



Liberal Democrats
Autumn Conference
BRIGHTON 2026



Directory



Conference App

Download our Conference App for Autumn Conference 2026, with great features such as:

- My Schedule (the easiest way to plan your conference)
- A searchable Fringe Guide and Agenda
- Conference Extra and Conference Daily as they are published

Download the official Liberal Democrat Conference App on the App Store and Google Play Store!
App Live: Early September



Welcome to the Liberal Democrat 2026 Conference Directory.

If you have any questions whilst at conference please ask a conference steward or go to the Information Desk in the Brighton Centre.

Conference venue

Brighton Centre, King's Road, Brighton BN1 2GR

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

Conference hotel

The Grand Brighton, 97-99 King's Road, Brighton BN1 2FW

DoubleTree by Hilton Brighton Metropole, King's Road, Brighton BN1 2FU (20-21 September)

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

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

Contents

Welcome to Brighton from
Ed Davey MP, Josh Babarinde MP,
& Cllr Nick da Costa 4-6

Conference information 12-17
Conference venue plan 21-22

Exhibition:

List of exhibitors 26-27
Directory of exhibitors 28-41

Fringe & training guide:

Fringe venues and key 44-45
Saturday 46-65
Sunday 63-99
Monday 102-127
Tuesday 128-131

Map of Brighton Back cover

ISBN 978-1-915375-45-2

**Liberal
Democrats**

Welcome to Conference

**from Sir Ed Davey MP,
Leader of the Lib Dems**

We are getting together in Brighton at a huge moment for our party and our country, and at a time when our vision of the liberal Britain we want to build is needed more than ever - a fair, free and open society, where hard work is rewarded and aspiration is real.

A country that is secure at home and respected abroad, and that tells its children: whoever you are, wherever you are from – here you can succeed and thrive.

Politics is more fluid and fragmented than I have ever known. We're on our seventh Prime Minister in a decade. People are fed up with the chaos and impatient for change.

It's easy to see why. So much in our country isn't working the way it should. The economy is in crisis and the social contract is badly broken, the world is becoming more dangerous, and people everywhere are paying the price for Donald Trump's idiotic and illegal war.

Britain feels broken and it's being held back. We liberals have faith in the potential of our country and all its people, we say it



doesn't have to be this way.

People need hope. Our country needs a way forward. And it falls to us to offer it. Not the snake-oil solutions peddled by the populists, not the big con Nigel Farage is trying to pull, but real answers. Real solutions.

That's what our conferences are all about. Sharing ideas to take on the big challenges ahead. Debating policies to make people's lives better, guided by our liberal values. Building our campaign to win.

I love getting together with you all to share our collective ideas, determination and energy. It fills me with optimism that we can continue to grow our party, win for our values, and change our country for good. I hope it does the same for you.

Thank you for coming. Have a great conference!

Welcome to Conference

**from Josh Babarinde
MP, Lib Dem Party
President**

Welcome to the Sunshine Coast for our Autumn Conference!

I came to Brighton for my very first Liberal Democrat conference back in 2012. I didn't really know what to expect.

What I found was the biggest liberal affirmation I could have got: a hive of people who believed that every individual and every community matters.

I found a fellowship of activists who fiercely believe that where you're born must not limit your opportunity, that power unchecked becomes power abused, and that the measure of a good society is how it treats those with the least.

I knew I'd found my political home. Fourteen years on, that instinct remains core to our party. In an age of rising populism and nationalism, it's what our country needs now more than ever.



Against that backdrop, you delivered us some huge victories in May, through envelopes stuffed, pavements pounded, doors knocked, and social media posts uploaded.

This Conference, we set out our new direction with a new party strategy! Strengthening our national message and boosting our social media campaigning are top priorities in the motion before Conference. In true liberal fashion, the vote on that party strategy in your hands!

Let's make Brighton count, and power up our liberal tools to fight for a country free from poverty, free from ignorance, free from conformity, and a country where people are free to be who they are.

Welcome to Conference

**from Cllr Nick da Costa,
Chair, Federal
Conference Committee**

On behalf of the Federal Conference Committee, I am delighted to welcome you to Autumn Conference 2026 in Brighton.

Conference is the heart of our party's democracy. It is where members come together to debate policy, hold the party to account, learn from one another, and shape the liberal vision we want to see.

This Conference comes at an important moment. The political landscape is shifting quickly, and our country faces serious challenges at home and abroad.

Our task is to offer the clear, principled and practical liberal leadership that people need.

Brighton is a fantastic Conference city, and I hope you



will make the most of everything on offer: debates in the auditorium, training sessions, fringe meetings, exhibitions, and the many informal conversations that make Conference so valuable.

Whether this is your first Conference or your fiftieth, I hope you find it welcoming, energising and worthwhile. Thank you for being here, and for everything you do for our party.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable Conference in Brighton.

Conference Extra and Conference Daily

Conference Extra and **Conference Daily** are available at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

and via the Conference App.



**Helping
Britain
Prosper**

Thank You

to Liberals and Democrats for Nature and Climate (LDNC) and all supporting organisations for their generous support of Climate and Nature Day at Autumn Conference 2026.

Please visit pages 66–67 for more information.



**Liberals and
Democrats
for Nature
and Climate**

Thank You

to Citadel Policy and Communications and all supporting organisations for their generous support of Youth and Skills Day at Autumn Conference 2026.



**Please visit page
101 for more
information.**

CITADEL

Thank You

to the following partners for
supporting Autumn Conference 2026.

Business Day:



Bloomberg



xero

Cadent
Your Gas Network

Conference Lanyards:

POLI
MONITOR



Conference Information

If you have any questions on-site, please ask a steward or go to the Information Desk in the main foyer of the BC.

Be aware that flash photography is frequently used in the auditorium. Please ensure that all mobile phones are on silent before entering the auditorium.

Please note that access to the BC is only possible with a valid conference pass.

Accessibility

If you need assistance at the venue, please contact the Information Desk where our stewards will be on hand to help. If you need assistance or information in advance, contact the Conference Office on:

conferences@libdems.org.uk

Auditorium Facilities

- There is access to the stage via a ramp at the back of the stage. The chair of the session will ensure wheelchair users are called in plenty of time to access the stage.
- An induction loop system, which can be linked to hearing aids.
- Sign language interpretation during all auditorium sessions; a number of seats are reserved for attendees using this service, at the front of the auditorium.
- There will be a TV screen showing closed captions showing all auditorium items just in front of the stage. Please sit near this TV screen if you need this.
- Reserved seats at the front of the auditorium for those who would benefit from being closer to the stage due to a visual impairment or other access needs.
- If you have any accessibility requirements in the auditorium and need guidance, please reach out to one of the stewards in the auditorium who will be able to assist, or speak to someone at the Speakers Desk near the front of the auditorium.

For more information on access needs, please visit:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference/accessibility-1

Mobility aids

The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of electric scooters available for use around the conference venue – please note that they need to be returned each evening. To request the use of an electric scooter, please contact:

conferences@libdems.org.uk

Conference Access Fund

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

The fund consists of a contribution from the conference budget as well as donations from party members. Contributions made by members are ring-fenced and are only used for these purposes. We often have a shortfall of funds donated so appreciate all contributions.

For details see:

www.libdems.org.uk/access-fund

Accommodation

Accommodation can be booked via our local partner:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51032468/owner/9736716/home>

ATM

Please note that all catering venues in the BC are cashless (amex and cash are not accepted). If you need an ATM, the closest complimentary one is located on West Street on Churchill Square shopping centre.

Babies at Conference

You are welcome to bring your baby to conference. You are welcome to feed or nurse them anywhere you feel comfortable to do so.

If you would prefer a more private space to feed your baby, or to express milk, the quiet room is available for you to use.

Cloakroom

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the BC. There is a cloakroom in the Main Foyer of the BC for coats – this is complimentary to use.

On the last day of conference your hotel should be able to store your luggage for you after checkout. Please do not bring it to the conference venues.

Coffee, tea and water – refills

Please bring your reusable coffee / tea cup to conference in order to obtain a 10p discount on the price of coffee / tea / hot drinks at the BC.

Please bring your own reusable water bottle which can be refilled with tap water at the water fountains at the BC.

If you wish to buy a reusable coffee cup onsite, please visit the Lib Dem Image stand in the exhibition area.

Conference Extra and Daily

Conference Extra is available online ahead of conference and **Conference Daily** each day at conference, containing updates to the agenda including changes to timings, amendments, topical issues, emergency motions and questions to reports, available at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference_papers

Limited hard copies of **Conference Daily** will be available each morning from the Information Desk and on the app.

Be green – Go paperless!

Distribution of literature

Distribution of literature is not allowed inside or directly outside the BC.

Any persons attempting to bring a large number of fliers/ literature into the conference centre may be prohibited from entering and a dilapidation charge will be levied against any organisation or individual responsible for 'fly-posting'.

Federal Committees helpdesk

The Federal Committees helpdesk is situated by the Information Desk. Members of the following committees will be available to have strategic conversations with members at the following times:

Saturday 19 September 10.30–11.30 – Federal Audit and Scrutiny Committee and Federal International Relations Committee

Saturday 19 September 13.00–14.00 – Federal Board and Federal People and Development Committee

Sunday 20 September 10.30–11.30 – Federal Board

Monday 21 September 10.30–11.30 – Federal Board and Federal Finance and Resource Committee

Federal Conference Committee helpdesk

Members of the FCC will be available to give advice at the Information Desk at the following times:

Saturday	19 September	10.30–11.30 and 13.00–14.00
Sunday	20 September	10.30–11.30
Monday	21 September	10.30–11.30

First Aid

In the event of needing First Aid, please speak to a conference steward, go to the Information Desk or first aid room at the BC. The stewards will arrange for First Aiders to attend and/or request a paramedic.

Information Desk

The Information Desk is located in the main foyer of the BC and is open as follows:

Saturday	19 September	08.30–20.00
Sunday	20 September	08.30–18.30
Monday	21 September	08.30–18.30
Tuesday	22 September	08.30–15.30

You can contact the Information Desk by email (19-22 Sept only):

conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk

Internet Access

Free wifi is available at all official venues

BC

Network name: Brighton Centre

No password needed – follow instructions

The Grand

Network name: TheGrand

No password needed – follow instructions

DoubleTree by Hilton Brighton Metropole

Network name: Hilton Honors

Click: I have a promotional code

Code: VIP

Left luggage

There is no left luggage facility. Please leave any bags at the hotel where you are staying. Suitcases and large bags will not be permitted in the Brighton Centre. It will only be allowed in if it is no bigger than British Airways cabin baggage.

Live stream

The auditorium will be streamed live at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference-live

in case you miss any sessions or want to watch again!

Lost property

Any lost property should be handed in to the Information Desk in the foyer of BC.

Member welfare

Health Assured is an independent health and wellbeing provider that can offer wellbeing resources as well as a 24/7 365 helpline. All Liberal Democrat members have access to the Health Assured Support Helpline on 0800 028 0199. Members should feel free to use this service as needed.

Q&A sessions

As well as the main Q&A sessions in the auditorium, there will be a series of smaller Q&A sessions during conference where you can ask questions of our spokespeople. All sessions take place in fringe rooms in the BC. See page 45 and **Conference Extra** and **Daily** for details.

Quiet room

A quiet room is available for those needing a quiet space or for prayer, meditation, to express milk or to feed your baby in a more private area. The room is the **Respite Space** on the ground floor of the BC near to the coat check. Please be respectful of others using the room.

Recycling facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans are available throughout the BC. Please make use of the collection bins.

Refreshments

For a range of hot food options, snacks and beverages, head to the catering area on the first floor of the BC. If you're in a rush – sandwiches and snacks are also available at the Feed Café on the ground floor and in the East Bar on the first floor. Please note that they are cashless (AMEX and cash not accepted). The Grand Hotel and DoubleTree by Hilton (next door to BC) also have a variety of options available.

Registration on-site

On-site registration is located via the Russell Road back entrance to the

BC. Please only go here if you do not have your conference photo pass or need a new one printed (otherwise go to the front entrance on Kings Road). Registration is open at the following times:

Friday	18 September	17.30–18.30
Saturday	19 September	08.30–18.00
Sunday	20 September	08.30–17.30
Monday	21 September	08.30–17.30
Tuesday	22 September	08.30–12.30

Please note that you may experience queues at busy times.

We strongly advise all those wishing to attend conference to pre-register via:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

If you have lost your conference photo pass, visit on-site registration to arrange a re-print. A replacement fee of £10 applies.

Security and safety

Access to the BC is possible only with a valid conference pass worn with the official lanyard. Conference photo passes must be worn visibly at all times within the secure zone. Anyone found in the secure area without a valid pass will be escorted from the venue.

Attendees will be subject to compulsory bag searches and metal detector wandering at the entrance. To ensure you can access the venue as quickly as possible please only bring essential items with you into the conference venue. Please allow time for queuing during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events. No sharp objects will be allowed in the BC (including knitting needles and crochet needles).

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into the secure zone. Any bag left unattended will be brought to the attention of the police and may be removed and/or destroyed.

Transport and travel

The BC is approximately 15 minutes walk (0.8 miles) from Brighton train station; 8 minutes walk (0.4 miles) from Brighton coach station and 1 minute walk (next door to BC) from The Grand Hotel.

Cycling

There are bike racks on Russell Road at the back of the Brighton Centre (these are left at your own risk). There are secure bike racks at Brighton Station. No bikes are allowed inside any of the official venues.

Parking

There are many car parks nearby:

https://www.visitbrighton.com/dbimgs/16653%20Brighton_citycentre_walking_map2021.pdf.

The two nearest to the venue are Russell Road and Churchill Square.

Taxis - local

If you wish to book a local taxi, please contact:

Streamline Taxis

Tel: 01273 202020, <https://www.202020taxi.cab/>

or

Brighton & Hove Radio Cabs

Tel: 01273 20 40 60, <https://www.brightontaxis.com/>



**AUTUMN CONFERENCE
RALLY**

Main Hall | Saturday | 6:30pm

gleeds

We're not just a construction consultancy - we're a catalyst for change

Since 1875, we've been bringing to life new ideas and big visions for the built environment. In today's fast-changing world, we're continually connecting people, places, ideas and possibilities to make every day another step towards a better future.

gleeds.com



Kitchens **Bars** **Events**



Shelter Hall

Brighton's Food & Drinks Hall

With seven rotating kitchens, two bars, seaview terrace and intimate balconies, this is the place to settle in.

Enjoy 15% off with CONF15
Redeem by entering code at Checkout via online ordering

Shelterhall.co.uk
@Shelterhallmarket
Kings Road Arches, BN1 1NB

Liberal Democrat Party Conference

19th - 22nd of September 2026

Gluten-free and vegan options available throughout our outlets

Foyer Café (ground floor)

SANDWICHES **£6.00**

Choice of meat, vegetarian and vegan options

HOMEMADE HOT BAKERY COUNTER **£4.50-£5.50**

Sausage rolls, cheese and onion pasties, giant samosas

SOUP OF THE DAY, ROLL **£5.50**

East Café (first floor)

SANDWICHES **£6.00**

Choice of meat, vegetarian and vegan options

JACKET POTATOES **£8.50**

Served with butter, side salad, coleslaw and your choice of:

Vegan chilli

Baked beans and cheese

* (vegan cheese and coleslaw available)

KATSU CURRY **£10.00**

With rice and pickled red onion and your choice of:

Panko chicken

Panko aubergine (VG)



Seasoned.

