

TOBY KEYNES

COMMITTED • EXPERIENCED • SUCCESSFUL

Making policy

FCC decides what motions and amendments go before Conference.

Toby has submitted or drafted many successful amendments, often fixing faults in policy motions: he knows how motions can go wrong, and what makes a good amendment.

He will also challenge FCC to draw on the knowledge of our party's member organisations, to catch and fix problems earlier.

Working with our member organisations

Our member organisations are what makes the Fringe and Exhibition so great. The better FCC works with them, the more they can contribute to Conference.

Toby will ensure this is never forgotten.

Experience

Toby is a long-standing senior officer of Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats, driving its many policy wins at Conference including on humanist marriage, faith schools and assisted dying, and organising its exhibition stand and regular fringe events.

He has been Chair of the Associated Organisation Review Group, building stronger relations between the party and its member organisations. Toby is a ward organiser in Tom Brake's constituency,



Proposing successful Humanist Marriage amendment at Bournemouth

Fixing accessibility

Disability should not be a barrier at Conference.

Toby will ensure that FCC regularly reviews Conference accessibility, even when we're going back to a regular venue, and that we draw on the expertise of our party's disabled members.

You can get in touch with Toby by email on toby4FCC@gmail.com

Vote for Toby Keynes

LET'S MAKE
CONFERENCE EVEN
BETTER

Toby KEYNES 1

Bex Scott

For Federal Conference Committee



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Who Am I?

I was born and grew up in London, where I first got involved in the party. Currently, I'm a second year politics student at the University of York who is Non-binary.

I have been a member since 2016 and joined the party due to our record on LGBT+ rights, as well as the fact that we were the only party with a clear policy on Brexit.

I am also a qualified agent within the party.

My Experience

I spent two years on the Ealing Local Party Executive with whom I campaigned for the 2017 snap general election and the 2018 council elections, spending my 18th birthday door knocking to try to get more Lib Dem councillors elected.

Since going to University I have become involved in the University society, having served as the Membership Development Officer and currently as the Treasurer. I was also involved in campaigning for the 2019 local elections.

What do I want to do?

The Liberal Democrats have long been at the forefront of the campaign for LGBT+ rights however we should be doing more than making policy we should also be making our conferences more accessible to trans and non-binary individuals. To that end I will push for:

- Pronouns on conference passes
- Guidance to be given to trainers and speakers to stop using gendered language
- Working with venues to have gender neutral bathrooms at the venues during the conferences

Conference should also be accessible for autistic people and to that end if elected I will work with charities to make conference more accessible for everyone.

Within the role FCC have in choosing what policies come to conference I believe that we should be debating more out there/radical policies so that we can remain the party who are championing issues before they're in the public eye.

Elect

Chris Adams

For Federal Conference Committee



“Conference is the shop front of our party - it’s how we make policy and how we hold our party leadership to account. Every member can and should be included.”

My priorities

Work to ensure our Conference continues to focus on effectively communicating our values and policies in new and innovative ways which support Jo Swinson and the party's aim of electing a Liberal Democrat majority Government.

Make our party truly democratic by opening up voting on policy motions to the 95% of party members who either cannot afford or are otherwise unable to attend our Conference.

Ensure greater prioritisation and support for grassroots members and Associated Organisations' policy motions being put forward for debate at Conference.

About me:

FCC Staff Representative, 2016-18

Parliamentary Candidate for Greenwich and Woolwich, 2017

Party President's Chief of Staff and Party Governance Officer, 2015-18

Crisis Communications Team member, 2017 General Election

Currently a Political Consultant at MHP Communications

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VOTE JOE TOOVEY

YOUR #1 CHOICE FOR FEDERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

A vote for **Joe** is a vote for:

Open Debate

Federal Conference is at the **heart of the party's democracy** — we must give members the chance to have their say and be free to decide our party's position on the big issues facing the country. That's why I'll support motions and amendments that will let us **debate big, radical policy ideas**, as well as making sure that **ordinary members** and not just party spokespeople and working groups have a fair chance at being able to make Lib Dem policy.

Transparency

Conference Committee is elected by members — so members **have a right to know** what their representatives are doing. I'll make sure to report back to you on FCC business, and will **make public how I vote** on motion selection so my record is open for judgment.



Accessibility

I want to **tear down barriers** keeping people from attending Conference, to make sure that it's truly representative of our party. This means ensuring that venues meet the highest **accessibility standards**, that there is as much **financial support** for attendees as possible through the Conference Access Fund, and that we reach out to **non-attendees as well as attendees** to find out how to enable as many members as possible to attend.

