

Conference Extra

Spring Conference

York 15–17 March 2019



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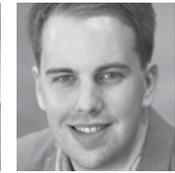
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Members of the Federal Board will be available at the Federal Board helpdesk near the Information Desk in the York Barbican at the following times:

Saturday	16 March	10.30-12.30 & 14.00-16.00
Sunday	17 March	10.30-12.30

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Friday	15 March	17.00-18.00
Saturday	16 March	09.00-10.30 & 14.00-16.00



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This is a venue management decision supported by the local police force in light of the profile of our event. Our security staff will only be looking for illegal items such as guns, bombs and knives. Please be assured that each bag check should take no more than a few seconds per person. To ensure that you can access the venue as quickly as possible, please only bring essential items with you. Please allow time for queuing during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

Please note that large bags and suitcases are not allowed into the York Barbican.

Electronic speaker's cards

Speaker's cards can be submitted online up to one hour before the start of the debate at www.libdems.org.uk/speakers-card. Cards can also be submitted in person as usual before and during the debate. See page 8 of the Agenda and Directory.

Q&A sessions

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

All sessions take place on
Saturday 16 March
in the
York Barbican, Lendal Room.

11.00–12.00

Home Affairs

With Baroness Lorely Burt,
Sir Ed Davey MP
and Lord Jonathan Marks tbc.

12.00–13.00

Transport and Infrastructure

With Baroness Jenny Randerson,
Jamie Stone MP
and Lord Andrew Stunnell.

15.00–16.00

Brexit

With Tom Brake MP,
Lord Dick Newby tbc
and Baroness Sarah Ludford tbc.

Conference Rally

No conference experience is complete without joining Lib Dems from across the country at the Conference Rally!



The rally will have a host of speakers, from Jo Swinson to Ed Davey and Vince Cable. Expect also a number of additional guests and a special segment from the Exit from Brexit team that will get you on your feet.

