

# CONFERENCE GUIDE

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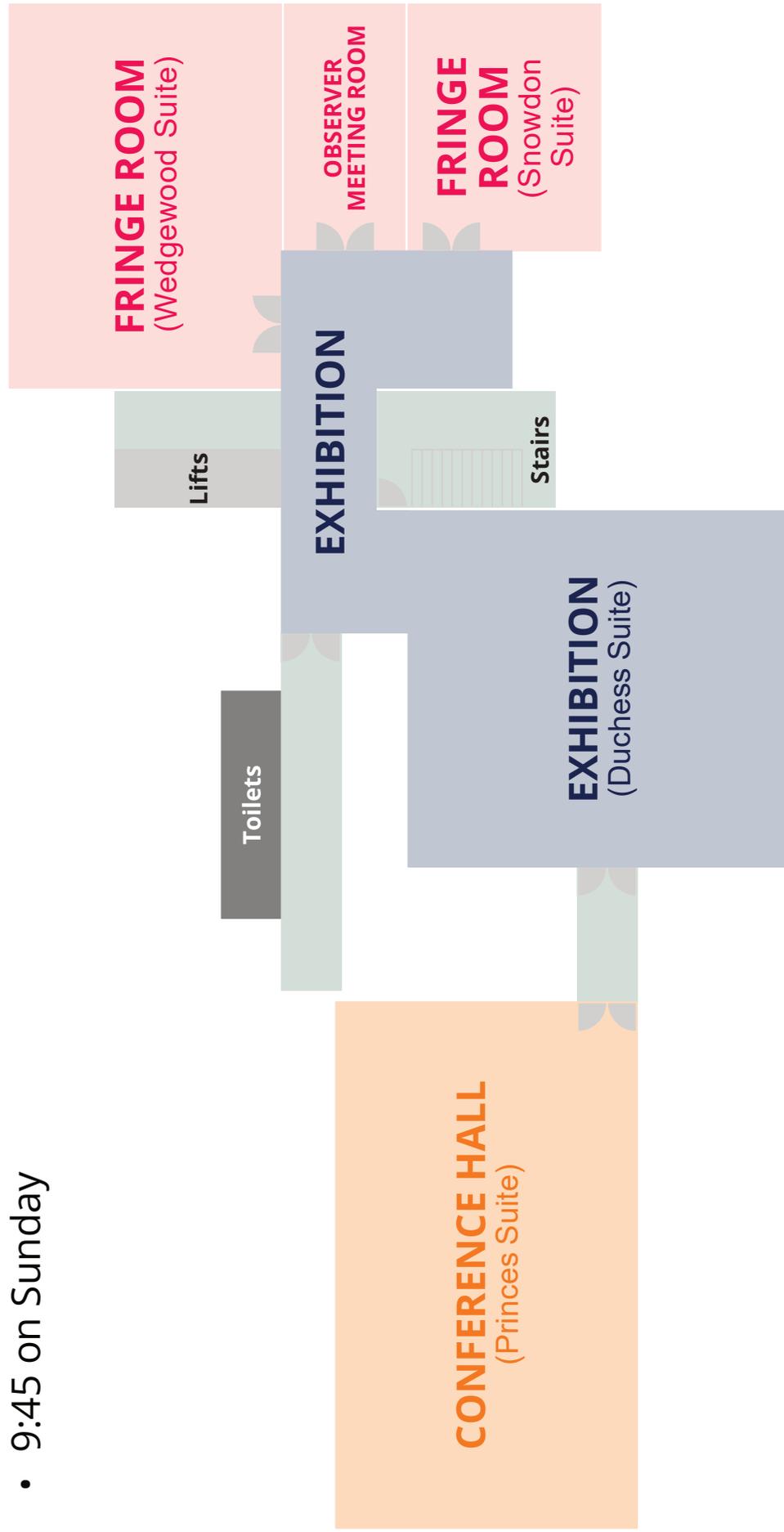
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It opens at:

- 9:00 on Saturday
- 9:45 on Sunday



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## SATURDAY MORNING

### 9:30 OPENING OF CONFERENCE

**Rodney Berman**

Lead Senedd Candidate for Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf

### 9:45 POLICY MOTIONS

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### 10:55 DEBATE: How can we make tacking poverty a priority?



#### **In partnership with the Bevan Foundation**

Ahead of a landmark Senedd election, it is more important than ever that poverty is high on the political agenda. Join us for a discussion about what poverty really looks like across Wales and the practical steps that the next Welsh Government could take to tackle it.

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### 14:25 LEADER'S SPEECH

**Jane Dodds MS**

Leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats



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## SATURDAY LATE AFTERNOON

### 16:00 **DEBATE: Charities and volunteers' vital role in community cohesion**



#### **In partnership with WCVA**

With increasing threats to community cohesion, a deepening climate emergency and pressures on public services, the role of charities, community groups and volunteers has never been more crucial. The next Welsh Government can introduce legislation to help us tackle these challenges together. This event will explore how voluntary organisations strengthen communities and how the Welsh Liberal Democrats can work with the voluntary sector towards a fairer and more prosperous Wales.

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### **10:35 DEBATE: TOWARDS THE FINAL MANIFESTO**

A member-led discussion to shape the priorities  
and ideas in our Senedd election manifesto.

### **11:35 DEPUTY LEADER'S SPEECH**

**David Chadwick MP**

Deputy Leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats

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### 14:45 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

**Tim Sly**

President of the Welsh Liberal Democrats

# SPEAKING & VOTING

## WHO CAN SPEAK?

**Liberal Democrat Members**, whether they are registered for Conference as Voting or Non-Voting Members may speak in any debate.

**Observers** may only speak if permission is granted by the Conference Committee.

## LENGTH OF SPEECHES

For debates on motions:

- **Proposer of a motion:** 5 minutes.
- **Proposer of an amendment:** 5 minutes.
- **All other speakers (including summators):** 3 minutes.

The Chair may reduce these time limits to allow more members to contribute. Any change will be announced during the debate.

If the Chair asks you to bring your speech to a close, please do so promptly.