Link Room Café (first floor)

FLATBREADS **£10.00**

Filled with spicy rice, pickled cabbage, salsa and tzatziki

With your choice of protein:

Pulled pork

Peri peri chicken

Vegan chilli

TOMATO AND BASIL PASTA POT **£6.50**

With garlic croute and side salad (VG)

* gluten-free pasta available



Special offers

REUSABLE CUP, 10P OFF

Use your reusable cup at any of our café outlets and get a 10p discount off your hot drink

COFFEE AND CAKE £5.50 (SAVE AT LEAST £1.00)

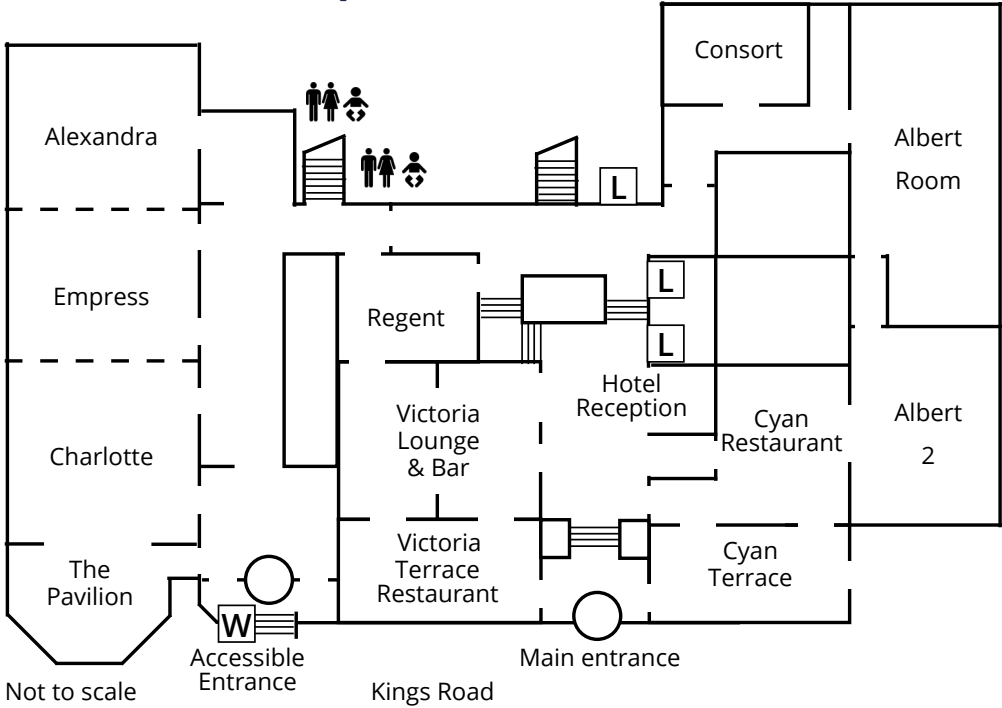
Slice of any cake plus filter coffee or tea

PACKED LUNCH BAG £11.00 (SAVE £1.00)

Sandwich of your choice, a bag of crisps, piece of fruit and can of water

Conference Hotel Plan

The Grand Hotel, Ground Floor



Key

 Lift	 Toilets
 Wheelchair lift	 Baby Change
 Stairs	

**Liberal
Democrats**

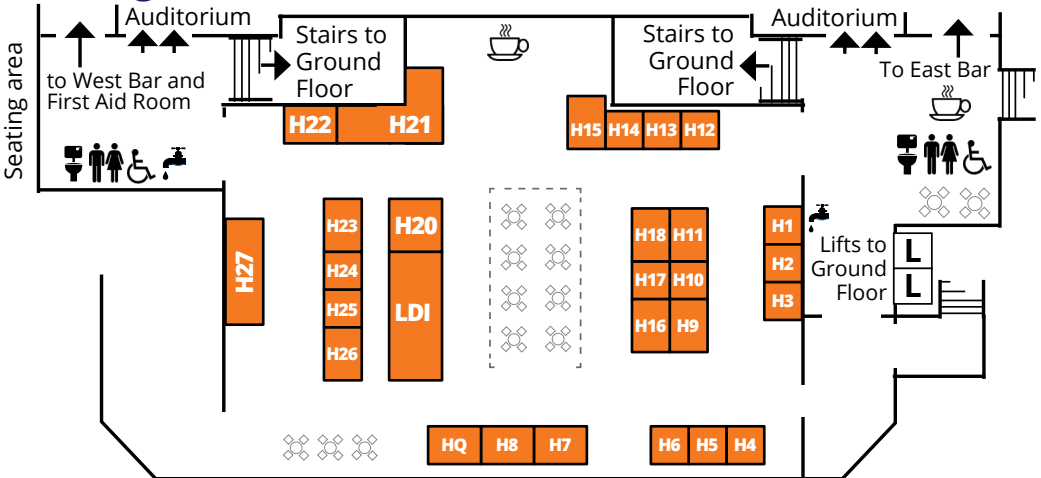
Further information, registration and Conference publications (including plain text and clear print versions) are available at:

www.libdems.org.uk/conference

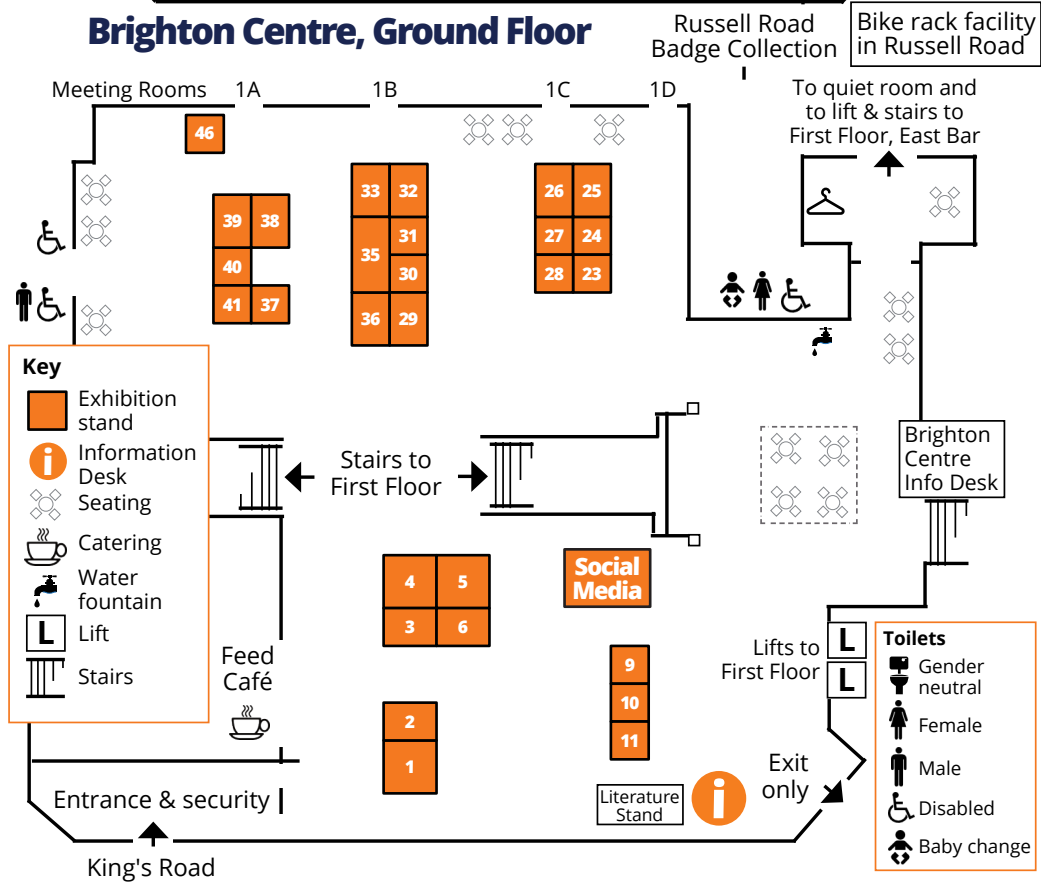
Conference Venue Plan

(Not to scale)

Brighton Centre, First Floor

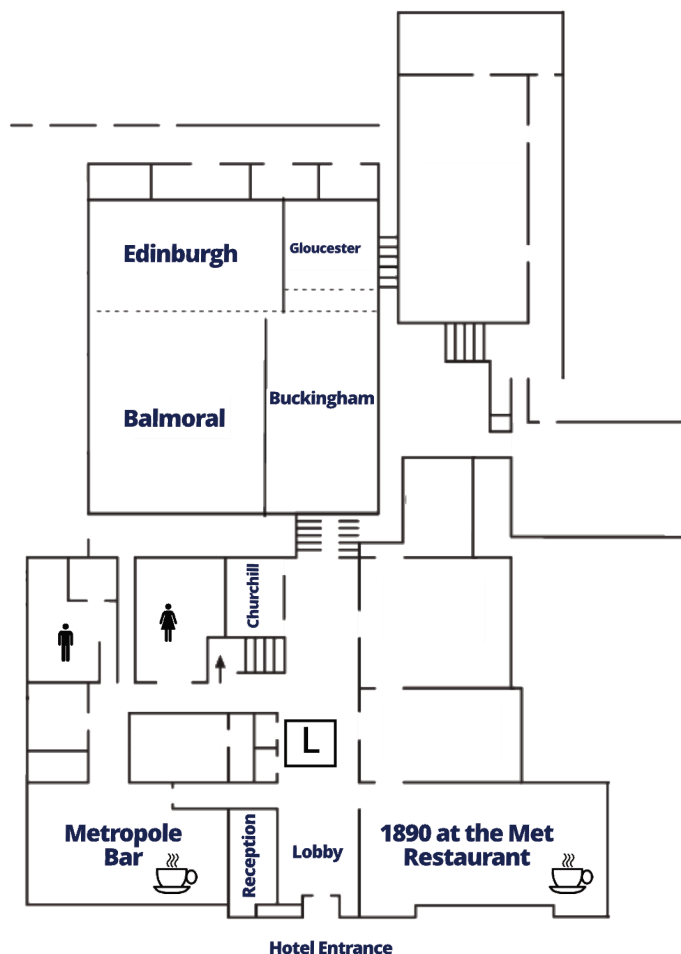


Brighton Centre, Ground Floor



Conference Hotel Plan

DoubleTree by Hilton Brighton Metropole



KING'S ROAD

Please note: The Hilton will only be used on Sunday 20 and Monday 21 September.

Follow our live blog

www.libdems.org.uk/conferencelive

THE GRAND
BRIGHTON



EXPLORE STAYS, SPA EXPERIENCES & DINING AT THE GRAND BRIGHTON.
GRANDBRIGHTON.CO.UK

Iconic for a reason



GUEST ROOMS



DINING



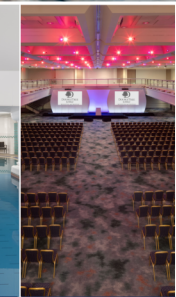
OUTDOOR TERRACE



SEA VIEWS



HEALTH CLUB



EVENT SPACES

Welcome back to Brighton & Hove

On behalf of Brighton & Hove, we extend a very warm welcome to all delegates attending the Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference. We're thrilled to have you join us in Brighton.

Whether this is your first visit or one of many, we hope you'll find time to enjoy Brighton's unique atmosphere and its fantastic mix of cultural and culinary delights.

Explore some of our highlights: the Royal Pavilion, Museum & Art Galleries, Theatre Royal, Brighton i360, Brighton Palace Pier, and our vibrant seafront with new bars, restaurants, and nightclubs.

Brighton is full of hidden gems, from independent shops and quirky cafés to coastal walks and live entertainment. Take time to discover what makes our city so special.

Need accommodation? we have a range available to suit all tastes and budgets.

You can book online now at:
<https://book.passkey.com/go/LDAC2026> or email delegates@visitbrighton.com for more details.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

For more information, visit www.visitbrighton.com



BRIGHTON COCKTAIL FESTIVAL

18TH - 27TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

JOIN US FOR THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST
COCKTAIL EVENT THIS YEAR!



50+

BRIGHTON'S
BEST BARS



150+

EXCLUSIVE
COCKTAILS



£6

ALL DRINKS
(£4 NON-ALC)

USE DISCOUNT
CODE **LibDem25**
TO SAVE 25% OFF
YOUR TICKETS



BRIGHTONCOCKTAILFESTIVAL.COM



The Exhibition

The Exhibition Booths will be live at the following times:

Saturday	19 September	09.00–18.00
Sunday	20 September	09.00–18.00
Monday	21 September	09.00–18.00
Tuesday	22 September	09.00–15.30

Exhibitors by stand number

1	His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar	29	ALDE Party
2	Dementia UK	30	Park Graphius
3	Animal Free Research UK	31	WASPI
4	National Education Union	32	Election Workshop
5	MCS Foundation	33	Shared Health Foundation
6	The Property Institute	35	Racial Diversity Campaign
9	Arthritis UK	36	National Secular Society
10	Epilepsy Society	37	Young Lives vs Cancer
11	Electrical Safety First	38	Liberal Reform
23	National Liberal Club	39	Lib Dem Business Network and Liberty Network
24	Lib Dem Education Association*	40	Lib Dem Friends of Kashmir
25	Rights-Liberties-Justice	41	Chinese, East & South East Asian Lib Dems*
26	Co-operative Council's Innovation Network	46	Times Radio
27	Lib Dems for Growth	H1	Prater Raines Ltd
28	Keep Britain Tidy	H2	Humanist and Secularist Lib Dems*

H3	LibSTEMM*	H16	Lib Dem Christian Forum*
H4	Parliamentary Candidates Association*	H17 & 18	Social Liberal Forum
H5	ALTER*	H20	Green Lib Dems*
H6	Liberal Software	H21	Lib Dem Campaign for Racial Equality*
H7	Lib Dem Friends of Ukraine*	H22	Liberal Voice for Women
H8	Lib Dems for Electoral Reform*	H23	Lib Dem Disability Association*
H9	Lib Dem Women*	H24	Lib Dem Friends of Hong Kong*
H10	LGBT+ Lib Dems*	H25	Liberator Magazine
H11	Young Liberals*	H26	Lib Dem European Group* & Liberal International British Group
H12	Lib Dems Abroad	H27	ALDC* & LGA Lib Dems
H13	Lib Dem History Group	HQ	Lib Dem HQ Staff
H14	Lib Dem Friends of Armed Forces*	LDI	Lib Dem Image
H15	Lib Dem Friends of Palestine*		

*Official Party Affiliated Organisations

Social Media Corner

Share your experience at conference! Use Social Media Corner's party-branded backdrop and lighting for videos and selfies and post your unique conference content for your followers, members and voters #ldconf



@confbehindscenes

www.instagram.com/confbehindscenes

Find us in the ground floor of the exhibition

Directory of Exhibitors

ALDC – Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors and LGA Liberal Democrats

ALDC and LGA Liberal Democrats provide advice, training and resources for local campaigners and councillors. Visit the stand to get updates on local government, campaigning and much more.

www.aldc.org

www.local.gov.uk/lga-lib-dem-group



ALDC

Stand H27

Action on Land Taxation & Economic Reform (ALTER)

We campaign for land taxation and economic reform. It is all about the 'place' (or Locus) of Place in our economic system: making it work for society and Planet Earth, not the other way round.

www.libdemsalter.org.uk



Stand H5

Arthritis UK

Arthritis UK is the leading arthritis charity, changing the lives of 10 million adults, young people, and children across the UK through research, campaigning, and support.

www.arthritis-uk.org



Stand 9

Animal Free Research UK

Animal Free Research UK is the leading charity working to create a world where animals and humans lead healthy, happy lives, free from suffering.

www.animalfreeresearchuk.org



Stand 3

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

ALDE Party

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party is the party for liberal democrat values in Europe. It consists of more than 70 member parties from 41 countries including the Liberal Democrats.

www.aldeparty.eu



Stand 29

Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network

CCIN, the fastest growing cross-party Network in Local Government. Our members want to reclaim the traditions of community action, community engagement and civic empowerment that can transform Communities - Join us!

www.councils.coop/resources



Stand 26

Chinese, East & South East Asian Liberal Democrats (CESEA)

CESEA LibDems is an official Affiliated Organisation (AO) of the Liberal Democrats. We are the party's only official diversity AO dedicated to members and communities with ESEA heritage and links. We support, mentor and fund ESEA candidates standing for election including Vice President Victoria Collins, the party's first LD MP with ESEA heritage and Cllr Ying Tong-Perrett, the country's first councillor on a Hong Kong BNO visa.

www.cesealibdems.uk



Stand 41

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

Dementia UK

Over one million people live with dementia in the UK, yet too many do not receive the support that they need.