When? Friday evening, 18.30–19.30

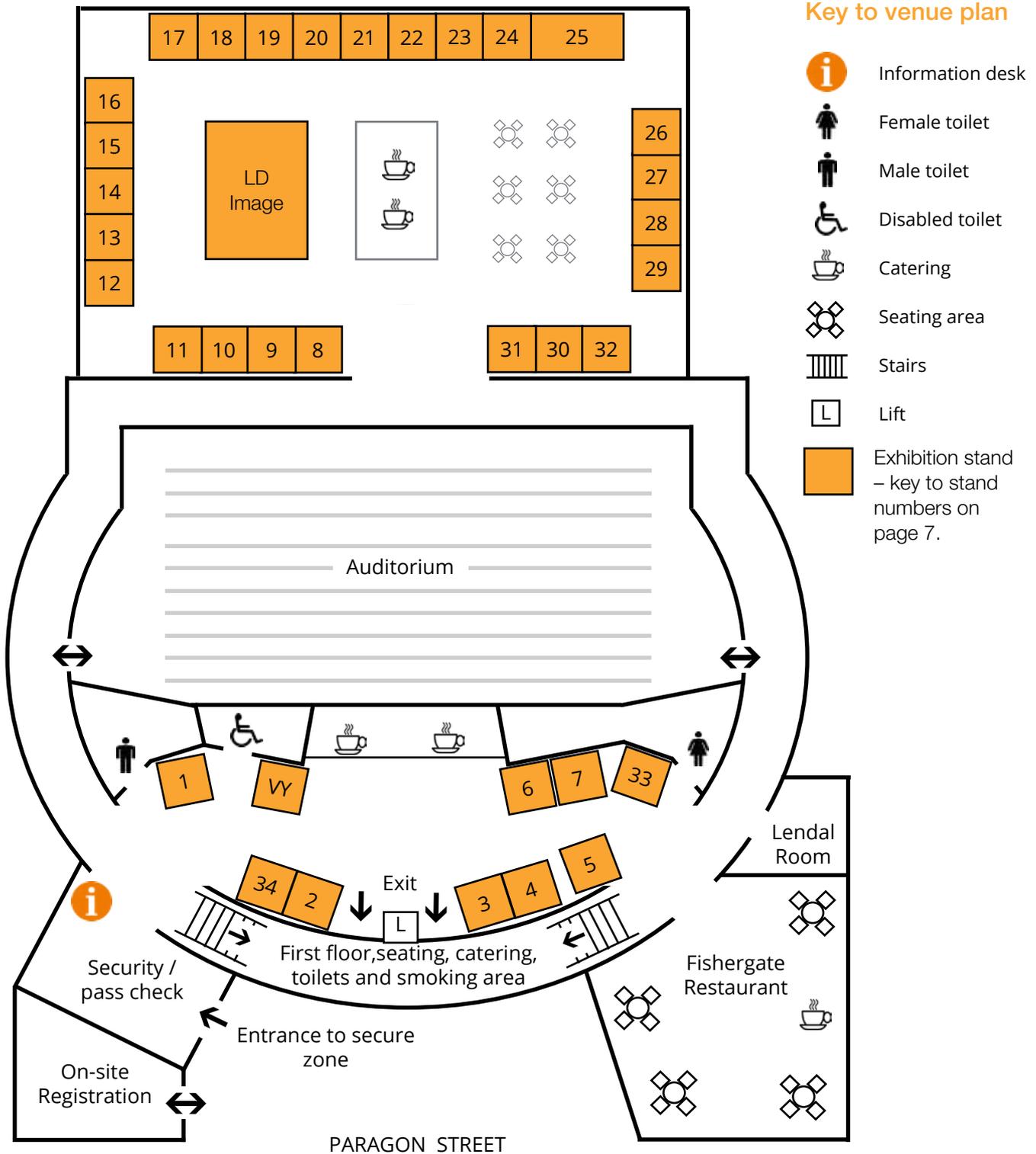
Where? York Barbican, Auditorium



Conference venue plan update

Amended venue plan, updated from the plan in the Conference Agenda & Directory.

York Barbican



Conference Daily

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Exhibition update

Amendments and additions to the exhibition listings in the Conference Agenda & Directory.

Exhibitors listed by stand number

- 1 Green Liberal Democrats
- 2 & 3 LDCRE
- 4 European Movement UK
- 5 Rights-Liberties-Justice (LDLA)
- 6 Hatch
- 7 Leeds North West Liberal Democrats
- 8 Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats
- 9 National Liberal Club
- 10 Liberator Magazine
- 11 Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary (LD4SOS)
- 12 Liberal Democrat Women
- 13 Association of Liberal Democrat Engineers and Scientists
- 14 The Liberal Democrat European Group (LDEG)
- 15 LGBT+ Liberal Democrats
- 16 Prospect Magazine
- 17 ALTER
- 18 Liberal Democrat Education Association
- 19 Social Liberal Forum
- 20 Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
- 21 Prater Raines Ltd
- 22 ALDC – Liberal Democrat Campaigners and Councillors
- 23 LGA Liberal Democrats
- 24 Liberal Democrat History Group
- 25 RISO UK Ltd / Midshire Business Systems
- 26 Association of LD Trade Unionists
- 27 Liberal Reform
- 28 Young Liberals
- 29 Liberal Democrat Disability Association
- 30 Social Democrat Group
- 31 Liberal Democrats for Electoral Reform
- 32 Election Workshop
- 33 ALDE Party
- 34 Parliamentary Candidates Association
- LD Liberal Democrat Image
- Image
- VY Visit York

See updated venue plan on page 6.

Directory of exhibitors

The following exhibitors are additional to those listed in the Conference Agenda & Directory.



ALDE Party

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www.aldeparty.eu

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Election Workshop

Print. Design. Direct Mail. Election Workshop provide bulk buys for envelopes, posters and print. We produce Direct mail (including ONEPOST delivery). We also design your literature or use ALDC's templates.

www.electionworkshop.co.uk

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Parliamentary Candidates Association

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www.libdempca.org.uk

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Fringe update

The following events are additions to those listed in the fringe guide in the Conference Agenda & Directory.