## HOW TO SPEAK IN A DEBATE

If you wish to speak:

1. **Complete a Request to Speak card.**
2. Submit it to the Speakers' Desk near the front of the hall.
3. Wait to see if you are called during the debate.

You must complete a separate card for each debate.

Request to Speak cards are available from:

- The Speakers' Desk.
- Stewards in the hall.
- The Registration Desk.

## COMPLETING A REQUEST TO SPEAK CARD

To maximise your chances of being called:

### 1. Submit your card early.

In popular debates, late submissions are unlikely to be selected. The Chairing team meets in advance to plan the debate, so early cards are essential.

### 2. Complete the card fully

In addition to the basic details (name, local party, position on the motion), there is a space on the back for:

- Relevant professional or personal experience.
- Party background.
- A brief outline of your intended contribution.

This helps the Chair balance the debate — ensuring a range of perspectives, relevant expertise, and avoiding repetition.

### 3. Make it easy to read

Write clearly and legibly. Avoid tiny writing or filling every available space. A concise, readable card makes it much easier for the Chair to include you..

## ORDER OF DEBATE FOR MOTIONS

Motions will generally be considered in the following order:

1. Proposer of the Motion.
2. Proposers of any amendments, speaking in turn.
3. Speakers will then be called on all sides of the debate with the Chair seeking to ensure balance.
4. Summators of the amendments, speaking in turn.
5. Summator of the motion.
6. Votes on any amendments and/or any separate votes in turn - for and against.

# SPEAKING & VOTING

7. Final vote motion as a whole - for and against.

## VOTING

Only Voting Members may vote. Voting Members will have “Voting” printed on the back of their Conference Badge.

To vote in a debate, you must be in the Conference Hall by the end of the summator’s speech. Once voting begins, no further entry in to the Conference Hall will be permitted.

To vote:

- Remain seated.
- Follow the Chair’s instructions on when to vote.
- Hold your Conference Badge in the air with the “Voting” side facing the Chair.

You may be asked to keep your badge raised for some time to allow votes to be counted accurately.

Decisions are normally taken by a simple majority of those voting. If a different threshold applies, the Chair will explain this before the vote is taken.

**SATURDAY 9:45**

## **Fairer Funding and Increased Devolution**

### **Proposed by Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Liberal Democrats**

**This conference notes** the publication by Cardiff University in November 2025 of the report entitled “A Decade On: Reforming Wales’ Fiscal Framework”.

**This conference supports** many of its key recommendations and calls on the Welsh Liberal Democrats to lobby the UK Government to implement them in order to ensure fairer funding for Wales.

These include:

- I. Fully devolving to the Welsh Government powers over income tax rates and thresholds along the lines of those already devolved in Scotland, and also devolving income tax paid on savings and dividends.
- II. Updating the limits placed on the overall size and drawdowns from the Wales Reserve to at least reflect inflation and growth in the Welsh Government’s budget since they were introduced in 2018-19, and considering abolishing them entirely.
- III. Removing the current restriction which means the Welsh Government can only borrow for resource spending in response to forecast errors in devolved taxes and allowing the Welsh Government to borrow within uprated limits for planned resource spending.
- IV. Significantly increasing the overall cap on Welsh Government borrowing for capital spending.

**This conference reiterates** the Welsh Liberal Democrats’ previously expressed support for ensuring the Barnett floor is set at a level that reflects the need for Wales to be funded fairly, and notes the conclusion in the Cardiff University report that the application of the Needs-Based factor to the formula has resulted in over £2 billion of additional funding for the Welsh Government between 2018-19 and 2025-26. The Cardiff University report concludes, however, that whilst the funding position for spending on devolved

areas may have improved since these reforms were introduced between 2016 and 2018, Wales currently receives substantially less per person in comparison to England on public services that remain reserved to the UK Government.

To help address this and ensure more areas of spending in Wales are funded fairly, this conference reiterates Welsh Liberal Democrat support for greater devolution to Wales.

This includes:

1. Devolving responsibility for rail services and rail infrastructure to Wales, with fair funding and shared governance on cross-border services.
2. Devolving powers over youth justice, probation services, prisons and policing.
3. Strengthening the devolution of powers over broadcasting.
4. Devolving Air Passenger Duty.
5. Devolving the Crown Estate.

**SATURDAY 9:45**

## **Minimum Unit Pricing: Evidence First**

**Proposed by the Policy Development Committee**

### **Conference notes:**

- A. In February 2026, plans to increase the Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) level for alcohol in Wales was agreed.
- B. MUP was introduced as a targeted public health intervention intended to reduce harmful drinking rather than raise prices for all consumers.
- C. Wales continues to experience significant alcohol-related health harms alongside ongoing cost-of-living pressures.
- D. Evidence on long-term behavioural change, cross-border purchasing, and impacts on moderate drinkers remains mixed.
- E. Retailers, health professionals, and community organisations have expressed differing views on whether further price rises will deliver fair and effective outcomes.

### **Conference believes:**

- I. Liberal policy must balance public health with proportionality, fairness, and individual freedom.
- II. Effective alcohol harm reduction requires treatment, prevention, education, and strong local services, not pricing measures alone.
- III. Public trust depends on transparent, independently verified evidence before further restrictions are introduced.
- IV. Policies perceived as unfair risk undermining confidence in wider public health action.

### **Conference calls for:**

- 1. A full independent review of Minimum Unit Pricing outcomes in Wales before any further increase is implemented.
- 2. Greater investment in early intervention, mental health provision, and community-based recovery services across Welsh communities.

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3. Publication of clear Welsh Government data on health, crime, cross-border trade, and economic impacts linked to MUP.
4. Exploration of targeted, evidence-led alternatives that focus support on harmful drinking while protecting responsible consumers and small local retailers and ensuring policy remains proportionate, transparent, and responsive to emerging independent public health evidence continually.

