period of 10 years.

16 *In 2. d) (line 64), after 'asylum seekers' insert ';* this includes ensuring
17 a rapid response to displacement caused by conflicts wherever they
18 arise by creating a global process for applying for protection from
19 outside the UK, and by offering Sponsorship Scheme Visas and Family
20 Unification Schemes such as the Ukraine Family Scheme visa to those
21 fleeing conflicts globally, not just for Ukrainians'.

Amendment Two

10 members

Mover: John Russell.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *After vi) (line 37), insert:*

2 vii) Abandoning our role as a global leader on tackling the climate
3 emergency.

4 *After 1. e) (line 51), insert:*

5 f) Restoring the UK's role as a global leader on climate change.

6 *After 2. d) (line 64), insert':*

7 e) Increasing the proportion of the international development
8 budget committed to tackling climate change and
9 environmental degradation.

Amendment Three

17 members

Mover: George Cunningham.

Summation: Helen Maguire.

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- 1 *In 4. b) (line 92), after 'equipment procurements,' insert 'including*
- 2 *European industry being able to replenish stocks rapidly by ramping*
- 3 *up production to meet the threat triggered by Russia putting her*
- 4 *economy on a war footing'.*

- 5 *In 5. a) (line 101), delete ', one day,', and after 'country' insert 'including*
- 6 *finding lawful ways of using the estimated \$300 billion of frozen*
- 7 *sovereign assets of the Russian state as reparations for the violations*
- 8 *of international law by Russia in Ukraine'.*

Amendment Four

Lambeth

Mover: Sarah Lewis.

Summation: Doug Buist.

- 1 *After 7. c) (line 133), insert:*

- 2 e) Restore the British Council's in-country presence to 2019
- 3 levels of offices and staffing.

F9 Federal Appeals Panel

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 *In i) (line 16), delete 'appointed' and insert 'chosen'.*

- 2 *Delete ii) (line 17) and insert:*

- 3 *ii) In 22.1A, deleting 'elected' and inserting 'chosen'.*
- 4 *iii) In 22.1B, deleting 'elected' and inserting 'chosen'.*
- 5 *iv) In the last paragraph of 22.1, deleting 'the members elected to it by*
- 6 *the Federal Board' and inserting 'those of its members chosen by*
- 7 *the Federal Board'.*
- 8 *v) In the last paragraph of 22.1, deleting 're-appointed as a member*
- 9 *of the Panel' and inserting 'chosen again as a member of the Panel*
- 10 *by the Federal Board and confirmed by Conference'.*

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F11 Are you Drinking What We're Drinking?

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendments to the motion:

- 1 *In ii) (line 4), delete 'In the last three years' and insert 'Between 2020–*
- 2 *2022'.*

- 3 *In iii) (line 8), delete 'over the last three years' and insert 'between*
- 4 *2020–2022,'.*

F13 Tackling Persistent Absence

Amendment One

11 members

Mover: Andy McGowan.

Summation: Clare Tevlin.

- 1 *After a) (line 19), insert:*

- 2 b) Included in the absence figures are children who can not attend
- 3 rather than will not attend – those whose social and emotional
- 4 needs make attendance exceptionally challenging and in some
- 5 cases impossible.

- 6 *In b) (line 20), after 'free school meals' insert 'or who are young*
- 7 *carers', and after 'are ineligible' insert 'or who do not have caring*
- 8 *responsibilities'.*

- 9 *After iii) (line 42), insert:*

- 10 iv) Young carers should be proactively identified and supported with
- 11 their education and their caring responsibilities so they can have
- 12 the same educational opportunities as their peers.

- 13 *In v) (line 46), after 'classroom' insert 'and school'.*

- 14 *After C. (line 56), insert:*

- 15 D. Forty percent of young carers report that they are not getting the

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16 help they need to balance their caring responsibilities and their
17 education.

18 *In 4. (line 70), after 'school attendance' insert 'and make schools more*
19 *inclusive'.*

20 *After 8. (line 83), insert:*

21 9. Improving identification and support for young carers by:

22 a) Developing a cross-Government Carers Strategy with clear
23 actions to improve support for young carers.

