

David Grace for SLF Council

David has been an active Liberal since 1974 and a candidate for Westminster and Strasbourg. He was Head of SLF Office 2014-15.



I wrote this two years ago. It's still true (but less hair). The party now has successful tactics but must not drift into being Tory-lite to win temporary votes. SLF still has the task of telling people what Liberals stand for. With the support of most Labour members and two big trade unions, there is now a chance of getting PR from a hung parliament. Working with other opposition parties, we can change Britain.

"I'm asking for your vote because we have reached a position in British politics where hardly anyone knows what the Liberal Democrats stand for. The Social Liberal Forum has always represented the traditional mainstream of Liberalism in Britain since the late nineteenth century when social liberalism was developed by L T Hobhouse and others. The party now has thousands of new members who have joined because of Brexit. I have been a European federalist almost as long as I have been a Liberal but our opposition to Brexit is derived from our liberalism, not the other way round. Joining the Liberal Party was an education for me. After the confusion of the coalition years we must proclaim our beliefs and provide that education to our new members and the public. SLF is the body to do this and to develop value-based policies to confront the terrible problems of this illiberal age."