**SATURDAY 9:45**

## **Next Step, Guaranteed**

### **Proposed by the Policy Development Committee**

#### **Conference notes:**

- A. The Welsh Government's Young Person's Guarantee (YPG), launched in 2021, commits to ensuring that all young people aged 16–24 can access support to move into education, employment, training or self-employment.
- B. That the YPG has successfully brought together a range of existing employability, skills and careers programmes under a single framework, supporting tens of thousands of young people across Wales.
- C. Despite this, in 2024, 1,240 school leavers in Wales were recorded as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) shortly after leaving school, representing 2.2% of all school leavers, with the highest rates among Year 13 leavers (Careers Wales, 2024).
- D. That wider data shows approximately 11–12% of 16–24-year-olds in Wales are NEET at any one time, with significantly higher rates among disabled young people and those from disadvantaged backgrounds (Welsh Government, 2024).
- E. That evidence from the UK Parliament and Office for National Statistics demonstrates that periods spent NEET are associated with long-term unemployment, lower lifetime earnings, poorer health outcomes, and increased public spending.
- F. That the YPG is an offer of support, rather than a time-limited entitlement to a specific opportunity at the point of leaving school, and therefore does not guarantee a secure transition for all school leavers.
- G. That changes to the post-14 curriculum should expand the vocational offer to pupils in Wales.

#### **Conference believes:**

- I. That the point at which young people leave secondary education is a critical moment of risk and opportunity, and that failure to secure a positive destination at this stage significantly increases the likelihood of becoming NEET.
- II. That the Young Person's Guarantee provides a strong foundation, but

would be more effective if strengthened by a specific, school-leaver-focused commitment.

- III. That preventing young people from becoming NEET is more cost-effective than addressing the long-term consequences of youth unemployment and disengagement.
- IV. That academic, vocational and work-based pathways should be treated with equal status and value, and that young people should be supported to choose the route best suited to their skills and aspirations.

## **Conference calls for:**

1. A School Leavers Guarantee, designed explicitly to strengthen and operationalise the Young Person's Guarantee at the point of leaving secondary education.
2. That this School Leavers Guarantee should ensure that every young person leaving secondary education in Wales receives, within three months of leaving school, a guaranteed offer of at least one of the following, delivered through the Young Person's Guarantee framework:
  - i. Further or higher education, including vocational routes;
  - ii. A paid apprenticeship or traineeship with accredited training;
  - iii. Paid employment combined with recognised training or progression support;
  - iv. Supported employment or training for young people with additional learning needs or disabilities
3. the Welsh Government to deliver this strengthened guarantee by:
  - i. Prioritising early identification of pupils at risk of disengagement from age 14, through schools and Careers Wales;
  - ii. Better coordinating existing post-16 education, skills, employability and careers budgets, rather than creating large new funding streams;
  - iii. Requiring local and regional partnerships between schools, colleges, employers, Careers Wales and local authorities to plan sufficient post-school opportunities.
4. The Welsh Liberal Democrats to support outcome-based accountability within the Young Person's Guarantee, with a focus on sustained progression into education, training or employment and transparent annual reporting on school-leaver destinations.

**SATURDAY 13:00**

## The Welsh Economy

### Proposed by Clwyd East and Flintshire Liberal Democrats

#### **This Conference believes:**

- A. That healthy public services, healthy citizens and a happy and coherent society in Wales requires a productive, sustainable and growing economy.
- B. That taxes are the subscription fee for a civilised society and not a disincentive to economic activity if levied fairly and collected efficiently.
- C. That economic activity and environmental sustainability can go hand in hand.
- D. That control over major public services by the Senedd should be accompanied by influence over major economic levers including business taxation.

#### **Conference further believes:**

- a. That under Labour and the Conservatives at UK level tax and spending have become separate issues and this has created distrust in the electorate as their promises do not add up.
- b. That Plaid Cymru would either bankrupt Wales or break multiple election promises and let the electorate down again.
- c. That Reform UK are perpetrating a fraud on the people of Wales by making wild spending promises while blaming the poorest in society for problems created by their technology billionaire masters.

**Conference resolves** that a Liberal Democrat Welsh Government would rejuvenate the Welsh economy by:

1. Establishing on their first day a panel of expert economists to make recommendations for how the Welsh economy could grow for the benefit of Welsh residents.
2. Providing development funding to data centre providers to put data centres in close proximity to renewable power generation ensuring that Welsh natural resources drive Welsh economic growth.

3. Investing in public transport and road repairs.

## **The Liberal Democrats would further seek powers from the UK Government to:**

- i. Impose a platform tax on technology firms such as Booking.com and AirBNB that provide the ability for people to book holidays in properties in Wales – moving this burden from small business owners to the larger business that make larger profits.
- ii. Apply zonal electricity pricing to ensure that energy generated in Wales makes Wales attractive for business investment and reducing the cost of living for Welsh residents.
- iii. Grant devolved powers to the Senedd to make all decisions on business taxation including varying VAT for specific products and sectors to drive further economic growth or to rein in economic actions that cause harm in the longer term. This would involve bringing the principle of ‘polluter pays’ into business taxation in Wales.

## **Amendment 1**

### **Proposed by Wrexham Liberal Democrats**

**Delete bullet point 2 of Conference resolves that a Liberal Democrat Welsh Government would rejuvenate the Welsh economy by, and replace with:**

- “Providing development funding to locate data centres and other energy-intensive operations such as green hydrogen production in close proximity to renewable power generation, ensuring that Welsh natural resources drive Welsh economic growth.”

## **Amendment 2**

### **Proposed by Wrexham Liberal Democrats**

**At the end of bullet point 3 of Conference resolves that a Liberal Democrat Welsh Government would rejuvenate the Welsh economy by, delete the full stop and insert:**

- “across Wales, prioritising improvements that will link people to jobs and drive economic growth.”

**At the end of Conference resolves that a Liberal Democrat Welsh Government would rejuvenate the Welsh economy by, add new bullet point:**

- “Pressuring the UK Government to ensure that investments in rail infrastructure including the electrification of the North Wales main line, upgrades to the Borderlands line and the provision of new stations at Deeside Industrial Park and in South East Wales are fully funded and delivered as rapidly as possible.”

## Amendment 3

### Proposed by Wrexham Liberal Democrats

**At the end of Conference resolves that a Liberal Democrat Welsh Government would rejuvenate the Welsh economy by, add new bullet point:**

- “Providing support to the creative, film and television industries in recognition of their contribution to the Welsh economy and their potential to generate further economic growth.”

