



Autumn Conference Directory

Birmingham 17th – 21st September 2011

Clear print version

This clear print document contains the text from the published Conference Directory. Photographs, graphics, adverts and complex page layouts have been omitted. Page number cross references refer to the page numbers in this document.

Clear print (large text) versions of the venue plan and the plan of the exhibition, a separate document of the map of Birmingham city centre, and plain text version of the Directory are also available as separate documents.

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For the conference agenda, further feature articles, auditorium information and standing orders, see the separate **Conference Agenda**.

For conference details and registration online: www.libdems.org.uk/conference

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If you are unable to access the Internet and would like any files emailed or posted to you, contact the Conference Office on 020 7227 1350 or at conferences@libdems.org.uk

For clear print copies of any papers whilst at conference (eg. Conference Daily), ask at the Information Desk.

Introduction

Welcome to the Conference Directory for the Liberal Democrat autumn 2011 federal conference.

This Conference Directory is your guide to all that is taking place at conference outside the main auditorium – for details of the main conference sessions taking place in the auditorium, see the separate Conference Agenda.

The Directory is designed to help you make the most of conference, from fringe, to exhibition, to key conference events. It contains everything you need to know to help you get the most out of your time here in Birmingham.

A map and venue plan are available to help you navigate your way around Birmingham and The ICC. The conference information section contains convenient information about transport, cashpoints and utilities, and where to go for food and drink when you need to refuel. The fringe guide gives details of this year's packed fringe programme, with a record number of events to keep you busy!

The Directory also includes important information on security which is significantly different from previous years – see security and safety on page 13.

Should you have any questions whilst at conference please ask one of our stewards who will be happy to help. Alternatively, the Information Desk, in the Upper Foyer of The ICC, is available to assist you with procedural and general information requests.

Keep this guide handy and all you need to do is enjoy yourself. But if all else fails, ask!

Enjoy conference.

The Conference Team

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Welcome To Birmingham

By Cllr Paul Tilsley

I would like to welcome you all on behalf of Birmingham, to our annual conference.

Many of you will have visited Birmingham before, when we hosted the Spring Conference in 2010 and will have already experienced the warm welcome that this city extends to visitors.

I know that there are lots of interesting opportunities at conference and I would not want to detract from these important events, but if you get the opportunity and can tear yourself away, please enjoy what this diverse city has to offer.

You cannot truly say you have experienced Birmingham if you have not tried at least one of our famous baltis; for a taste of times past, our museum and art gallery has artefacts from the world famous Staffordshire Hoard and a fantastic collection of pre Raphaelite paintings; and of course, we have fantastic shopping within walking distance, whether your tastes are boutiques, bookshops or markets, Birmingham has them all.

Birmingham is also a diverse city and historically we have always looked to the future.

As a Council, we have adopted a forward thinking approach to the digital agenda and sustainability is very close to my heart. We are committed to preserving the city and environment for the next generation.

These are of course different times from the Spring Conference in 2010. Instead of being a party of opposition we now have the responsibility of government in coalition. This replicates the successful progressive partnership here in Birmingham since 2004.

I am proud that now, we also have our chance to make the right decisions for the benefit of not just Birmingham but the whole country.

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It gives me great pleasure to host my party's conference in my home city. Please enjoy your time here.

Cllr Paul Tilsley is Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council

We have our chance to make the right decisions for the benefit of not just Birmingham but the whole country.

Making Things Better – Campaigning For Better Still

By Tim Farron MP

So here we are in Birmingham for what will surely be another fantastic autumn Liberal Democrat Party Conference.

I've always had a bit of a soft spot for Birmingham; boasting more canals than Venice, it's the home of Duran Duran, Wizard, Crossroads and of course the infamous John Hemming.

The last 12 months has been a bit of a roller coaster for the party, with some fantastic highs reached as we entered into government, followed by some extreme lows in the wake of the disappointments in May.

Over the course of this conference we will approve a range of policies, and let's not forget that for the first time in our lifetimes the decisions we make in the main conference centre will directly influence government policy in Whitehall. I don't know about you, but for me that's pretty exciting; it's surely what we got involved in politics for isn't it? Changing things, making a difference and all that!

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But let's be realistic. The consequences of being in power and of not getting our messages across to the public at large have been particularly distressing.

For many of you this is the first party conference of any sort since the recent elections. If you are coming to conference having lost your seat in May, I am particularly grateful and proud of you. You took the ultimate hit for our national decisions, and you did not deserve to lose.

The devastation of losing an election particularly when, like so many of those who lost in May, you have been fantastic servants not only of your communities but also of the party, is not easy to get over.

However it's how you pick yourself up and move forward in the wake of great disappointment that defines you, and I fully believe that the best way to answer these losses is to use this conference as an opportunity to come back together, and address the issues and the problems we are facing together.

I am not prepared to simply accept that being in government means unpopularity, or that being in coalition means lost identity. If we want to go on changing the world and making a difference, losing elections is not a very smart way of going about it!

Clearly we have not succeeded in communicating our message, which has led to a loss of identity and in turn a loss of support. It may have been naive of us not to realise the threat we faced as the smaller party in a coalition government, that does not have a single media outlet fighting our corner. But we absolutely cannot wallow in self pity; we must identify our threat, respect it and then show complete determination to overcome it.

Liberal Democrats are campaigners; we're normally pretty good at it! We must not be apologists for the status quo, playing defensively and acting like the establishment.

Now that we are in government it is more important than ever that we recommit ourselves to campaigning and fighting for our local communities, and prove to the electorate that we deserve to win their votes. We are in government, making things

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better – but we absolutely must be a campaigning vanguard calling for things to be better still.

On another note, Friday 16th September will be 25 years to the day since I went along to the freshers' fair at Runshaw Sixth Form College in Leyland, Lancashire, and joined the Liberal Party for a mere £1.50. Tim Pickstone – now chief exec of ALDC, but then Secretary of Runshaw Liberal Society – signed me up. That was back in 1986 and it's been a bumpy journey in the quarter century since; but I'm as passionate about my politics now as I was then.

These are challenging times, but I've seen worse over the last 25 years, and it's a clear fact that tough times produce the best campaigners.

Have a great conference, and I look forward to seeing you all in the bar!

Tim Farron is MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale and is President of the Liberal Democrats

We absolutely must be a campaigning vanguard calling for things to be better still.

Conference Information

General information about this year's autumn conference, being held at the **International Convention Centre Birmingham (The ICC)**, is listed below in alphabetical order.

Information concerning the main conference sessions in the auditorium, the conduct of the business of conference, submitting amendments and appeals, speaking etc, can be found in the separate **Conference Agenda**.

If you have any questions, please ask a steward or go to the conference Information Desk in the Upper Foyer of The ICC.

Access

Access to all areas of The ICC is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard. You will be asked to show your pass when you enter The ICC and you are required to wear the pass with the lanyard visible at all times within the building.

Please allow time for security check queues at The ICC during key times – particularly after lunch and ahead of popular events.

If you are attending a training or fringe session in the Hyatt Regency or Jurys Inn, conference photo passes are not necessary unless you are attending a party training session, where you may be asked to show a valid photo pass or party membership card.

Accommodation

If you have not booked your accommodation, check the accommodation page of our website for further information about availability in local hotels:

www.LibDems.org.uk/autumnaccommodation

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Banking Facilities

The Royal Mail Group are kindly providing a free ATM for the convenience of conference attendees, on their stand, R8, in the Upper Foyer of The ICC.

Additional cash machines, which do not charge a fee, can be found in Brindleyplace and on Broad Street (see **map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document).

Childcare

We are pleased to offer a conference crèche for members with children aged 6 weeks – 10 years. Please be aware that crèche staff are not allowed to accept children who are not pre-registered. The deadline for crèche registrations has now passed. Information on how to register your child for next year's spring conference will be available in due course at **www.LibDems.org.uk/springcreche**.

If you require a babysitting service then this is available via our crèche provider Tinies. The booking fee is £25+VAT per nanny in advance, then £8.00 an hour (before midnight) or £10.00 an hour (after midnight) is payable to the nanny at the end of the evening. Note that a minimum booking of 3 hours applies and that each nanny can look after a maximum of three children in one room.

To book babysitting services please contact Tinies on **01922 682232** and make sure you give them a minimum 24 hours notice. All arrangements and payment are to be made to Tinies directly.

Cloakroom

Under no circumstances will any large bags or suitcases be allowed into The ICC.

There is a cloakroom in the **Mall** of The ICC; a charge per item applies.

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Do not bring large bags or luggage to The ICC on the last morning of conference. Your hotel should be able to store your luggage after checkout, or you may use the left luggage facility – see **page 18**.

Conference Pack

Party members can collect their conference pack in the **Mall** of The ICC (see **conference venue plan** on available as a separate document) on production of your photo pass covering letter. **Conference pack collection** is open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 15.00
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 15.00
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 15.00
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 12.00

Conference Agenda

The separate **Conference Agenda** contains full details of conference sessions and standing orders. It also includes all auditorium information: the procedure for submitting amendments, appeals and emergency motions and topical issues, eligibility to speak and vote, and the procedure for submitting questions to reports and requests for separate votes.

Conference Daily

Conference Daily will be published every day at conference and will include last-minute changes to the order of business, movers, amendments and emergency motions, etc.

Conference Daily will be available at the start of each morning session from the **Information Desk** in The ICC. Please make sure you collect your copy each morning, as the information it contains will always be vital to understanding the day's business.

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You can place an advert in **Conference Daily** to give up-to-date information about your organisation or event to conference-goers. For information on advance booking prices and the booking form, see www.libdems.org.uk/advertising.aspx. Alternatively, you can collect a booking form at the **Information Desk** on-site. Please note that the booking and copy deadline for on-site booking is **12 noon the day before** you want your advert to be listed and payment will be required at the time of booking.

Conference Extra

Conference Extra will give any changes to the timings of conference sessions that are shown in the **Conference Agenda** and will contain amendments to motions, topical issues, emergency motions for debate or the ballot, questions to reports, and last-minute changes to the order of business, movers, etc.

Conference Extra will be available to view online at www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers from **Tuesday 13th September**. Hard copies will be available for collection from the **Information Desk** at conference.

You can place an advert in **Conference Extra** – for deadlines, prices and the booking form, please see www.libdems.org.uk/advertising.aspx.

Consultative Sessions

Consultative sessions take place on **Saturday 17th September** between **10.00** and **12.30** in the **Hyatt Regency**; see **Conference Agenda** for details.

Disabled Access

The ICC: All rooms used at The ICC are accessible to wheelchair users, via ramps or lifts. There are unisex wheelchair-accessible toilets on all floors of The ICC.

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The auditorium:

- An induction loop is available in specific seating areas within the auditorium in Hall 3 of The ICC; please ask a steward to direct you to these seats.
- Sign language interpretation will be provided during all sessions held in the auditorium; a number of seats are reserved at the front of the auditorium for representatives using this service.
- For representatives who would benefit from being closer to the stage due to a visual impairment, a small number of seats are reserved at the front of the auditorium.
- If you have any specific seating requirements in the auditorium, please approach an auditorium steward who will endeavour to help.

Hyatt Regency: All meeting rooms are located on the Ground Floor and Level 1 and are fully accessible via lifts from the foyer.

Jurys Inn: The hotel is DDA compliant with lifts to all floors and accessible toilets in all public areas. All meeting rooms are located on Level 1.

Electric scooters: The Liberal Democrats have a limited number of mobility scooters available to conference attendees, free of charge. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will need to be returned each evening for charging. To request use of a mobility scooter, call the Conference Office on 0207 227 1350 or email conferences@libdems.org.uk.

Travel to The ICC: for information on parking and travel, see **transport and travel** on **page 21**.

Other requirements: If you have any specific requirements not mentioned here, please contact the Conference Office: telephone 020 7227 1350 or email conferences@libdems.org.uk.

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Information and assistance at conference: Anyone who requires assistance should approach a steward or one of the staff at The ICC.

Robert Littlehales is the disabled access steward at conference. You can contact him both in advance of and during conference on 07712 667702 or at rlittlehales@aol.com, or ask for him at the Information Desk in the Upper Foyer of The ICC.

Distribution Of Literature

Distribution of literature is not allowed inside, or directly outside, The ICC.

Exhibitors may only distribute material, sell raffle tickets, etc. directly from their stands. Gangways, stairways, entrances and catering areas must not be used for this purpose, and any fliers found in these areas will be removed.

Excessive distribution of promotional literature is not in line with the party's environmental policies. Any persons attempting to bring a large number of fliers into the conference centre may be prohibited from entering the secure area of The ICC, and a dilapidation charge will be levied against any organisation or individual responsible for 'fly-posting'.

Documents For Conference

The **Conference Agenda** and **Conference Directory** are two separate documents. For representatives registered before **29th July**, these have been dispatched in two separate mailings. For representatives registered between 29th July and 31st August your mailing will be sent out in early September. Members who register after **31st August** will be able to collect their papers onsite from **conference pack collection** in the **Mall** of The ICC (see **conference venue plan** available as a separate document).

Extra copies of the **Conference Agenda** and **Conference Directory** are available for sale from **conference pack collection** for £5.00 each, or you can purchase a complete pack including policy papers for £25.00.