Friday mid evening 20.15–21.30

Parliamentary Candidates Association

20.00 – AGM (for PCA members only).
20.30–21.30 – Drinks Reception and Private Briefing with Sir Vince Cable MP (for all Candidates and PCA members).

Novotel, Riverside Room



IPPR North

How can we fix our politics? In conversation with Jo Swinson MP and Anna Soubry MP

Join Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats Jo Swinson MP and The Independent Group MP Anna Soubry to talk about the future of politics in the UK. Register here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-can-we-fix-our-politics-in-conversation-with-jo-swinson-anna-soubry-tickets-58563507026

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, Fossgate, YO1 9XD

Saturday lunchtime 13.00–14.00

Federal Board

Consultation on the Lib Dems and The Independent Group

Come and ask your questions to the panel: Alistair Carmichael MP, Chief Whip; James Gurling, Chair Federal Campaigns and Elections Committee; Lord Dick Newby, founder member SDP, Lib Dem Leader in House of Lords; and Sal Brinton (Chair) Federal Party President.

York Barbican, Auditorium

Electoral Reform Society

Citizens' Assemblies – How can ordinary people inform politics?

This session will explore what citizens' assemblies are and how they can inform policy-making. With contributions from Wera Hobhouse MP, Darren Hughes of the ERS, as well as experts on citizens' assemblies and public participation (tbc).

facebook.com/electoralreformsociety

Novotel, Meeting Room 6



Q&A sessions

There will be a series of Q&A sessions on Saturday, where you can come along and ask questions of our spokespeople.

See page 5 for details.

Saturday mid evening 19.45–21.00

Uniting for Peace

How Not To Go To War – Building a Radical Path to Peace

Vijay Mehta's book, "How Not To Go To War", explores that while war is institutionalised and there are Defence Departments in every country, Departments for Peace are in only 5. For ending violence and wars, such Departments are essential.

Hilton, Walmgate Room

LDCRE

Diversity "The way it should be"

Come and discuss the Alderdice Reforms with: The Vice President BAME, Racial Diversity Campaign, LDCRE Strategy as Adopted. Experienced knowledgeable Panel.

Novotel, Meeting Room 6



Saturday late evening 21.30–23.00

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Hilton, Micklegate & Bootham Rooms

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F3 Report of the Federal Policy Committee

Q1. Submitted by: Richard Gadsden

The immigration policy motion at the last conference was extensively amended. When will an edited version of the policy paper be published to reflect these amendments?

F3a Report: Campaign for Gender Balance

The Campaign for Gender Balance Report will take place after the Federal Policy Committee Report.

Mover: Julia Cambridge.

The deadline for questions to this report is 13.00 on Thursday 14 March. Questions on events occurring after the deadline may be submitted up until 08.50 on Saturday 16 March.

F4 Eradicating Race Inequality (Race Equality Policy Paper)

Mover: Merlene Emerson.

Summation: Baroness Hussein-Ece (Spokesperson for Equalities).

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

- 1 *In v) line 20, delete 'poorly represented' and insert 'underrepresented'.*
- 2 *In 1 c) (line 48), delete 'and placing' and insert 'Placing', and (line 49) after 'memorials' insert 'and*
- 3 *seeking new and imaginative ways'.*

F6 Europe

11 members

Mover: Tom Brake MP (Spokesperson for Exiting the European Union and International Trade).

Summation: Daisy Cooper.