**SATURDAY 13:00**

## **Don't Tax Tourism**

**Proposed by the Policy Development Committee**

### **Conference notes:**

- A. Welsh Liberal Democrats' unanimous support for the Visitor Economy at Spring Conference 2024.
- B. Continued falls in visitor numbers, revenue and overnight stays in Wales.
- C. Rising costs for tourism and hospitality businesses, including business rates, utilities, wages and National Insurance.
- D. The increase of the furnished holiday threshold to 182 days under the Non-Domestic Rating (Amendment) (Wales) Act 2024.
- E. Proposals for a Tourism Levy and Registration Bill, introducing the first tourism tax in the UK.
- F. The lack of reliable data on the number of holiday lets, bed spaces and occupancy rates in Wales.

### **Conference believes:**

- I. Tourism and hospitality are essential to Wales's economy and local employment.
- II. The 182-day threshold is unrealistic and risks business closures and job losses.
- III. A tourism levy would harm competitiveness and may cost more to administer than it raises.
- IV. Good legislation must be evidence-based and proportionate.
- V. A national registration scheme can raise standards and improve safety.
- VI. Licensing would add unnecessary cost and bureaucracy.

### **Conference calls for:**

- 1. Reducing the furnished holiday threshold from 182 days to 105 days, in line with HMRC guidance.
- 2. Suspending any Tourism Levy until registration is complete, the sector's true scale is known, and an independent economic impact assessment is

published.

3. Reversing proposals for a mandatory licensing regime for tourism accommodation.
4. A fair, data-driven approach that supports businesses and protects jobs across Wales.

**SATURDAY 13:00**

## **Safe Schools, Supported Teachers, Healthier Children**

**Proposed by 10 Members of the Welsh Liberal Democrats**

### **Conference notes that:**

- A. On 5 February 2026, a teacher at Milford Haven Comprehensive School was stabbed by a 15-year-old pupil, placing hundreds of staff and pupils into lockdown
- B. Teaching unions have raised concerns about rising violence in Welsh schools, and in November 2025 the North Wales Safeguarding Board identified over 52 missed opportunities to intervene in the crimes of paedophile headteacher Neil Foden
- C. On 21 January 2026, Cyngor Gwynedd adopted a new whistleblowing policy in response to that review.

### **Conference believes that:**

- I. Both cases expose systemic failures in how Welsh schools protect children and staff
- II. Teachers deserve protection and a government that backs them
- III. A culture of fear allows both abuse and violence to go unchallenged
- IV. Early investment in mental health costs far less than crisis intervention down the line
- V. Every child deserves to learn in a safe environment where their voice is heard.

### **Conference calls on the Welsh Government to:**

- 1. Publish a Safe Schools Strategy developed with teaching unions, pupils, police and parents;
- 2. Introduce a statutory whistleblowing duty on all schools and local authorities, with independent oversight
- 3. Guarantee legal protection for staff who raise safeguarding concerns in

good faith

4. Extend the mental health offer for young people to include well-funded Pupil Referral Units with barriers to referral removed, a counsellor in every secondary school, and a guaranteed CAMHS interview for all referred children
5. Direct Estyn to review of behavioural issues in Welsh schools and the adequacy of existing resources
6. Publish annual data on serious incidents of violence in schools.

## Developing Predictable, Low-Impact Local Energy Generation in Wales

Proposed by Newport Liberal Democrats

### Conference notes:

- A. That Wales faces ongoing challenges from high and volatile electricity prices, driven in part by reliance on intermittent generation and gas-linked wholesale pricing.
- B. That Wales has distinctive geographic characteristics, including high rainfall, steep river catchments, and one of the highest tidal ranges in the world.
- C. That current energy policy and investment are heavily focused on wind and solar, which, while essential, do not always provide predictable or continuous generation.

### Conference believes that:

- I. A resilient and affordable energy system requires a mix of generation types, including sources that are highly predictable over time.
- II. Wales's geography provides opportunities for low-impact, long-lived forms of kinetic energy generation that can complement wind and solar.
- III. Locally anchored energy generation can contribute to price stability, community benefit, and greater public support for the energy transition.

### Conference recognises that:

- i. Run-of-river hydro schemes, including the modernisation of historic surface watermills, can provide continuous electricity with minimal environmental impact where appropriately designed.
- ii. Emerging tidal technologies that do not rely on dams or barrages may offer future opportunities to harness tidal range while avoiding large-scale ecological disruption.
- iii. Some of these approaches remain at an early or developmental stage and

require careful evaluation, research, and piloting.

## **Conference calls on Welsh Liberal Democrats to:**

1. Support further research, mapping, and feasibility assessment of run-of-river hydro and other low-impact river-based generation in Wales.
2. Encourage the exploration and piloting of innovative, low-impact tidal technologies that exploit tidal range without impoundment, where environmental and community considerations can be met.
3. Promote community ownership, local benefit, and long-term value as guiding principles for any future development of such generation.
4. Ensure that predictable local generation is considered as part of a balanced energy mix alongside wind, solar, storage, and demand-side measures.

## **Amendment**

### **Proposed by the Gwynedd and Môn Liberal Democrats**

#### **Add a new section at the end of the motion:**

Conference calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a. Modernise procurement frameworks for renewable energy projects to prioritise smart monitoring solutions that use AI and automated technology to provide real-time, transparent data on environmental impacts.
- b. Encourage the use of locally-developed eco-tech in the supply chain to ensure that the monitoring of Welsh biodiversity is conducted by companies that support high-skilled, local employment.
- c. Streamline the consenting process for marine and tidal energy by adopting regulator ready automated reporting standards, reducing the manual administrative burden on both developers and public bodies like Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

## Protecting Patients Prescribed Medical Cannabis and Other Essential Medicines from Discrimination in Wales

Proposed by Clwyd East and Flintshire Liberal Democrats

### Conference notes that:

- A. Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPMs) have been lawfully prescribable across the UK, including in Wales, since 1 November 2018.
- B. Tens of thousands of patients across the UK, including a growing number in Wales, are now prescribed CBPMs, the majority through private prescriptions, with patient numbers expected to increase in the coming years.
- C. CBPMs are prescribed for a wide range of conditions, including chronic pain, long covid, neurological conditions, epilepsy, psychiatric conditions and other serious long-term illnesses.
- D. Many of the conditions for which CBPMs and other essential medicines are prescribed meet the statutory definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010, engaging duties to make reasonable adjustments and the Public Sector Equality Duty, which applies to Welsh public authorities.
- E. CBPMs may be prescribed either as oils taken orally or as dried cannabis flower intended for vaporisation using a medically approved device, which does not involve combustion.
- F. Vaporisation provides rapid symptom relief and is clinically important for some patients, particularly those managing acute neurological pain, muscle spasticity or seizure activity.
- G. Many people in Wales with long-term health conditions rely on timely administration of other prescribed medicines in public or semi-public settings, including insulin injections for diabetes, emergency inhalers for asthma, adrenaline auto-injectors for severe allergies, and injectable or

infused medicines for autoimmune or neurological conditions.