24 b) Ensuring that all schools have a young carers lead and a
25 young carers policy so that all young carers know what
26 support is available inside and outside of school.

Amendment Two

ALDC

Mover: Lucy Nethsingha.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *In 1. (line 60), after 'not in school' insert 'and provide the funding for*
2 *councils to compile these records'.*

F15 Parliamentary Parties

Q1. Submitted by Sam Cook and Emily Tester

What more can we do as a party to tackle the rise of Antisemitism and Islamophobia?

Note: Both submitters of this composite question will be entitled to a supplementary question.

Q2. Submitted by Rebecca Jones

Following a meeting with Transgender members of the Liberal Democrats, what is the parliamentary party doing to advance transgender rights nationally?

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Q3. Submitted by Chase Smith

What can the Liberal Democrats do to promote clean energy production in the UK?

Q4. Submitted by Callum Robertson

What can Liberal Democrat members in England and Wales do to help preserve the United Kingdom in the face of the SNP's drive to divide?

Q5. Submitted by Tara Copeland

Does the Parliamentary Party support the abolition of leasehold?

Q6. Submitted by Jack Roberts

Do we support Labour's proposed reforms to the House of Lords?

Q7. Submitted by Joshua Price

What more will the Party be doing to highlight the impact of real-terms Local Government Funding cuts?

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F16 Emergency motions

The following two motions have been selected for debate; there will therefore not be an emergency motions ballot.

F16A Navalny

11 members

Mover: Christine Jardine MP.

Summation: David Chalmers.

1 Conference notes that:

- 2 I. Alexei Navalny, the leader of democratic opposition to Vladimir
3 Putin in Russia, was killed on 16 February 2024.
- 4 II. Navalny's widow, Yulia Navalnaya, has said that Navalny was
5 'tortured, starved, cut off and killed by Putin'.
- 6 III. Navalny had been serving a sentence at an Arctic penal colony,
7 after being arrested upon his return to Russia in January 2021,
8 having previously spent months recovering in Germany following
9 a Novichok assassination attempt.
- 10 IV. Other democratic activists imprisoned in Russia include Vladimir
11 Kara-Murza, British-Russian dual national and member of our
12 sister party Yabloko; there is now a real risk that he is also killed.

13 Conference believes that:

- 14 A. Navalny's tragic death, at the hands of Putin, cannot and will not
15 stifle the democratic ideals that he fought for.
- 16 B. Navalny cast a light on the corruption of Putin and his cronies.
- 17 C. Following Navalny's death, the UK Government did sanction some
18 individuals operating the Arctic penal colony, but they have failed
19 to sanction the entirety of the 'Navalny List'.
- 20 D. Navalny's opposition to Putin is embodied in the brave resistance
21 of the Ukrainians.
- 22 E. We must be emboldened to stand with Ukraine, even as US
23 support wavers, and help them resist Vladimir Putin's forces and
24 liberate their territory.
- 25 F. The UK must do all it can to secure the release of Vladimir Kara-
26 Murza.

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- 27 Conference accordingly calls on the UK Government to:
- 28 1. Sanction the rest of the Navalny List.
- 29 2. Make it a diplomatic priority to secure the release of Vladimir
30 Kara-Murza.
- 31 3. Support Vladimir Kara-Murza and all other British dual nationals
32 in similar situations by enshrining in law a right for British
33 dual nationals who have been politically detained to access UK
34 consular services.
- 35 4. Stand with Ukraine as the country resists Putin's invasion, by:
- 36 a) Beginning the seizure of frozen Russian assets in the UK, with
37 proceeds repurposed to finance support for Ukraine.
- 38 b) Immediately repurposing the interest accrued on frozen
39 Russian assets for the good of Ukraine, following the plan set
40 out by Belgium.
- 41 5. Take steps to tackle economic crime, including flows of money
42 from Putin's cronies, by:
- 43 a) Publishing the long overdue review of 'golden visas', the Tier
44 1 (Investor) visa scheme.
- 45 b) Close loopholes in economic crime legislation.
- 46 c) Properly fund the National Crime Agency, so that they can
47 pursue Russian economic crime in this country.