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Exhibition

The exhibition is located throughout the **Mall, Upper Foyer** and **Hall 4** of The ICC. For details of exhibitors and a plan of the exhibition, see **pages 24–39**. The exhibition will be open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.15
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.15
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.15
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.15
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 15.00

FCC Helpdesk

Do you have any questions on the conference agenda? Do you want any tips on filling in your speaker's card that'll make you more likely to be called to speak in a debate? Are you unclear about any aspect of conference procedure? If so, drop by the **Federal Conference Committee Helpdesk**, where FCC members will be able to give you advice.

The **FCC Helpdesk** is in the **Upper Foyer** of The ICC and will be open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 15.00
Sunday	18th September	10.30 – 12.30
Monday	19th September	10.30 – 12.30
Tuesday	20th September	10.30 – 12.30

Feedback

We welcome your feedback. Following conference, representatives will be emailed a link to an online questionnaire. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire as your answers provide important information that helps us to improve conference.

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First Aid

If you require First Aid assistance, please approach a **steward** or go to the **Information Desk** in the Upper Foyer of the ICC.

Flash Photography

Representatives vulnerable to epilepsy should note that flash photography is frequently used in the conference auditorium.

Fringe

For details of fringe meetings see the **fringe guide** on **pages 40–118**.

The official fringe meeting venues are **The ICC**, the **Hyatt Regency** and the **Jurys Inn**. Other fringe venues are listed on **page 40**. For locations of these venues see the **map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document.

Access to fringe meetings in The ICC is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard. If you are attending a fringe elsewhere, conference photo passes are not necessary unless you are attending a party training session, where you may be asked to show a valid photo pass or party membership card.

All fringe events listed in the official venues are wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible. **If you experience any access difficulties, please let the Information Desk know or make a comment on your online feedback.**

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Headquarters' Fringe Events

Conference Rally

In government on your side: delivering a fairer Britain

Welsh leader Kirsty Williams and Scottish leader Willie Rennie host the conference rally a year on from entering government, showcasing how the Liberal Democrats are making a fair, green and liberal Britain. Nick Clegg will be joined by Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons David Heath, MP for Bath Don Foster and Minister of State for the Department of Education Sarah Teather.

Saturday 17th September, 18.30 – 19.30, Auditorium, Hall 3 in The ICC

Photo passes are required for entry.

Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new.

Tuesday 20th September, 22.00 – 02.00, Symphony Ballroom, Hyatt Regency

Information Desk

The Information Desk is located in the **Upper Foyer** of The ICC where members of the Conference Team can answer your questions.

The Information Desk is open at the following times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.30
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.30
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.30
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.30
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 16.00

To contact the Information Desk, email conferenceinformation@libdems.org.uk or telephone 0121 335 8405.

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Internet Café

There will be an **Internet café** in **Hall 4** of The ICC. There will be a fee of £1 per half hour; vouchers are available from the Information Desk in the Upper Foyer. Please note the Internet Café does not have printing or copying facilities.

The ICC Business Centre, located at the Centenary Square end of the Mall, offers a range of business support services including printing, copying and faxing; charges apply. **Wifi** is available in all public areas of The ICC and is free of charge for conference attendees.

Left Luggage

A left luggage facility will be available on **Wednesday 21st September from 08.00 – 17.00**, at **House of Sport**, Broad Street (across the road from The ICC – **see map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document).

- All luggage is left at owners risk.
- Any luggage not collected by 17.00 may be destroyed.
- There will be a charge of £1 per item.

Do not bring large bags or luggage to The ICC on Wednesday morning – either leave them at your hotel or use the left luggage facility.

Lost Photo Passes

A replacement fee of £25.00 applies and photo passes are reissued at the discretion of the Registration Manager.

Lost Property

All items of lost property should be handed in to, and reclaimed from, the **Information Desk** in the Upper Foyer of The ICC.

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Parking

See **transport and travel** on **page 21**.

Photo Passes

All conference photo passes are mailed prior to conference if registration has taken place by 29th July (subject to successful police accreditation). Photo passes for registrations taking place after 29th July may be subject to delays due to police accreditation. Please check your email correspondence for further information.

If you have not received your photo pass by 7th September, contact **conferences@libdems.org.uk**.

Postal Facilities

Royal Mail Group's stand, R8, in the Upper Foyer of the ICC, offers a range of Post Office® services, including a postbox with a daily collection Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st September.

Prayer And Meditation Room

A multi-faith prayer and meditation room is located next to **Café Vite** in the **Mall** of The ICC. Please be respectful of others using the room.

Recycling Facilities

Recycling facilities for paper, plastic and cans have been kindly provided by SITA throughout The ICC. Please make use of the collection bins.

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Refreshments

Hot and cold snacks and a wide variety of beverages are available in **Hall 4** of The ICC. Additional smaller catering points are available in **Hall 4 Foyer**, the **Upper Foyer** and at **Café Vite** in the Mall of The ICC. The Conference Office has worked closely with the professional catering team at The ICC to ensure that representatives can enjoy a wide variety of good food at reasonable prices.

Registration Onsite

Onsite registration is available to representatives who have yet to register, or who need to query or change their current registration. Please note that onsite registration may take several hours to complete, and due to police checks access to The ICC cannot be guaranteed for a specific time.

The registration area is located in **Quayside Tower** on Broad Street (see **map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document).

Registration is open at the following times:

Friday	16th September	15.00 – 21.00
Saturday	17th September	08.30 – 18.30
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.00
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.00
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.00
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 15.00

Smoking

All areas of The ICC are non-smoking. A designated smoking area is available at the Brindleyplace exit of The ICC.

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Training Events

An extensive range of free training events for party members is taking place at conference, on **Saturday 17th September** in the **Hyatt Regency** and **Sunday 18th to Tuesday 20th September** in the **Jurys Inn**; see the **training programme** or go to **www.libdems.org.uk/autumnconferencepapers**. Only party members may attend training events, and a valid conference photo pass or party membership card must be shown for entry.

Transport And Travel

There is a **map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document.

Air: Birmingham International Airport is located 8 miles (13km) east of Birmingham City Centre, only 1 mile from junction 6 of the M42. During the daytime there are 9 trains per hour between Birmingham International and Birmingham New Street Station.

Bus: The ICC can be reached by a great number of local bus services; for information see:

www.networkwestmidlands.co.uk

www.travelwm.co.uk

Coach: The National Express coach terminal is located in Digbeth in Birmingham city centre. approximately 2 miles from The ICC. For further information on routes and timetables, visit: **www.nationalexpress.com**

Car: The ICC is situated in Birmingham city centre. If you are using a satellite navigation system, enter the postcode B1 2AA to pinpoint The ICC. Or for help planning your route, visit: **www.rac.co.uk/route-planner**

Reduce congestion and pollution by using public transport or car-sharing where possible.

Parking: Parking for The ICC is located within the National Indoor Arena (NIA), a few

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minutes walk from The ICC. The car parks operate a pay and display system and tickets may be purchased either from the machines in the car parks or booked in advance by using a pre-booking application form (only if ordering 10 tickets or more); for more information call 0121 644 6139.

Car parking is free in City Council Car Parks for Blue Badge holders. The nearest blue badge bays to The ICC are located on Brindley Drive. For more information about parking for Blue badge holders in Birmingham contact the Parking Section, on 0121 303 7617 or email parking@birmingham.gov.uk.

Taxi: Due to road restrictions, the taxi pick-up and drop-off point for The ICC will be on the corner of Broad Street and Gas Street. A phone at The ICC's main entrance (Centenary Square) dials directly through to TOA taxis – a local reliable taxi company. All cars are wheelchair-accessible Hackney Cabs. TOA Taxis: 0121 427 8888

www.toataxis.net

Train:

- Birmingham New Street station offers regular services to London and most principal towns and cities throughout the UK. Book through the Liberal Democrats' affinity scheme to raise money for the party, at no extra cost to yourself:

www.libdems.org.uk/help_us_for_free.aspx

- The city centre is served by two further train stations: Birmingham Moor Street and Birmingham Snowhill (Chiltern Railways).

- All stations are within walking distance / 10-minute taxi journey from The ICC.

- Birmingham New Street has step-free access across the whole station with lifts to all platforms. If assistance is required, contact customer services of the relevant train operator at least 24 hours prior to travel:

CrossCountry: 0844 811 0125

London Midland: 0800 092 4260

Virgin Trains: 08457 44 33 66

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Twitter

During conference week, we will be tweeting live from the auditorium. For updates on who's speaking, when agenda items are about to start and how conference has voted, follow us at: **www.twitter.com/LibDemConf**

Venues

The main conference venue is:

The ICC Birmingham

Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Telephone: 0121 200 2000

www.theicc.co.uk

Conference and fringe hotels:

Hyatt Regency Birmingham

(main conference hotel)

2 Bridge Street, Birmingham, B1 2JZ. Telephone: 0121 643 1234

www.birmingham.regency.hyatt.com

Jurys Inn Birmingham Hotel

(official fringe and training venue)

245 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HQ. Telephone: 0121 606 9000

<http://birminghamhotels.jurysinns.com>

See **map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document.

Website

For conference details online, please see: **www.libdems.org.uk/conference**

The Exhibition

The exhibition is located throughout the Mall, Upper Foyer and Hall 4 of The ICC, see **conference venue plan** available as a separate document. A **plan of the exhibition** is also available as a separate document, and for a key to stand numbers see exhibitors listed by stand number below.

Exhibition opening times:

Saturday	17th September	13.00 – 18.15
Sunday	18th September	08.30 – 18.15
Monday	19th September	08.30 – 18.15
Tuesday	20th September	08.30 – 18.15
Wednesday	21st September	08.30 – 15.00

Exhibitors Listed By Stand Number

Stand	Exhibitor
100	Age UK
102	Prater Raines Ltd
103	BUAV
104/105	Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors
106	Liberal Democrats in England
107	EARS
200/201	Health Hotel
202	The Countryside Alliance Foundation
203	unionlearn
204	TUC
205	LGA Liberal Democrats
207/208	NASUWT
209	CentreForum
210	Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats
211	ALTER
212	The Howard League for Penal Reform

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300	Harmsworth Printing Ltd
300a	West Midlands Liberal Democrats
301	PCA (Parliamentary Candidates Association)
302	Agents and Organisers Association
307	Airport Operators Association (AOA)
308	Politico Internet
309	The Accord Coalition
310	Prospects Services Ltd
314	Falkland Islands Government
315	Liberator
316	Liberal International (British Group)
402	RISO UK Ltd
403	LGBT Liberal Democrats (DELGA)
405	Liberal Democrat European Group
406	National Union of Teachers
408	Guide Dogs
410	Liberal Democrat Education Association
411	Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats (EMLD)
412	Campaign for Gender Balance
B1	Asda
L1	Liberal Democrat Image
M1/M2	Marketing Birmingham
M3	Digital UK
M3a	RNIB
M4	York Potash Project – Sirius Minerals
M5	Lloyds Banking Group
M6	E.ON
R1	BBC
R2	British Red Cross
R3	Nuclear Industry Association
R4	NewcastleGateshead
R7	Tobacco Retailers Alliance
R7a	Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel
R7c	Green Liberal Democrats

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R8	Royal Mail Group
R10	Carillion Energy Services
R11	RSA
R12	Federation of Small Businesses
R13	pteg
R14	Parkinson's UK
R15	UKIE
R17/R20	Sky News
R18	Charities Aid Foundation
R19	MS Society
R21	Liberal Democrat History Group
R22	Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine
R23	DAGGER
R24	Women Liberal Democrats
R25	Liberal Democrat Christian Forum
R26	Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw
R27	ALDES
R28	ALDTU
R29	Liberal Democrat Disability Association
R34	Liberal Youth
R35	Youth Zone

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Stand 309

The Accord Coalition

Lend your voice to the campaign to stop religious discrimination in state funded schools and ensure they promote cohesion, not social division and prepare children for an increasingly diverse world. <http://accordcoalition.org.uk>

Stand 100

Age UK

Age UK is working for a better later life. We celebrate ageing and work to create opportunity in later life. And we challenge disadvantage and unfairness wherever we find it. www.ageuk.org.uk

Stand 302

Agents and Organisers Association

Advice, support and advocacy for all election agents and organisers. Come and meet us, get your questions answered, and get your hands on the 2011 Agents' Manual!

Stand 307

Airport Operators Association (AOA)

The AOA is the voice of UK airports. Our vision is a vibrant airport sector which can maintain sustainable growth, to meet the social and economic needs of the UK. www.aoa.org.uk

Stand R27

ALDES

ALDES is the Liberal Democrat group for Engineering and Science. We're building a network of engineers, scientists, medics and technicians within the party.

Stand R28

ALDTU

ALDTU aims to promote trade union interest within the party and Liberal Democrat policies within the trade union movement.

Exhibition

Stand 211

ALTER

ALTER, the party's economic special interest group with a focus on sustainable tax. Discover more about the next generation 'Green Switch' here.