- H. Despite their lawful status and medical necessity, patients using CBPMs and other essential medicines in Wales continue to experience misunderstanding, stigma and inconsistent treatment by public bodies, housing providers, employers, transport operators and police forces, including unlawful seizure of medication, denial of access to facilities, threats of eviction, disciplinary action or other sanctions.

## **Conference reaffirms:**

- I. Welsh Liberal Democrats' support for the legal regulation of cannabis through a controlled and licensed system, and the principle that patients using cannabis for medical purposes should not be criminalised or stigmatised.
- II. The party's commitment, in Wales, to a health-led, evidence-based approach to drugs policy that treats drug use primarily as a public health issue rather than a criminal justice matter.
- III. Welsh Liberal Democrat policy defending and advancing disabled people's rights, including the social model of disability and the removal of barriers created by society.
- IV. The party's commitment to proportionate, consistent and lawful policing, the fair exercise of police powers, and the importance of public trust in policing in Wales.
- V. The Welsh Liberal Democrats' long-standing commitment to civil liberties, equality before the law, and the robust application of the Equality Act 2010 across devolved and non-devolved public services in Wales.

## **Conference believes that:**

- i. Patients in Wales lawfully prescribed CBPMs or other essential medicines should be able to take or administer their medication safely, promptly and with dignity, without fear of discrimination, criminalisation or harassment.
- ii. Requiring CBPM patients to use outdoor smoking areas or to share spaces with tobacco smokers may place them at risk and may constitute unlawful discrimination.
- iii. Preventing or discouraging patients from administering other prescribed medicines, such as insulin injections, in appropriate indoor settings can create serious health risks and may similarly breach equality law.
- iv. Blanket "no smoking", "no vaping" or inflexible conduct policies operated by

Welsh public bodies, housing providers, public transport providers or employers that fail to allow for prescribed medication use risk breaching the Equality Act 2010 where reasonable adjustments are not considered.

- v. Ongoing lack of awareness and inconsistent practice among police forces operating in Wales, local authorities, health boards, housing providers, public transport providers, employers and education providers causes avoidable harm to disabled and chronically ill people and undermines confidence in the rule of law.

## **Conference calls on Welsh Liberal Democrats to:**

1. Use their roles in local authorities, the Senedd, health boards and other Welsh public bodies to raise awareness of the lawful status of CBPMs and the rights of patients using prescribed medicines.
2. Bring forward motions, scrutiny activity and policy reviews to ensure smoke-free, vaping, housing, employment and conduct policies operated by Welsh public bodies comply with equality law and provide for reasonable adjustments where required.
3. Encourage and support Equality Impact Assessments by Welsh public bodies that explicitly consider the needs of CBPM patients and others who must administer prescribed medicines in public, workplace, education or housing settings.
4. Work constructively with police forces in Wales, Police and Crime Commissioners, social landlords, private landlords, employers and transport providers to prevent eviction, harassment or sanction of people lawfully prescribed CBPMs or other essential medicines.
5. Promote clear, accessible and where appropriate bilingual guidance for service users in Wales on their rights and responsibilities regarding prescribed medicines.

## **Conference further calls on the Welsh Liberal Democrats to:**

- a. Campaign for clear, consistent UK-wide guidance, developed with the Welsh Government, to police forces, public bodies, landlords, employers and transport operators on the lawful status of CBPMs and other prescribed medicines, including appropriate and proportionate verification of prescriptions.
- b. Press for updated policing guidance and training relevant to forces operating in Wales to ensure officers understand the legality of CBPMs, the forms in which they may be prescribed, and the statutory protections that

apply to patients under the Equality Act 2010.

- c. Advocate for guidance making clear that reasonable adjustments may be required to allow patients to administer prescribed medicines, including insulin injections, inhalers and medically approved CBPM vaporisers, in appropriate indoor or controlled settings.
- d. Oppose discriminatory enforcement of smoke-free, vaping or behavioural policies in Wales where these disproportionately impact disabled or chronically ill patients.
- e. Urge the UK Government and Welsh Government to work with clinicians, patient groups, disability organisations and regulators to ensure that lawful use of medical cannabis and other essential medicines is consistently understood and respected across Welsh public services, while maintaining public safety and proportionate enforcement of the law.

## A Sustainable Future for Our Cultural Bodies

Proposed by the Gwynedd and Môn Liberal Democrats

### Conference Notes:

- A. Wales' culture and heritage are economic drivers contributing £1.64 billion annually and supporting 37,000 jobs.
- B. Public cultural spending represents an economically illiterate failure to invest in our nation's most unique assets; noting with concern that public spending on culture is currently £73.27 per person, 67% lower than the European average of £223.85 and that the cumulative 17% real-terms funding cut over the last decade has fundamentally weakened the "social glue" of our communities and endangered the long-term viability of our vital £5 billion tourism industry.
- C. January 2026 research reveals arts engagement generates £588 million annually in health and productivity benefits, with every £1 invested in venues yielding £11.08 in wellbeing value.
- D. Amgueddfa Cymru has been forced to cut one in six staff and reduce opening hours.
- E. While the Welsh Government claims to support "free entry," it has failed to provide the "adequate funding" requested by the Senedd Culture Committee, leading to the creeping commercialisation of heritage experiences like the Big Pit underground tours.