Applicability: Federal.

F16B Beyond Rwanda: A Fairer Way Forward on Asylum

11 members

Mover: Max Wilkinson.

Summation: Danny Chambers.

- 1 Conference notes with grave concern the Conservative Government's
2 latest efforts to push through their failing Rwanda scheme amid
3 general chaos in the Home Office – including their controversial

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4 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill which has passed
5 through the House of Commons in January and February and is now
6 in the House of Lords, the sacking of David Neal as Independent Chief
7 Inspector of Borders and Immigration in February, and near-constant
8 political infighting.

9 Conference further notes that:

- 10 I. Under this policy, refugees removed to Rwanda will not be
11 eligible to return to the UK, even if their asylum claims are
12 successful.
- 13 II. The Supreme Court has already ruled that the scheme is illegal
14 due to serious deficiencies in the Rwandan asylum system.
- 15 III. More than £241 million has already been spent on the scheme,
16 despite no flights taking off – equivalent to the cost of delivering
17 more than 5.7 million GP appointments.
- 18 IV. The Home Office's own figures show that it will cost £69,000
19 more to send each asylum seeker to Rwanda, compared to if they
20 remained in the UK.
- 21 V. The Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill has been
22 described by some lawyers as "legislating for a lie", declaring
23 Rwanda as a safe third country – despite the Supreme Court
24 upholding that it is not and Conservative ministers own
25 admissions it currently is not.
- 26 VI. A similar Israeli program of sending asylum seekers to Rwanda
27 resulted in most of them being smuggled out of Rwanda in the
28 hands of criminal gangs.

29 Conference believes that the Government's Rwanda policy:

- 30 a) Has been an extraordinary waste of time and money.
- 31 b) Is immoral, ineffective and incredibly expensive for the taxpayer.
- 32 c) Will do nothing to stop dangerous Channel crossings or combat
33 people smuggling and human trafficking.
- 34 d) Fails to address the backlog of asylum applications that has
35 ballooned under this Conservative Government.
- 36 e) Betrays the UK's proud tradition of providing sanctuary to
37 refugees fleeing war and persecution, and breaches our
38 international law commitments.

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39 Conference further believes that the best way to stop these dangerous
40 crossings and tackle people smuggling is to provide safe and legal
41 routes to sanctuary for refugees.

42 Conference therefore calls on the UK Government to:

- 43 1. Abandon the Rwanda scheme and related legislation with
44 immediate effect.
- 45 2. Reaffirm its commitment to upholding important human rights
46 legislation, including the European Convention on Human Rights,
47 the UN Refugee Convention and the Human Rights Act.
- 48 3. Fix the broken asylum system by establishing a new, dedicated
49 unit to make decisions quickly and fairly.
- 50 4. Provide safe and legal routes to sanctuary for refugees from all
51 countries, as outlined in policy motion Safe and Legal Routes to
52 Save Lives.
- 53 5. Manage the costs of the asylum system by giving asylum seekers
54 the right to work and introducing a service standard of three
55 months for all but the most complex claims to be processed.

Applicability: Federal.

F17 Federal Board

Q1. Submitted by John Grout

Since 01/01/2020, how many in-person Conferences have been cancelled to date, and what is the total aggregate financial cost to the Party of those cancellations? Given the number of conference cancellations in recent years, and the possibility of yet another in the autumn, on what grounds does the Federal Board believe that any party member should arrange to attend any party conference ever again?

Q2. Submitted by Abrial Jerram, Michael Berwick-Gooding, and Adam Roberston

How successful have you been in achieving the objective of “developing a compelling and distinctive narrative” and how important is it compared to the other organisational priorities listed in the report? The slogan ‘For a Fair Deal’ could be open up to interpretation, and therefore could mean

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something different to each individual. When we are talking about 'Fairness' is it the overarching theme of equality of opportunity or economic equality?