It doesn't have to be this way. By coordinating care, providing specialist support from diagnosis through to end of life and improving support for unpaid carers, **we can fix dementia care so that no one has to face dementia alone.**

www.dementiauk.org



Stand 2

Election Workshop

Established by Liberal Democrats for Liberal Democrats to help YOU win elections. Specialists in election print and direct mail. Design free online with ALDC Artworker. DEMONSTRATIONS AT OUR EXHIBITION STALL.

www.electionworkshop.co.uk



Stand 32

Electrical Safety First

Electrical Safety First is the UK's leading charity on electrical safety. They work with the government, businesses, media and the electrical industry to provide expert advice, resources and campaigns to promote electrical safety in the home, including the safe use of e-bikes and e-scooters.

www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/batterybreakdown/battery-safety-campaign



Stand 11

Directory of Exhibitors cont.**Epilepsy Society**

Broken teeth. Unaffordable dental bills. This is the reality for 58% of people with epilepsy. Injuries caused by seizures should be repaired for free. Visit Epilepsy Society to learn more.



www.epilepsysociety.org.uk

Stand 10**Green Liberal Democrats**

Green Liberal Democrats work to improve awareness of environmental issues and to embed these issues into all Liberal Democrat social and economic policies in a distinctive and electable way.



www.greenlibdems.org.uk
www.facebook.com/greenlibdems

Stand H20**His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar**

Gibraltar's Liberal Party is a sister party to the Liberal Democrats in the United Kingdom. The Deputy Chief Minister and other Government officials will be available at the Gibraltar stand to meet as many friends as possible.



www.gibraltar.gov.gi

Stand 1**Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats**

For Liberal Democrats who believe the state should treat everyone equally whatever their religion or beliefs. Recent campaigns cover humanist weddings, discrimination by schools, assisted dying and CoFE disestablishment.



www.hsld.org.uk

Stand H2

Directory of Exhibitors cont.**Keep Britain Tidy**

Keep Britain Tidy is the charity that works to inspire, educate and enable people to value and protect the environment on their doorstep so everyone can love where they live.

www.keeptibritaintidy.org

**Stand 28****LGBT+ Lib Dems**

We exist to represent the party to the LGBT+ community, to ensure that the party's policies address their needs, and to support LGBT+ candidates and party members.

lgbt.libdems.org.uk

**Stand H10****Lib Dem Business Network and Liberty Network**

The Liberty Network & Lib Dem Business and Entrepreneurs Network are groups of like-minded Liberal Democrat supporters who are passionate about liberal values, business and issues. The Liberal Democrats Future Fund supports the Party's future work and campaigning efforts and offers supporters the opportunity to write their Will for free.

[LDBN website](#)
[Liberty website](#)
[Future fund](#)

**Stand 39****Lib Dem Campaign for Race Equality (LDCRE)**

LDCRE aims to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society and to fight against prejudice and discrimination based on race, colour or religion within the party and society.

www.ldcre.org.uk

**Stand H21**

Directory of Exhibitors cont.**Liberal Democrat Christian Forum**

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

www.ldcf.info

**Stand H16****Liberal Democrat Disability Association**

The LDDA, working to raise awareness and understanding of disability both through the Liberal Democrats, and the rest of society.

www.disabilitylibdems.org.uk

**Stand H23****Liberal Democrat Education Association**

We are an official Affiliated Organisation of the Liberal Democrats with the aim of promoting education up the agenda, both inside the party and outside.

www.ldea.org.uk

**Stand 24****Liberal Democrat European Group & Liberal International British Group**

The Liberal Democrat European Group works to strengthen the UK's relationship with the EU and foster understanding of European politics through debate, study visits and dialogue with European sister parties. LIBG is part of Liberal International. We hold regular seminars, with in-depth analysis of countries and current events, and publish our newsletter, Interlib, essential reading to understand the world today.

www.libg.uk
www.ldeg.org

**Stand H26**

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

Liberal Democrat Friends of Armed Forces

We support our Armed Forces and families by campaigning for them to be properly trained, equipped, cared for, and respected, while advocating our country's urgent need to "rearm to deter"



Stand H14

Liberal Democrats Friends of Hong Kong

DEMOCRACY RESILIENCE. Hong Kong diaspora communities and dissidents have experienced how radicals amplify division and polarisation. What will you do to stop populism? Come choose your policy at our interactive booth.

www.libdemshk.org.uk



Stand H24

Liberal Democrats Friends of Kashmir

Liberal Democrats Friends of Kashmir was formed to promote closer links between the Party and the UK Kashmir community, and to be a source of information on Kashmir.

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61590945353669



Stand 40

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

LDFP supports Palestinians in their demands for peace, justice, accountability and self-determination under international law.

www.ldfp.org.uk



Stand H15

Lib Dems for Growth

Lib Dems for Growth exists to champion growth-focused policy and campaigning within the Liberal Democrats.

www.libdemsforgrowth.org.uk



Stand 27

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

Lib Dem Friends of Ukraine

Members with an interest in Ukraine, the war, economic, political and humanitarian aspects for all Ukrainians. Applying political campaigning for settled status.

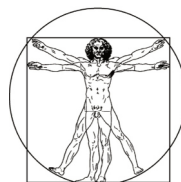


Stand H7

Liberal Democrat History Group

Chat to us about the party's history. Read the *Journal of Liberal History*, booklets on history, philosophy of Liberalism, greatest Liberal achievements, greatest women Liberals. The past illuminates the present.

www.liberalhistory.org.uk



Stand H13

Liberal Democrats HQ Staff

Visit the team from Liberal Democrat HQ to ask advice and learn about the work we do. Come and hear about our free training, engage with campaigns, and speak with staff from multiple LDHQ teams.

www.libdems.org.uk/campaigns



Stand HQ

Liberal Democrat Image

Visit the party's official supplier of campaign materials and merchandise. Find all the latest products and save money on postage. Visit our website www.libdemimage.co.uk and find us on Facebook.

www.libdemimage.co.uk



**Stand Lib
Dem Image**

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

Liberal Democrat Women

The official organisation representing women - leading the way for an intersectional, inclusive, feminist future. Join our network and help to shape policy and support women and girls in politics.

www.libdemwomen.org.uk
<https://x.com/libdemwomen>



Stand H9

Liberal Democrats Abroad

Millions of British citizens abroad need our help to defend their rights and to have their say at elections. Find out how you can support them and win their vote.

www.libdemsabroad.org



Stand H12

Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform

LDER is the party's campaigning home for fair, equal votes. We work with leadership and local activists; and with non-party reformers to make the demand for proportional representation unstoppable.

www.lder.org



Stand H8

Liberal Reform

Liberal Reform exists within the Liberal Democrats to promote personal liberty and a fair society supported by free, open and competitive markets. We seek to make these values central to Party policy.

www.liberalreform.org.uk



Stand 38

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

Liberal Software

Volunteer coders, designers, and managers using our skills for the party.

www.liberalsoftware.org



Stand H6

LibSTEMM - Liberal Democrats in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine

The home of Science and Technology within the Liberal Democrats. LibSTEMM aims to bridge the gap between scientists and politicians; putting evidence based policies at the heart of our party.

www.libstemm.uk



Stand H3

Liberal Voice for Women

Liberal Voice for Women exists to protect and advance the rights and interests of women and girls from within the Liberal Democrats.

www.liberalvoiceforwomen.org



Stand H22

Liberator Magazine

Liberator is free to read online and is packed with thought provoking articles from writers across the party. And with RB read news you won't read anywhere else.

www.liberatormagazine.org.uk

liberator

Stand H25

Directory of Exhibitors cont.**MCS Foundation**

The MCS Foundation's mission is to decarbonise homes, heat and energy. We support and develop programmes to help retrofit UK homes at scale, expand the skills base the sector needs, and commission independent research that informs and shapes better decision making. For more information please visit our website.



www.mcsfoundation.org

Stand 5**National Education Union**

The National Education Union brings together more than half a million teachers, support staff and leaders, to form the largest education union in Europe. Visit the NEU's stand to find out why we need to invest in education and our children's futures.



www.neu.org.uk

Stand 4**National Liberal Club**

Founded in 1882, the National Liberal Club, located in the heart of Whitehall, is an open, welcoming, diverse and unique Private Members' Club.



www.nlc.org.uk

Stand 23**National Secular Society**

The National Secular Society is a membership-based organisation campaigning for the separation of religion and state, and promoting secularism as a vital principle that upholds individual freedoms, protects human rights, and fosters a fair and open society, in which people of all religions and none can live together as equal citizens.



www.secularism.org.uk

Stand 36

Directory of Exhibitors cont.**Park Graphius**

21 years working with Lib Dems throughout the UK, printing good looking election literature, and delivering it to the right place at the right time.



www.parkcom.co.uk

Stand 30

Parliamentary Candidates Association

Parliamentary Candidates' Association supporting all PPCs in their bid to win elections.



www.libdempca.org.uk

Stand H4

Prater Raines Ltd

The Liberal Democrats' development partner for Lighthouse and Fleet, making the Party's online campaigning shipshape for the future. Meet the team for Fleet demonstrations and advice.



www.praterraines.co.uk

Stand H1

Racial Diversity Campaign

The racial diversity campaign supports ethnic minorities from the Liberal Democrats through mentoring, network and candidate development, helping to build a more diverse and representative party.



www.libdems.org.uk/racial-diversity-campaign

Stand 35

Rights-Liberties-Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)

For Liberal Democrats interested in rights liberties and justice issues; you don't need to be a lawyer to join but share our passion for justice and the rule of law.



www.rights-liberties-justice.uk

Stand 25

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

Shared Health Foundation

Shared Health Foundation works to reduce the impact of poverty on health. Come and talk to us about improving the lives of the 170,000 homeless children living in Temporary Accommodation.

www.sharedhealthfoundation.org.uk



Shared Health Foundation.
Reducing the Impact of Poverty on Health.

Stand 33

Social Liberal Forum

The Social Liberal Forum promotes Social Liberalism as the heart and soul of UK Liberal Democrat philosophy, answering "What's the point of the Lib Dems"; and building Radical Economic Policies.

www.socialliberal.net



Stands H17 & H18

Social Media Corner

Share your experience at conference! Use the Social Media Corner party-branded backdrop space for videos and selfies and post unique conference content for your followers, members and voters #ldconf

@confbehindscenes

www.instagram.com/confbehindscenes



Times Radio

Times Radio is a 24-hour radio station for The Times and The Sunday Times, available on DAB digital radio, via the free Times Radio app or on your smart speaker.

www.thetimes.com/radio/live

TIMESRadio

Stand 46

Directory of Exhibitors cont.

The Property Institute

The Property Institute (TPI) is the professional body for residential property management, with a clear mission: to ensure residents live in safe and well-managed homes, supported by competent, regulated professionals.



**The
Property
Institute**

www.tpi.org.uk/about-us/impact/

Stand 6

WASPI - Women Against State Pension Inequality

WASPI - a campaign group for 1950s-born women who saw rapid and steep increases to their State Pension age without adequate notice. In March 2024, the Ombudsman found this to be maladministration and instructed Parliament to deliver compensation as quickly as possible. WASPI continues to work cross-party to see justice delivered for the 3.6 million women affected.



www.waspi.co.uk

Stand 31

Young Liberals

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



www.youngliberals.uk

Stand H11

Young Lives vs Cancer

Young Lives vs Cancer support children and young people (0-25) and their families to face whatever challenges cancer brings, with specialist Social Care, financial grants, and accommodation close to hospital.



www.younglivesvscancer.org.uk

Stand 37

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Local
Government
Association

ALDC

Local government continues to be where the Liberal Democrats make the greatest difference to people's lives.

This year's local elections saw us move forwards for the eighth year in a row.

Millions more people in Britain - in the places such as Birmingham, Newcastle, Surrey, London and Suffolk - now live in an area where local services are led by the Liberal Democrats.

There are now over 3,350 principal Lib Dem councillors, plus thousands more Lib Dem town, parish and community councillors. We run 76 local authorities - second only to Labour.

In local government, we are the second party in UK politics. We have our sights set on being first.

Liberal Democrat councillors remain the only section of the party with direct governing powers -

overseeing budgets worth billions that deliver hundreds of essential local services.

There is an old saying that a council portfolio holder is more influential than a backbench MP. At present there are several hundred Lib Dem portfolio holders!

Whether in administration or opposition, Liberal Democrat councillors are putting liberal values into direct action. Each year we add more councillors to our Lib Dem family and the difference we make becomes greater and greater.



Stockport Liberal Democrats took full control of their council in May's local elections

LGA Liberal Democrats and ALDC: Supporting councillors & campaigners

The **Local Government Association (LGA) Liberal Democrats** represent Lib Dem councillors at a national level. It champions the work of Lib Dem councillors and campaigns for local government to remain strong and free from central government interference.

The **Association of Liberal Democrat Campaigners and Councillors (ALDC)** supports local councillors and campaigners with training,

advice and resources to help more Liberal Democrats get elected and stay elected by making a Liberal difference in their community.

LGA Lib Dems and ALDC run several training programmes to support Lib Dems in local government. These include **Next Generation** (a training course to support up and coming councillors) and **Leadership Academy** (to help train councillors in a leadership role).

LGA Lib Dem group elections

The Liberal Democrats at the LGA operate a full and open election process with all Lib Dem councillors in England and Wales (whose councils are LGA members) having a vote.

Positions are elected every two years with the last elections taking place in 2025, and the next ones set for 2027.

All Lib Dem councillors on LGA member authorities elected before April 30th

2027 have a right to stand.

The elections themselves will start soon after the May 2027 Local Elections.

A copy of the annual report, which gives more information over the different job titles and what the office holders have been doing can be found here on the LGA Lib Dem website on the QR code above.



Fringe and Training Guide

What is Fringe?

The 'fringe' is the term used for the many individual events, hosted by businesses/commercial organisations, charities, think tanks, party bodies, NGOs and trade bodies, etc. They take place around the main conference and offer the opportunity to hear from expert guest speakers on a huge range of topics. Events taking place can include seminars, debates, workshops and receptions.

Fringe meeting access

All fringe events listed in the official fringe venues are wheelchair-accessible.

If you experience any access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.

If you have any concerns or compliments about a fringe event at conference, please contact the event organiser during or at the end of the session.

Key to fringe listings



PA system including hearing loop



Refreshments provided



Consultation Session

A Thriving Economy Consultation Session Saturday 19th September

13.00–14.30: This is an opportunity for members to engage with the policy working group on A Thriving Economy. Chaired by Julia Goldsworthy on behalf of the Federal Policy Committee.

The Grand Hotel, Empress Room



Spokespeople Q&A Sessions

There will be three Q&A sessions at conference where you can ask questions of our spokespeople. Sessions on Saturday and Sunday will take place in the Brighton Centre and the session on Monday will take place in The Grand Hotel.

Saturday 19th September

16.30–17.30: Victoria Collins MP and Tim Clement-Jones on Science, Innovation and Technology.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D; Chair: Baroness Kitching.

Sunday 20th September

16.30–17.30: Helen Morgan MP and Baroness Pidgeon on Health and Care.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D; Chair: Charley Hasted.