### Conference Believes:

- I. Culture is essential to Wales, fostering the empathy, shared understanding and community cohesion necessary to bridge our nation's geographical and social divides.
- II. Museums and heritage sites are "Civic Living Rooms", safe shared spaces where people from all walks of life can encounter stories that are not their own, fostering the relational empathy necessary for a healthy democracy.
- III. The "Social Contract" of free entry to our national collections must be

protected to ensure that a resident's prior education or income does not determine their cultural access.

- IV. Residents face a "double tax" of travel costs and local museum entry fees.
- V. The current funding model is broken and requires an innovative, multi-stream approach that balances the contribution of the taxpayer, the visitor, and the commercial sector.

## **Conference Calls for the Welsh Government to:**

1. Direct a portion of the Visitor Levy toward local and national cultural assets by utilising the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) (Wales) Act 2025 so that tourists contribute directly to the preservation of its heritage
2. Establish a permanent and arms-length Cultural Endowment Fund through a one-time windfall contribution from Welsh Crown Estate green energy leases, subject to the devolution of the Crown Estate, to provide a revenue stream to support local access to arts and culture
3. Launch the Cynefin Digital Pass as a micro-contribution model where international digital visitors pay for premium virtual reality tours and exclusive archive access to subsidise the maintenance of our physical sites for everyone.
4. Enact formal legislation that classifies "essential interpretive experiences" as part of the core national collection to ensure they remain free at the point of use for Welsh residents.
5. Introduce Cultural Transport Subsidies by reallocating some budget to provide free travel for schools in rural and deprived "cultural cold spots," acknowledging that a museum is only truly free if you can afford the public transport to get there.
6. Provide ring-fenced funding for local and independent museums to remove the physical and financial barriers that currently exclude disabled visitors and marginalised groups from sites.

## Amendment

### Proposed by Carmarthenshire Liberal Democrats

#### **Delete Conference Calls for the Welsh Government to 1 and replace with:**

- “Support alternative approaches to funding cultural and heritage assets that do not impose additional costs on visitors or local businesses, and which promote sustainable, locally driven economic development across Wales.”

#### **And add a new section at the end of the motion:**

“Conference reaffirms that the Welsh Liberal Democrats oppose the introduction of the Visitor Levy, recognising that it places additional burdens on the tourism sector, increases administrative complexity for small accommodation providers, and risks undermining efforts to support sustainable local economic growth.”

SUNDAY

13:00

## Exploring Enhanced EU Alignment for Welsh Trade and Industry

Proposed by Newport Liberal Democrats

### Conference notes:

- A. That Wales's economy includes significant manufacturing, agri-food, energy, and export-oriented sectors that have been adversely affected by increased trade friction since the UK left the European Union.
- B. That small and medium-sized enterprises in Wales face disproportionate administrative and cost burdens when exporting goods to the EU.
- C. That Wales's ports and industrial regions would benefit from smoother access to European markets.

### Conference believes that:

- I. Economic pragmatism and openness to trade are core Welsh Liberal Democrat values.
- II. Reducing unnecessary trade barriers is essential to supporting jobs, investment, and regional prosperity in Wales.
- III. Flexible and differentiated arrangements within the UK can strengthen, rather than weaken, economic resilience when they deliver clear public benefit.

### Conference recognises that:

- i. Northern Ireland currently benefits from enhanced access to both UK and EU markets through regulatory alignment for goods.
- ii. This arrangement demonstrates that differentiated approaches to EU alignment can operate within the UK constitutional framework.
- iii. Wales has distinct economic characteristics that may justify tailored approaches to regulatory cooperation and market access.

### Conference calls on Welsh Liberal Democrats to:

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1. Advocate for the Welsh Government to explore options for enhanced regulatory alignment with the European Union for goods, particularly in sectors where this would deliver clear economic benefit for Wales.
2. Support the examination of sector-specific or pilot arrangements, including for manufacturing, energy technologies, and agri-food, that reduce trade friction while respecting devolved competence.
3. Encourage dialogue between the Welsh Government, the UK Government, and European partners on practical mechanisms to improve market access for Welsh businesses.
4. Promote transparency, democratic oversight, and public consent in any future proposals for enhanced alignment.

**SATURDAY 12:00 - 13:00**

## **Delivering for the Environment and Rural Wales**

Hosted by WWF Cymru

**ROOM:** Wedgewood Suite

The next Senedd will decide whether Wales is successful in reversing biodiversity loss by 2030 and is on track to achieve climate targets. This session will be a wide-ranging discussion on the crucial role rural Wales needs to play in deciding whether we meet the triple challenge of preventing climate change, reversing the loss of nature, and meeting the food security needs of people in Wales - three areas that are deeply interconnected. This session will also feature Welsh polling on what the public want from the next Welsh Government on the environment, climate, nature and the food system. This includes key insights into important issues such as the health of our rivers, food and farming systems and the role of a green economy.

Hosted by Cllr. Rodney Berman, Lead Welsh Liberal Democrat candidate for Caerdydd Ffynon Taf.



## **The Reality for Families of Disabled Children and the Wales We Can Build**

Hosted by Family Fund

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

We welcome the Welsh Lib Dems' thinking on childcare, including Closing the Gap and the campaign to expand free childcare. Families raising disabled children face high costs, limited work options and unmet care needs. Tailored childcare, short breaks and community support are essential so disabled children and families can thrive across Wales.

Hosted by Davina Carey-Evans from Family Fund supported by a Parent/Carer.



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# FRINGE EVENTS

**SATURDAY 15:00 - 16:00**

## **What the farming community needs from the next Senedd and Welsh Government**

Hosted by NFU Cymru and the FUW

**ROOM:** Wedgewood Suite

Following an intense and challenging period for farming and politics in Wales, the industry now looks to the next Senedd and Welsh Government to maintain strong engagement across all farming and rural policies in the interest of providing stability for Welsh farm businesses.

Ahead of this year's pivotal Senedd elections, both the Farmers' Union of Wales and NFU Cymru will set out their joint asks of the next Welsh Government, asks which are designed to secure a sustainable future for Welsh farming, Welsh food, the Welsh environment and our rural communities.