Note: All three submitters of this composite question will be entitled to a supplementary question.

Q3. Submitted by Daniel Jones

Given the advice to all members regarding antisemitism and the risks of being drawn into conspiracist thinking online (especially on social media), what is the board doing to support members (especially those involved in vetting council candidates) in spotting and being aware of such arguments?

Q4. Submitted by John Grout

How can we give LGBT+ candidates confidence and support given the culture wars the opponents of the Lib Dems are likely to be fighting on at the General Election?

Q5. Submitted by Mark Johnston

In cases that were already several years old, why did it take six months for the dismissal of eight so-called 'transphobia' complaints to be communicated to the members concerned? In the Board's view, do these unjustified delays and associated uncertainties caused by the party constitute victimisation within the meaning of Section 27 of the Equality Act?

Q6. Submitted by Zoe Hollowood

Has the Federal Board been given direct access to, and discussed, the legal advice commissioned by the party after the adoption of the Revised Definition of Transphobia? If not, why not?

Q7. Submitted by Zoe Hollowood

Has all the expert legal advice commissioned by the party into the Definition of Transphobia consistently confirmed that the holding and expressing of gender critical beliefs by members is protected by law under the Equality Act and the European Convention on Human Rights (Arts 9 & 10), and that members must be allowed to express those beliefs freely, as long as they do

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not harass or discriminate against trans people or create an environment that is hostile or discriminatory to trans people?

Q8. Submitted by Alisdair McGregor

In the wake of the case of Ali vs Green Party, is the Federal Board confident that our disciplinary procedures are robust and fit for purpose in removing transphobes and others who are not aligned with the values of the party?

Q9. Submitted by Toby Keynes

Will the Federal Board take steps to disassociate the Party from the incendiary and grossly offensive assertion, in a motion adopted by English Council Executive in November 2022, that allowing party members to hold and express gender critical beliefs is "equivalent to allowing the holding and expressing of white supremacist or anti-Semitic views"?

Q10. Submitted by Juliet Line

In 2022 the ex-Chair of FPDC commented that it was working on a whistleblowing policy for volunteers. When can members expect its completion, who has been consulted and how will it be communicated?

Q11. Submitted by Toby Keynes

On 19/11/2022, I volunteered to train as an e-ballot administrator. The first initial training session offered was in December 2023. It is now 15 ½ months since I first applied, and I am still waiting to be offered the final-stage training programme. Is there a shortage of trained e-ballot administrators, and how long is the average wait time from volunteering to completing training?

Q12. Submitted by Wendy Horton and Dionne Daniel

Could Federal Board put the 2022 presidential hustings videos online and link them to the 2022 President election results page as they seem to have been taken down after briefly being available on you tube?

Note: Both submitters of this composite question will be entitled to a supplementary question.

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F18 Campaign for Gender Balance

Q1. Submitted by Alison Jenner

Numerous councillors and local party executives have told me their experiences of sex discrimination within the party, from being advised not to stand due to having young children, to refusal to make accommodations regarding meeting times. What is the Party doing to support women in this position, educate other councillors and exec members and help stop this happening?

F19 Federal Campaigns and Elections Committee

Q1. Submitted by John Grout and Adam Roberston

What more support can be given to T2/Moving Forward seats to help as many as possible become the target seats of the future? How are the Federal Communications and Elections Committee ensuring that Development and Start-Up seats are being supported for the General Election, with the County Council Elections being the main priority and the potential for many Liberal Democrats being elected to County Councils in 2025 and being in power?

Note: Both submitters of this composite question will be entitled to a supplementary question.

Q2. Submitted by Abrial Jerram

What is the process for a constituency that does not hit targets and does this process differ between held seats and non-held seats?

Q3. Submitted by Chris Butler

Why has the committee not disseminated the findings of the Campaigns Innovation Fund that it commissioned on the effectiveness of digital and non-digital campaigning?

Q4. Submitted by Abrial Jerram

How many seats are in each tier and do you expect these numbers to change between now and the election?