Stand B1

Asda

Visit the Asda stand to sample our locally sourced products, meet our small suppliers and find out how our stores are supporting the communities they serve.

your.asda.com

Stand 104/105

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

ALDC represents councillors and provides advice, information and resources for all councillors, candidates and activists. Visit us for resources, advice, publications and to join if you're not yet a member. www.aldc.org

Stand R1

BBC

Visit to watch live broadcasting, to find out more about how the BBC plans to continue to deliver high-quality programmes, or to ask any BBC questions you may have.

www.bbc.co.uk

Stand R2

British Red Cross

Pupil, citizen, Life-saver. The knowledge developed through first aid and humanitarian education is key to a well-rounded education, and should be a core part of the National Curriculum.

www.Redcross.org.uk

Stand 103

BUAV

BUAV is one of the world's leading animal protection organisations. We campaign to end animal experiments, working towards a world where nobody wants or believes we need animal testing. www.buav.org

Exhibition

Stand 412

Campaign for Gender Balance

The Campaign exists to support and encourage potential women parliamentary candidates. It provides training, mentoring and development opportunities for women throughout the approval and selection process.

Stand R10

Carillion Energy Services

Carillion is a support services company with a substantial customer base in the public and private sector. The Group has 50,000 employees and annual revenue last year of £5.1 billion. www.carillionplc.com

Stand 209

CentreForum

CentreForum is the liberal think tank. It provides an independent, free thinking forum for new ideas and progressive debate. www.centreforum.org

Stand R18

Charities Aid Foundation

The Charities Aid Foundation exists to foster a culture of giving and improve the environment for charities and their donors. Come and visit us to find out more. www.cafonline.org

Stand 202

The Countryside Alliance Foundation

The Countryside Alliance Foundation is engaged in educating people about the countryside. By introducing adults and children to rural Britain, we hope to inspire them to learn more. www.countryside-alliance-foundation.org

Stand R23

DAGGER

Liberal Democrats action group for gaining electoral reform in multi-member constituencies by means of the single transferable vote.

Exhibition

Stand M3

Digital UK

Digital UK is responsible for leading the UK's switchover to digital television between 2008 and 2012. Visit our stand to find out more about switchover and how we inform viewers. www.digitaluk.co.uk

Stand M6

E.ON

Cleaner & Better Energy... and You. Find out about saving energy at home and in your community, and see how we're helping make energy cleaner and better across the UK. www.eonenergyfit.com

Stand 107

EARS – Election Agents Record System

EARS, HandS and Casework Manager, the complete solution. EARS for campaigning and elections, HandS for membership and supporters, Casework Manager for casework. Try them all on our stand. Training available.

Stand 411

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats (EMLD)

EMLD is an SAO of the Liberal Democrats and exists to develop the education, participation and representation of ethnic minorities within the party. It pursues a policy of equal opportunities for all.

Stand 314

Falkland Islands Government

Visit the Falkland Islands stand and meet members of the Falkland Islands Government who can update you on current developments affecting the Islands and our plans for the future. www.falklands.gov.fk

Stand R12

Federation of Small Businesses

The Federation of Small Businesses is the UK's leading business organisation representing the self employed and those who run their own businesses. Formed in 1974, it has 200,000 members. www.fsb.org.uk

Exhibition

Stand R7c

Green Liberal Democrats

The Green Liberal Democrats (GLD) are one of the party's largest membership organisations and the voice for environmental sustainability. This year's stand theme is Green Localism. www.greenlibdems.org.uk

Stand 408

Guide Dogs

Guide Dogs campaigns for better independence and mobility for blind and partially sighted people. Try our blindfolded bus journey challenge and find out more about our Talking Buses campaign. www.guidedogs.org.uk

Stand 300

Harmsworth Printing Ltd

Harmsworth Printing is the leading Newspaper Printer in the UK. We already print numerous papers for candidates and MP's around the country. Visit our stand to find out more. www.harmsworthprinting.co.uk

Stand 200/201

Health Hotel

Come to the Health Hotel stand to enjoy FREE HEARING TESTING courtesy of Specsavers Hearing Centres and FREE ACCESS TO MP BIOGRAPHIES via the online resource Dods People. www.healthhotel.org.uk

Stand 212

The Howard League for Penal Reform

The Howard League for Penal Reform is the oldest and most influential penal reform charity in the world working for a safe society where fewer people are victims of crime. www.howardleague.org

Stand 210

Humanist & Secularist Liberal Democrats

The organisation for Liberal Democrats who think that humanism and secularism need a louder voice within the party and across the UK. Join our meetings here in Birmingham.

Exhibition

Stand 205

LGA Liberal Democrats

We work with Liberal Democrat councillors, parliamentarians and ministers to provide a national voice for Lib Dems with an interest in local government. Come and visit us at stand 205. www.lga.gov.uk/libdemgroup

Stand 403

LGBT Liberal Democrats (DELGA)

Actively campaigning on Equal Marriage and other issues, we are the party's body for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans people. Learn about our policy and campaign work, and conference events!

Stand R25

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Come and find out more about the Lib Dem Christian Forum – all welcome!
www.ldcf.net

Stand R26

Liberal Democrat Christmas Draw

Collect pre-ordered Christmas Draw tickets from Stand R26 or place new orders. See how to maximise your income from the Draw.

Stand R29

Liberal Democrat Disability Association

Raising awareness, understanding and support of people with disabilities, within and outside the Liberal Democrats. Championing disabled and able-bodied advocates' opinions and the positive opportunities available to the party and society. RECRUITING MEMBERS!! All supporters and carers welcome. disabilitylibdems.org.uk

Stand 410

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Publications and information available. Visit our stand to exchange and share ideas concerning education issues with members, who will be on hand to provide information about LDEA.

Exhibition

Stand 405

Liberal Democrat European Group

We stimulate debate on European issues by working with our MEPs, publishing Eurofile and holding fringe meetings. We play a full role in European policy formation through our links with ELDR.

Stand R7a

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

LDFI works to develop a relationship of mutual trust and respect between Liberal Democrats and the Jewish Community, developing policies leading to peace and security in the Middle East. www.ldfi.org.uk

Stand R22

Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine

The Liberal Democrat Friends of Palestine exist to uphold Palestinian rights. We lobby within the party for International Law to be observed as the basis for a just peace.

Stand R21

Liberal Democrat History Group

The past illuminates the present. Subscribe to the Journal of Liberal History. Buy our new book, Peace, Reform and Liberation: A History of Liberal Politics in Britain 1688–2011. www.liberalhistory.org.uk

Stand L1

Liberal Democrat Image

Visit Liberal Democrat Image for your election and campaigning supplies and save money on postage, or visit our website www.libdemimage.co.uk

Stand 106

Liberal Democrats in England

Coordinating the work of the 11 regional parties. Building the party through membership recruitment, development, supporting local parties and running the English Candidates' Office. We also have training all week.

Exhibition

Stand 316

Liberal International (British Group)

Liberal International brings together liberals from all over the world to monitor, discuss and influence global politics and human rights. The British Group is your link to international affairs.

Stand R34

Liberal Youth

The youth and students wing of the Liberal Democrats. Essential information on integrating younger people with your campaigns. Youth-targeted literature available to order.

Stand 315

Liberator

Liberator is bursting with articles with ideas to help the reader through these uncertain times. Along with lid-lifting RB, and the unmissable Lord Bonkers. Subscribe – £25 a year.

Stand M5

Lloyds Banking Group

Lloyds Banking Group is the UK's leading bank, supporting communities, businesses and homeowners. Visit our stand to learn more about our active part in supporting the UK's economic recovery. www.lloydsbankinggroup.com

Stand M1/M2

Marketing Birmingham

Birmingham welcomes the Liberal Democrat Party Autumn Conference. Visit the stand for visitor information and to find out more about the city's transformation, economic vitality and regeneration plans. www.libdemsinbirmingham2011.com

Stand R19

MS Society

Help us put MS on the map in your area! Meet MS Society staff and volunteers, try our interactive quiz and learn more about issues affecting people with MS.

www.mssociety.org.uk

Exhibition

Stand 207/208

NASUWT

The NASUWT is the largest teachers' union in the UK, representing teachers and headteachers. Come and talk to us at our conference stand No: 207/208.

www.nasuwat.org.uk

Stand 406

National Union of Teachers

The NUT, the largest teachers' union, campaigns for good local schools properly supported by local authorities, access to CPD, proper pay, pensions, conditions of service and respect for teachers' judgement. www.teachers.org.uk

Stand R4

NewcastleGateshead

Meet the tourism team from NewcastleGateshead to book your accommodation for the spring conference being held there next March and pick up a free city sightseeing pass for NewcastleGateshead. www.NewcastleGateshead.com

Stand R3

Nuclear Industry Association

The NIA is the trade association and representative voice of Britain's civil nuclear industry, representing over 250 companies including operators, those engaged in decommissioning, waste, and the fuel cycle. www.niauk.org

Stand R14

Parkinson's UK

Every hour, someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's. Visit our stand and support Parkinson's UK to improve life for everyone affected by this degenerative neurological condition. www.parkinsons.org.uk

Stand 301

PCA (Parliamentary Candidates Association)

The PCA is in the thick of it representing the party's frontline campaigners. Meet the Executive and parliamentarians... and complete your entry for the new Who's Who in the Liberal Democrats?

Exhibition

Stand 308

Politico Internet

We specialise in cost-effective web design, hosting and online campaign support for campaigners and organisations. Visit our stand for the chance to win a new website.

www.politicointernet.co.uk

Stand 102

Prater Raines Ltd

Learn more about the Foci2 campaign system. Fast, secure, reliable website with feeds, email, facebook, twitter and petition campaigning in one place. The complete online tool for Liberal Democrat campaigners. www.prateraines.co.uk

Stand 310

Prospects Services Ltd

Prospects specialises in meeting the needs of public and private sector clients and local communities. Leading in the provision of IAG with expertise in events, recruitment, publishing and consultancy. www.prospects.co.uk

Stand R13

PTEG

Passenger Transport Executives provide the oversight, the local accountability and the practical expertise to deliver the public transport networks that our largest regional urban areas require. www.pteg.net

Stand 402

RISO UK Ltd

Latest Riso printer options on display for production of party documentation in single, two and full colour at lowest possible print costs and fastest possible turnaround times. www.riso.co.uk

Stand M3a

RNIB

A Stitch In Time. Prevent the 50% of sight loss, which is avoidable if detected and treated early enough; save the UK economy £3 billion annually. Find out how.

www.rnib.org.uk

Exhibition

Stand R8

Royal Mail Group

Royal Mail Group's stand offers a range of postal services, including a post box and cash machine. Hear about our latest services, stamp launches and enter our quiz.

www.royalmailgroup.com

Stand R11

RSA

RSA is a leading global insurer providing cover for 600,000 cars in the UK through its More Than brand. Check out your driving skills and have your eye-health tested at our stand. www.rsagroup.com

Stand R17/R20

Sky News

The Sky News political team, led by Adam Boulton, will be presenting throughout the party conference, providing regular updates throughout the day, interviews with the key political players, coverage of all major speeches and a comprehensive round-up of the main events each evening. www.skynews.com

Stand R7

Tobacco Retailers Alliance

The Tobacco Retailers Alliance is a coalition of 26,000 independent shopkeepers who sell tobacco products. Visit our stand to hear from our spokespeople how tobacco regulation impacts on small businesses. www.tobaccoretailersalliance.org.uk

Stand 204

TUC

We are the voice of Britain at work. With 55 unions and 6 million members, we stand for decency and respect at work, a prosperous economy, and quality public services. www.tuc.org.uk

Exhibition

Stand R15

UKIE

UKIE is the trade association that represents a wide range of games publishers, developers and the academic institutions involved in the video games and interactive entertainment industry. www.ukie.org.uk

Stand 203

Unionlearn

unionlearn is the TUC's learning and skills organisation. We work with trades unions and companies, large and small, across the country to develop lifelong learning in the workplace. www.unionlearn.org.uk

Stand 300a

West Midlands Liberal Democrats

Visit the stand – in Hall 4 – to meet regional colleagues, quiz the Executive, leave messages, win prizes at our tombola, pick up your ticket for the regional reception. www.wmlibdem.org

Stand R24

Women Liberal Democrats

WLD influences policy and campaigns on issues that impact on women in the UK and worldwide. We encourage and support women to be active at all levels in the party.

Stand M4

York Potash Project – Sirius Minerals

The York Potash Project is a nationally important proposal that could generate up to 5,000 jobs. A new UK potash mine will ensure security of supply of potash – an essential component of fertiliser – helping farmers to produce food more efficiently. www.yorkpotash.co.uk

Stand R35

Youth Zone

Welcome to the Youth Zone: a dedicated area and display that brings together organisations who work with or represent young people for information, campaigns and a programme of events. www.citadelcomms.co.uk

Conference Sponsors

Asda

Visit the Asda stand to sample our locally-sourced products, meet our small suppliers and find out how our stores are supporting the communities they serve. your.asda.com

Bloomberg Tradebook Europe Ltd

Bloomberg Tradebook Europe is Bloomberg's agency broker that partners with the buy-side and sell-side to provide high-quality liquidity, market insight and customised solutions based on innovative technologies. We offer trading solutions for equities, futures, options, and foreign exchange (FX) so that clients can actively manage complex trading strategies across more than 100 global exchanges. By providing direct access to independent research analysts and commission management services, Bloomberg Tradebook Europe provides clients with numerous ways to find and implement smart trading ideas.