**SATURDAY 15:00 - 16:00 Cont.**

## **Champions for Children: tackling child poverty, intervening early and keeping children safe**

Hosted by the National Welsh Children's Charities Policy Group

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

We want to see every candidate and political party during the election campaign and throughout the next Senedd term to be strong and committed Champions for Children. Babies, children and young people deserve to be heard in decisions that shape their lives and have politicians who will defend their rights and promote their wellbeing, helping them to thrive and have happy, safe and healthy childhoods. Chaired by Jane Dodds MS, the panel will include representatives from Children in Wales, Barnardo's Cymru, NSPCC Cymru and Save the Children Wales, who will set out what actions politicians need to take to truly be Champions for Children.

Panel Members

- Jane Dodds MS (Chair)
- Sean O'Neill (Children in Wales)
- Catherine Rees (Save the Children Wales)
- Mark Carter (Barnardo's Cymru)
- Cecile Gwilym (NSPCC Cymru)



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# FRINGE EVENTS

**SATURDAY 17:15 - 18:15**

## **Encouraging Women Into Politics**

Hosted by Welsh Lib Dem Women's Group

**ROOM:** Wedgewood Suite

The Welsh Lib Dem Women's Group is delighted to welcome Layla Moran MP as guest speaker to their Spring Conference Meeting. As well as a Q&A session with Layla, there will also be time at the end of the meeting for a discussion about the shape of the Women's Group and what its purpose should be.

This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

**SUNDAY 17:15 - 18:15**

## **Sunday Service**

**ROOM:** Wedgewood Suite

A short service of worship. Reflection and prayer.

To mark International Women's Day we will be using materials prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria.

Let by Sarah Jackson and Carole O'Toole

**SUNDAY**

**12:00 - 13:00**

## **Global Cymru: Climate Justice, Peace, and Humanitarian Leadership**

Hosted by Oxfam Cymru

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

As the climate emergency accelerates and global conflicts deepen, Wales faces a defining opportunity: to deliver a just transition to a green and caring economy at home, while strengthening its role as a globally responsible nation.

Building on the pioneering Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and Wales's proud tradition of international solidarity, this session explores how a small nation can make a big difference — from championing climate justice and ethical global supply chains to using its voice to stand up for peace, human rights and humanitarian principles.

The discussion will examine how Wales can deepen its humanitarian leadership, support communities here in Wales and across the world, and ensure that decisions made in Wales contribute to a fairer, safer and more sustainable world for all.



## **The Conference Exhibition features stands from charities, businesses, third-sector organisations, and internal party groups.**

It is open on Saturday from 9:00 to 16:00 and on Sunday from 9:45 to 13:00. All attendees with a valid Conference Badge, regardless of party membership, are welcome to visit.

Please take this opportunity to connect with representatives and explore the work of these organisations.

### **ALDC / Election Workshop**

ALDC is a membership organisation providing advice, resources and training for Liberal Democrat councillors, active campaigners and anyone who wants to see more Lib Dems elected in local government. Membership is super useful for any role you may have in campaigns, on the council or in your local party structure.

ALDC will be joined by Election Workshop, who will outline how they can support your campaigns with high-quality literature in the run-up to the Senedd election and the 2027 council elections — helping you plan, prepare and deliver effective local campaigns.

[aldc.org](http://aldc.org)



### **Allied Health Professions Federation Cymru**

Allied Health Professionals are the third largest part of the NHS workforce in Wales. Successive reports have talked about the importance of AHPs to the transformation of healthcare. Our skills are vital in allowing people to remain independent and live well at home preventing expensive hospital admissions and supporting people to return to work after illness and injury. To respond to



the huge challenges facing health and social care in the future, it is vital that we maximise the contribution of AHPs.

[ahpf.org.uk](http://ahpf.org.uk)

## Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity, providing essential support to help people navigate life with dementia. We fund pioneering research, generate robust insight, and design practical solutions alongside people with lived experience and clinical experts.

With strong convening power and a movement of over 80,000 campaigners, we bring together the voices and evidence needed to drive meaningful change – change that people living with dementia and their loved ones need to see.

[alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)



## Arthritis UK Cymru

Musculoskeletal and arthritis conditions can strike at any age and impact all aspects of life. They are among the biggest causes of persistent pain and working days lost, affecting nearly 1 million people in Wales.

Arthritis UK is the leading arthritis charity, changing lives through research, campaigning and support.

[www.arthritis-uk.org](http://www.arthritis-uk.org)



## Care and Repair Cymru

Care & Repair is a Wales-wide charitable movement, working to ensure all older people can live independently in safe, warm, and accessible homes by delivering repairs, adaptations and home maintenance. We support around



50,000 households each year, preventing thousands of hospital admissions and saving the Welsh NHS over £30m annually.

[careandrepair.org.uk](http://careandrepair.org.uk)

## Carers Wales

There are over 310,000 unpaid carers in Wales, playing a vital role in the lives of the people they care for and saving the Welsh Government over £10 billion per year with the care they provide.

Carers Wales, part of Carers UK, exists to make unpaid carers' lives better. We provide information and advice about caring roles, champion carers' rights and campaign alongside unpaid carers to see more carers get the support they need. If you're looking after someone, or want to hear how you can help support people who are, we'd love to see you at Conference!

[carersuk.org/wales](http://carersuk.org/wales)



## Chartered Institute of Housing

The Chartered Institute of Housing is the professional body for people who work in housing, we are the independent voice for housing and the home of professional standards. We inspire, equip and support housing professionals to create a future in which everyone has a place to call home.

[CIH.org](http://CIH.org)



## Community Pharmacy Wales

Community Pharmacy Wales (CPW) is recognised in NHS Wales Regulations as the body responsible for representing all 686 community pharmacies contracted to deliver NHS Wales services and is the only organisation responsible for representing community pharmacy owners in funding negotiations with Welsh Government and NHS Wales.

[cpwales.org.uk](http://cpwales.org.uk)



## Green Gen Cymru

### Unlocking Wales' Energy Potential

Expanding and establishing new businesses, supporting new industries, the electrification of our heating and transport systems, and tackling the climate emergency will all require more grid capacity.