About Joe

I joined the Liberal Democrats in 2014 and have been a committed member and activist ever since. I was a target seat candidate in the 2019 council elections, have lobbied for bold liberal policies like the revocation of Article 50 in my roles as a committee member of the Radical Association and of the Social Liberal Forum, and have previously served as Treasurer for Cambridge Student Liberal Democrats. I am currently a regular volunteer with the Compliance department at Lib Dem HQ, as well as a member of my local party and branch executive committees.

Any questions? Contact me at jtoovey@mail.com or [@joetoovey](https://twitter.com/joetoovey) on Twitter.

Nick da Costa

Federal Conference Committee



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I have been delighted to have been a member of the Federal Conference Committee for the past three years, and Vice-Chair for the past two years. During this time, Conference has created policy for the party ranging from Europe and Ending Brexit, to combating gender inequality and so much more.

What I want to achieve next:

- More radical motions at Conference
- Make Conference more accessible
- Greater involvement of new members



I am proud that our Conference is a sovereign decision making body, and that it offers so much to our members ranging from exciting policy debates, to fantastic fringe events and inspiring training.

Our membership has increased in the past few years, and with it our Conference attendance. I want to continue to work hard, to widen participation of the membership, to make Conference more open and more accessible, to ensure that all members can take part, and feel welcomed.

Vote for Nick da Costa #1 for FCC!



Adam Bernard

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As a member of FCC I will:

- ✧ Promote the Access Fund so that a wider range of people can have their voices heard at Conference.
- ✧ Encourage a balance between FPC motions and those from members and local parties.
- ✧ Recognize that "policy areas" are broad, and that the "no debates on the same subject within two years" guideline needs to be applied flexibly.
- ✧ Insist on seeing the full text of motions and papers that are to go on the Conference agenda.

Why vote for me?

- ✧ I understand the vital role that Conference plays in our party's internal democracy.
- ✧ I have experience in taking motions and amendments through the policy process.
- ✧ As an IT professional, I am equipped to make informed decisions about the ways that Conference uses technology.



Liberal Democrat since 1997 · Harrow's Data Officer since 2015 ·
Computer Scientist · Bioinformatician · Parliamentary Candidate
for Harrow East since 2017 · Secretary of Lib Dem Immigrants ·

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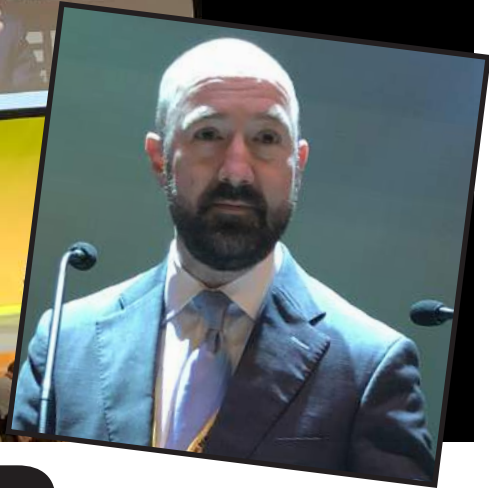
Just helped deliver **one of our best conferences ever:** more journalists, more first-timers, more members.

Chaired many controversial debates including supporters scheme, nuclear weapons & faith schools debates.

Questions?

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Please get in touch!



Re-elect

Geoff Payne

Chair of FCC

Dear friend,

Conference is our chance to show the world how we do business. Our policy is made by members democratically; our votes really matter. **I will maximise debate time and the opportunities for members to contribute.**

I will also work hard to **select interesting, distinctive, radical and eye-catching agendas.**

And I will always **fight to preserve our Spring Conference.**

It is a privilege to be FCC Chair. Please re-elect me to carry on the work.

Geoff

Expanding access – I introduced a shuttle bus, promised when chairing Jo's Q&A to consider getting a creche and will look to expand the Access Fund; and guarantee live streaming.

Looking our best – conference must show us as a party fit for government; as FCC chair, I have just delivered one of our most successful conferences.

Staying in touch – I am active on our Facebook group, responding to queries; I give a lot of drafting advice: if re-elected, I will carry on. This is your FCC; we work for you.

Democratic, Radical Conferences

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Cllr. Jon Ball

Vice-Chair, Conference Committee

- Unrestrained democracy
- Reaching out to members



standing for Federal Conference Committee

Democracy...

Conference is crucial for the Party to retain its liberal identity. Conference must discuss controversial issues raised by members not just MPs or the policy committee.