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CentreForum

CentreForum is the liberal think tank. It provides an independent, free-thinking forum for new ideas and progressive debate.

SITA UK

SITA UK is a recycling and resource management company. We deliver solutions to 12 million residents and over 42,000 business customers, to help everyone reduce the impact of their waste on the environment. Headquartered in Maidenhead, we operate in over 300 locations throughout the UK, and employ over 5,500 people.

Tesco

Tesco is an international retailer with over 490,000 employees in 14 markets. The Group's core purpose is to create value for customers to earn their lifetime loyalty.

Which?

Which?, the largest independent consumer body in the UK, has produced a special guide to Birmingham for all Liberal Democrat party conference attendees – it's free of charge and available around The ICC.

Fringe Guide

Fringe Meeting Venues

The official fringe meeting venues are **The ICC**, the **Hyatt Regency** and the **Jurys Inn** (see **venues** on **page 23** for addresses and contact details).

Other fringe venues are:

Bank Restaurant and Bar, 4 Brindleyplace, B1 2JB

Bar Risa, 259–263 Broad Street, B1 2HF

Baskerville House, Centenary Square, B1 2ND

Birmingham Conservatoire, Paradise Place, B3 3HG

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, B3 3DH

Café Ikon, 1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, B1 2HS

CBSO Centre, Berkley Street, B1 2LF

Copthorne Hotel Birmingham, Paradise Circus, B3 3HJ

Council House, Victoria Square, B1 1BB

Crowne Plaza Birmingham City Centre, Holliday Street, B1 1HH

Deloitte, 4 Brindleyplace, B1 2HZ

IET Birmingham: Austin Court, 80 Cambridge Street, B1 2NP

Malmaison Birmingham, The Mailbox, One Wharfside Street, B1 1RD

Mint Hotel Birmingham, 1 Brunswick Square, Brindleyplace, B1 2HW

Novotel Birmingham Centre, 70 Broad Street, B1 2HT

Nuvo, Brindleyplace, 2 Brunswick Square, B1 2LP

Pitcher & Piano, The Waters' Edge, Brindleyplace, B1 2HP

For locations of official and other fringe venues, see the **map of Birmingham city centre** available as a separate document. For location of rooms within The ICC see **conference venue plan** and **plan of the exhibition**, available as separate documents.

Access To Fringe Meetings

Access to fringe meetings in The ICC is possible only with a valid, visible conference photo pass worn with the official lanyard.

If you are attending a fringe elsewhere, conference photo passes are not necessary unless you are attending a party training session, where you may be asked to show a valid photo pass or party membership card.

All fringe events listed in the official venues are wheelchair-accessible. For fringe meetings booked outside these venues, the meeting organisers have confirmed that the rooms are wheelchair-accessible.

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

Key To Fringe Listings

Refreshments = Refreshments provided

BSL = BSL signer provided

Hearing loop = Hearing loop provided

Invitation only = By invitation only

Fringe Saturday 17th September

Saturday Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

CentreForum, Institute for Government and Policy Exchange

Opening up the Party

How to encourage diversity through candidate selection. Speakers: Lord Adonis; Tim Farron MP; Tessa Munt MP and Jo Swinson MP. Chair: Chris Nicholson.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

Ethnic Minority Lib Dems

Annual General Meeting

AGM agenda will include reports from officers, approval of accounts and election of executive for year 2012.

Hyatt Regency, Andante

Department of Elections & Skills

Starting the Campaign Revolution

New technology and more information can revolutionise our campaigning. Come and discover the technology we are introducing, like our new campaign management system – CONNECT, and help start a revolution in campaigning.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

Localis

Having a Mayor? The right answer for city leadership?

Lord Shipley; Stephen Gilbert MP; Dave Hodgson, Mayor of Bedford; Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson, LGA Group Leader.

Mint Hotel. Refreshments

Saturday Early Evening 18.30 – 19.30

Conference Rally

In government on your side: delivering a fairer Britain

Welsh leader Kirsty Williams and Scottish leader Willie Rennie host the conference rally a year on from entering government, showcasing how the Liberal Democrats are making a fair, green and liberal Britain. Nick Clegg will be joined by Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons David Heath, MP for Bath Don Foster and Minister of State for the Department of Education Sarah Teather.

The ICC, Auditorium, Hall 3 (Photo pass required for entry)

Saturday Mid Evening 20.15 – 21.30

Birmingham & Centre for Cities

The Host City's Welcome Reception

Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, Birmingham City Council. For details please contact rsvp@centreforcities.org. Supported by KPMG.

Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 21.00

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,

The Round Room. Invitation only

Social Liberal Forum

Open Public Services: Another fine mess they'll get us into?

What should we support and what should we oppose in the Open Public Services White Paper? Speakers: Mark Serwotka, Gen Secretary, PCS; Linda Jack, SLF; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum; Lord Matthew Oakeshott.

The ICC, Hall 5. Note: this event will end at 22.15

CentreForum, CPAG and Fabian Society

Who will pay for parents?

Childcare support and welfare reform. Speakers: Alison Garnham, Chief Executive, CPAG; Lord German and Tim Horton, Fabian Society.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

East of England Liberal Democrats

Regional Reception

Relax and enjoy a chat and a glass of wine with Liberal Democrat parliamentarians, local politicians, regional office-holders and other party members from the East of England. All members from the region welcome.

The ICC, Hall 7b. Refreshments

ALDC

ALDC's Annual General Meeting

Have your say at ALDC's annual general meeting followed by the Campaigner Awards for local campaign literature. Presented by Tim Farron MP. First prize £500. Drinks sponsored by Midshire and RISO.

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

Liberal Youth

LDYS reunited!

Youth activists through the ages are invited to rekindle old friendships at the first-ever official Liberal Youth reunion. Grab a drink, find out what Liberal Youth are doing, and have a laugh at archive LDYS photos!

Note: this event will start at 20.00 and end at 22.15

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Department of Elections & Skills

Best of the old, best of the new, best from you

Your forum to ask questions about the support available from the new central campaigns team. Hilary Stephenson (chair) with Jake Holland, Shaun Roberts & Victoria Marsom.

Hyatt Regency, Andante

Green Liberal Democrats

Halving carbon emissions by 2025 – yes we can!

Having only 14 years to change Britain, how can this be delivered in time and what is the impact on growth? Martin Horwood MP leads the debate with Mike Childs (FoE), Mark Lynas and Heidi Mottram (Chief Exec of NWG).

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

Fringe Saturday

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats and HQ Diversity Unit

New Generation / EMLD Networking Reception

A networking reception for all EMLD and New Generation members, with Vince Cable MP and Issan Ghazni as keynote speakers.

Note: this event will start at 20.30

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Refreshments

CentreForum and LGA Liberal Democrat Group

Localism into Practice

Speakers: Cllr Abi Bell; Paul Burstow MP; Cllr Richard Kemp; Gordon Lishman and Andrew Stunell MP. Chair: Dr Tim Leunig.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Refreshments

Saturday Late Evening 22.00 – 23.15

Lib Dem Voice

Lib Dem Blog of the Year Awards 2011

Join LDV and online friends for a walk down the yellow carpet to award the 2011 BOTYs. Categories, nominations and public voting all happen in August at www.LibDemVoice.org

www.LibDemVoice.org

Hyatt Regency, Andante

London Liberal Democrats

Team London Karaoke

Unwind and help us raise funds for vital Mayoral and Assembly elections in 2012. An entrance fee will be charged.

Note: this event will end at 01.00

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

Fringe Sunday 18th September

Sunday Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

The Fire Brigades Union

999 Emergency: Can the Fire Service Survive the Coalition?

1000 frontline jobs axed in 1 year; pay freezes; imposed changes to firefighter pensions.

Matt Wrack, FBU General Secretary, discusses if our vital public service can survive 5 years of this Coalition.

The ICC, Hall 6a

Federal Conference Committee / Conference Access Group

Conference Access Forum

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?

The ICC, Hall 6b, BSL Hearing loop

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

ALDC Members' Reception

ALDC Welcomes Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister. How can partners encourage and empower volunteering in our communities, to the co-operative and mutual benefit of all? Refreshments sponsored by The Co-operative Group.

The ICC, Hall 8a. Invitation only, Refreshments

Social Liberal Forum and Hacked Off Campaign

Phone Hacking, Privacy and Libel – The Future of the Press

Alan Rusbridger, Editor, Guardian; Don Foster MP, Lib Dem DCMS Spokesman; Hugh Grant, Actor; Jo Glanville, Editor, Index on Censorship. Chair: Dr Evan Harris, Hacked Off Campaign.

The ICC, Hall 8b

Fringe Sunday

Nuclear Industry Association

Nuclear Communities: Powering the Regions

Speakers: Rt Hon Lord John Hutton (Chair), other speakers tbc including representatives from the nuclear industry and parliamentarians.

The ICC, Hall 10a. Refreshments

CentreForum and Fabian Society

Two tribes?

But what should Labour and Lib Dems be working on together? Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Sadiq Khan MP (inv); John Leech MP (inv) and Emily Thornberry MP (inv).

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

GMB

What does the future hold for public sector pensions?

Speakers: Danny Alexander MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury), John Wright (Hymans Robertson), Brian Strutton (GMB, Public Services Section). Chair: Heidi Benzing (GMB, Political Office).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

DONG Energy and University of Durham

Making Wind Power Work

Chair: Kiran Stacey, Financial Times. Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State; Professor Phil Taylor, University of Durham; Christian T. Skakkebæk, Senior Vice President Renewables, DONG Energy.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2. Refreshments

O2 Think Big

Presentation and reception: supported by NYA & Liberal Youth

Find out how Think Big can help your idea grow with money, training and support. If you're 13 to 25 and there's something you want to create or change, start a project.

Get Involved. Start small, Think Big.

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Barnardo's

Cutting Children Free from Sexual Exploitation

Speakers: Councillor Richard Kemp, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Anne-Marie Carrie, Chief Executive, Barnardo's; Detective Inspector Snell, Devon and Cornwall Police. Hot food provided.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

The Motor Sport Association

Deregulation of sport

"How deregulation of sport can increase participation and stimulate economic growth".

Guests: Michael Moore (Secretary of State for Scotland); Colin Hilton (CEO, MSA);

Sports personality (TBC).

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

All Party Parliamentary group on Agroecology

Sustainable Intensification of Livestock

Chair: Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer. Speakers: Tessa Munt MP; Peter Lundgren, arable and free range pig farmer; Will Edwards, dairy farmer and member of the Pasture Fed Livestock Association. Sponsored by WSPA.

Hyatt Regency, Concerto. Refreshments

Unions21, Social Liberal Forum

The Business Case for Unions

Can Lib Dems and unions work together to create the 'good economy'? Peter Kunzmann, Social Liberal Forum; Paul Nowak, TUC; Prof Mark Stuart; Sue Ferns; Musicians' Union TBA. unions21.org.uk @Unions21. Lunch provided.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with Friends Life

Nudging the Nation

How can Government and business work together to encourage long-term savings behaviour? Speakers: Steve Webb MP; Martin Palmer, Friends Life. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Lib Dem European Group & The European Movement

Place of Strife? The Outlook for Europe's Economy

Speakers: Charles Kennedy MP (European Movement President), Sharon Bowles MEP, Graham Bishop, Antony Hook.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

LibDem Friends of Turkey, Ethnic Minority LibDems

Turkey's Booming Economy and Role within EU

Turkish Minister Egemen Bagis and editor of Today's Zaman, Bülent Kenes, will join Lord McNally, Graham Watson MEP and Baroness Hussein-Ece to discuss the growing economy of Turkey and what Turkey has to offer within the EU.

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Refreshments

The Foreign Policy Centre and the BBC World Service Trust

Rethinking democracy & development: What role for new media?

Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, Foreign Office Minister; Charlie Beckett, POLIS; Grace Githaiga, Media, Empowerment & Democracy in East Africa (MEDIEA); James Deane, BBC World Service Trust. Chair: Baroness Kishwer Falkner.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano. Refreshments

Women Liberal Democrats

Pension Changes for Women

Chair: Lorely Burt MP. Speakers: Lord German and a leading pensions representative from Age UK. Increase in pension ages – increased years to pay – is the new scheme fair and just for all women?

Jurys Inn, 102

Department of Elections & Skills

Campaign Innovations – Dragons' Den

Come and hear new campaign ideas pitched to our dragons in the campaign innovations dragons' den. If you have a new idea come along and maybe get a chance to pitch it to the panel.

Jurys Inn, 103

Fringe Sunday

Birmingham City Council

The transformation of Birmingham City Council

Business Transformation has delivered £250m savings, modern IT and people management, and personalisation of services. Speakers: a senior government minister (tbc); Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council.

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Crisis

No place like home: where next for housing and homelessness?

With radical changes under way, what is the Lib Dem vision for housing and how can homelessness be ended? Speakers: Stephen Gilbert MP; Simon Hughes MP; Lord John Shipley; Duncan Shrubsole, Crisis Policy Director.