- 1 Conference notes that:
 - 2 A. The Conservative Government have made a mess of Brexit and Jeremy Corbyn's Labour
 - 3 Party have been helping them to deliver this destructive Brexit.
 - 4 B. Liberal Democrats campaigned to stay in the EU during the 2016 referendum and have
 - 5 led the campaign for a People's Vote with the option to stay in the EU.
 - 6 C. Various businesses and organisations have closed or are in the process of closing
 - 7 operations in the UK, resulting in job losses across the country and knock on economic
 - 8 impact; a no-deal scenario could leave the UK economy 6.3% to 9% smaller after 15 years,
 - 9 compared to what it would have been.
 - 10 D. Parliament has been at an impasse for months, with May's negotiated Withdrawal
 - 11 Agreement failing to secure adequate Parliamentary support.
 - 12 E. Part 2 of the Withdrawal Agreement safeguards the rights of British citizens in the EU and
 - 13 EU citizens in the UK. The Government is requiring EU citizens to apply for pre-settled
 - 14 or settled status by 2021, with those who do not receive it at risk of deportation; Irish
 - 15 citizens do not have to apply but can if they choose to.



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- 16 F. The European Court of Justice have ruled that the UK can unilaterally revoke Article 50,
17 and therefore no deal is avoidable.
- 18 G. Parliament is likely to have rejected May's deal, rejected crashing out of the EU, and
19 directed the Government to seek an extension of Article 50 by the 15th March.
- 20 H. European Parliament elections are due to take place in May 2019, with new MEPs taking
21 their seats in July 2019 and the new European Commission facing appointment hearings
22 in the Autumn.
- 23 Conference believes that:
- 24 i) There is no deal that could be negotiated that could be more beneficial than continued
25 membership of the EU, leaving the EU would therefore be damaging to the UK's
26 fundamental national interests.
- 27 ii) The UK is now dangerously close to crashing out of the EU, as Theresa May refuses to
28 rule out a no deal scenario; and a short extension might only be a delay before a No Deal
29 crash out.
- 30 iii) The 2016 referendum and subsequent General Election had a severe impact on EU
31 citizens living in the UK, leaving them under a cloud of uncertainty and at risk of being
32 denied their rights, detained and even deported because of Theresa May's hostile
33 environment policies.
- 34 Conference reaffirms the Liberal Democrat commitment to:
- 35 a) Fight for an "exit from Brexit" referendum and for the public to choose between "the
36 deal" or Britain remaining a full member of the EU; with Liberal Democrats campaigning
37 for Britain to remain a full and active member of the EU.
- 38 b) Seek to extend Article 50 to legislate for a referendum on the deal, or to provide enough
39 negotiating time to avoid a catastrophic no-deal scenario, and if such extension is not
40 agreed to withdraw the Article 50 notification.
- 41 c) Enable all non-Irish EU citizens living in the UK for five years or longer the right to full
42 participation in civic life; as well as ringfence the Withdrawal Agreement's Chapter on
43 citizens' rights.
- 44 d) Engage with the European Commission and the member states to grandfather the rights
45 of UK citizens, their families and their dependents living and/or in the remaining member
46 states of the European Union, including access to health care and disability support, as
47 well as to uprating of pensions.
- 48 Conference calls for:
- 49 1. The Government to revoke the Article 50 notification if the House of Commons has not
50 passed a resolution approving (relating to) the negotiated Withdrawal Agreement one
51 week ahead of the date on which the UK is due to leave the EU.
- 52 2. The Government to remove the deadline for settled status applications, provide
53 additional support to those who need it, enshrine in law the right to appeal for those
54 whose applications are refused, and provide physical documentation to those who
55 receive their settled status.
- 56 3. The Government to create an emergency Brexit Support Fund of at least £7.5 billion
57 to mitigate job losses caused by Brexit uncertainty, a No Deal Brexit or the PM's deal,
58 with the fund being ring-fenced to support UK workers made redundant as a result of
59 businesses leaving the UK, closing down or downsizing as a result of the impact of Brexit,
60 and to offer workers the chance to receive advice or re-training to help them secure



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- 61 employment or start a new business.
62 4. The Government to ensure fair UK representation in the European Parliament if the UK is
63 still a Member State at time of election.

Applicability: Federal.

The deadline for amendments to this motion has been changed to 12.00 on Friday 15 March to allow members time to submit amendments that reflect the impact of the planned parliamentary votes on 12, 13 and 14 March. Amendments can be submitted here: www.libdems.org.uk/f6-policy-motion-on-europe.