These are challenges that we face, ones that need to be tackled urgently and ones that Green GEN Cymru are acting now to address.

Proudly headquartered in Cardiff with a predominantly Welsh workforce, Green GEN Cymru are acting now and investing almost £1bn to build a new distribution network for Wales.

[greengencymru.com](http://greengencymru.com)



## Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine



LDFP has been campaigning for nearly 20 years to support peace, justice, accountability and self-determination for Palestinians under international law.

We call on all Lib Dem party members to back this objective, and we actively lobby for it within Parliament and in the wider political sphere.

[ldfp.org.uk](http://ldfp.org.uk)

## Macmillan Cancer Support



Macmillan Cancer Support has spent more than 100 years helping people living with cancer.

The number of people diagnosed with cancer is growing, and every one of them needs the best support to meet their unique needs.

Wales is now the only UK nation without a long-term cancer strategy. We'll do whatever it takes to help everyone living with cancer across the UK get the support they need right now and transform cancer care for everyone who will be diagnosed in the future.

[macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk)

## MND Association

The MND Association supports people living with motor neurone disease through care, research, and campaigning. As we launch our 'Amser i MND campaign', we're calling for equitable support, fast tracked accessible housing and greater awareness of MND across Wales. Stand with us to improve lives today and drive progress toward a future free from MND.

[www.mndassociation.org](http://www.mndassociation.org)



## National Liberal Club

Founded in 1882, the National Liberal Club, located in the heart of Whitehall, is a Private Members Club with a socially diverse membership and a venue for liberal debate and discussion. It values amongst its membership the majority of current Lib Dem MPs. We hold a range of political events that cover UK politics, contemporary political discussion, international politics and political history.

[nlc.org.uk](http://nlc.org.uk)



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## Optometry Wales

Optometry Wales is the umbrella professional body for all community optometrists, dispensing opticians and optometric practices in Wales, with our main function as representation of the profession at all levels in Wales. Optometry Wales negotiates on behalf of the Regional Optical Committees in Wales in respect of national NHS services provided by optometry in primary care.

[optometrywales.org.uk](http://optometrywales.org.uk)



Optometry Wales  
Optometreg Cymru

## PatientsCannUK



PatientsCann UK is the leading medical cannabis patient organisation in the UK, dedicated to supporting and empowering patients through advocacy, education, and community engagement. The organisation works to raise awareness of medical cannabis, promote patient rights, and provide valuable resources for patients navigating the medical cannabis landscape.

PatientsCann UK organises nationwide events, including the Medical Cannabis Awareness Campaign Roadshow, and offers sign-posting services to connect patients with essential legal and medical support.

[patientscann.org.uk](http://patientscann.org.uk)

## Tenovus Cancer Care



Tenovus Cancer Care is a Wales-based charity giving help, hope, and a voice to everyone affected by cancer.

Living with cancer can be worrying and stressful.

We can help. We offer information, advice, and specialist support to people living with cancer, and their loved ones.

We believe it is time to provide fairer and faster cancer services. Our manifesto - available on our stand - identifies what needs to happen over the next term of the Senedd to ensure that future.

[www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)

## Wales for Europe



Wales for Europe is an independent, cross party and non-party political, collaborative grassroots organisation that believes Wales and the United Kingdom to be inextricably European by virtue of geography, shared history, culture, trade and values.

We believe that continued close cooperation with the European Union, its member states and other European organisations is in the best interests of the continued prosperity of the whole geographical continent of Europe.

[walesforeurope.org](http://walesforeurope.org)

## **Welsh Local Government Association**



### **The Voice of Welsh Councils**

We are the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA); a politically led cross-party organisation that seeks to give local government a strong voice at a national level. We represent the interests of local government and promote local democracy in Wales.

The 22 councils in Wales are our members and the three fire and rescue authorities and three national park authorities are associate members.

[www.wlga.wales](http://www.wlga.wales)

**SATURDAY 9:00 - 10:00**

## **Elections, spending and staying safe**

*In partnership with the Electoral Commission*

**ROOM:** Wedgewood Suite

**For Senedd Candidates, Constituency Agents and Local Party Treasurers**

A crucial briefing on running a compliant Senedd election campaign under the new system. Hear directly from experts on party spending rules, candidate and agent do's and don'ts, what to expect at the count, and how to campaign safely — including when and how to raise concerns.

**SATURDAY 10:15 - 11:15**

## **Winning your council seat — how to start now**

*In partnership with ALDC*

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

**For everyone wanting to win a council seat in 2027**

Do you want to be part of a new wave of Welsh Lib Dem councillors in 2027? Hear from election-winning experts at ALDC about how to pick your ward and win it next May - and how to make the most of the Senedd elections to lay a strong foundation to build on.

**SATURDAY 13:20 - 14:20**

## **Canvassing 101: How to knock on doors with confidence**

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

**For everyone campaigning in the Senedd election**

Want to help us campaign in your community but nervous about taking to the doorsteps for the first time? Want to sharpen up the questions you're asking to get more accurate results? Come along to find out about the art of canvassing - talking to voters on the doors - and develop your confidence with this vital campaigning tool.

**SATURDAY 16:15 - 17:15**

## **Winning against Labour, Plaid and the Greens**

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

**For members of constituency campaign teams**

How do we win over progressive voters locally? This session looks at where our message cuts through against Labour, Plaid Cymru and the Green Party, and shares practical tips from campaigners who've successfully shifted votes on the ground.

**SUNDAY**      **9:30 - 10:30**

## **Make the most of your Election Address**

*In partnership with Election Workshop*

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

**For Senedd candidates and key campaigners in development and start-up seats only**

The election communication (or 'freepost') is an unmissable opportunity to get our message out at little cost during an election campaign. Come and find out from our experienced election winners how to make your freepost plan as targeted and effective as can be.

**SUNDAY**      **13:20 - 14:20**

## **Winning against Reform UK and the Conservatives**

**ROOM:** Snowdon Suite

**For members of constituency campaign teams**

Reform UK is a growing threat — and the Conservatives are still a serious opponent. This session focuses on how to combat Reform's appeal, challenge right-wing narratives, and win voters back with clear messages that work on the doorstep and in campaign materials.