Jurys Inn, 105

ResPublica and Independent Age

Leading by a Silver Standard: Older people in the Big Society

Launch of a ResPublica report with speakers Baroness Shirley Williams (TBC); Andrew Stunell MP (TBC); Janet Morrison, Chief Executive, Independent Age; Geraldine Bedell, Editor, Gransnet; Antonia Cox, Research Associate, ResPublica.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

ALDES – Assn. LD Engineers & Scientists

What will expensive energy cost us?

The effect of high energy prices on industry and economic growth. Speaker: Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group. Chair: Steve Coltman, ALDES.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

NASUWT and NUT

The Future for State Education

The Coalition Government aims to have converted many more schools into academies by the end of this Parliament. What is the future for State Education?

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

ALTER

Stewardship: a truly Liberal idea, whose time has come

Author of Stewardship Economy Julian Pratt exchanges views on the role of 'tax shifting' in a liberal democrat society with Chair of Inequality Policy Working Group, Dr David Hall-Matthews. Chair: Gareth Epps (FPC).

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

FutureGov, OPM, On Road Media

Local, Social, Digital

How can we use innovative approaches to engage citizens and communities in democracy? (An audience-led fringe meeting with a disrupted format.) Emma Maier (LGC), Julian Huppert MP, Mark Pack, Cllr Daisy Benson, Lucy Watt.

Jurys Inn, 116. Refreshments

Sunday Early Evening 18.15 – 19.30

BBC Daily Politics

The Andrew Neil Interview

Andrew Neil interviews a senior party figure for broadcast on BBC News. Visit the BBC stand to suggest a question. Live event starts promptly at 17:30 when the doors will close – please be seated before then.

Note: this event starts at 17.30 and ends at 18.15

The ICC, Hall 5. Refreshments

Hosted by ActionAid, Amnesty International and the Women Liberal Democrats

Peace with Justice? The UK's legacy in Afghanistan

Jo Swinson MP; Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (invited); Sabrina Saqib, Ex MP of the Afghan Parliament; Horia Mosadiq, Afghanistan Researcher, Amnesty International.

The ICC, Hall 6a. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Age UK, RBS, PayPoint

Can the market deliver financial inclusion for older people?

High street or corner shop? Chaired by Paul Lewis, Presenter, Money Box; Baroness Kramer; Peter Brooker, PayPoint; Sarah Deaves, RBS; Tom Wright CBE, Age UK.

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

Centre for European Reform / Business for New Europe

Will the euro crisis split the EU?

Speakers: The Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP; Sharon Bowles MEP; Michael Moore MP (tbc); Baroness Shirley Williams. Chair: Simon Tilford, CER. Sponsored by: Citi.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Food for thought: How can localism support local food?

Speakers: Duncan Hames MP (chair); Andrew George MP, Co-chair, DEFRA Backbench Committee (tbc); Neil Sinden, Policy and Campaigns Director, CPRE; other speakers tbc. Food local to Birmingham will be served.

The ICC, Hall 7b. Refreshments

RSPCA

RSPCA Beer and Curry night

Join the RSPCA for our annual beer and curry night and topical quiz. Speaker: Roger Williams MP.

The ICC, Hall 8. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum and the Accord Coalition

Religion in education: Towards division or inspiration?

Speakers to include Dr Evan Harris, Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain MBE, Professor Mary James from the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education and Jackie Hughes, Director of Education for the C of E Diocese of Birmingham.

The ICC, Hall 10a

Fringe Sunday

Chemical Industries Association

Is a Green Economy Costing Jobs in the UK?

Chair: Ian Swales MP. Speakers: Fiona Hall MEP and Steve Elliott, CIA Chief Executive.
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1. Refreshments

All Together for the NHS with the TUC

Health Bill: Still a dangerous prescription for the NHS?

Frances O'Grady, TUC (Chair); Dr Evan Harris; Ann Green, Physiotherapist and Clinical Educator; Christina McAnea, Unison; Dr Ron Singer, Unite; Prof Cathy Warwick, RCM.
The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

WWF-UK

50th Birthday Party showing Astonish Me an inspirational short film written by Stephen Poliakoff

With David Nussbaum Chief Executive of WWF-UK, Andy Wales of SABMiller plc and Julian Rush, Science / Environment Journalist & Broadcaster.

Contact: publicaffairsmail@wwf.org.uk.

The ICC, Castle Fine Arts Gallery. Invitation only, Refreshments

Centre for Cities

On Balance: can the coalition deliver growth and fairness?

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Sir Ian Wigglesworth; Will Hutton; Steve Hollis, KPMG & Deputy Chair, Birmingham & Solihull LEP; Cllr Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol City Council. Chair: Joanna Averley, Centre for Cities.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

Shelter & Places for People

Housing the nation: making the case for better homes

Discussion on the future of housing policy. Lord Shipley (Former Leader Newcastle Council / LGA), Jack Dromey MP (Labour Shadow CLG), Campbell Robb (Shelter). David Cowans (Places for People), Matt Oakley (Policy Exchange).

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Money Advice Trust & Building Societies Association

How can lenders, Govt & advice bodies aid worried borrowers?

With increasing numbers of borrowers struggling, how can we help them keep their heads above water? Speakers: Joanna Elson OBE, Money Advice Trust, & Adrian Coles OBE, Building Societies Association; other speakers TBC.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats in England

Penhaligon Award: Nominees' Presentations

The local parties short-listed for the award this year will each give a short presentation. Your chance to hear about best practice in recruiting, involving and retaining members this year.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

Social Market Foundation & Which?

Keeping the home fires burning

'Who's to blame for spiralling energy bills – companies, consumers or government?'

Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (tbc); Richard Lloyd, Which?; a representative of the energy industry.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano. Refreshments

Demos

The Demos Grill: An in-conversation

Danny Alexander MP in conversation with Steve Richards, The Independent.

Jurys Inn, 101

South Central & South East Regions

Regional Reception

A great way to start Conference by having a drink and a chat with MPs, MEPs and members from across both Regions. Free entry – cash bar available.

Jurys Inn, 102. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Calor and Lib Dem Defra parliamentary committee

Keeping the countryside affordable for all

How do we ensure rural communities are affordable places to live and work in for everyone? Speakers include Dame Fiona Reynolds, National Trust; Paul Blacklock, Calor; chaired by Andrew George MP.

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association

Party v Government. Can party policy just be ignored?

Can party policy on legal aid be ignored? Holding the Party to account whilst in Government. Speakers: Peter Lodder QC, Chairman of the Bar Council; Tom Brake MP; Geoff Payne; Alistair Webster QC, Chair.

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

The Foreign Policy Centre and Rio Tinto

Energy in an uncertain world: Achieving a low carbon future

Panellists: Fiona Hall MEP, Leader, Lib Dem MEPs; Chris Davies MEP, European Environment Committee; Sir Robert Smith MP, DECC Select Committee (invited); Andrew Pendleton, ippr; Tom Burke, Rio Tinto.

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

ResPublica and Stonham Services

New models, new partnerships: Bottom-up community care+support

With Norman Lamb MP, PPS to Nick Clegg; Charles Fraser CBE, Chief Executive, St Mungo's (TBC); Rachael Byrne, Director, Stonham Services; John Evans, Stonham client; Anna Dixon, Director of Policy, King's Fund (TBC).

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats Friends of Pakistan (LDFP) 11th Anniversary

Pakistan High Commission Annual Buffet Reception

HE Wajid Hassan; Deputy Prime Minister Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP (tbc); Simon Hughes MP; Rt Hon Vince Cable MP; Lords Leader Rt Hon Lord Tom McNally; Chair Qassim Afzal (FE). Contact 07956873046, qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111. Refreshments.

Fringe Sunday

Campaign for Gender Balance

Family-friendly working: will MPs practise what they preach?

Could MPs job-share, etc.? Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Minister for Equalities; Sarah Jackson OBE, CEO Working Families; Anna Bird, CEO Fawcett Society; Maggy Piggott CBE, job-sharing CEO. Chair: Dinti Batstone.

Jurys Inn, 112. Hearing loop, Refreshments

CentreForum, ResPublica and Fabian Society

Is there such a thing as society?

New approaches to community. Speakers: Phillip Blond, ResPublica; Andrew Harrop, Fabian Society and Lord Storey.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

Jubilee Debt Campaign, World Development Movement

Tackling the root causes of global inequality

Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair of International Development Select Committee; Noreena Hertz, author and economist (TBC); Deborah Doane, Director, World Development Movement; Nick Dearden, Director, Jubilee Debt Campaign.

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)

Building our future: Planning and housing reform

Delivering the communities we want. Andrew Stunell MP, Local Government Minister; Lord Graham Tope, CLG spokesperson and elected member for London Borough of Sutton; Gary Day, McCarthy & Stone; Kate Henderson, TCPA.

Jurys Inn, 116. Refreshments

Total Politics

Future of Energy: Balancing Nuclear and Sustainable Energy

Panel: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change; Fiona Hall MEP, North East Region; George Beveridge, Deputy MD, Sellafield Sites; Tim Leunig, Chief Economist, CentreForum.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Wedgewood Suite. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

British Youth Council, UKYP & The Co-operative supported by O2 & Liberal Youth

What's Youth Got to Do With It?

Join the Debate, with an audience of young people: 6.15pm. Followed by reception at 7.45pm. Speakers include: Simon Hughes MP; Tom Wood, Liberal Youth. Panel: BYC, Co-operative, O2 Think Big.

Note: this event will end at 21.00

IET Birmingham: Austin Court, Lecture Hall and Waterside Room. Refreshments

Transport Hub

Chief Executives' Dinner

Invitation-only dinner with senior political audience and Chief Executives or equivalent of Transport Hub members.

Note: this event will end at 23.00

Hyatt Regency, Concerto. Invitation only

Sunday Mid Evening 20.00 – 21.15

Social Liberal Forum and the Liberator Collective

Where do we go from here? Lib Dem priorities until 2015

What should be our key policies and strategies for the rest of the parliament? Speakers:

Will Hutton, The Work Foundation; Jackie Ashley, The Guardian; Julian Huppert MP.

Chair: David Hall-Matthews, SLF.

The ICC, Hall 5

National Association of Local Councils

What is the Big Society?

Delegate Cocktail Reception. Chair: Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator,

The Independent (invited); Andrew Stunell MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government (invited).

The ICC, Hall 10a. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

CentreForum and Policy Exchange

Next steps for localism

Speakers: Rt Hon Greg Clark MP; Ed Davey MP; Chris Nicholson and Neil O'Brien.

Chair: Duncan Greenland.

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

CentreForum and RSPB

Neighbourhood planning for nature and people?

Speakers: Cllr Louise Bloom; Miles Clarke, Chief Executive, RSPB; Dr Tim Leunig and Andrew Stunell MP.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8. Refreshments

National Autistic Society

Cocktails and Conversations

What choice is there for children with special educational needs? Event Chair: Andy Sparrow, The Guardian. Keynote Speeches: Sarah Teather MP, Minister; Damian Milton, Parent. Other MPs will host discussions.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1. Refreshments

CBI

Building the low-carbon economy

Creating the climate for green investment. Keynote Speeches: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State; Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy; Rhian Kelly, Director for Business Environment, CBI.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2. Refreshments

The Disability Benefits Consortium

Welfare reform: Benefiting disabled people?

Join us at this 'in conversation with' event with Jenny Willott MP (invited). If you have any accessibility needs please contact: rspence@disabilityalliance.org.uk in advance.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Hearing loop, Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Green Liberal Democrats

Supermarketopoly – are they taking over?

What is the environmental cost of supermarkets? Can big add value to the high street?

Andrew George MP opens up the discussion with Jane Bevis, Dir. British Retail Cons, and Helen Rimmer, FOE; FSB rep invited.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

League Against Cruel Sports

How can government protect wildlife?

Joe Duckworth, League Against Cruel Sports.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

Social Market Foundation & Standard Life

Pensions auto-enrolment: nudging to higher or lower savings?

Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; David Nish, Standard Life; Dr Ros Altman, Saga; Dr Adam Marshall, British Chambers of Commerce; Ian Mulheirn, SMF (Chair).

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Academies and Free Schools – What next?

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP; Christine Blower, General Secretary, NUT; Cllr. Peter Downes, Vice President, LDEA; Cllr. Oliver Wells, Associate Principal, Westminster Academy. Chair: Andrew Bridgwater, Chair, LDEA.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo

Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel

Israel's Peace Initiative: can it succeed?

Speakers: Dr Alon Liel (Former Director-General, Israeli Foreign Ministry); Jeremy Browne MP (Foreign Office Minister); Sir Alan Beith MP (President LDFI). Chair: Sarah Ludford MEP (Vice President LDFI).

Jurys Inn, 101. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Prater Raines Ltd

Stronger Campaigning: Using Online Petitions to the Max

Integrating online and off-line campaigning will improve your petition responses. Get more from petitions, with speakers Peter Carroll (Gurkha Justice Campaign and FairFuelUK) & Neil Fawcett (Lib Dem organiser, OxWAb).

Jurys Inn, 103

Say No To Trident – A Lib Dem ACT group

Britain's Nuclear Weapons – Latest Developments towards 2060

Speakers: Peter Burt, Nuclear Information Service; Kate Hudson, Chair CND and a Great Liberal Democrat parliamentarian! Trident isn't the only story. Get a full picture of Britain's intentions over the next decades.