The FCC recognises that this still does not allow members a lot of time to react to the vote on 14 March and recommend that members who are considering the submission of an amendment ensure that they secure the support of ten (or more) members or their local/regional party as soon as possible.

Amendments selected for debate will be printed in Saturday's Conference Daily. The deadline for requests for separate votes is 09.00, Saturday 16 March.

As events in the week before conference are likely to move rapidly, the FCC may decide to allocate some of the time scheduled for F6 to a topical issue discussion - if that is the case, details will be provided in Saturday's Conference Daily.

F8 Cleaning Up the Air We Breathe: How to Tackle Road Pollution

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

- 1 *In g) (line 38), after 'electric vehicles' insert 'and other incentives'.*
- 2 *Delete k) (lines 45-47) and insert:*
- 3 k) Introduce new planning legislation requiring all new large developments and
4 regeneration schemes to have low emissions transport plans, which include electric
5 vehicle charging facilities.

Amendment One

16 members

Mover: Steve Boulter.

Summation: Michael Kilpatrick.

- 1 *Delete a) (lines 23-24) and insert:*
- 2 a) Progressively ban the sale or import of new petrol and diesel cars and small vans,
3 exempting all hybrids in the early stages, progressing to exempting only plug in hybrids
4 within ten years.

Amendment Two

16 members

Mover: Steve Boulter.

Summation: Michael Kilpatrick.



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1 *Delete f) (lines 35–36) and insert:*

- 2 f) Extend the existing ban on unnecessary idling of petrol/diesel vehicles on public roads
- 3 to anywhere on public or private land, and encourage local authorities to enforce such a
- 4 ban, especially near sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals parks and care homes.

F9 and F10 A Registered Supporters' Scheme

Mover of F9 and F10: Christine Jardine (Spokesperson for Work and Pensions).

Summation of F9 and F10: Mark Pack.

The business motion and constitutional amendment will be debated and voted on together.

In order to simplify the voting, the FCC has decided to group the votes into issues, with most of them focussing on F10 because it requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

The FCC has selected one separate vote to F9 and one amendment to F10.

Separate Vote to F9

There will be a separate vote to delete lines 96–7 of F9; this will be vote one – see below.

If the lines are deleted, it will have the effect of preventing registered supporters from applying to serve on policy working groups in the way that Party members can.

Amendment One to F10

This will be vote two – see below.

Cambridge City

Mover: David Grace.

Summation: Michael Kilpatrick.

1 *In the proposed change to Article 3.7 (line 24), delete '(a)-(c) or (e)-(f)' and insert '(a)-(f)'.*

- 2 *In the new 3.8 (c) (lines 47–49), delete 'This shall exclude Registered Supporters who are*
- 3 *members of another party'.*

This amendment requires a simple majority vote to pass. If it is passed it will have the effect of meaning that registered supporters cannot be members of other political parties.

Voting:

This is how the vote will be conducted.

Vote one: Policy Working Groups – Separate vote on F9

The first two votes will relate to the nature of the registered supporters scheme that conference will later vote on whether or not the Party should adopt.



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Question: If we had a registered supporters scheme, would you want registered supporters to be able to serve on policy working groups on the same basis as Party members?

If yes: vote in favour of retaining lines 96–97 in F9.

If no: vote in favour of deleting those lines.

This vote will be decided by simple majority.

Vote two: Members of other parties – Amendment to F10

Question: if we had a registered supporters scheme, would you want to allow members of other political parties to be registered supporters?

If no: vote in favour of the amendment.

If yes: vote against the amendment.

This amendment requires a simple majority to pass.