Monday 21st September

16.30–17.30: Lisa Smart MP and Lord Pack on Political and Constitutional Reform.

The Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room; Chair: Dr Chris Adams.



Party Body Forum **Saturday 19 September** **11.00–12.00**

Invite Only

Get together with other representatives of Party Bodies to find out what everyone has been working on and share ideas.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

Saturday 19 September

Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30

Carers Trust

Securing fair futures for young carers - Followed by councillor unpaid carers clinic

Kickstart your conference fringe programme with Carers Trust, Alison Bennett MP and Steve Darling MP as they explore how we can improve the educational and employment opportunities for the country's estimated one million young carers. Following this fringe, at 2pm, councillors are invited to drop-in to chat with Carers Trust about how you can best support unpaid carers in your area.

www.carers.org

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

How can Lib Dems challenge the rise of populism and Christian nationalism?

Christianity and national identity have become politicised. How do we respond to the mantra that we are a Christian country, a one faith state? How can the UK remain a country where all are embraced? Christian, Muslim & non religious speakers.

www.ldcf.info

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum Facebook/Instagram

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30 cont.

LGA Lib Dems and ALDC

Bridging the digital divide & reconnecting Britain

How do we connect across the digital divide? With Helen Morgan MP - Chair AAPG on Digital Communities (invited) and Victoria Collins MP - Lib Dem Science Spokesperson (invited). Chaired by Cllr Amanda Hopgood, LGA Lib Dem Group Deputy Leader.

www.local.gov.uk/political/lga-lib-dem-group

www.aldc.org

[@libdemlocalgov.bsky.social](https://twitter.com/libdemlocalgov)

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C



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 1D



Social Liberal Forum: The Problem of Vision and Purpose series. Fringe No 1

Launch of SLF Strategy. Reawakening Liberal Moral values in a fractured World

An 18-month outreach programme designed to reawaken Liberalism and make it relevant to life today. With two main themes, 'Values and Purpose' and 'Moral Economics' come and join us on this exciting journey. For full details www.socialliberal.net

www.socialliberal.net

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room



Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30 cont.

Empowering Consumers Consultation Session

This is an opportunity for members to engage with the policy working group on A Thriving Economy. Chaired by Julia Goldsworthy on behalf of the Federal Policy Committee.

Grand Hotel, Empress Room



Liberal Democrat History Group and Liberal Democrat Women *Women for Liberty: the women who built Liberalism and the party*

From the earliest days of Liberalism to more recent history, women have helped to shape the movement. Marking the publication of *'Women for Liberty'*, join Wendy Chamberlain MP, Baroness Lynne Featherstone and Jo Swinson to reflect on the legacy and their own experiences, in discussion with Duncan Brack (Editor, *'Journal of Liberal History'*), and Donna Harris (Chair, Lib Dem Women).

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room



ALDC and LGA Liberal Democrats

Revitalising our High Streets: ALDC, LGA Lib Dems and FPC with Colliers

Town centres and high streets are the beating heart of our communities. Join us to explore how national and local policy can create vibrant, sustainable places where businesses and communities thrive. With Daisy Cooper MP, Cllr Katie Mansfield (Richmond) and Colliers.

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion



Liberal International British Group and Liberal Democrat Friends of Hong Kong

No More Loopholes: Closing the Door on Foreign Interference

Strengthening democratic resilience in a dangerous world. Our panel examines the new challenges UK democracy faces from China and Russia — and asks what today's malign state interference demands of us. Is it time to toughen UK law against foreign meddling?

www.libg.co.uk

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Fringe Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.30 cont.

Institute for Mental Health, University of Birmingham & Grassroots Suicide Prevention
Strengthening support for young people – a roadmap to improve suicide prevention

Suicide is a leading cause of death among UK young people, especially in marginalised communities. Dr Maria Michail, Alex Harvey, Leah Preston and Kalen Reid will examine youth-led, cross-sector collaborative suicide prevention approaches and implications for national policy and practice.

www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/centres-institutes/mental-health

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Fringe Saturday afternoon 15.15–16.15

Approval Process Review – Drop-in Session (15:15-16:15)

JCSC has commissioned a review of the Parliamentary Candidate Approval Process, gathering evidence and listening to experiences from across the Party to identify practical improvements. Come along to our informal drop-in session during Federal Conference to share your experiences, ask questions, or find out more. Whether you've been through the approvals process yourself or supported candidates through it, we'd love to hear your views. No booking required—just drop in and join the conversation.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

Fringe Saturday early evening 18.30–19.30

Members Rally

In a world where liberalism, democracy and British values are under threat, it's more important than ever to remind ourselves why we are here and what makes us Liberal Democrats. Speakers include Lib Dem Leader Ed Davey.

Brighton Centre, Auditorium



Fringe Saturday mid evening

20.15–21.30

Liberal Voice for Women

From Street to Screen: exploitation of women in a digital age.

“Adult” services websites have reshaped the sex industry, creating new opportunities for exploitation and organised crime. Meanwhile, trafficked women account for a growing number of street prostitutes. Join expert speakers, examine the evidence, and discuss how party policy should evolve.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A



Liberal Britain

Who Gets Left Behind? The Challenge of White Working Class Disadvantage in Education.

Join our range of experts from across industry as we discuss the chronic underperformance of white working class students and how to tackle this issue.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



A group of urban local parties

Winning Britain's Cities: A Liberal Vision for Urban Britain

Britain's cities present unique political challenges and opportunities. What's working for us and what isn't? Join Hina Bokhari (AM), Cllr Rachel Bentley and others to discuss the lessons from May and how to shape the party's offer for urban Britain.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C



Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30 cont.

Social Liberal Forum

The Problem of Vision and Purpose session 2

Reawakening Liberalism, the moral answer to a fractured society with Roz Savage MP, Prof David Howarth, Ian Dunt, Chair Roger Hayes Using vox pop interviews with real voters we get to the heart of the matter For full details www.socialliberal.net

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Green Liberal Democrats and Liberals and Democrats for Nature and Climate (LDNC)

Communicating the Climate and Nature Crisis with MPs Pippa Heylings and Wera Hobhouse

Across rural, coastal and urban communities, people feel climate and nature challenges differently, but all want clarity, confidence and trusted answers. When Lib Dems speak to each community with honesty and evidence, shared purpose becomes a movement people choose to stand with, meeting our needs today while safeguarding the future. The science is certain – the future is not.

www.greenlibdems.org.uk

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room



ALDC and LGA Liberal Democrats

ALDC AGM and Local Campaigner Awards 2026 sponsored by Election Workshop

Join us for ALDC's Annual General Meeting (with guest speaker Tim Farron MP) and our Local Campaigner Awards celebrating the best Lib Dem local government achievements of the past year. Sponsored by Election Workshop, all ALDC members are welcome.

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room



Fringe Saturday mid evening 20.15–21.30 cont.

UK Flour Millers Reception

Rural Reception: food security through farming, milling and baking

Through invited speakers the rural reception will draw the link between the countryside and food security. Self-sufficient in wheat flour production with the UK farming, milling, baking supply chain makes 12 million loaves a day. Join us to learn more.

www.ukflourmillers.org

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion



Liberal Democrat Friends of the Armed Forces

How should the UK prepare in case of War?

The UK has virtually no air defences, its armed forces are run down, defence budget increases are unfunded and the government won't engage our citizens about it. Join James MacCleary MP and military experts to discuss what we should do.

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



LibSTEMM - The home of Science and Technology within the Liberal Democrats

Who Holds the Power? AI, Data and Democracy

Caught between US and Chinese tech dominance, the UK must build digital sovereignty while preserving democracy. We'll explore protecting individual rights, reducing foreign dependence, and utilizing policy tools secure a fair, resilient digital future. Panel: Lord Clement-Jones & special guests.

www.libstemm.uk

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Lib Dems for Growth and Cratus Group Drinks Reception

Join the new Lib Dems for Growth group and Cratus Group for refreshments and informal discussion of how the Liberal Democrats would get Britain growing again.

Birch Room, Brighton i360, Lower Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2LN

Fringe Saturday late evening 22.00–Midnight

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors (ALDC) and Cambridge Lib Dems

Lib Dem Disco, hosted by ALDC and Cambridge Liberal Democrats and Sponsored by TikTok

Lib Dem Disco returns! Lib Dem heavyweights will go head-to-head on the decks for a brilliant night of music, sponsored by TikTok and UK Music. Visit www.aldc.org to book your ticket and get ready to shake your thang!

Grand Hotel, Empress, Charlotte and Pavilion Rooms



Saturday

POLI MONITOR

**THE UK'S FIRST-CHOICE
POLITICAL MONITORING SERVICE.**

**FAST, PERSONALISED, AND
RELEVANT UPDATES ON THE ISSUES
THAT MATTER MOST.**

Interested in monitoring
for your organisation?

Contact us at info@polimonitor.com.

www.polimonitor.com



Training and Skills Programme

Saturday 19 September - Tuesday 22 September

Welcome to our Autumn Conference 2026 training programme!

Whether you're attending your very first Conference or you've been involved with the Party for years, our training programme is open to everyone (unless specifically stated). We hope these sessions will help you build new skills, refresh existing ones, and give you the confidence to take on new roles and challenges within the Party.

It's been another busy and successful year for Liberal Democrat campaigners, but there's always more to do. As local campaigns continue to grow and many Local Parties begin preparing for the elections ahead, we hope this programme offers something to support your ambitions, whatever stage you're at or whatever your local priorities may be.

As in previous years, we've organised our sessions into themed training streams, making it easier to focus on the areas that interest you most. Of course, you're equally welcome to dip in and attend whichever sessions you feel will be most useful. The streams available at this Conference are:

PARTY ROLES:

Learn or develop the skills to take on different party roles.

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA:

How to use available Tech systems and run digital campaigning.

CANDIDATES:

How to become a candidate or develop your skills as one.

COUNCILLORS:

Sessions particularly for those who are elected Councillors.

CAMPAIGNING:

For those looking to develop their campaigning skills.

Saturday 19 September

Training and skills Saturday morning 9.15–10.15

How to survive Conference

Get all the inside knowledge on how to survive conference. Designed for first-timers, but old hands might find some new knowledge too; all welcome.

Federal Conference Committee

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Public Speaking and how to smash a conference speech

Women Members only

For first time speakers or those with experience, there are always new things to learn from body language to commanding a room.

Campaign for Gender Balance

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

CANDIDATES

How to write a great FOCUS article

FOCUS is the foundation stone of countless Lib Dem campaigns. Make sure your Focus articles pack a punch by attending this session.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday morning 9.15–10.15 cont.

Setting your Social Media Strategy

Social Media is becoming a bigger part of campaigning - and our lives - year on year. Come along to this session to hear from our experts about how to use it effectively and set a winning strategy.

LDHQ Digital Comms and Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Winning Online - Winning with Ads

Most online political ads are bad - generic, over-produced, and ignored. This session breaks down what a great paid social campaign actually looks like: the design, the budget, the formats that work and the ones that waste your budget.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Reform can be beaten and here's how we did it

Reform UK always claim they're on the rise - but that didn't happen everywhere in May. This session will explore messaging, best practice and resources from campaigns that successfully beat Reform UK run by LDHQ and local parties that did just that in May.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday morning 9.15–10.15 cont.

Framing squeeze in 5 way splits

With two party politics on the rocks, some elections are more crowded than we have ever seen them. In this session our campaigning experts will take you through how to ensure that you are squeezing the tactical vote in order to win and making sure your voice is the one being heard.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CAMPAIGNING

The power of diversity for campaigns and communities

Diversity isn't an add-on; it is a core source of strength and creativity. Learn how to actively reach out to underrepresented groups, remove barriers to participation, and build inclusive campaign teams that truly reflect your community.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Training and skills Saturday late morning 10.30–11.30

Data Protection Essentials: Keeping on the right side of the law

Practical guidance on lawful processing, keeping data secure, maintaining compliance to help volunteers manage personal data with confidence.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday late morning 10.30–11.30 cont.

Building a Local Party Standing Order Campaign

Focus on building and growing sustainable local standing order campaigns

LDHQ Fundraising Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D

CAMPAIGNING

Being an effective council group

Politics is a team game, and working together on the council is both more productive and more enjoyable. This session covers everything from group administration basics to making a strong impact in the Chamber.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room

COUNCILLORS

Winning when turnout changes

A lot has been said about changes in local election turnout over the last couple of years - but how can we make sure we are still best placed to win? Come along to this session to find out what the data is saying about turnout and what you can do to get ahead of it.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday late morning 10.30–11.30 cont.

Winning Online - Winning Visuals

You don't need a professional camera or a production budget to create great political content. This session covers the kit worth having, the techniques that actually matter (yes, including how to take a decent selfie), and how to use what you shoot on different platforms online.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Winning in the Red Wall

Winning in many traditionally Labour-held seats means convincing lifelong Labour voters to put their trust in the Liberal Democrats - as well as uniting the anti-Labour vote. In this session, we'll explore how to earn that support by building local credibility, demonstrating action, and connecting through the values we have in common.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

Building a team to make it through the next election

A strong campaign starts with a strong team that can take you all the way to the next election and beyond. Come and hear how to build yours from core organisers to activists and how to use practical tools like action days, 121s and local surveys.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday late morning 10.30–11.30 cont.

Do your candidates look like your community?

Get your candidates in place as soon as possible to help you win! But where to find them? Find out here.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

PARTY ROLES

Training and skills Saturday afternoon 15.15–16.15

Treasurer Essentials: becoming confident in your role

Essential guidance to help Treasurers confidently navigate their role, share practical tips for success and bust some myths.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

PARTY ROLES

Speaking with Confidence - Manage The Nerves

Speaking in public can be a nerve-wracking experience. Pounding heart... breathlessness, sweaty palms or even sleepless nights. Working with an experienced professional speaker, pick up practical tips for managing the nerves and projecting greater confidence as a speaker... even if you don't feel confident!

Simon Bucknall - The Public Speaking Coach For More Inspiring Leaders

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

CANDIDATES

COUNCILLORS

Training Saturday afternoon 15.15–16.15 cont.

Lib Dems in Action - Making a difference as a town or parish councillor

Town and parish councils play a vital role in local communities. This session covers how to make the most impact, work with residents, and navigate your responsibilities to deliver positive change on the ground.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room

COUNCILLORS

AI Part One: Introduction to using AI to campaign

AI has the potential to be a powerful new tool that helps us with campaigning. In this session our campaigning experts will share their top tips as well as how to avoid common pitfalls.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

What makes a good message on a local Focus

For many residents, the main way they know about the work their local Liberal Democrats are doing is through receiving their latest Focus. Come along to this session to make sure your Focus is getting the right message across and showcasing the difference you are making locally.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday afternoon 15.15–16.15 cont.

How to beat the Green Party wherever you are

The Green Party is not the same in all parts of the UK. Come along to this session to find out the nuances there may be where you are and hear about practical campaigning tips to help you beat them.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

Your Path to Approval

A practical introduction to the parliamentary approval process for aspiring candidates. Open to everyone, with a focus on encouraging applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Understand each stage of the journey, who is involved, what assessors are looking for, and get your questions answered.

LDHQ Candidates

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CANDIDATES

Keeping your council seat

You've won the election - now learn how to protect your majority. This session shows you how to balance town hall duties with year-round ward campaigning. From maintaining a high profile to building a volunteer team so you don't do it alone.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

COUNCILLORS

Training and skills Saturday late afternoon 16.30-17.30

Numbers matter: Annual Accounts, Tax & Tactics for Treasurers

A practical session covering year-end accounts best practice, updates on HMRC tax enquiries, and other Treasurer conundrums.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

PARTY ROLES

Speaking to Inspire - Win Hearts & Minds

Too many speeches and presentations are a complete waste of time... because they fail to inspire change. Working with an experienced professional speaker, pick up tips and insights that will help you ignite the hearts and minds of your audience members...