Jurys Inn, 104

Campaign for Gender Balance

CGB Networking Drinks

A reception for potential women candidates and all those in the Party who are keen to help increase our number of women Parliamentarians. Keynote speaker: Lynne Featherstone MP.

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

ResPublica

Civic Limits: How much more involved can people get?

Launch of a ResPublica report, with Lord Rennard, Chair of ACEVO Commission on the Big Society; Richard Wilson, ResPublica Associate and Founder / Director of Involve; Phillip Blond, Director, ResPublica.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats Friends of Kashmir (LDFK) 11th Anniversary

Kashmir Diaspora Perspective is the World concerned (policy)

Nuclear Neighbours A Dialog To Peace. Speakers: HE Wajid Hassan; Deputy Leader Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP; Liz Lynne MEP; Paul Rowan. Chair: Qassim Afzal (Federal Executive). Contact 07956873046, qassim.afzal@ntlworld.com.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Local Campaigning on National issues

How do we campaign as a party in the new political environment? What are the best ways to deliver our party campaigns locally and nationally? With Andrew Stunell MP, Chris Huhne MP and Shaun Roberts. Drinks provided.

Jurys Inn, 112

CentreForum and TheCityUK

Ensuring EU financial services reform supports growth

Speakers: Sharon Bowles MEP; Chris Cummings, Chief Executive, TheCityUK and Lord Razzall. Chair: Lord Newby.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

ALDE Group

Where have all the insects gone?

No bugs, no birds, no biodiversity. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Matt Shardlow, Chief Exec, Buglife.

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

Lib Dem HS2 Challenge Group

A better alternative to HS2?

A debate to consider the FACTS that should be published before we write the cheque for £33billion. Includes Jerry Marshall Chair of AGAHST (Action Groups Against High Speed Two) and a parliamentary speaker.

Jurys Inn, 116

Boehringer Ingelheim, Age UK, Local Government Information Unit

The Big Health Quiz

A fun health related quiz, all welcome. Free traditional pub grub and soft drinks.

Speaker: Andrew George MP, Member Select Committee on Health (Invited).

BigHealthQuiz@ketchum.com.

Note: this event will start at 19.30 and end at 21.00

Pitcher and Piano, Lower Room. Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

LGA Liberal Democrats

Local Government Reception

The popular Local Government reception returns for another year! Friends of local government welcome. Speeches from the Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP and Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Lib Dem Group Leader. Kindly sponsored by CCLA.

Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 22.30

The ICC, Hall 8a. Refreshments

English Liberal Democrats

Local Party Chairs' Reception

To thank local party chairs for all the work they perform during the course of the year and to enthuse them for the opportunities presented by the new political situation.

Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 22.30

The ICC, Hall 8b. Invitation only, Refreshments

Sunday Late Evening 21.45 – 23.00

The European Azerbaijan Society

From Baku to Birmingham

A drinks reception sponsored by The European Azerbaijan Society with short addresses by HE Fakhraddin Gurbanov, Azerbaijani Ambassador to the UK, and Lord German, member of the Azerbaijan All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

West Midlands Liberal Democrats

Members reception

Admission by ticket only, available from the region's stand 300a in Hall 4. Guests include Nick Clegg. Wine and canapés. Supported by Midshire Business Systems.

Note: this event will end at 00.45

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Sunday

CentreForum, BVCA and Policy Exchange

Conference Reception

Supported by Diageo. By Invitation only.

Note: this event will start at 22.00 and end at 00.00

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Invitation only, Refreshments

South West Liberal Democrats

South West Joint Regional Reception

Devon & Cornwall and Western Counties Regions warmly invite their delegates to a reception in Room 102 at Jurys Inn. Cash bar.

Jurys Inn, 102

Fringe Monday 19th September

Monday Morning 07.15 – 08.30

Demos in partnership with Drinkaware

In it Together

How can parents and teachers tackle youth binge drinking? Lynne Featherstone MP (invited); Jamie Bartlett, Demos; Vivienne Evans, Adfam; Chris Sorek, Drinkaware; Jeremy Todd, Family Lives; David Brindle, The Guardian.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Hall 6a. Hearing loop, Refreshments

Fabian Society supported by EEF

Have we got the balance right on climate change policy?

Lead speaker: Duncan Hames MP. An expert panel looks at the government's green record and if a carbon tax could be what the environment and business needs. Email james.hallwood@fabian-society.org.uk to register.

Note: this event will start at 07.30

The ICC, Hall 7b. Invitation only, Refreshments

Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)

UK Automotive: Driving Growth

Breakfast roundtable with Rt Hon Vince Cable MP (invited) and Paul Everitt, Chief Executive, SMMT, to discuss the role of the UK automotive industry in driving economic growth.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8. Invitation only, Refreshments

CBI

Transforming Public Services: Can we afford not to?

Chair: Katja Hall, Chief Policy Director, CBI. Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Mark Lovell, Chief Executive, A4E; Derek Osbourne, Leader Kingston Council.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Dods Marquee 3. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

National Youth Agency

The future role of councils in securing a local youth offer

Policy Roundtable, by invitation only

(jonathanh@nya.org.uk). Chair: Cllr David Bellotti. Speakers: Fiona Blacke, CEO, NYA; Andrew Stunell MP (invited); Annette Brooke MP (invited).

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Youth Zone. Invitation only, Refreshments

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Group

The workshop of the world: securing jobs & growth in Birmingham

Speakers: Minister, TBC, and Steve Hollis, Deputy Chair of the Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP. This business-led debate will consider how to deliver growth and jobs in Greater Birmingham.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

CentreForum and Microsoft

How should we tackle the skills gap in UK business?

Speakers: Tessa Munt MP and Stephen Uden, Head of Skills and Economic Affairs, Microsoft.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

The Centre for London at Demos in partnership with Asda

What's the winning formula for London?

The 2012 mayoral election and beyond. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Mike Tuffrey, Member of the London Assembly; Jude Kelly, Southbank Centre; Ben Rogers, Centre for London. Chair: Jonathan Freedland, The Guardian.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Demos in partnership with Dr Foster

What the doctor ordered?

Can data transparency revolutionise public services? Tom Brake MP; Mike Farrar, NHS Confederation; Claire Fox, Institute of Ideas; Ben Lucas, 2020 Public Service Trust; Roger Taylor, Dr Foster; Philip Collins, Demos.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Make Justice Work

Can fewer prisoners mean less crime?

The findings of our National Enquiry, Community or Custody: Which Works Best?

Discussed with our expert panel: Peter Osborne (Chair), Lord Blair, Roma Hooper, Paul McDowell, Dame Anne Owers, Javed Khan and John Thornhill.

Note: this event will start at 07.30 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 105. Invitation only, Refreshments

Transport Hub – CILT event

Transport: A Vision for 2035 – Profit vs. Sustainability

Norman Baker MP (invited); relevant industry and political panel TBC. CILT will present their Vision 2035 study and a discussion on how logistics will change over the next 30 years.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning Praise

Join us to start the day with prayer in Room 112, Jurys Inn, at 8.15. Finish by 8.45 am.

Everyone welcome.

Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45

Jurys Inn, 112

Fringe Monday

CentreForum, Citizens Advice and Wonga

Credit where credit's due: short-term loans and the consumer

The meeting will discuss the provision of short-term credit and consider new approaches towards industry standards and regulation. Speakers: Teresa Perchard, Citizens Advice; Henry Raine, Wonga, and Stephen Williams MP.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and Deloitte

Balancing Act: Do we need to re-balance the UK economy?

Chair: John Willman, Editorial Consultant. Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Jane Bevis, The British Retail Consortium; Chris Loughran, Senior Partner Midlands, Deloitte; Matt Oakley, Policy Exchange.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Mint Hotel, Barra Room. Refreshments

Action for Children

Action for Children's Early Start: Giving young people a stake in society

Host: Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive, Action for Children. This event will feature a series of interactive round-table discussions.

Note: this event will start at 08.30 and end at 09.00

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestley & Darwin Suites. Refreshments

Monday Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

The Guardian

Guardian Debate

Midterm Makeover: What must the Liberal Democrats do next? Speakers include: Lord Ashdown; Rt Hon Dr Vincent Cable MP; Tim Farron MP; Lynne Featherstone MP.

The ICC, Hall 1. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

London 2012

Ask London 2012: 1 Year to Go

Speakers: Rt Hon Don Foster MP; Seb Coe, Chair, London 2012 Organising Committee; Cllr Chris White, Local Government Association. Chair: Jonathan Edwards, Olympian.

The ICC, Hall 5. Refreshments

The Work Foundation

Health, work & wellbeing in an age of austerity

Speakers: Stephen Bevan (The Work Foundation) & John Pugh MP (invited). We will be debating how a person's ability to work can be enshrined within the new NHS and how employers can be supported to keep people in work.

The ICC, Hall 6a. Refreshments

NLGN / May Gurney

Ripping up the Rule Book: Transforming universal services

Speakers: Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Local Government Minister; Norman Lamb MP; Cllr Sean Brennan, London Borough of Sutton; Nicola Peake, May Gurney. Chair: Simon Parker, NLGN.

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

Parliamentary Candidates' Association

In government but not yet a minister...

What role can Lib Dem MPs play in an era of Coalition? Come and join the PCA in this stimulating debate. Speakers include Norman Lamb MP, chief advisor to Nick Clegg.

Open to all.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Hearing loop

Nuclear Industry Association

Nuclear New Build

Speakers: Rt. Hon Lord Hutton of Furness (Chair), Alan Raymant (COO, Horizon Nuclear Power). Other speakers tbc.

The ICC, Hall 8a. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

The Times and Populus

Liberal Democrats and the voters

Chair: Camilla Cavendish, Associate Editor, The Times. Speakers: James Harding, Editor, The Times, Rick Nye, Director, Populus. Free entry.

The ICC, Hall 8b. Refreshments

LGiU / NUT / Unison

Hands on or off: what role 4 local authorities in education?

David Laws MP; Cllr Peter Downes, Cambridgeshire CC; Jonathan Carr-West, LGiU; Jon Richards, Unison; Christine Blower, NUT (Chair).

The ICC, Hall 10a. Refreshments

Northumbrian Water and Association of North East Councils

Working together for a sustainable North East

Chair: Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP. Speakers: Heidi Mottram, Northumbrian Water and Councillor Jeff Reid, Association of North East Councils.

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

Public and Commercial Services Union

Supporting local services: A fair way forward

Speakers: John Pugh MP for Southport; Mark Serwotka, PCS general secretary; Prem Sikka, professor of accounting, Essex university; Alison Garnham, Chief Executive Child Poverty Action Group (invited).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1. Refreshments

Mutuo

Fostering diversity: Promoting mutuals

Speakers: Baroness Maddock, Chair; Adrian Coles, Building Societies Association; Martin Shaw, Association of Financial Mutuals; Mark Lyonette, Association of British Credit Unions.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

LGiU and Partnership

Local Care or Social Care: Funding Care post-Dilnot

Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services; Jonathan Carr-West, Director of Policy, LGiU; Chris Horlick, Partnership, Long-term care specialists; Cllr Liz Green, Deputy Leader, RB Kingston Upon Thames.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8. Hearing loop, Refreshments

A|D|S

Foundations for the Future

Defence & Security in an Unstable World. Chair: Deborah Haines, The Times. Speakers: Nick Harvey MP, Minister for Defence, & Douglas Barrie, The International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 3. Refreshments

Transition to Adulthood (T2A) Alliance

Effective local services for young adults in the CJS

Speakers: Rt. Hon. Lord McNally (invited), Justice Minister; Clive Martin, Director Clinks; Penelope Gibbs, Director of Out of Trouble, Prison Reform Trust; Mike Maiden, CEO Staffordshire & West Midlands Probation Trust.

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

All Party Parliamentary Water Group

Tomorrow's Water – Preparing for the Water White Paper

Chair: Andrew George MP, Co-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Water Group; Dan Rogerson MP, Environment Select Committee; Graeme Simms, United Utilities; Michelle Lewis, Yorkshire Water; Peter Simpson, Anglian Water.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

Transport for Greater Manchester Committee

What is top of TfGMC's agenda?

Minister invited. Councillor Richard Knowles, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, TfGMC.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

College of Occupational Therapists & College of Social Work

Supporting Vulnerable People & the Future of Social Care

Roundtable on how social workers & occupational therapists help vulnerable people to gain independence & how Government can work with them to give the best outcomes for those in need. Invites:

greg.stafford@cot.co.uk.

Hyatt Regency, Concerto. Invitation only, Refreshments

BASC & The Angling Trust

The Rural Reception

Hosted by Lord Redesdale. Speakers: Roger Williams MP, Tom Brake MP (TBC).

Hyatt Regency, Dolce . Refreshments

Aviva

Sustainable business in a sustainable economy

Minister for Corporate Governance, Edward Davey MP; Alain Dromer, CEO Aviva

Investors; Marie Sigsworth, Aviva Group CR Director; Mark Goyder, Founding Director, Tomorrow's Company; Lord Razzall (tbc).

Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room. Refreshments

IPPR North and Careers Development Group

The welfare of communities: what roads to full employment?

Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Roy O'Shaughnessy, Chief Executive, Careers Development Group; Brian Johnson, Chief Executive, Moat Housing Association. Chair: Ed Cox, Director, IPPR North.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Refreshments

Centro

Smart Network – Smarter Choices

Chair: Councillor Jon Hunt; Vice Chair Centro. Confirmed speakers: Norman Baker

MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport; Geoff Inskip, Chief Executive Centro; Rhiane Davies, Managing Director ACT Travelwise.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

British Chambers of Commerce

Business Question Time: where next for the UK economy?

A panel debate around the future of the UK economy, with guest speakers Rt Hon Vince Cable (TBC), Steve Brittan, BSA Machine Tools, and Mike Wright, Jaguar Land Rover (TBC).

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Refreshments

The Smith Institute, Asthma UK & UNISON

Are We Creating A Postcode NHS?

Baroness Williams; Dr Samantha Walker (Executive Director, Research & Policy, Asthma UK); Christina McAnea (National Secretary, Health, UNISON); Dr Peter Patel (Chief Exec, South Birmingham Independent Commissioners).

Hyatt Regency, Soprano. Refreshments

ALDE Group

Has fish had its chips?

Is it too late to save Europe's seas? Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Professor Alex Rogers, University of Oxford; Andrew George MP.

Jurys Inn, 102. Refreshments

Micropower Council, PRASEG, UKBCSE

Saving Community Power – Changing the Green Energy Debate

Chair: Fiona Harvey, Environment Correspondent, Guardian. Speakers: Tessa Munt MP; Doug Parr, Chief Scientist, Greenpeace UK; Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, Micropower Council.

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Save the Children

Supporting families, boosting children's chances

Fergus Drake, Save the Children (Chair); Sarah Teather MP, Minister for Children and Families; Professor Geoff Lindsay, Warwick University; Martyn Jones, Group Corporate Services Director, Morrisons.

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

The Smith Institute and the Webb Memorial Trust

The Big Society: What's poverty got to do with it?

Paul Burstow MP (Health Minister) TBC, Steve Moore (Chief Executive, The Big Society Network), Alison Garnham (Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group), Lord Rennard (Chair, Commission on Big Society, ACEVO).

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

Criminal Justice Alliance and Prison Reform Trust

Delivering a fairer, more efficient & effective justice system

Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice; Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, Justice Committee; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum; Vicki Helyar-Cardwell, Criminal Justice Alliance. Chair: Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

Institute of Development Studies

Is business the new aid?

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP; Noshua Watson, Institute of Development Studies; Christine Svarer, CARE International UK; Zahid Torres, Business Action for Africa.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111. Refreshments

Transport Hub – Freight Transport Association event

Balancing affordable fuel, the deficit and the environment

Chair: James Hookham (MD, Policy and Comms, FTA). Norman Baker MP (DFT, invited); Quentin Willson (motoring journalist, spokesman, Fair Fuel UK); Dr Tim Leunig (CentreForum); Phil Lipman (Sustrans).

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

Help the Hospices, Health Professions Council

The Cabaret of Care – where every type of care is crucial

Effective care is like a cabaret – it is only as good as its component parts. How will providers, professionals, local authorities, regulators and the government work together to ensure high quality integrated care?

Jurys Inn, 112. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

General Medical Council, Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Surgeons

How can the NHS improve quality during a time of change?

Speakers: Baroness Northover; Niall Dickson (GMC); Sir Richard Thompson (RCP); Prof Norman Williams (RCS); Roswyn Hakesley-Brown CBE (Patients Association).

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

Diabetes UK, London Councils

More Than a Sticking Plaster? Joining up health and care

Speakers: Paul Burstow MP (DH Minister); Evan Harris (Social Liberal Forum); Baroness Barbara Young (Chair, Diabetes UK); Cllr Derek Osbourne (Leader, RB Kingston upon Thames). Chair: Sally Gainsbury (Financial Times).

Jurys Inn, 116. Refreshments

Birmingham City Council

Setting Cities Free

Birmingham, Westminster and Manchester set up the City Finance Commission earlier this year. The Commission's report has been very influential. Speakers: senior government minister (tbc), commission members.

Baskerville House, Centenary Room. Refreshments

Birmingham City Council

Growing the Green Economy

Birmingham is a leader in the development of low carbon, green economy and the Green Investment Bank. Speakers: a senior government minister (tbc), Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council.

Baskerville House, Victoria Room. Refreshments

CBSO, Birmingham Contemporary Music Group and Association of British Orchestras

Britain's Got Talent? HE and the music industry

What role does creativity in education play in driving growth? Speakers: Stephen Maddock, CBSO; Dan Howard, Birmingham City University; Ian Grosvenor, University of Birmingham; Louise Teboul, Common Purpose.

CBSO Centre. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Social Market Foundation & Universities UK

Success by degrees? Social mobility and higher education

Simon Hughes MP, Access Tsar (invited); Professor Julia King, Vice Chancellor, Aston University; Professor Nick Barr, LSE; Phil Collins, The Times; Ian Mulheirn, SMF (chair).
Council House, Chamberlain Room. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and SITA UK

Does the Renewable Energy Strategy help us decarbonise?

Chair: Geoffrey Lean, Contributing Editor, Environment, The Daily Telegraph. Speakers:
Lord Teverson; Simon Less, Policy Exchange; David Palmer-Jones, CEO, SITA UK;
Michael Pollitt, University of Cambridge.
Mint Hotel, Barra Room. Refreshments

Policy Exchange

Law and Order online: The future of internet regulation

Chair: Neil O'Brien, Director, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Dr Evan Harris; Julian Huppert
MP; Mark Pack, Head of Digital, MHP Communications.
Mint Hotel, Lismore Room. Refreshments

New Statesman in association with GlaxoSmithKline & AstroZeneca

Is there a future for discovering and producing medicines in the UK?

Speaker: Julian Huppert MP.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones. Refreshments

Centre for Social Justice

Poverty Forum: Is there Liberal concern for social justice?

Chair: Gavin Poole, CSJ Executive Director. Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Minister of
State to the Department for Work and Pensions; Patrick Regan, XLP; Samantha Callan,
CSJ Chairman-in-Residence.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Darwin Suite. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

New Statesman & the Energy Networks Association

Smarter Networks: Empowering The People?

Speakers: Duncan Hames MP; David Smith, Chief Executive, Energy Networks Association; Dr Peter Connor (invited).

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room. Refreshments

New Statesman & the ICAEW

In Conversation with Danny Alexander

Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Rafael Behr, Chief Political Correspondent, New Statesman.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Suite. Refreshments

Royal Town Planning Institute and Savills

Localism and Growth. Can the planning system deliver both?

Chair: Dr Peter Geraghty, RTPI. Stephen Gilbert MP, CLG Select Committee and member of the Localism Bill committee; Dr Tim Leunig, CentreForum's Chief Economist; Trudi Elliott CBE, Chief Executive of the RTPI.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, . Wedgewood Suite. Refreshments

Monday Early Evening 18.15 – 19.30

BBC World Service

Live Radio Broadcast with World Have Your Say

Join in the discussion with the BBC's Sony award-winning interactive news show, broadcast live from conference to the world. Presented by Ros Atkins with special guests TBC.

Note: this event starts at 17.30 and ends at 19.00

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

The Independent

Independent Live! in association with RSA Insurance Group

Steve Richards in conversation with Vince Cable, plus a Q&A with the audience.

The ICC, Hall 5. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

The Police Federation

The Policing Fringe

Chair: Alan Travis, The Guardian (invited). Tom Brake MP; Paul McKeever, The Police Federation; Sir Hugh Orde, Association of Chief Police Officers; Derek Barnett, Police Superintendents' Association.

The ICC, Hall 6a. Refreshments

Commission on Ownership

Good Ownership

Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Will Hutton, Chair; Peter Marks, Group Chief Executive, The Co-operative Group; Sue Slipman, Director, Foundation Trust Network; Peter Hunt, Mutuo.

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

ACEVO & NCVO

Are charities going quiet? Too much campaigning or arms of the state?

A panel discussion with Dame Suzi Leather (Chair, Charity Commission), Nick Seddon (Reform), Lady Claire Tyler (Relate) & Dame Clare Tickell (Action for Children).

Note: this event will start at 18.30

The ICC, Hall 7a

JUSTICE and the Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association (LDLA)

Human rights: what role for the EU?

This event considers the greater role being played by the EU in the protection of human rights. Speakers: Roger Smith OBE, Director of JUSTICE, and Baroness Sarah Ludford MEP. Chaired by Graham Colley, LDLA.

The ICC, Hall 7b

Refreshments

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Community politics for 2011 and beyond

Come and hear how we can use community politics in 2011 to shape both our local communities and our distinctive identity as a party. Speakers include Paddy Ashdown, Tim Farron MP, Hilary Stephenson and others.

The ICC, Hall 8a

Fringe Monday

Oxfam GB

Table for 9 billion? Hunger in the global food system

The party launch of Oxfam's GROW campaign. Speakers: Martin Horwood MP; Phil Bloomer, Oxfam Policy & Campaigns Director; Camilla Toulmin, Director of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

The ICC, Hall 8b. Refreshments

NASUWT and ASCL

Discipline or Punish? Promoting good behaviour in schools

What will the Coalition Government's education reforms mean for the future of discipline in schools?

The ICC, Hall 10a. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats in Public Relations

Effective Communications in Coalition

Chair: Lord Newby, Chair, Lib Dems in PR. Speakers: Danny Finkelstein, Executive Editor of The Times; Norman Lamb MP, PPS and Political Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1

IPPR and Family Mosaic

2020 vision: housing

Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP; Stephen Gilbert MP; Lord Shipley; Matt Griffith, PricedOut; Brendan Sarsfield, Family Mosaic. Chair: Nick Pearce, IPPR.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

Social Market Foundation & Taylor Bennett with Career Academies

Routes to success

'Improving skills to encourage social mobility'. Simon Hughes MP, Access Tsar (tbc); Heather McGregor, Taylor Bennett; Paul Johnson, IFS (invited); Tom Clark, The Guardian (invited); a recent graduate from Career Academies.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Everything Everywhere

Digitally Connected: Empowering People, Society and Prosperity

As part of an ongoing year-long research piece the event will host a series of roundtables, which will feed into a larger conversation over the course of the evening.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1. Invitation only

Association of Train Operating Companies

Are we getting a good deal from the railways?

Chair: Julian Glover, The Guardian. Confirmed speakers: Norman Baker MP, Minister for Transport; Michael Roberts, Chief Executive, ATOC; Paul Plummer, Network Rail.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2. Refreshments

RSPCA, The Blue Cross, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

Can we afford to be a nation of dog lovers in the age of austerity?

Roger Williams MP, APG Animal Welfare; Steve Goody, Director of External Affairs

The Blue Cross; Claire Horton, Chief Executive Battersea Dogs & Cats Home; David Bowles, Director of Communications RSPCA.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 3. Refreshments

Kids Count

Drink, Drugs and facing Parole

John Leech MP; Denise Rogers, Drive to Survive program; Chris Robin, Janus Solutions; Kids Count Young advisors. Join us exploring youth-led and community-based solutions to issues that claim and blight so many lives.

Note: this event will end at 20.00

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Liz Lynne MEP / ALDE

Elder Abuse and Social Care

How widespread is this scandal? Could an EU-wide code of conduct help tackle

it? Liz Lynne MEP; Paul Burstow MP, Care Services Minister; Hilary Evans, Head of International & Public Affairs, Age UK.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Hearing loop, Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Charities Aid Foundation

The Charity Question Time

Chris Blackhurst, Editor, The Independent (Chair); Chris Nicholson, Director, CentreForum; John Low CBE, CEO, Charities Aid Foundation; Caroline Slocock, Director, Civil Exchange; Sarah Atkinson, Charity Commission.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

Age UK and HelpAge International

On the edge: older people in international emergencies

Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, Select Committee, International Development; Silvia Stefanoni, Deputy Chief Executive, HelpAge International; Tom Wright CBE, Group Chief Executive, Age UK.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Refreshments

Living Streets, Localise West Midlands, Friends of the Earth

Developer's Charter or Community Control?

Spkrs: Andrew Stunell MP (tbc); Cllr Vernon-Jackson, Portsmouth. What does the localism agenda and changes in planning mean for communities, local producers and high streets? Will power be decentralised and to whom?

Hyatt Regency, Soprano

Money Advice Service

Smart with money or out of control: who's really in control of your wallet?

Speakers: Tony Hobman, Money Advice Service (Chair); Ed Davey MP; Anthony Hilton, Evening Standard; Lord Oakeshott; Sarah Deaves, RBS.

Jurys Inn, 101. Refreshments

All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group

A level playing field for Trams in the UK

Delivering a low cost railway – TramTrain & TrainTram can help deliver better services, passengers & Treasury getting more for less.

Jurys Inn, 102. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

The Work Foundation & Big Innovation Centre

Innovate or fail: UK's only route to prosperity and growth

Speakers: Vince Cable (invited), Will Hutton; Birgitte Anderson (Director, Big Innovation Centre), Paul Spence (Dir of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy). What does the UK need to do to secure a true Age of Innovation?