Text of amendment:

- 1 *In the proposed change to Article 3.7 (line 24), delete '(a)-(c) or (e)-(f)' and insert '(a)-(f)'.*
- 2 *In the new 3.8 (c) (lines 47–49) delete 'This shall exclude Registered Supporters who are*
- 3 *members of another party'.*

If this amendment passes, to bring F9 into line with that vote, it will be amended as follows:

- 1 *Delete 2. iii) (lines 77–79) and insert:*
- 2 *iii) Members of other parties will not be permitted to register as supporters.*
- 3 *In 6. (lines 109-110) delete 'who are members of other political parties or'.*
- 4 *In 8. iii) lines (127–128), delete 'unless the sole grounds for doing so was membership of*
- 5 *another party'.*

Vote three: Registered Supporters Scheme – Group One in F10 (lines 1–43)

This vote is on whether the Party will set up a registered supporters scheme in the form set out in F10 but in accordance with the results of votes one and two. If conference votes to create such a scheme, there will then be a decision made in vote four on whether or not registered supporters will have the opportunity to vote for the Party Leader.

Question: do you want the Party to establish a registered supporters scheme in the form set out in F10, but in accordance with the results of votes one and two?

If yes: vote for Group One.

If no: vote against Group One.

Group One requires a two-thirds majority to pass. That means that, for a registered supporters scheme to be established, the vote in favour of establishing it must be two-thirds of those voting in the hall.



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If Group One is not passed, to bring F9 into line with that vote, it will be amended as follows:

- 1 *In 1. (lines 70–71) delete 'as set out in the accompanying paper'.*
- 2 *Delete 2. (lines 72–79), 3. (lines 80–85), 4. (lines 86–89), 5. (lines 90–91), 6. (lines 94–111), 7. (lines*
- 3 *112–116) and 8. (lines 117–128).*

That would leave F9 with the 'Conference notes' and 'Conference believes' sections, but no recommendations other than to establish a registered supporters scheme and to encourage all parts of the Party to involve supporters in appropriate ways. F9 itself will be voted on in vote seven.

Vote four: Electing the Leader – Group Two (A) in F10 (lines 44–71)

This vote will only be taken if conference has decided to establish a registered supporters scheme by voting for Group One in the previous vote; it assumes such a scheme will be set up.

Question: should registered supporters be permitted to vote for the Party Leader?

If yes: vote for Group Two (A).

If no: vote against Group Two (A).

Passing Group Two (A) requires a two-thirds majority.

If Group Two (A) is not passed, to bring F9 into line with that vote, it will be amended as follows:

- 1 *Delete 6. vii) (lines 107–111):*

The deleted section 6. vii) reads as:

- vii) *Being able to vote in the election for the Leader of the Party (but not to nominate candidates in such an election); this would not be open to supporters who are members of other political parties or who fail other verification checks, such as to confirm that they are real people.*

Vote five: Standing for Leader – Group Two (B) in F10 (lines 72–80)

Question: should people other than Liberal Democrat members of the House of Commons be permitted to stand for Party Leader?

If yes: vote for Group Two (B).

If no: vote against Group Two (B).

Group Two (B) requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Vote six: The twelve-month rule – Group Three in F10 (lines 81–85)

Question: do you want to permit new members to apply to be included on the list of approved Parliamentary Candidates?

If yes: vote for Group Three.

If no: vote against Group Three.



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Group Three requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Vote seven: Vote on F9 as amended or not

The final wording of F9 depends upon the outcome of previous votes.

The two extreme scenarios are as follows.

F9 will be unchanged when voted on if:

- *the separate vote to F9 is to retain lines 96–7 (vote one);*
- *the amendment to F10 is not passed (vote two); and*
- *Groups One and Two (A) to F10 are passed (votes three and four).*

If, however, the vote on Group One (vote three) is not passed, F9 will consist only of the 'Conference Notes' section (lines 1–53), the 'Conference believes' section (lines 54–67) and a recommendation that there be a registered supporters scheme in principle (lines 69–70, which would read "The current arrangements for supporters be formalised into a registered supporter scheme") with all parts of the Party being encouraged to involve supporters in appropriate ways etc. (lines 129–132).

That would allow conference to decide that there should be a registered supporter scheme in principle even if every part of F10 failed to pass.

F9, as amended or not, requires a simple majority to pass.

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F12 Access to Justice for All

This item will end at 9.40am.