Simon Bucknall - The Public Speaking Coach For More Inspiring Leaders

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

CANDIDATES

COUNCILLORS

Lib Dems in Action - Greening our communities

Tackling climate change and protecting our local environment is vital. This panel highlights effective Lib Dem policies, community projects, and campaign ideas that are making a real difference - and how you can bring them to your area.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday late afternoon 16.30–17.30 cont.

AI Part Two: Using AI to campaign - The next steps

AI has started to show the benefits it can bring to improving how we campaign - but what comes next. Come along to this session to find out more about where you can be taking AI in your campaigns. This session is suitable for people already using AI - there is a session introducing AI use in campaigning directly before this one.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

New to campaigning? Then start here!

For many of those new to the Party working out what's involved in campaigning or where to get started can seem overwhelming. In this session we take you through what every campaigner needs to know to get started and help you take those first steps.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

CAMPAIGNING

Got new councils in 2027? Here's how we did it this May

Over the next few years there will be more new councils being elected than ever before. Lib Dems showed this year that we can win in these new councils. In this session you can hear directly from those who were there on the ground about how they did it.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Saturday late afternoon 16.30–17.30 cont.

Running a Successful Selection Process

Learn how to organise and oversee a parliamentary candidate selection. This session will equip attendees with the knowledge required to qualify as an Assistant Returning Officer.

LDHQ Candidates Team

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

PARTY ROLES

I think I'm fighting Labour...?! But am I!

Politics is more complicated and polarising than ever before. It's a crowded field and it isn't always obvious who the opposition are. This session is for traditionally Labour-facing areas to understand who they are fighting in their next election.

ALDC

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING



We want to hear from you!

We will be sending round a feedback survey link soon.
Please let us know about your experience of Conference.

Climate and Nature Day 2026

**SUNDAY
20TH SEPTEMBER**

ALEXANDRA ROOM,
THE GRAND HOTEL

Liberals and Democrats for Nature and Climate (LDNC) are an independent organisation working to strengthen the liberal voice for action to restore nature and tackle climate change.

We work with stakeholders and supporters to provide resources, ideas, and platforms for liberal solutions to environmental challenges.

We are delighted to present a full programme of events at this year's Conference for Climate and Nature Day, focused on how liberal environmental leadership can create a thriving economy and strengthen national security.



ldnc.org.uk
@ldnc-uk
info@ldnc.org.uk

Thank you to our sponsoring partners for your generous support:



08:00 - 09:00

Invite only *

LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION: NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Local authorities have a vital role in delivering the UK's climate ambitions. This local government networking breakfast offers a chance to share best practice, discuss solutions to common challenges, and explore how you can maximise the impact of your local climate leadership.

Sponsored by Energy UK.

**PROGRAMME
SUNDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER**



12:15 - 13:15

DEVELOPMENT AND DEFORESTATION: A LIBERAL INTERNATIONALIST RESPONSE

The Government's cuts to international development are putting people and the planet at risk. Join Monica Harding MP and Pippa Heylings MP to discuss how the Liberal Democrats can lead the fight against deforestation and support countries and global conservation organisations tackling the climate and nature crisis.

Sponsored by Chester Zoo and WWF.

13:45 - 14:45

WATCH THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

The UK faces a growing climate and nature emergency. Yet most people have never been fully briefed on what it means for our lives, our economy and our future. Watch the powerful *People's Emergency Briefing* film and discuss how Liberal Democrats can lead the response with expert speakers and campaigners.

18:15 - 19:15

QUESTION TIME WITH DAISY COOPER: ENERGY BILLS EDITION

Test your knowledge in our live, interactive Energy Bills Question Time with Daisy Cooper MP. Discover why bills remain so high and hear how the Liberal Democrats would tackle voters' top concern: the cost of energy.

Sponsored by Octopus Energy.

19:45 - 21:00

THE CLIMATE AND NATURE RECEPTION!

Wrap up Climate and Nature Day with leading environmental voices shaping the future of climate and nature policy. And hear from Pippa Heylings MP on whether the Liberal Democrats are the only real green party in Britain.

Sponsored by Green Alliance.

Sunday 20 September

Fringe Sunday morning 08.00–09.00

Liberal Britain (Liberal Reform)

What would a Liberal Democrat Government Do?

Join our expert panel to discuss what a Lib Dem government in action could achieve, how government works and how to use it effectively to improve lives.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

Fringe Sunday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15

Nesta

What are the real options for bringing electricity bills down?

For many people, electricity bills have been too high for too long. This panel explores what it would take to bring electricity costs down for good and what changes could make electrification a realistic choice for every household.

www.nesta.org.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Dignity in Dying

What's next for the assisted dying bill?

The assisted dying bill is back in Parliament. Peers tried to filibuster, but the Commons and public agree: dying people deserve choice. Hear about the bill's next steps, and how we can make assisted dying a reality for the UK.

www.dignityindying.org.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



Fringe Sunday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

UK Music

Madchesterism: Putting Music at the Heart of Devolution

As power shifts from Westminster to our towns, cities and regions, how can music drive growth, strengthen communities and inspire the next generation? Join UK Music, policymakers and industry leaders to explore how devolution can unlock the full economic and cultural potential of the UK's world-leading music industry.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

Campaign for Better Transport

Moving power: integrated transport and the devolution opportunity

With the Better Connected strategy for integrated transport including commitments to empower local leaders, can transport be a key beneficiary of the devolution opportunity, and will the benefits be felt by all local authorities? Chair: Ben Plowden, Campaign for Better Transport, Speakers: Olly Glover MP, Monta Drosdova, Urban Transport Group, Maya Singer-Hobbs, IPPR, Bella Sankey, Brighton and Hove City Council (invited).

www.bettertransport.org.uk

Grand Hotel, Empress Room



Pagabo x TYI

Social Value in Action: Supporting Liberal Democrats to Deliver for Local Communities

Join us for a discussion on how public sector procurement can maximise social value, helping Liberal Democrat councils and communities deliver better local outcomes. Panellists will explore practical routes to embedding social value in local infrastructure, construction and regeneration decisions.

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

Fringe Sunday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

National House Building Council (NHBC)***Homes, Skills and Growth: How We Build the Workforce Britain Needs***

The UK housing sector needs more skilled workers to meet Government targets, including delivering more homes and decarbonisation. A panel of Liberal Democrat and industry figures will share unique insights from their experience and solutions to tackling this pressing challenge.

www.nhbc.co.uk

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

**ALDC and LGA Lib Dems*****Community action against Sewage: ALDC, LGA Lib Dems with Surfers Against Sewage***

What are the next steps of the campaign to clean up our waterways, and what difference can we make locally as community campaigners and councillors? With ALDC, Louise Reddy (Surfers against Sewage) and special guests.

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

**Institute for Government & The Investment Association*****In conversation with Daisy Cooper MP***

With weak business investment a chronic condition of the UK economy, this event explores Liberal Democrat proposals to break up the Treasury and create a Ministry of Growth to boost investment across the UK economy and "get Britain growing again".

www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

Invitation Only



Fringe Sunday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

Palestine and Israel: liberal perspectives on the future

Speakers: Ori Givati (B'Tselem), Jewish filmmaker Gillian Mosely, Knesset Member Aida Touma-Sliman and historian Ilan Pappé (invited).

Examining developments on the ground, Israeli public attitudes towards Palestine, the upcoming Israeli elections, and prospects for genuine peace, accountability and political change.

www.ldfp.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room



Sustain and The Food Foundation

A Good Food Bill: Can the Lib Dems help secure healthy and sustainable food for all?

Government food policy lurches from one abandoned strategy to the next, while farmers face uncertainty, millions cannot afford a healthy diet, and childhood obesity keeps rising. Join us to discuss how a Good Food Bill would lock progress into law.

www.sustainweb.org
https://x.com/Food_Foundation

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

CHEM Trust

Forever polluted? The health and environmental threats of PFAS 'forever chemicals'

PFAS, the "forever chemicals," contaminate UK rivers, food, drinking water- and even our blood, exposing the deep connection between environmental and human health. Join our event with the Green Liberal Democrats as we discuss solutions to this 'forever' pollution crisis.

www.chemtrust.org
<https://uk.linkedin.com/company/chem-trust>

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room



Fringe Sunday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Beyond Abbas and Netanyahu, what hope for peace in the Middle East?

An in depth conversation between Foreign Affairs Lead, Calum Miller MP, and LDFI Hon. Chair, Gavin Stollar OBE.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room

Best for Britain

Bold or cautious? The Lib Dem dilemma on Europe

How to balance being pro-European while targeting Leave voting seats. With Charlie Maynard MP, Baroness Julie Smith and Best for Britain's Naomi Smith.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room

Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Tackling the drivers of hunger and hardship – a liberal approach to reforming our social security system

From ill health, an expensive private rented sector, and a lack of good jobs locally, our social security system is put under pressure from failures elsewhere. Join JRF, Trussell, and Liberal Democrats to hear how focusing on these root causes can help build a fairer, sustainable future, and an alternative to blunt cuts.

www.jrf.org.uk

X - [@jrf_uk](https://twitter.com/jrf_uk)

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Invitation Only



Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

The National Centre for Accessible Transport

Building a more accessible transport system for disabled people

Chaired by Transport Select Committee member Steff Aquarone MP, this panel discussion will explore how national and local government create a transport system that works for everyone. We will discuss the Select Committee's landmark Access Denied report on transport and disability, and consider how policymakers and industry can enact best practice to end the postcode lottery in transport.

www.ncat.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



Centre for Care

Supporting carers: the future of Carer's Allowance and the case for reform

Join the Centre for Care to explore vital new evidence uncovering the barriers and harm unpaid carers experience in accessing their welfare rights. Discover how you can support change to the design and administration of Carer's Allowance.

www.centreforcure.ac.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

The Law Society and the Bar Council

Defending the ECHR: Its importance to Britain and the case for reform

Ben Maguire MP and Jess Brown-Fuller MP (invited), with experts from the Law Society and Bar Council, defend the UK's place in the ECHR, showcasing its everyday protections while proposing reforms that strengthen rights and uphold the rule of law.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.**National Education Union*****The state of our schools: will the White Paper and SEND reforms deliver?***

The Government's Schools White Paper and SEND reforms set out an ambitious vision - but with chronic teacher shortages, overstretched SEND provision, and funding that hasn't kept pace with need, can ambition alone close the gap? Join us to explore further.

Grand Hotel, Empress Room**King's College London*****Rethinking mental health: a prevention-first approach to address the crisis***

Join Dr Danny Chambers MP, Spokesperson (Mental Health), and King's to discuss how mental health policy can shift towards prevention-first solutions. With demand doubling since 2016 and sharpest rises among young people, we'll explore the action needed to address this.

www.kcl.ac.uk/policy-institute
Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room**More in Common****Who and what are the Liberal Democrats for?**

The Liberal Democrats have been making steady gains, particularly in the blue wall, but support has become concentrated in these areas of strength. Using exclusive polling, we'll explore what voters think the party stands for and what they want from it. Is the path forward further consolidation, or could the Liberal Democrats broaden their coalition by adding new voter groups?

www.moreincommon.org.uk
Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

The state of our schools

will the white paper and SEND reforms deliver?



Sunday 20 September
1:45pm to 2:45pm

Empress Room,
The Grand,
Brighton

Refreshments provided
Speakers to be confirmed

The government's schools white paper and SEND reforms set out an ambitious vision, but with chronic teacher shortages, overstretched SEND provision, and funding that hasn't kept pace with need, can ambition alone close the gap? Join us to examine what the reforms mean for educators, pupils and communities across the country, and what is needed for every child to achieve and thrive.



**The NEU's
councillor network
has been re-launched**
and we invite you to join.



Being a member will give you:

- > Access to briefings and guidance
- > Opportunities to get involved with national action and local campaigning
- > Access to events

The network is free to join and open to all councillors who want to help us to shape the future of education.



Join us today at
neu.org.uk/councillors-network
or by scanning the QR code

Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

LGA Lib Dems and Future Governance Forum

No overall control? Cooperation and competition between progressives with multi party politics

With a 2029 hung parliament possible, how can Lib Dems challenge or collaborate with other parties and oppose the populists? With Zoe Franklin MP, Polly Mackenzie FGF, (invited), and Lib Dem councillors in no overall control. Chair: Cllr Bridget Smith.

www.local.gov.uk/political/lga-lib-dem-group

www.futuregovernanceforum.co.uk

[@libdemlocalgov.bsky.social](https://twitter.com/libdemlocalgov.bsky.social)

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Planning Futures in Partnership with Vistry

Delivering the Homes that we Need

This panel event, featuring Gideon Amos MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson (Housing and Communities), will explore how Liberal Democrats in Parliament and in Councils across the Country can help to deliver the homes that we need. The panel will include leading experts from local government and from industry, who will discuss how the Liberal Democrats can work with local and national stakeholders to meet the challenge of the ongoing housing crisis.

www.planningfutures.org

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Social Liberal Forum

The problem of Vision and Purpose, Session 3. Moral Economics

Moral Economics, For communities to prosper capitalism has a vital role as enabler, but is the reality capitalism as parasite? With Prof Tim Leunig, Prof Dianne Coyle, Bobby Dean MP, chair John Shreeve. For full details: www.socialliberal.net

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room



Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG)

Will the EU have us back?

Opinion polls show that the British people want to see the UK rejoin. Join Baroness Julie Smith (ALDE Vice-President), Prof. Anand Menon from KCL, and European Liberal leaders to understand how we can re-integrate with Europe.

www.ldeg.org

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room



Nesta Recipe for Change

What is Britain eating? A Liberal Democrat plan for food & health

UK obesity rates have doubled over the last 30 years. How do we make it easier for adults and children to eat more healthily? This panel will explore policies to help prevent avoidable illness and improve the nation's health.

www.nesta.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

Royal College of Physicians

The people problem: Solving the NHS's workforce crisis

Recruitment, retention and burnout remain the NHS's biggest challenges. Join The Royal College of Physicians and Liberal Democrat politicians to explore what the government's workforce ambitions get right and what's missing.

www.rcp.ac.uk

www.linkedin.com/company/royal-college-of-physicians

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room



Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

Uplift

A Fair Vision for the Energy Transition: Protecting workers and empowering communities

This panel discusses how Liberal Democrats can strengthen action, policy and law for a fair transition - protecting households from price shocks, safeguarding workers, and empowering local communities to benefit directly from clean energy.

www.upliftuk.org

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room

Compass - Together for a Good Society

Liberalism After Populism: Reimagining Britain's Progressive Future for the Twenty-First Century

Roz Savage MP and Mike Martin MP discuss Roz's new Compass paper exploring liberalism's place amid rising populism. Can liberalism still answer Britain's crises, renew the Liberal Democrats' purpose, and build a progressive majority in an increasingly fragmented political landscape?

www.compassonline.org.uk

<https://bsky.app/profile/compassoffice.bsky.social>

DoubleTree by Hilton, The Ambassador Suite



The Liberal Democrats Legacy Society (16.00-17.00)

The Legacy Society Drinks Reception

Join us for a drinks and canapes reception with The Legacy Society for an exclusive opportunity to meet senior party representatives, celebrate long-term support, and learn how legacy giving can help shape the party's future.

www.libdems.org.uk/future-fund

The Marine Room, The Harbour Hotel



Fringe Sunday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

Institute for Government & University of Surrey (16:00 – 17:00)

What's the Liberal Democrat vision for regional growth, devolution and local government?