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F23 The Funding Crisis in Local Government

The FCC has agreed to make the following drafting amendment to the motion:

- 1 *In a) (line 36), after 'leisure centres,' insert 'swimming pools,'.*

Amendment One

Sheffield

Mover: Andrew Sangar.

Summation: Joe Otten.

- 1 *After v) (line 25), insert:*

- 2 vi) Councils are struggling to fund the increase in the need for
3 homeless placements and supported accommodation.

- 4 *After b) (line 32), insert:*

- 5 c) The government's approach to encourage councils to use
6 reserves and capital receipts to subsidise their revenue
7 expenditure is fundamentally wrong and unsustainable.

- 8 *After e) (line 42), insert:*

- 9 f) Liberal Democrat councillors up and down the country have a
10 strong record in community engagement and delivering good
11 quality, value for money local public services to respond to local
12 need.



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Question & answer sessions

Any voting member may submit a concise question (maximum 25 words) on any subject for the Leader's Q&A (F10). Questions will be selected by the chair and the questioner will be able to ask their question via the interventions microphone.

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Exhibition update

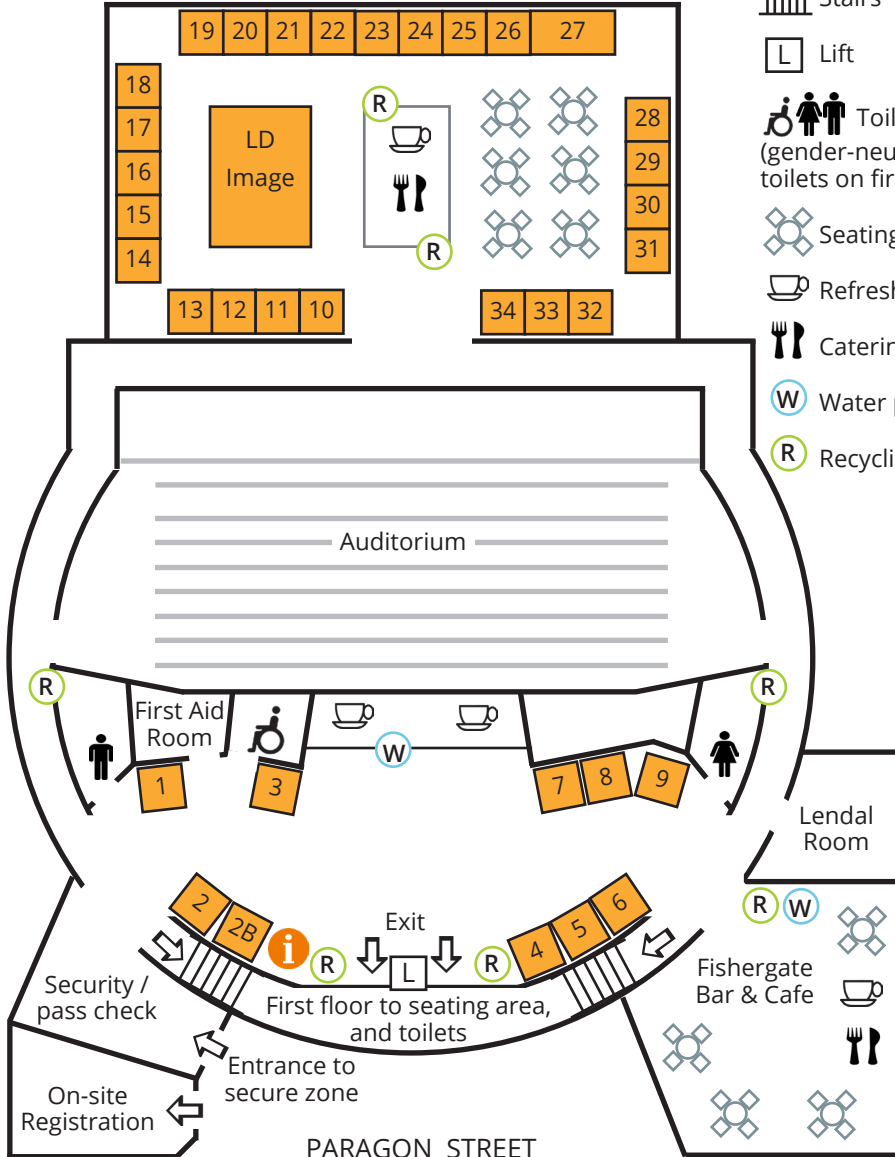
York Barbican venue and exhibition plan

 Exhibition stand – key to stand numbers on page 23.