Amendment One

Southwark

Mover: Jonathan Hunt.

Summation: to be announced.

1 *After B. (line 6) insert:*

2 C. Physical access to court buildings in terms of distance and costs are frequently important
3 factors.

4 *After vi) (line 26) insert:*

5 vii) Government is closing many court buildings, selling the premises and transferring
6 hearings to places often some distance away at great inconvenience and cost to
7 defendants, witnesses, lawyers, magistrates, judges and journalists.



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8 After 4. (line 49) add:

9 5. Restoration of community court buildings where still available, or Government
10 investment in new friendly premises where required and justified; alternatively, subsidise
11 fares to persons affected.

F13 Federal Board Report

This item will start at 9.40am.

There will be a vote on the names of the Lead Adjudicator and Adjudicators listed the Federal Board Report as part of this item.

Addendum to Federal Board Report

In line with Article 20.5 of the Constitution, the Federal Board hereby informs Conference that a decision has been taken at the Federal Board's meeting of 2nd March 2019, after the publication of the Board's normal report to Conference, to suspend the Associated Organisation "Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine" (LDFoP).

The reason for suspension was materials that had been posted or shared to LDFoP's social media accounts which prompted complaints of anti-semitic content. The Board has authorised an investigation into the issue and decided to suspend the organisation whilst the investigation is underway due to the gravity of the allegations, the repeat nature of them and concerns with the initial response of LDFoP to the allegations.

The Board asked that LDFoP should be given support and training during their time in suspension to better understand issues around social media use, and the Party's adopted definition of anti-semitism.

Q1. Submitted by: Gareth Epps

With the suspension of the Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine, is the Party now a hostile environment for those critical of the Netanyahu Government?

Q2. Submitted by: Nick Da Costa

Now that Hatch has shed its Liberal Democrat shell, will they still receive office space and HQ support?

Q3. Submitted by: Lois Norton

Regarding the membership system problems late in 2018 – (a) who bears ultimate responsibility financially – the Party or Salesforce?, (b) when does the party's contract with Salesforce end and (c) what is the service level agreement with Salesforce?

Q4. Submitted by: Gareth Epps

At what point was a) the Party's Chief Executive, b) the Federal Finance & Resources Committee, and c) the Federal Board made aware of the significant financial shortfall that occurred in late 2018?



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Q5. Submitted by: Gareth Epps

What changes have been made to financial reporting as a result of the issues that came to light in Autumn 2018 regarding a previously unidentified significant financial shortfall?

Q6. Submitted by: Jennie Rigg

What progress has been made towards allowing SAOs other than Young Liberals to sign up members since the answer you gave me last conference? It has now been several years – and several renamings of the youth SAO – since conference passed a motion saying that SAOs other than Young Liberals should be able to enrol directly.

Q7. Submitted by: Jon Ball

What process will Federal Board establish to enable the wider Party membership to decide whether or not to accept any proposed seat deal or other arrangement with The Independent Group?

Q8. Submitted by: Toby Keynes

On 2nd March, Federal Board adopted the following definition of Islamophobia, at the request of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims and Baroness Warsi:

“We recommend the adoption of the following definition following widespread consultation with academics, lawyers, local and nationally elected officials, Muslim organisations, activists, campaigners, and local Muslim communities: Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

There was certainly no “widespread consultation” or even warning of the proposal within the party prior to this decision, which I and members of the HSLD committee only learned of three days beforehand - far too late for concerns to be raised and taken up effectively with FB members.

Does FB now recognise that the term and the definition are both highly contentious?

Does FB recognise concerns that the term and definition may give comfort and protection to those who would attack my rights and freedoms as a gay man as well as the rights and freedoms of other oppressed and discriminated-against groups, including women, LGBT+ people and ex-Muslims, most of all within religiously conservative Muslim communities in the UK and abroad?

Will FB suspend this decision, so as to allow party members to engage in a full, open and honest debate – perhaps through the Policy Working Group on the Nature of Public Debate?

