

Katharine Pindar



A lifelong Liberal who worked in communications for the Open University for 25 years. As a Liberal Democrat she became especially active after 2015, following the collapse of the party's fortunes during the Coalition government. She took up the cause of reducing poverty in Britain after the devastating report of the UN Rapporteur on Poverty, Philip Alston, in April 2019 and campaigned with her friend Michael Berwick-Gooding for a new Social Contract to emulate the great work of William Beveridge in WW2 in confronting five major societal evils, Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. These she and Michael identified for our times as being poverty, ill-health

lack of skills and training, homelessness and unemployment.

"In 2020 I was elected to the Social Liberal Forum Council, where I hoped to continue campaigning for our party to combat continuing and growing social injustice under the Tory government. If re-elected I will endeavour to help the Council become more of a campaigning organisation and agitator within the party. I also want to work with others to make the Council more harmonious, with no one limiting communications with other Council members or threatening them with disciplinary action as happened to me."

Meanwhile Katharine has been an active member of the Fairer Society Working Group set up last autumn by FPC, and, assisted throughout by Michael, has contributed much to the policy paper section and motion on economic fairness, to be obtained through immediate welfare reforms and growth plus a choice of a UBI or a Guaranteed Minimum Income, as well as to the regional development part of the paper, and the sections dealing with jobs, skills, and a Workers' Charter extending worker security and chances for worthwhile working life. The paper and motion are now progressing to Conference in September.

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