Access routes shown are fully accessible.

Key

-  Information desk
-  Stairs
-  Lift
-  Toilets (gender-neutral toilets on first floor)
-  Seating area
-  Refreshments
-  Catering
-  Water point
-  Recycling



PARAGON STREET

Exhibitors listed by stand number

Updated list of exhibitors by stand number:

1	LGBT+ Liberal Democrats	16&17	Election Workshop
2	Prater Raines	18	Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary
2B	The Liberal Democrats in England	19	Liberal Democrat Friends of Kashmir
3	Young Liberals	20	National Liberal Club
4	Liberal Democrat History Group	21	Liberator Magazine
5	Rights-Liberties-Justice / Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association	22	Liberal Software
6	Liberal Democrat Education Association	23&24	Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors
7	National Education Union	25	Liberal Democrat Women
8	Social Liberal Forum	26	Green Liberal Democrats
9	Liberal Democrat Campaign for Race Equality	27	Liberal Democrats Abroad
10	Liberal Democrat Christian Forum	28&29	RISO / SHARP
11	Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine	30	Liberal Democrat Friends of Ukraine and Liberal Democrat Friends of the Armed Forces
12	LibSTEMM (formerly ALDES)	31	Liberal Reform
13	Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats	32	League Against Cruel Sports
14	Liberal Democrat Disability Association	33	Whittington Moor Limited / The Delivery Group
15	Action for Land Tax and Economic Reform (ALTER)	34	Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform
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Directory of exhibitors

The following exhibitor is additional to those listed in the Agenda & Directory:

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Fringe update

Updates to the fringe listings in the Agenda & Directory

Fringe Saturday morning 08.00–09.00

This event has been cancelled:

Quiet Reflection

Novotel York Centre, Meeting Room 5

Regional Social Events at Conference

look out for and join:

London Liberal Democrats Lunch

Saturday 16 March, 13.00–14.00.

Mason's Arms, 6 Fishergate, York YO10 4AB.

Join us in a cosy pub with fireplace that also serves vegetarian dishes. 4 mins walk from York Barbican. Space has been booked for lunch.

Western Counties Drinks

Saturday 16 March, from 18.15.

Postern Gate, 90 Piccadilly, York YO1 9NX.

Modern pub in castle-like building for real ales and pub grub.

Weatherspoon pub. 4 mins walk from York Barbican.

Spokespeople Q&A sessions

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

Please note changes to times and speakers as below.

Health Q&A

Saturday 16 March 13.00–14.00
with Daisy Cooper; Chair Eleanor Kelly.

Treasury Q&A

Saturday 16 March 14.30–15.30
with Sarah Olney; Chair Hannah Kitching.

Environment Q&A

Sunday 17 March 11.00–12.00
with Tim Farron and John Russell; Chair: Duncan Brack.

All sessions will take place in the Lendal Room, York Barbican.



Internet access

Free wifi is available at all our official venues:

York Barbican

Network name: Barbican Free Wi-Fi
No password required

Novotel York Centre

Network name: Novotel
Please insert your email address and click 'Connection' in yellow

Hilton York

Network name: Hilton Honors
Please click on 'I have a Promotional Code' and insert 'March2024'

Live stream

The conference will be streamed live, in case you miss any sessions or want to watch again, at: libdems.org.uk/conference-live

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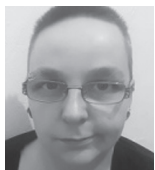
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