Q9. Submitted by: Adam Bernard

Which bodies were involved in the drafting of the Questionnaire sent to all members to gauge support for elements of the Reforms?

What was the remit given to those involved in the drafting of the Questionnaire?

What steps were taken to ensure that the Questionnaire did not contain leading questions?



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F15 Town Centres Fit for the Future

Amendment One

12 members

Mover: Gareth Epps.

Summation: to be announced.

1 After III. (line 16) insert:

2 IV. Conference further notes the continued trend of loss of pubs, particularly community
3 pubs, due to closure for redevelopment and conversion to managed chain bars or
4 franchises.

5 In 1. a) (line 53), after 'empty' insert 'while retaining existing protection for community assets
6 and pubs in the planning system'.

7 After 4 (line 76), insert:

8 5. Require, as part of the review of the Pubs Code, the extension of the definition of unfair
9 business practice to include a pub company issuing a Section 25 notice principally to
10 change operating model to end a tenancy.

Emergency motions ballot

One of the following motions will be selected by ballot to be debated as F14 at 10.00 on Sunday 17 March. Ballot papers will be printed with Saturday's Conference Daily and the ballot box will be open in the Auditorium between 09.00 and 12.50 on Saturday 16 March.

Emergency motion 1: Removal of British Citizenship

East Midlands

1 Conference notes with dismay:

2 A. The actions of the Home Secretary in stripping Shamima Begum of her British citizenship
3 when it is not clear if she holds citizenship of any other nation.

4 B. That this action of the Home Secretary means that any Britain citizen who may be able to
5 claim another nationality is liable to have their British Citizenship stripped from them on
6 the whim of a politician.

7 Conference further notes that:

8 i) Under international law it is illegal to deprive anyone of their nationality if that would
9 leave them stateless.

10 ii) Notwithstanding any crimes Ms Begum may have committed while living inside Islamic-
11 State-held territory, she was a British citizen when she left the UK and holds no other



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12 nationality.

13 Conference believes that:

- 14 a) In stripping Ms Begum of her British citizenship, the Home Secretary has acted out of
15 political considerations rather than according to the law.
16 b) Any crimes Ms Begum has been accused of can and should be dealt with by the British
17 judicial process.

18 Conference demands:

- 19 1. That the Home Secretary reverses his decision to deprive Ms Begum of British citizenship.
20 2. Reform of the 1981 British Nationality Act to ensure a robust legal process is in place
21 before anyone is deprived of their British citizenship.

Applicability: Federal.

Emergency motion 2: Youth Crime and Youth Services

10 members and ALDC

1 Following the death of a 14-year-old in London on 8th January and further fatal stabbings
2 since that date, the stabbing of three teenagers in Birmingham within 12 days in February
3 2019, reports showing that knife crime in 2018 was at the highest level since 2010, and a
4 report by the Children's Commissioner on 28th February 2019 showing that around 34,000
5 children are preyed on by "ruthless" criminal gangs.

6 Conference notes:

- 7 1. The rise in the number of young people involved in knife crime, with 813 under-18
8 admitted to hospital with stab wounds in 2017–18, compared to 451 in 2014–15.
9 2. The rise in the number of young people excluded from school.
10 3. The impact that high quality youth work can have in keeping young people in school, and
11 away from the influence of gangs, particularly the gangs involved with County Lines drug
12 dealing.
13 4. The massive reduction in youth service budgets since 2015.

14 Conference further notes the research evidence showing that having a strong long-term
15 relationship with a trusted adult outside the family or school can have a significant protective
16 effect against mental ill-health, and that youth workers can provide this support.

17 Conference also recognises the need for a public health approach involving all agencies
18 including the NHS and police to tackle the issue of knife crime and the need for cuts to police
19 numbers to be reversed.

20 Conference therefore calls for a major re-investment in youth services, both universal and
21 targeted, with national government making youth services clearly a statutory service, working
22 with local government to develop clear guidance on what councils should be providing, and
23 ensuring there is sufficient grant funding to match that service provision.

Applicability: England.