This roundtable is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please email the IfG events team:

partyconference@instituteforgovernment.org.uk

www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room

Invitation only



Fringe Sunday afternoon 15.15–16.15

Muslim Liberal Democrats

Get together to meet Muslim members and supporters

Cllr Hina Bokhari AM extends an invite to all Muslim members and supporters here in Brighton. A group of us wanted to have a get together to meet other Muslims in the party, especially new members.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15

Liberal Democrat Women

Stopping Violence Against Women and Girls in the Digital Age

Lib Dem Women examine the threat of online VAWG, from the “manosphere” to AI abuse, deepfakes, and why law must keep pace with technology. In discussion with Victoria Collins MP, Party Vice President, Marie Goldman MP, Ben Maguire MP, and Janaya Walker, Interim Director of the End Violence Against Women Coalition.

www.ldw.org.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A



Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

More in Common

Brexit, Trump, and Britain on the World Stage

Join foreign affairs spokesperson Calum Miller MP to discuss how voters want the party to approach Britain's role on the world stage. Using exclusive polling, this session will explore issues ranging from Brexit's legacy to relations with President Trump's administration.



Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

Liberty

What has the ECHR done for us? Protecting human rights against populism

Human rights laws protect people against state power and keep the UK strong and prosperous, but are at risk from rising populism. With Max Wilkinson MP, Craig Mathieson – who used the Human Rights Act to protect his family – and Liberty.

www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk



Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

Carers UK and Standard Life

Balancing work and unpaid care - supporting carers to achieve their potential

Join us to discuss the next steps following the Government's consultation on employment rights for unpaid carers, and hear new evidence from Carers UK and Standard Life on how stronger workplace support can help carers remain in work and thrive.

www.carersuk.org



Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D

Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

Demos

State of the Nation with Sir John Curtice

After winning 72 MPs in 2024, the Liberal Democrats hold their strongest position in a century. Sir John Curtice unveils bespoke polling on where their support now stands, the case they can make for the centre, and the choices that shape their next chapter.

www.demos.co.uk

<https://bsky.app/profile/demos-uk.bsky.social>

Grand Hotel, Empress and Charlotte Rooms



The Centre for Social Justice

Tackling the youth jobs gap: How to get Britain's young people into work

Britain has a generational crisis on its hands: over one million young people are now not in education, employment, or training. Join President Josh Babarinde MP, Munira Wilson MP, and Miranda Green as we examine the causes, consequences and solutions to young worklessness.

www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



LGA Lib Dems and ALDC

THE Local Government Reception

LGA Lib Dems reception. All friends of Local Government welcome! With Ed Davey MP and Cllr Bridget Smith, LGA Lib Dem Group Leader.

www.local.gov.uk/political/lga-lib-dem-group

www.aldc.org

[@libdemlocalgov.bsky.social](https://libdemlocalgov.bsky.social)

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room



Fringe Sunday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

Liberal Democrat Peers

Peers All Ears! – Winning in the Lords!

Come join Lib Dem peers to hear about how our work in the Lords results in legislative wins, through political strategy and strong working relationships, as well as your chance to speak to peers about issues you care about!

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room



HOPE not hate

Opposing the far right: Lib Dem voters and the anti-Reform coalition

Join HOPE not hate as we take our new research on tour. We'll be presenting our segmentation of the anti-Reform voter coalition, and reflecting with a panel of experts on where Lib Dem voters sit within it.

www.hopenothate.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats

Anti-rights: the threat from Christian Nationalism and the far right

What is Christian Nationalism and how is it influencing politics in the UK? From anti-abortion campaigns, to attacks on LGBTQ+ rights, anti-rights movements are gaining ground and we must urgently respond. Our panellists, including Andrew Copson (Humanists UK), Chiara Capraro (Amnesty International) and Louise McCudden (MSI Reproductive Choices), will consider how we defend and promote human rights and liberal values.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

Liberal Democrats in England

All change for the English Party

The English Party is changing its structure to better support regions and local parties. Come and hear about our plans to date and feed in where you want the English party to focus its work over the coming year to help support and grow our campaigning and membership.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room

Fringe Sunday mid evening

19.45–21.00

Medical Aid for Palestinians

Medical Aid for Palestinians Reception

Join Medical Aid for Palestinians for an evening reception to hear from a range of speakers on Palestinian health and dignity, and the case for upholding international law and accountability in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Lib Dems for Growth

Abundance, Opportunity and Growth: A Liberal Agenda for Britain

Introduced by Daisy Cooper and chaired by Julia Goldsworthy, our launch fringe includes speakers from Create Streets and Britain Remade and will explore a positive liberal agenda for housing, infrastructure, energy and sustainable growth.

www.libdemsforgrowth.org.uk

<https://x.com/libdemsgrowth>

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



Candidates Office and Joint State Candidates Committee

Your Party Needs You: From Party Member to MP

Ever thought of standing? Meet MPs, councillors, candidates and volunteers to discover the many routes into elected office. Get practical advice, ask questions, and explore how you can support the Liberal Democrats' candidate programme and help win more seats.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C



Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00 cont.

Social Liberal Forum

The Problem of Vision and Purpose. Fringe No 4.

SLF and Friends ask what future for the Liberal Democrats. The question asked on the doorstep but also by our members is 'so what do we stand for' for this session we were joined by friends from other party groups as we look to the future. For full details:

www.socialliberal.net

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Liberal Democrats

Conference Quiz

Come along and watch as Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and Matthew Clark deliver an entertaining night of questions and laughter. Tickets can be purchased (by members only) when registering to attend conference. Additional tickets sold on the door are subject to availability. We recommend you bring cash.

Grand Hotel, Empress and Charlotte Rooms



Lib Dems in Comms

Lib Dems in Comms Autumn Conference Reception

Lib Dems in Comms host their annual party conference reception with Josh Babarinde MP (invited). Sponsored by 5654 Communications.

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

Invitation only

Humanists UK (starting at 20.00)

Humanists UK Drinks Reception

Join Humanists UK's drinks reception to discuss everything from assisted dying to inclusive education, from humanist marriages to secularism. Speakers include Women and Equalities Spokesperson Marie Goldman MP, Claire Young MP, Humanists UK's Andrew Copson, and HSLD's Jenny Wilkinson.

www.humanists.uk

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00 cont.

The Future Governance Forum

The Refugee Convention 75 years on: retirement or renewal?

As the global consensus on refugee protection comes under strain, this event explores the Refugee Convention's continued relevance in today's connected, unstable world. Join us to consider how governments can uphold their international commitments while restoring public trust in asylum.

www.futuregovernanceforum.co.uk

[Substack](#), [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), and [BlueSky](#).

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

Postcode Lottery

Scottish Liberal Democrat Reception

Join Postcode Lottery and leading politicians as we hold our annual Scottish Liberal Democrat Reception. Find out how the £1.8 billion of funding raised by our players has benefited good causes across every constituency in Great Britain.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room



Can the Liberal Democrats fix politics?



Lisa Smart MP
Cabinet Office
spokesperson



Carl Cashman
Lib Dem Group leader,
Liverpool Council



Jess Garland
Director of Policy
and Research, ERS



Olly Glover MP
President,
LDER



Josh Babarinde MP
Party President
(invited)

Delivering a fair voting system is increasingly seen as a key step to greater positive change. Hosted with the Electoral Reform Society, this discussion will explore the party's role in delivering this critical change.

As long-term proponents of PR, and with a pro-PR Prime Minister in no. 10, Liberal Democrats now need to decide how to drive the change we want to see - or if we will sit on the sidelines.

19.45pm
Sun 20 Sept

Edinburgh Room,
Hilton Hotel

 **Electoral
Reform
Society**



Fringe Sunday mid evening 19.45–21.00 cont.

Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform

Can the Liberal Democrats fix politics?

Hosted with the Electoral Reform Society, this debate explores the party's role in delivering critical change, starting with the electoral system. Share your views with the Society's Jess Garland, and Olly Glover MP, Lisa Smart MP and Cllr Carl Cashman.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room



South East Councils

LGR, Devo & a new PM – what next for councils in the South East?

With LGR, devolution and a new Labour leadership reshaping England's political landscape, our panel will discuss what next for South East councils. Confirmed: Cllr Keith House (Leader, Eastleigh); Cllr Ann-Marie Barker (Leader, Woking). Further speakers TBC.

www.secouncils.gov.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

Invitation Only



Liberal Democratic Movement of Cyprus

The Nicosia Airport to open as a symbol of unity of Cyprus. SRA need for reform of an authoritarian body.

The meeting will explain the problems of the members of public in not being able to proceed at the court because of the enormous costs of barristers and solicitors. There is no legal aid of any significance. Could we turn the barrister's profession in to direct access completely - avoiding solicitor? And in doing so adopt the European single lawyer system.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room



Fringe Sunday late evening 21.30–23.00

Liberal Democrat Friends of Whisky (22.00–23.30)

Whisky Tasting with Alistair Carmichael MP

A unique opportunity to taste, discuss and learn a bit about malt whisky in a friendly and relaxed environment. Tickets £45 (numbers limited). Book tickets by contacting libdemfow@gmail.com

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room



London Liberal Democrats (22.30–01.00)

Communiok - hosted by London Liberal Democrats

Conference's best party is back! Take the mic or sing along from the dance floor as the lyrics face the audience too. Expect special guests throughout the night... Not to be missed. £15 per ticket.

Grand Hotel, Empress and Charlotte Rooms



Sunday

Whisky Tasting

With Alistair Carmichael MP

A unique opportunity to taste, discuss and learn a bit about malt whisky in a friendly and relaxed environment.

Tickets: £45 (*numbers limited*)

Book tickets by contacting libdemfow@gmail.com

Proceeds to support campaigning in Orkney and Shetland

**22.00 - 23.30, Sunday 20 September @
Alexandra Room, The Grand Hotel, Brighton**



Sunday 20 September

Training and skills Sunday morning 9.15–10.15

Agent in charge: Navigating the Campaign from nominations to expenses returns

An essential introduction to the vital role of an Election Agent and why every candidate needs one.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

PARTY ROLES

What makes a good message for a local Focus

For many residents, the main way they know about the work their local Liberal Democrats are doing is through receiving their latest Focus. Come along to this session to make sure your Focus is getting the right message across and showcasing the difference you are making locally.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

CAMPAIGNING

Winning Online - Winning on Social

Social media is a vital tool that helps us win elections when it's done right - and most campaigns aren't doing it right. This session covers the platforms, the tactics, and the content that actually moves voters.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Training Sunday morning 9.15–10.15 cont.

Winning in the Red Wall

Winning in many traditionally Labour-held seats means convincing lifelong Labour voters to put their trust in the Liberal Democrats - as well as uniting the anti-Labour vote. In this session, we'll explore how to earn that support by building local credibility, demonstrating action, and connecting through the values we have in common.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

New to campaigning? Then start here!

For many of those new to the Party working out what's involved in campaigning or where to get started can seem overwhelming. In this session we take you through what every campaigner needs to know to get started and help you take those first steps.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CAMPAIGNING

Winning when turnout changes

A lot has been said about changes in local election turnout over the last couple of years - but how can we make sure we are still best placed to win? Come along to this session to find out what the data is saying about turnout and what you can do to get ahead of it.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Training Sunday morning 9.15–10.15 cont.

Lib Dems in Action - Working in No Overall Control

In a complex political environment, there are Liberal Democrats in more administrations with others from across the political spectrum. Hear from a panel of Lib Dems from NOC administrations and how they are making a Liberal difference.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room

COUNCILLORS

Using AI as a councillor

Beat the blank page and supercharge your productivity with AI. Discover how to speed up routine writing, assist with meeting prep and safely condense long articles to fit tight leaflet spaces.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

COUNCILLORS

Resilience in public life

Women Members only

Surviving a selection, the journey of a PPC or life as an elected representative we all need resources to draw on. Come and find some useful advice.

Campaign for Gender Balance

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room

CANDIDATES

Training Sunday morning 9.15–10.15 cont.

Introduction to Connect

Join us to learn the basics of how Connect works, what you can use it for, and how to do some basic tasks as well as make sure you comply with the law. This session is ideal for people just starting out using Connect.

LDHQ Connect Team

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Bringing your policy ideas to life - How to develop your policy ideas in the Liberal Democrats

Come along and learn about creating Party Policy, how you can get involved and shape Party Policy so you can bring your policy ideas to life!

Federal Conference Committee and Federal Policy Committee

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training and skills Sunday late morning 10.30–11.30

Campaigning with confidence: Compliance basics for everyone

From getting your candidate onto the ballot, understanding campaign finance and data protection, an essential guide to the basics every activist should know.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

CAMPAIGNING

Training Sunday late morning 10.30–11.30 cont.

Engaging Young Members: From Recruitment to Retention

Come along to this session to understand why young members leave and how to prevent it. Also discover how to look at strategies for meaningful involvement beyond campaigning and create clear development pathways for young activists.

Young Liberals

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D

CAMPAIGNING

Social Media - Winning with videos

There is huge competition to get noticed on Social Media and videos are a great way to make sure your message wins the day. In this session our experts will share their top tips for creating effective videos and the pitfalls to avoid.

LDHQ Digital Comms and Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Future of digital campaigning

Mamdani. Bedrock. Buzzballs for Burnham. The digital campaigns winning right now have more in common than you'd think - and they're telling us something about where digital campaigning goes next. This session reads the pattern and shares what we can learn as Lib Dem campaigners.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Training Sunday late morning 10.30–11.30 cont.

Reform can be beaten and here's how we did it

Reform UK always claim they're on the rise - but that didn't happen everywhere in May. This session will explore messaging, best practice and resources from campaigns that successfully beat Reform UK run by LDHQ and local parties that did just that in May.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

Using data to campaign

Data is only useful if it's accurate and we know what to take away from it. In this session our campaigning experts will share their top tips, common mistakes to avoid and how to make sure you know exactly what the data is trying to tell you.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Lib Dems in Action - Tackling the housing crisis

Housing is a top concern for communities across the UK. This panel shares successful local approaches, campaign strategies and Lib Dem solutions to the housing crisis - offering inspiration and practical ideas you can take to your patch.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Sunday late morning 10.30–11.30 cont.

Taking on the Green Party

This year's elections demonstrated the threat we face from a surging Green Party. Join this session to work out how to take on and beat The Green Party in your area.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room

CAMPAIGNING

Media Training. Tips and tricks.

Women Members Only

MPs and industry professionals pass on their knowledge to help you shine on a media platform.

Campaign for Gender Balance

DoubleTree by Hilton, Churchill Room

CANDIDATES

Effective door knocking

Door knocking is for life, not just for elections. To make the most of your efforts you need to make sure you are asking the right questions at the right time and coming away with data to inform your campaign. Join this session to find out more.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training and skills Sunday afternoon 15.15–16.15

Raising the Money to Win

Building fundraising into your Council campaign.

LDHQ Fundraising Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

CAMPAIGNING

How to get a full slate of candidates in 2027

Come along and hear why standing a full slate matters, and how to do it without stress. We'll share real-life tips and examples to help you boost your local credibility and reach more voters.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

CAMPAIGNING

Winning online - Your next campaign

You've got an issue. Now what? This session walks through turning a local issue into a digital campaign - step by step, with a structure you can take home and use on whatever's happening on your patch.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

How to beat the Green Party wherever you are

The Green Party is not the same in all parts of the UK. Come along to this session to find out the nuances there may be where you are and hear about practical campaigning tips to help you beat them.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Sunday afternoon 15.15–16.15 cont.

Building and Leading High-Performing Teams

Strong candidates need strong teams. Explore the latest thinking on leadership, motivation, and volunteer engagement, and learn how to build an effective, energised campaign team.

LDHQ Candidates Team

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CANDIDATES

Got new councils in 2027? Here's how we did it this May

Over the next few years there will be more new councils being elected than ever before. Lib Dems showed this year that we can win in these new councils. In this session you can hear directly from those who were there on the ground about how they did it.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Lib Dems in Action - Help! We're about to become a unitary!