I fight to retain Conference's central role in the Party's policy-making process. This means **accepting controversial, radical topics for debate** and ensuring members at Conference can vote on all the key issues of these turbulent times.

I do key work that keeps Conference in touch with members around the country. I provide the broadcasting expertise that enables every session of Conference to be livestreamed to thousands of people at home.

Reaching out...

I think we must reinstate a creche at Conference to stop excluding families with young children.

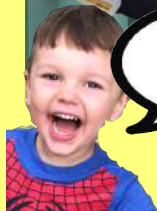
About Jon...

I am Deputy Leader of our group on Ealing Council and a familiar face at by-elections and anti-Brexit marches. I have attended conference since 1985, and have a **16 year record of fair and impartial conference chairing** culminating in the committee electing me as a vice-chair this year. I am a member of ALDC, Lib Dem Humanists & Secularists, the ERS, the Radical Association and the Social Liberal Forum.

Please give me your first preference to keep me serving our Conference.



VOTE FOR
DADDY!



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@JonBall

Chris Maines for FCC

Dear Fellow Lib Dem,

I first attended Conference as a Steward (I went on to become Chief Steward). I have arranged fringe meetings, been a stallholder, written and proposed motions and Chaired debates. I even spent time in conference bars. I know every aspect of our Conference.



Being a member of FCC means work hard before and at Conference to help ensure it is a success. I want representatives to have an enjoyable experience and for the Party's reputation to be enhanced, most importantly we must remember the prime purpose of Conference is to debate party policy. This year I was particularly involved in the production of the Paddy Tribute and several fringe events.



Conference can always be better. We need to look for new venues around the country. Conference must be affordable for members to attend and we must balance this with the need for conference to be profitable. Ours is a unique Party, I will strive to ensure it remains democratic and member-led (unlike the other Party Conferences).

Chris Maines

Re-elect Chris Maines #1



JOHN BRIDGES

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BRINGING CONFERENCE TO YOU

It's time we got off the Brighton, York and Bournemouth treadmill. I would push to go to new accessible locations across Britain.

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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Conference democracy shouldn't begin and end at the conference hall. We should use technology to allow remote participation.

3

NEW DEAL FOR PARTY ORGANISATIONS

Party organisations are being priced out of the core venues and directory. I would work to make it one conference again.

CONFERENCE VETERAN, NEW IDEAS

I've been to almost every conference since 1981. Whether I've been on the ALDC exhibition stand, leading songs on the Glee Club stage, or running training and fringe events, I've been part of every corner of conference.

That's why I'm so passionate about bringing new ideas to FCC. Conference shouldn't have the same venues every year, or remain inaccessible.

We need new ideas, and I want to bring them to FCC.

JOHN BRIDGES

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Keith Melton - *FIRST for FCC:FPC*

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Keith was the founding Chair of the Green Liberal Democrats in 1988 and is currently Vice Chair (Campaigns) of GLD. *Keith first stood as a Liberal Candidate in 1964 in a mock G Election at school.* He has fought four G. Elections and two Euro Elections (**best result 25% second place: Broxtowe - 1983**)



Keith spent most of his working life at Nottingham Trent University, initially as a Senior Lecturer in International Marketing and then Founding Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development in Business. At its peak the Institute employed 22 research and admin staff under Keith's management. Team building is a key "*transferable skill*" for running conferences.

Keith has organised, and contributed to, many national and international conferences in Sustainable Development, chairing numerous conference sessions. ***He has organised the last two Green Liberal Democrat national conferences in Nottinghamshire.***

Retiring in 2006, Keith published an historical novel about Captain Cobbler, an ancestor who led a rebellion against Henry VIII in Lincolnshire (*anti-authoritarianism runs in the blood!*) Keith was also the Chair of the former Liberal Peace Group and is currently a member of Lib Dems Against Trident (**LDAT**). Keith says, "***It is time for the Party to make sure we live by our ideals – Federal conference needs to organise its recycling; ban single use plastic in refreshment centres; and significantly reduce meat options, increasing vegetarian and vegan options***".



Dr Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey for the FCC



I would like to change the London centric nature of the party to change with you use of video conferencing more than going to London for meetings. We may need to move the autumn and Spring conferences to new places instead of repeating locations,

My Experience

Directly Elected Member of the FPC

Vice Chair of South Central LibDems

Former English Council Executive member for the FPC

Former member of the English Council Executive

Former Deputy leader of the opposition on Wokingham BC

Member Nuclear Weapons Policy FPC working Group

Member Green Lib Dems, Lib Dem Women and LGBTQ+ Lib Dems

Member World Science Fiction Convention Executive

WHAT CAN WE DO DIFFERENTLY?