Local Government Reorganisation continues at pace, and its impact is being felt throughout England. Get insights and advice from a panel of peers who have been there, done that and got the T-Shirt.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Sunday afternoon 15.15–16.15 cont.

I think I'm fighting Labour...?! But am I!

Politics is more complicated and polarising than ever before. It's a crowded field and it isn't always obvious who the opposition are. This session is for traditionally Labour-facing areas to understand who they are fighting in their next election.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room

CAMPAIGNING

Engaging with underrepresented groups

As Liberal Democrats, we need to work hard to ensure that all voices are heard in society. This session is a must to help you identify, engage and work with underrepresented groups.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training and skills Sunday late afternoon 16.30–17.30

Winning Online - What Works?

Why does the Lib Dem digital approach look the way it does - and what's it for? A working introduction to the tools, the thinking, and the method behind every session in this programme. Start here if you're new to digital, or just want the pieces to click.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Training Sunday late afternoon 16.30–17.30 cont.

Navigating Westminster Selections

A clear and practical guide to the parliamentary selection process for approved candidates and local party officers, covering timelines, expectations, and best practice.

LDHQ Candidates Team

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

PARTY ROLES

Framing squeeze in 5 way splits

With two party politics on the rocks, some elections are more crowded than we have ever seen them. In this session our campaigning experts will take you through how to ensure that you are squeezing the tactical vote in order to win and making sure your voice is the one being heard.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Campaigning in Ethnic Minority Communities

This course is designed to equip local parties with practical tools to strengthen their engagement with ethnic minority communities. It explores why increasing representation from these communities among elected Liberal Democrats matters, and offers strategies for effectively recruiting, supporting, and retaining members from diverse backgrounds.

LDHQ Diversity

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room

CAMPAIGNING

Training Sunday late afternoon 16.30–17.30 cont.

Taking on Reform

With the political landscape shifting, we know we can beat Reform UK on the ground. Learn how to avoid their culture-war traps, use clear local messaging that resonates, and refresh your data to find the key anti-Reform squeeze voters who can help you win.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room

CAMPAIGNING

Why postal votes really matter

Performing well in the postal vote will support your efforts to win your election. We will take you through why the postal vote is so important and how to use postal votes as part of your campaign.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

CAMPAIGNING

Creating new town and parish councils

As councils grow into larger unitaries, hyper-local representation matters more than ever. Learn how to spark community interest, organise a successful petition for a Community Governance Review and deliver tangible local improvements.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

COUNCILLORS

The Rural Reception

Sponsored by The Angling Trust
and The British Association
for Shooting and Conservation

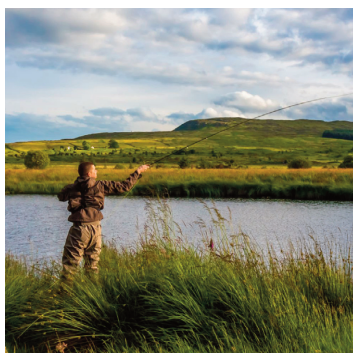
Monday 21 September 2026
12.15pm – 1.15pm

Edinburgh Room, DoubleTree by
Hilton Brighton Metropole, Kings
Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU

Speaker:

The Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP

BUFFET LUNCH PROVIDED



The Great BRITISH BREAKFAST



Join the NFU and senior
Liberal Democrat MPs for a free
hearty conference breakfast
and meet local farmers & growers
to learn about their pride in
producing quality British food.

Monday 21st Sept 8am – 10am

Buckingham room, Doubletree Hilton Hotel,
Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU.



youth and skills day

Monday 21 September

Take part in a day of events and briefings held at Autumn Conference, Brighton.

Hear from young people, charities and business leaders with senior party representatives on skills for life and work, removing the barriers to opportunity across our communities.

Programme of events

Morning session: by invitation only

Table discussions with party representatives hosted by charity-partners and guests on issues raised by young people including: education; mental health; skills and employment; youth work and services; sports; citizenship, democracy and Youth Justice.

To request a ticket contact:
info@kennedyeventsconsultancy.com

Afternoon session: open to delegates and visitors

Youth Futures Foundation

12:15 -13:15 Room 1B, Brighton Centre

conference passes are required.

Followed by an evening reception

Join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Youth Futures Foundation and special guests for an end of day reception.

18:15 -19:15 Grand Hotel, Regent Room



youth
futures
FOUNDATION

Supported by:



The
Children's
Society



YOUTH FOCUS
SOUTH EAST

Youth & Skills Day is run by Citadel with support from the party and Kennedy Events Consultancy



Monday 21 September

Fringe Monday morning

08.00–09.00

National Farmers' Union *The Great British Breakfast*

Join the NFU for our Great British Breakfast event and celebrate the best of British food and farming with NFU Vice-president Robyn Munt and local farmers. Speakers: Robyn Munt. Invited: Efra Committee Chair Alistair Carmichael MP.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room



Urban Transport Group and Centre for Cities supported by Arup (starting 08:30)

Unlocking the potential: The power of better transport connectivity

Panel discussion with political leaders and policy experts will focus on how transport and devolution can deliver economic growth, contribute to decarbonisation and improve social mobility.

www.urbantransportgroup.org

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Alzheimer's Society (08.30-10.00) *World Alzheimer's Day Breakfast Reception*

A breakfast reception to mark World Alzheimer's Day on 21 September, hosted by Alzheimer's Society, bringing together elected members, health and care sector leaders, and people with lived experience of dementia. Breakfast refreshments provided. To RSVP, please contact: public.affairs@alzheimers.org.uk

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Fringe Monday morning 08.00–09.00 cont.

Social Market Foundation and the City of London Corporation (08.00–09.00)

The cost of fraud: protecting economic security and growth

Fraud accounts for half of crime against individuals and creates huge costs for businesses and consumers. Join us to explore how government, financial services, technology and the police can work together to tackle fraud and strengthen economic security. See www.smf.co.uk for updates.

www.smf.co.uk

X - @smfthinktank

Brighton Harbour Hotel, The Marine Room



The Health and Care Forum and Daiichi Sankyo (11.00–12.00)

The National Cancer Plan: Delivering on Ambition

With the National Cancer Plan now published, focus turns to delivery. This panel brings together policymakers, patient groups and industry to explore how it will deliver for patients in the near term and how it will need to build a system for the future. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Fringe Monday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15

Education Policy Institute & AQA

Digital literacy as a core skill: empowering young people for modern life

Access to digital literacy remains uneven, and these early gaps have real consequences for learning, wellbeing and future opportunities. This EPI-AQA panel will consider how the system can better prepare young people for a digital world. Munira Wilson MP invited.

www.epi.org.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A



Fringe Monday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

Youth Futures Foundation

Youth & Skills Day: A NEET Trick - how to solve the inseparable challenge of young people's mental health and employment

1 in 8 young people are not in education, employment or training, and rising with the growing crisis in young people's mental health. Their futures placed on hold. Join senior politicians to debate 'what works' for young people to thrive.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

The state of a generation: Restoring promise for children and young people

This event will explore the challenges that young people face today and how to restore the social contract and improve prospects for young people with Munira Wilson MP (invited) and Josh Babarinde MP (invited).

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C



His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

Reconnecting with Europe

Lord Purvis chairs a discussion with Dr Joseph Garcia MP, Deputy Chief Minister, and Leader of the Gibraltar Liberal Party, and Al Pinkerton MP. Further panellists to be confirmed.

www.gibraltar.gov.gi

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room



Tony Blair Institute

Beyond Brexit – A New Relationship with a New Europe

A decade after Brexit, Britain and Europe face shared security, economic and technological challenges. Should UK-EU relations build something new? Speakers: Al Pinkerton MP, Tone Langengen, Ailbhe Rea (Invited), exploring cooperation, competitiveness, security and a partnership fit for the 2030s.

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

Fringe Monday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

The Britain Project

Introducing...The Britain Project

Come along to learn how the Britain Project can offer ideas and inspiration for our party and our country. Leading parliamentarians to speak.

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

Westminster Foundation for Democracy x Liberal Democrats ***Strengthening European Liberalism - International Perspectives on autocracy, European integration, and fighting illiberalism***

How can we stop democratic backsliding and strengthen liberalism across Europe? The Liberal Democrats are supporting liberal partners abroad in defending democracy and resisting autocracy. Join our panel of international partners as we explore the challenges facing European liberalism.

www.wfd.org/liberal-democrats

www.linkedin.com/company/wfd-democracy/

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion Room



London Councils

London needs more social homes - can Liberal Democrat councils deliver?

London needs more social housing. Join Liberal Democrat councillors and housing experts to discuss accelerating delivery, reforming planning, securing investment and ensuring every Londoner has access to a safe, affordable home in thriving communities for all.

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

Fringe Monday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

The Angling Trust & The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The Rural Reception

Join MPs and those with an interest in rural Britain, The Angling Trust and The British Association for Shooting and Conservation for the Rural Reception. Enjoy a buffet lunch and discuss the issues affecting rural areas, angling, shooting and conservation.

www.basc.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room



Social Market Foundation and Policy@Manchester

Tackling the NEET crisis: young people, mental health and the path into work

60% of 16-24-year-olds who are NEET are likely to have a mental health condition. Join us to discuss how to improve mental health and get more young people into jobs, education and training. See www.smf.co.uk for speaker updates.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room



Hargreaves Lansdown (13.00-14.00)

Whose Economy is it Anyway? Who should decide where savings are invested?

Should government encourage more pension and retail investment to support UK growth? This panel explores how public policy objectives can be reconciled with consumer choice, diversification, value for money and good long-term outcomes for savers.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Fringe Monday early lunchtime 12.15–13.15 cont.

Social Market Foundation and Google (12.15-13.15)

Bridging the UK's AI skills gap

AI adoption at work has doubled since last year, yet only 15% use it in advanced ways. Join us to explore how we widen access to AI skills, training and progression, while boosting economic growth. See www.smf.co.uk for updates.

www.smf.co.uk

X - [@smfthinktank](https://twitter.com/smfthinktank)



Brighton Harbour Hotel, The Marine Room

Fringe Monday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45

Trussell

Breaking the Cycle: How tackling severe hardship can be a solution to our mental health crisis

A panel event exploring the relationship between financial hardship and mental health, and how the Liberal Democrats can be powerful advocates for addressing these mutually reinforcing issues.



Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

The Health Foundation and Ipsos

What are the public's priorities for the NHS and social care?

Join us as we discuss the public's biggest concerns and priorities for the NHS and social care. An expert panel of political speakers, policy experts and pollsters will draw on new polling to explore what really matters to voters and what it means for the Liberal Democrats party.



Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

Fringe Monday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

Britain's place in a changing world

This event will explore the Liberal Democrats' approach to foreign policy and discuss where the UK should focus in a chaotic international context to achieve progressive goals at home and internationally. With Calum Miller MP.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C



His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar Reception

The Hon Dr Joseph Garcia MP, Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar and Leader of the Gibraltar Liberal Party, will host the annual reception on behalf of His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar. This event celebrates the longstanding and valued relationship between the Liberal Democrats and Gibraltar.

www.gibraltar.gov.gi

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room



Centre for European Reform

Strengthening a rules-based world order: beyond power politics

Monica Harding, MP for Esher and Walton; Al Pinkerton, MP for Surrey Heath; Jukka Salovaara, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom; Chair: Ian Bond, Deputy Director, Centre for European Reform.

www.cer.eu

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room



Fringe Monday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

British Future

A Decade After the Brexit Vote: How Close Should the UK Get to Europe Now?

10 years on from 2016, what future relationship with the EU would UK voters support now? Sharing new British Future research, we explore public attitudes around rejoining, the single market, free movement, or closer cooperation on key issues.

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

Demos

Take back public control: Why the Lib Dems should defend our information environment

In the fraught geopolitics of today, a debate is raging about the digital sovereignty of our defence systems, energy supply and public services. How can we secure the information environment to tackle misinformation, foreign interference and build our democratic resilience?

www.demos.co.uk

<https://bsky.app/profile/demos-uk.bsky.social>

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys

What's happening to men's health

From one man in five not living to 65 and increasing male suicide rates; from prostate cancer taking over 10,000 lives a year to ever-increasing obesity rates; to growing numbers of young men not working due to mental health and the harm caused by toxic influencers; these are just some of the issues facing men and boys' health in the UK. This panel discussion with leading Liberal Democrat parliamentarians, politicians and experts will discuss the impact of the men's health strategy and what more policies are needed to address these challenges.

www.menandboys.org.uk

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Fringe Monday late lunchtime 13.45–14.45 cont.

Cratus Group

165,000 Reasons to End Children Living in Temporary Accommodation

Join the 165,000 Reasons Campaign to discuss ending the scandal of 165,000 children living in temporary accommodation. Hear from politicians, councils, housing providers and charities driving practical solutions. There's 165,000 reasons to act. Every one of them is a child.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

Invitation Only



Centre for Cities

Building Better Places

How can local leaders regenerate towns and cities, deliver the homes Britain needs and unlock economic growth? Vikki Slade MP (invited).

www.centreforcities.org



DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

Social Market Foundation and National Grid (13.45-14.45)

Powering communities: building energy and climate resilience in rural locations

As we experience more extreme weather events, join us to explore how we can build a resilient energy system while driving prosperity, energy security, and affordability across all communities. See www.smf.co.uk for speaker updates.

www.smf.co.uk

X - [@smfthinktank](https://twitter.com/smfthinktank)



Brighton Harbour Hotel, The Marine Room

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15-19.15

Port of Dover (17.00-18.00)

The Great British Trade Exchange

Join the Port of Dover to explore how driving smart, seamless and sustainable trade through decarbonisation, investing in smart infrastructure, and leveraging technology can overcome barriers, drive growth, and secure Britain's future as a global trading powerhouse.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Adult Social Care: How the Liberal Democrats Can Deliver Once-in-a-Generation Reform

At its best, social care keeps people independent and living well. But costs are staggering, unpredictable and arbitrary, falling hardest on those with the highest needs while councils buckle under pressure. With the Casey Commission underway, the Liberal Democrats are uniquely placed to forge consensus. Join us to explore what a reimagined system looks like and how it can be delivered.

www.jrf.org.uk

[X - @jrf_uk](#)

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

Policy Connect

Innovating in Youth Employment

Join us as we explore new thinking on youth employment and routes into work.

www.policyconnect.org.uk

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

The NHS Alliance and Mind

Healthy minds and strong communities: Delivering holistic, open-access mental health support

Join representatives from The NHS Alliance and Mind to explore how open-access mental health support can help people thrive in every community. The conversation will examine how we shift the system from crisis to prevention, and how wider determinants such as housing, education, employment, online safety and local services shape mental wellbeing.



Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

EU Delegation

EU Ambassador's Reception

Reception hosted by the Ambassador of the European Union to the United Kingdom. Speakers: Calum Miller MP, Foreign Affairs Spokesperson; Al Pinkerton MP, Europe Spokesperson (tbc). For information and to register, please email delegation-united-kingdom-political@eeas.europa.eu

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room

Smith Institute

Are we ready for climate change?

Pippa Heylings MP (Energy Security/Net Zero spokesperson), Wera Hobhouse MP, Clare Young MP (TBC), Cllr Martin Horwood, Local Authority Pension Fund Forum, Gideon Amos MP (chair).

Grand Hotel, Empress Room

Tony Blair Institute

Liberalism and AI in an Age of Disruption

Artificial intelligence is transforming the economy and public services. How can liberals harness AI for growth, healthcare, education and opportunity while keeping innovation accountable and democratic? Speakers: Victoria Collins MP (Invited), Elizabeth Seger and James Heale discuss.

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room

Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

GS1 UK

From Packet to Patient: Safer medicines and smarter scanning

With fake medicines on the rise and a greater demand for information, this panel explores how scanning can improve patient access to trusted information, strengthen supply chain safety, support smarter action against misinformation and fakes

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion



Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

The Liberal Democrats in an age of political fragmentation

This event will discuss how the Liberal Democrats can stand out in an age of 'five-party politics', what policy agenda could provide a distinctively liberal offer, and how to turn political fragmentation into electoral opportunity. With Lisa Smart MP.

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) and Youth Futures Foundation

Youth & Skills Day Reception: DofE and Youth Futures Foundation

Join us for a celebration of young people. Hear from senior politicians, sector leaders and young people how quality enrichment and trusted adults build confidence and skills for life and work – for every young person to thrive. Special guest speakers.

Grand Hotel, Regent Room



Big Brother Watch and Open Rights Group

How do Liberals reconcile free speech with the era of algorithms?

What should a Liberal response to the new digital world look like? Join Victoria Collins MP, Open Rights Group and Big Brother Watch to discuss free expression, speech, algorithms, privacy, online safety, and how surveillance affects marginalised groups.

www.bigbrotherwatch.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room



Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

Green Liberal Democrats

Rights of Nature: Why It Matters for Britain's Future

Join Roz Savage MP and an expert panel to explore how the Rights of Nature movement can build public support, inspire action, and strengthen nature recovery. What would it take to give nature a stronger voice in Britain?

www.greenlibdems.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room



British Berry Growers

Growing Britain: berries, food security and healthy communities

Join British Berry Growers to discuss how British berry production can strengthen food security, support the Defra Horticulture Sector Growth Plan, improve public health and drive sustainable growth through innovation. Hear how growers are making healthy, affordable food available while investing in British farming.

www.britishberrygrowers.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room



UK BioIndustry Association

Health data for good: Improving local health through innovation

Look beyond the headlines to see how local health ecosystems can use data responsibly to drive the next generation of medical breakthroughs. This roundtable discussion will explore how secure data use can benefit patients and support an innovation economy.

www.bioindustry.org

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

Invitation Only



Fringe Monday early evening 18.15–19.15 cont.

The Health and Care Forum (UBC, Daiichi and LSE) (18.30-19.30)
The Health and Care Reception

Drop in and join fellow policymakers, charities and front-line professionals as we discuss the future of health and care in the UK. The Health and Care Forum is powered by Total Politics.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform
UK Democracy on the Brink - and How To Save It.

The UK faces a democratic emergency. Trump's actions in the US show how vulnerable democracies are to unprincipled populist politicians. Could UK democracy survive a similar onslaught? Join Lisa Smart MP, Lord Mark Pack and Sarah Pagel (www.TrumpActionTracker.info) to discuss how to respond to this threat. Tom Brake (Unlock Democracy) chairs.

www.lider.org

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



More in Common, National Trust, WWF, Wildlife Trusts, Woodland Trust and RSPB
Nature and Liberal Democrats - Growing the Base

As the Liberal Democrats look to build on their 2024 electoral gains, we'll pore over exclusive new polling and focus group insights to explore what nature means for the party's next phase. Nature is central to why many back the Liberal Democrats - but can it help grow the party's coalition rather than simply consolidate it?

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C



Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00 cont.

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

International Reception 19:15-20:15

Reception for international and diplomatic guests supported by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party and hosted by ALDE Vice President Baroness Julie Smith.

www.aldeparty.eu

Grand Hotel, Alexandra Room

Invitation only



Countryside Alliance

Can the Liberal Democrats become the party of the countryside?

With rural communities feeling increasingly unrepresented, their vote is there for the taking. Can the Liberal Democrats seize that opportunity, and become the party of the countryside? And if so, how will they do that?

www.countryside-alliance.org

Grand Hotel, Charlotte Room



Women in Public Affairs

Connect, Champion and Change: The Women in Public Affairs Reception

Join Women in Public Affairs for an evening of networking, inspiration and conversation. Connect with women from across politics and public affairs, champion one another's success, and explore how we can drive positive change together. Sponsored by Standard Life.

www.womeninpa.co.uk

www.linkedin.com/company/women-in-public-affairs

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

Invitation Only



Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45–21.00 cont.

A Just Society & Patriotic Millionaires UK

Drawing a line on Britain's extreme wealth problem, and why it matters

50 families hold as much wealth as 34 million Britons. Patriotic Millionaires and A Just Society discuss what this extreme wealth concentration does to our politics, media, and society.

www.ajustsociety.uk

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Royal Institute Of British Architects

The built environment reception – Delivering better homes and places

Hosted by the Royal Institute of British Architects, this reception brings together parliamentarians, local government leaders, built environment professionals and industry stakeholders to discuss how we can deliver high-quality homes and create places people want to live in.

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

Green Liberal Democrats

Green Gas: At the Heart of the Green Economy

Join MPs and sector experts and Cadent Gas to explore how green gas can help build a cleaner, stronger and resilient Britain, supporting rural communities, protecting key industries, decarbonising the gas network: driving the shift towards a circular economy.

www.greenlibdems.org.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room



Lib Dem Campaign for Race Equality (LDCRE)

Do Black, Brown and Trans communities exist in the Liberal Democrats' world?

Reports keep coming, but barriers stay. For Black, Brown and Trans people, inclusion feels like empty talk. This fringe challenges the silence, demands accountability, and asks: who holds power in our party—and when will real change finally happen?

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room



Fringe Monday mid evening 19.45-21.00 cont.

Rights-Liberties-Justice/Lib Dem Lawyers

Technology, AI and Access to Justice

Our Chair, James Sandbach, leads a panel discussion on aspects of Technology, AI and Access to Justice (for more details see our website or come to our stand).

www.Rights-Liberties-Justice.uk

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

Total Politics (20.00-21.00)

The Total Politics Reception

Join Total Politics - home of The House magazine, PoliticsHome and more - for drinks and networking with MPs, business leaders and journalists in the secure zone. Kindly supported by Allwyn, Family Business UK, the University of Chester and Vuelio.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D



Channel 4 (18.00-19.00)

UK Public Service Broadcasters Reception

Join Channel 4, BBC, ITV, Channel 5, S4C, STV, and MG ALBA to celebrate how they deliver high-quality, home-grown content that reflects the whole of the UK and brings audiences together.

Riddle and Finns, The Beach

Invitation only



Fringe Monday late evening 21.30–23.00

Twickenham & Richmond Liberal Democrats

Richmond Park by-election: 10 Years On. An Anniversary Celebration.

Book tickets to hear from Sarah Olney MP and Tim Farron MP as they look back 10 years to the Richmond Park by-election and reflect on the progress made by the party since then.

Grand Hotel, Consort Room



Glee Club (starting at 22.00-01.00)

Join us for the ultimate end-of conference celebration! Pick up your copy of the Liberator Songbook and come 'raise the roof'!

Grand Hotel, Alexandra and Empress Rooms





We're here to help - visit the HQ team!

Visit the HQ stall to get your questions answered, meet the staff who support local parties year-round, and find out more about the work we do behind the scenes and how we can help you.

Ask us about...

- » Campaigns & Elections
- » Labour Facing Campaigning
- » Digital Best Practice
- » Press and Media
- » Fundraising
- » Data Compliance
- » Candidates
- » Diversity
- » Connect
- » and more!

Look out for the full team rota at the stall!

Liberal
Democrats 

Monday 21 September

Training and skills Monday morning 9.15–10.15

Recruiting Student Members Beyond Freshers' Week

Freshers week can be the perfect time to engage with young people and convert them to membership - but what then. In this session Young Liberals take you through how to keep your new members involved all the way to graduation and beyond!

Young Liberals

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

CAMPAIGNING

Communicating and Winning on the Environment - Reaching beyond the Liberal Democrat base

GLD Chair Cllr Graham Neale hosts guest speakers exploring how environmental messages can connect with wider audiences. Discover practical communication approaches that engage new voters, avoid common pitfalls, and inspire supporters, volunteers, campaigners and ultimately more Liberal Democrat votes.

Green Liberal Democrats

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

CAMPAIGNING

Managing casework

Responding to casework is a key part of our campaign. We explore different strategies and tools that Councillors and candidates use to keep on top of their caseload.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

COUNCILLORS

Training and skills Monday late morning 10.30–11.30

Organising media visits and visuals

In a world dominated by social media and imagery, thinking visually is the key to levelling up your engagement with the media and getting content you can use across your channels. This session will guide you through how to turn simple ideas into dynamic and engaging visuals, with tips and tricks for organising visits to invite media to.

LDHQ Media Events

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

CAMPAIGNING

Building a team to make it through the next election

A strong campaign starts with a strong team that can take you all the way to the next election and beyond. Come and hear how to build yours from core organisers to activists and how to use practical tools like action days, 121s and local surveys.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

CANDIDATES

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

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

PARTY ROLES

Training and skills Monday afternoon 15.15–16.15

Making Change as a Disabled Candidate

A session that explores campaigning around disability, including both short term and long term campaigns, with a view to facilitating effective disability advocacy. We'll explore case studies, how to communicate disability advocacy goals effectively, and how you can enact change with the LDDA and wider party.

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

CANDIDATES

A Year in the life of a Connect Manager

Being a Constituency Connect Manager is a huge responsibility. Join our Connect Team to find out everything you need to be doing throughout the year.

LDHQ Connect Team

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

PARTY ROLES

Winning Online - Winning Funds

Lighthouse donation pages are the new way to raise money online. This session covers how to set up and use them properly: page design that actually converts, how to track separate fundraising campaigns, and how to get people to donate to your campaign.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Training Monday afternoon 15.15–16.15 cont.

Using data to campaign

Data is only useful if it's accurate and we know what to take away from it. In this session our Campaigning experts will share their top tips, common mistakes to avoid and how to make sure you know exactly what the data is trying to tell you.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CAMPAIGNING

How to beat the Green Party wherever you are

The Green Party is not the same in all parts of the UK. Come along to this session to find out the nuances there may be where you are and hear about practical campaigning tips to help you beat them.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Think before you print (or post)! Navigating Libel and Defamation Law

Practical guidance on understanding defamation and libel risks, protecting your campaign and avoiding legal pitfalls.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

CAMPAIGNING

What Campaign for Gender Balance can do for you.

Women Members Only

From the very start of your journey to approval to selection and beyond. A quick run through of the support offered by Campaign for Gender Balance.

Campaign for Gender Balance

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

CANDIDATES

Training and skills Monday late afternoon 16.30–17.30

Social Media that actually appeals to young people

Hoping to win over youth voters? Join the Young Liberals for an insightful session on running effective Social Media campaigns that resonate with the issues important to young people. Discover strategies for recruiting and engaging the next generation of Liberal Democrat voters.

Young Liberals

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Introduction to Meta Advertising

Paid ads are more important than ever. Knowing your way around Meta Ads Manager is half the battle. This session is a live, hands-on walkthrough - setting up a campaign and avoiding the mistakes that burn through your budget.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Grand Hotel, Consort Room

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Your Path to Approval

A practical introduction to the parliamentary approval process for aspiring candidates. Open to everyone, with a focus on encouraging applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Understand each stage of the journey, who is involved, what assessors are looking for, and get your questions answered.

LDHQ Candidates

Grand Hotel, Regent Room

CANDIDATES

Training Monday late afternoon 16.30–17.30 cont.

Reform can be beaten and here's how we did it

Reform UK always claim they're on the rise - but that didn't happen everywhere in May. This session will explore messaging, best practice and resources from campaigns that successfully beat Reform UK run by LDHQ and local parties that did just that in May.

LDHQ Campaigns and Elections

Grand Hotel, The Pavilion

CAMPAIGNING

Using data to win

Data-driven campaigns are essential to securing results in a competitive political landscape. This session will guide you through identifying, finding and using the data you need to effectively target, persuade, and win.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Balmoral Room

CAMPAIGNING

Making an impact with your public speaking

Join us in this session for tips and tricks on how to make an impact when you speak in public. Learn how to plan what you are going to say and then deliver with confidence.

ALDC

DoubleTree by Hilton, Buckingham Room

CANDIDATES

COUNCILLORS

Training Monday late afternoon 16.30–17.30 cont.

Meeting with the Electoral Commission

The Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission is holding a session where you can ask questions or have your say on how they work.

LDHQ Compliance

DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Room

PARTY ROLES

How to win a top selection.

Women Members Only

All the elements of a campaign, from team building to hustings.

Campaign for Gender Balance

DoubleTree by Hilton, Gloucester Room

CANDIDATES

Monday

Make a Donation

**Your donation can help more members attend
Conference, and your support helps us to
organise a successful Conference for everyone.**

Conference Access Fund

Help more members attend
conference and play their part.



Conference Donations

Contribute to the cost of
organising and running a
successful Conference for all.



Tuesday 22 September

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Europe

Lifting the Fog in the Channel – The Future of UK-EU Relations

As the UK and the EU seek to reset their relationship, what practical steps can strengthen cooperation? Join liberal voices from both sides of the Channel to discuss realistic opportunities for closer collaboration on shared European challenges.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1A

BlackRock

Helping people build financial resilience through payroll saving

When boilers fail or cars need repairs, many rely on costly credit, creating long-term debt. Opt-out payroll saving builds emergency funds, but despite financial inclusion commitments, government rules prevent employers offering this at scale. Join us to discuss, speakers TBC.

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B



The ONE Campaign

How can the Liberal Democrats push for a progressive agenda on global health and international development during the UK's G20 Presidency?

Join Foreign Affairs spokesperson Calum Miller MP, the ONE Campaign, the Institute for Development Studies and others to discuss how the UK's forthcoming G20 Presidency is an opportunity to push for a progressive agenda on global health and international development.

www.one.org

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

Fringe Tuesday lunchtime 13.00–14.00 cont.

National Housing Federation

What role should social housing play in the Liberal Democrats' policy agenda?

Join housing experts and policymakers to discuss how investing in social housing can tackle the housing crisis, reduce homelessness and support economic growth. We will explore social housing's role in the party's agenda – including priorities for reform, investment and delivery.

www.housing.org.uk/about-us/contact-us

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D

A collage of four images: the top left shows the exterior of York Minster; the top right shows the Barbican Centre; the bottom left shows a stone wall on a grassy hill; the bottom right shows a group of people in medieval costumes holding shields and banners.

Liberal Democrats Spring Conference 2027
York Barbican
19th - 21st March 2027
BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION VIA A DEDICATED EVENT PAGE



www.reservation-highway.co.uk/dem27

Telephone: 01423 525 577



RESERVATION
HIGHWAY

Tuesday 22 September

Training and skills Tuesday morning 9.30–10.30

Campaigning with confidence: Compliance basics for everyone

From getting your candidate onto the ballot, understanding campaign finance and data protection, an essential guide to the basics every activist should know.

LDHQ Compliance and Data Protection

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1B

CAMPAIGNING

Winning Online - Winning on Social

Social media is a vital tool that helps us win elections when it's done right - and most campaigns aren't doing it right. This session covers the platforms, the tactics, and the content that actually moves voters.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Training and skills Tuesday late morning 11.00–12.00

Future of digital campaigning

Mamdani. Bedrock. Buzzballs for Burnham. The digital campaigns winning right now have more in common than you'd think - and they're telling us something about where digital campaigning goes next. This session reads the pattern and shares what we can learn as Lib Dem campaigners.

LDHQ Digital Best Practice

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1C

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Bringing Under-30s into Local Party Leadership

It is always important to make sure everyone feels welcome in their Local Party and that they can play a role in running this. One group that this can be hard for are those under 30. In this session you can find out more about talent spotting younger members and ensuring they have a chance to play a role.

Young Liberals

Brighton Centre, Meeting Room 1D

PARTY ROLES

Thank you!

We hope that you enjoyed the Autumn Conference 2026

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference
19–21 March 2027, Barbican, York.

Map of Brighton city centre

B Brighton Centre

D DoubleTree by Hilton

 The Grand Hotel

BC Badge Collection

About 5 minute walk, 0.25 miles