Decentralise some decisions to the State Parties.

Consult the latest new and existing members and regional execs on what they want to the conferences to be located

Involve new and existing members in helping and working at the conferences and give the members a choice of affordable locations for the conferences.

PUT DR RACHELLE AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR THE FEDERAL CONF COMM

SIMON PIKE

For Federal Conference Committee

Conference is both the lifeblood and the showcase of the Liberal Democrats

Our conferences need to be:

- Inspiring
- Affordable
- Democratic
- Professional
- Accessible to all Members

The Conference Committee plays an important role in developing Lib Dem policy, in selecting the motions and amendments for debate.



Lib Dem Conferences stand head and shoulders above the other major parties, with genuine debates and participation open to all members. If elected, I will strive to maintain this, and to improve the Conference 'experience'.

About me:

- I Joined the Lib Dems in 2010 (I am a lifelong Lib Dem voter)
- I have attended almost every Federal Conference since then
- Councillor (Thatcham Town Council)
- Secretary of South Central Region's Executive
- Member of English Council
- Chartered Engineer - consultant on mobile telecoms
- Experienced in theatre and event production

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Liz LYNNE

Our conferences must be open, effective and affordable



With 18 years experience as an MP and MEP shaping legislation, **Liz Lynne** has been a formidably effective member of FCC since 2012. As a senior MEP, Liz was Vice Chair of the powerful Employment & Social Affairs Committee, where she had to chair 60% of votes and debates on EU legislation. She has used this experience to help make our party democracy both more effective and inclusive, unlike the top-down 'shop window' approach so typical of other parties. Since standing down from Brussels, Liz has made her work for our conferences the main focus for her Lib Dem activism, with an excellent attendance record. Rooted in the party, Liz has been a grass roots campaigner and council candidate in London, a PPC in Eastern region, an MP in the North West and a Midlands MEP.



"I take my work on the conference committee seriously, chairing some key debates, such as climate change at Bournemouth this year. I need your first preference vote so I can continue to work for effective member-led democracy. As the Lib Dems grow, I want FCC to develop new ways we can debate and shape policy. We must widen access and not price out ordinary members from attending."

- MP 1992 - 1997, MEP 1999 - 2012.
- On FCC Liz fights to ensure conference does not simply become a 'shop window'.
- As MP and MEP for nearly 18 years, Liz's determined negotiation won many victories for Liberalism in committee, shaping legislation both in Westminster and Brussels to fight discrimination and expand participation.
- We need to keep her vast experience where it matters on FCC, showing how inclusive democracy and effective campaigning can go hand in hand.



Liz needs your **FIRST PREFERENCE** vote to win!

For effective member democracy
WE NEED LIZ RE-ELECTED

Liz LYNNE 1



Cara Jenkinson

For Federal Conference Committee

I am proud to have been part of the FCC team that delivered an amazing Conference in September 2019. Our Conference plays a vital role formulating distinctive Liberal Democrat policies, and training our campaigners to win.

I grew up in Haringey, a diverse community in North London. I have a Greek Cypriot mother and Northern Irish father. I've lots of grassroots party experience – as candidate, agent and party chair. I joined FCC in 2016 and was delighted to be elected as a Vice Chair this Autumn.

Our huge membership growth offers us new ideas and new voices – FCC must ensure these are heard. I want Conference to be greener, with low emission transport to Conference encouraged, and carbon footprint minimised at the venue. I want to widen participation, by reinstating the Conference creche and by improving support for motion submitters and first-time speakers.

Vote for experience and ambition on your FCC!




My priorities for change:

- 1. Widen participation**
- 2. Make conference greener**
- 3. Encourage new voices**



"Cara's experience in the Haringey Lib Dem team, her energy and her tenacity make her an excellent candidate for FCC"

Baroness Lynne Featherstone

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More and more Liberal Democrats are supporting...

Joe Otten #1 for FCC

Friends, please re-elect to Federal Conference Committee

- A local campaigner and councillor, representing Dore and Totley ward on Sheffield City Council for 8 years
- A supporter of free and open debate, through social media, Liberal Democrat Voice, etc.
- A voice for the north of England



If elected, I will work to

- Bring well balanced and interesting debates, on relevant topics, that give members a real say.
- Make conference a showcase for liberal values and the democratic spirit that will inspire others to support and join us.
- Be accountable to you; contact me at joe@otten.uk @JoeOttenX facebook.com/joe.otten



Joe Otten #1 for FCC