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with Vertex

The What Not The How

Can the social care white paper deliver on outcomes? Speakers: Paul Burstow MP; Lord Adebawale; Kieron Brennan, Vertex; Michelle Mitchell, Age UK. Chair: David Brindle, The Guardian.

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Campaign for Better Transport; Save our Buses

How can we protect vital buses to our villages and towns?

Stephen Joseph to discuss the impact of bus funding cuts. Our Campaign Bus (in Victoria Square, open Mon 9am–6pm) will also host a gathering of bus users and delegates with a photo-friendly event at 11am.

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

ResPublica and Monster.co.uk

NOT a jobless recovery? Localising skills-driven growth

With: Lorely Burt MP, Co-Chair, LibDem Parliamentary Policy Committee on Business, Innovation & Skills; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, B'ham City Council; Andy Ramsay, Business Development Director, Monster; Andrew Cave, FSB.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

CentreForum, BNE and Aviva

Europe's ageing population

Does Europe have the political will to deal with its demographic challenges? Speakers: Dr Tim Leunig, CentreForum; Sir Graham Watson MEP and Prof Steve Webb MP. Chair: Philip Souta, BNE.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Transport Hub: ACT TravelWise event

Delivering a Low Carbon Transport System

Chair: Neil Scales (CEO, Merseytravel). Norman Baker MP (invited), James Hookham (FTA), Sally Herbert (ACT Travelwise) and motoring industry speaker.

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

Royal College of GPs, Alzheimer's Society and National Voices

Seamless Care: Whose Job is it Anyway? Who is Accountable?

Come and challenge Dr Clare Gerada (RCGP), Liberal Democrat health spokesperson Baroness Jolly and Councillor David Rogers. Former carer Barbara Pointon will set the scene and Jeremy Taylor (National Voices) will chair.

Jurys Inn, 112. Refreshments

CentreForum and ESB

Opening up the energy market to competition

How independent generators benefit consumers. Speakers: Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group; Pat O'Doherty, Executive Director, ESB and Lord Teverson.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

British Dental Association, Eye Health Alliance, PSNC

Local Government – Public Health Speed Dating

Local politicians will have new responsibilities as a result of health reforms; join us in breakout sessions with local public health professionals we represent. Speakers: John Pugh MP; Cllr Sue Anderson, Birmingham CC.

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

All Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure

Infrastructure for Growth

Evening reception hosted by John Hemming MP, with a speaker from industry and Government on issues of investment and delivery of low-carbon infrastructure needed for economic growth.

Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 20.30

Bank Restaurant and Bar, Private Area. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

NESTA

The new economy: the role of high growth businesses

Chair: Matt Mead, Managing Director, NESTA Investments. Speaker: The Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Baskerville House, The Victoria Room. Refreshments

Green Alliance, Greenpeace, WWF, Christian Aid and RSPB

Climate Check: Lib Dems and the low carbon transition

How are the Lib Dems influencing the UK's low-carbon transition? What progress has been made so far and where to next? With Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Damian Carrington, David Nussbaum and Joan MacNaughton.

Birmingham Conservatoire, Recital Hall. Refreshments

National Farmers Union & Food and Drink Federation

Are the Lib Dem's being heard on food and farming issues?

Debate with question and answer session. Speakers: Andrew George MP, Chair Lib Dem Defra Policy Committee; Roger Williams MP; Melanie Leech, FDF Director General; Peter Kendall, NFU President. Chairman: Tessa Munt MP.

Note: this event will start at 18.30 and end at 20.30

Copthorne Hotel, The Restaurant. Refreshments

Birmingham City Centre Partnership

Business Dynamics in De-regulation

Leading figures in Birmingham's business community and business improvement districts discuss the opportunities arising from the Government's decentralisation and deregulation agendas.

Deloitte: Brindleyplace, Main conference room. Refreshments

Financial Times / City of London

Jobs and Growth – is overseas trade the answer?

Chair: Brian Groom (Financial Times). Speakers: Rt Hon Vince Cable MP (Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills), Stuart Fraser (City of London), Peter Lodder QC (The Bar Council).

Note: this event will start at 19.15 and end at 20.30

IET Birmingham: Austin Court, The Lodge Rooms. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Stonewall & Delga

Ensuring LGBT Representation in Public Life

Join us to discuss LGBT representation in public life in areas such as politics, media and sport. Speakers: Stephen Williams MP, Ben Summerskill (Chief Executive, Stonewall), Adrian Trett (Chair, Delga) & others.

Note: this event will end at 20.15

Malmaison, Mal 3 & 4. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and Victim Support

How liberal is the Coalition policy on victims of crime?

Speakers: Rt Hon Lord McNally; Julian Huppert MP; Blair Gibbs, Head of Crime & Justice, Policy Exchange; Javed Khan, Chief Executive, Victim Support.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Mint Hotel, Barra Room. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and Oil & Gas UK

Remonopolising Power? Reforming the electricity market

Chair: Oliver Morton, The Economist. Speakers: Sir Robert Smith MP; Simon Less, Head of Environment & Energy, Policy Exchange; David Odling, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK; Professor George Yarrow, Chairman, RPI.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Mint Hotel, Lismore Room. Refreshments

New Statesman & Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)

Palestine: in the shadow of the Arab uprising

Looking at the role that Britain should play. Speakers: Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader; Rt Hon Menzies Campbell, CBE QC MP; Andrea Becker, Head of Advocacy, MAP.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Centre for Social Justice

Education: Do we exclude the most vulnerable?

Chair: Gavin Poole, CSJ Executive Director. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for the Department for Education; Paul Marshall, ARK; Adele Eastman, CSJ Senior Policy Specialist.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Darwin Suite. Refreshments

New Statesman & National Landlords Association

Where would we be without UK landlords?

Speakers: Stephen Gilbert MP; David Saulsbury, CEO National Landlords Association.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room

Refreshments

New Statesman & Million+

All in it together? Winners and losers of university reforms

The coalition's university reforms have proved controversial. Will there be any beneficiaries? Speakers: Charles Kennedy MP; Professor Les Ebdon, Chair, Million+.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Suite. Refreshments

Total Politics

The Future of Local Government, the 'Big Society' and cuts

Panel: Andrew Stunell MP, Under Secretary for Communities and Local Government; Stephen Gilbert MP, MP for St Austell & Newquay; Mark Pack, Ed. Lib Dem Voice; Sophy Ridge, Political Correspondent, Sky News.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Wedgewood Suite. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Monday Mid Evening 20.00 – 21.15

Social Liberal Forum

Pension reform – public, private and state – what's fair?

Will we all get what we deserve when we retire? Can we justify changes to contributions & entitlements? With: Dave Prentis, Gen Sec UNISON; Janice Turner, SLF; Steve Webb MP, Pensions Minister; Daniel Finkelstein, The Times.

Note: this event will start at 20.15 and end at 21.30

The ICC, Hall 5

Northumbrian Water, Northern Region, Yorkshire and the Humber

Northern Region, Yorkshire and the Humber Evening Reception

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

Citizens Advice

The Biggest Challenges Facing Britain

Dr Evan Harris, Vice-chair of FPC. Other speakers to be confirmed.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

Refugee Council, UNHCR and Still Human Still Here Campaign

60 years on – political leadership on refugee protection

Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP (invited); Julian Huppert MP, Chair; Donna Covey, Refugee Council; Roland Schilling, UNHCR; Joelle Kankonde.

The ICC, Hall 7b. Refreshments

Candidates' Office

Candidates' Reception

Reception for all approved candidates, assessors, returning officers and candidates' committee members. Sponsored by Tesco.

Note: this event will end at 23.00

The ICC, Hall 8b. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Care & Support Alliance

Care & Support: Decision Time – debate and reception

Social care debate hosted by an Alliance of 20 care organisations. Chair: Jackie Ashley, The Guardian. Speakers include Norman Lamb MP and Andrew Dilnot. Followed by drinks reception with Care Minister Paul Burstow MP.

Note: this event will end at 22.30

The ICC, Hall 10a. BSL, Hearing loop, Refreshments

Institute of Economic Affairs and Liberal Vision

Coalition and the Changing Liberal Democrats

Are the days of the LibDems making high public spending pledges over? Is the LibDem leadership now decisively “free market liberal”? Jeremy Browne MP; David Laws MP; Mark Littlewood, IEA; Andy Mayer, LV; Peter Osborne.

The ICC, Hall 10b

Neurological Commissioning Support, the RCN, Dr Foster Intelligence

Reshuffling the deck: dealing a better hand for neurology

Speakers include Colin Blakemore, Professor of Neuroscience (Oxford University), Dr Peter Carter, CEO & General Secretary (RCN), and Roger Taylor, Director of Research (Dr Foster). Chaired by Sue Thomas, CEO (NCS).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1. Refreshments

Electoral Reform Society

Common Causes? Conversations across the Political Divide

A cross-party platform with speakers including Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP and Rt Hon John Denham MP, chaired by ERS Chief Executive Katie Ghose.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Reception

Reception event by invitation only.

Note: this event will end at 22.00

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Dods UK Manufacturing Dialogue

The Image of UK Manufacturing

Various speakers and presentations with ideas and concepts to address negative perceptions of UK manufacturing and so attract talent and investment to the sector.

Note: this event will end at 21.30

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2. Refreshments

British Youth Council / Liberal Youth

Young people: Democracy Deficit?

Come along to debate about young people and their engagement in society and democracy with views from panellists including Stephen Williams MP, Charlotte Henry (Vice Chair Liberal Youth) and Cllr Thomas Hollis.

Note: this event will start at 20.15

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Liberal Youth

The Education Bill: a Youth Perspective

Kayva Kaushik of Liberal Youth (Scotland) debates the impact of the Education Bill with Christine Blower (General Secretary, National Union of Teachers). Liberal Democrat speaker to be confirmed.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce

The Foreign Policy Centre and Saab UK

Which path to peace? Stability in conflict-affected states

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Intl Development Committee; Myles Wickstead, Open University; Marie Staunton, Plan UK; Alan Roan, Saab UK. Chair: Baroness Lindsey Northover, Govt Lords Spokesperson on Intl Development.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Refreshments

Love Luton Campaign

Celebrating DiverCity

Host, Lord Hussain. Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister (tbc) with the Luton International Carnival and the Luton Mela including Caribbean and Asian drummers and dancers.

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Holocaust Educational Trust

Examining British responses to genocide following the Holocaust

Hyatt Regency, Soprano. Refreshments

Health Hotel; Anthony Nolan; Medical Protection Society; Royal College of Midwives

THE Health Debate – Will the coalition deliver a better NHS?

We explore commissioning, public health, patient safety, patient choice & competition to see if the coalition can deliver a better NHS. Vote at the event and pose questions & comments live on twitter using #HealthDebate.

Note: this event will start at 20.15 and end at 21.30

Jurys Inn, 101/102. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats for Peace & Security

Who benefits from the Arms Trade?

Nick Harvey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces; Ann Feltham, Campaign against the Arms Trade. Who makes, who sells, who buys British arms? Who kills? Who dies? What's the coalition policy? What's ours?

Jurys Inn, 103

Social Market Foundation & Association of Employment and Learning Providers

No NEET solution?

Jo Swinson MP, PPS to Vince Cable (invited); Graham Hoyle, Association of Employment and Learning Providers; Katja Hall, CBI Chief Policy Director; Aditya Chakraborty, The Guardian (invited); Ian Mulheirn, SMF (Chair).

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Localism & the Green Deal

Turning the Green Deal into a Great Deal for Councils. Speakers: Cllr Keith House, Eastleigh BC; Friends of the Earth's Liz Hutchins; B&Q's Ben Earl; Andrew George MP and Chris Davies MEP.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

Fringe Monday

Liberal Democrat History Group

Peace, Reform and Liberation: A History of Liberal Politics

As Paddy Ashdown said, successful political parties possess 'a heart, a history and a soul'. Join Paddy Ashdown, Shirley Williams and Julian Glover (The Guardian) to launch the new history of Liberal politics in Britain.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

Transport Hub: The Big Transport Debate

How Loud is the Lib Dem Voice in the Coalition?

James Hookham, (FTA) Managing Director, Policy and Communications; Sharon Davies, (DHL) Director Sally Herbert (ACT TravelWise) – invited; Norman Baker, MP – invited.

Note: this event will end at 22.00

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

Lib Dem Friends of Searchlight

Fear & Hope – Extremism and Political Identity – who wins?

Tom Brake MP; Nick Lowles (Searchlight) and Rob Berkeley (Runnymede Trust) debate the threat from EDL and other extremist groups. Tom Brake will launch Lib Dem Friends of Searchlight. Chair: Cllr Rabi Martins.

Jurys Inn, 112. Refreshments

Monday Late Evening 21.45 – 23.00

The Health Hotel

The Health Hotel Reception

This is an opportunity to meet with the health team and hundreds of stakeholders in health and social care. For your invite (1 per non-member organisation) contact reception@healthhotel.org.uk.

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday 20th September

Tuesday Morning 07.15 – 08.30

UNICEF UK

The \$100 billion climate question: Who Should Pay?

Lord Paddy Ashdown, President UNICEF; UK Professor Andrew Norton, Head of Research, ODI; UNICEF UK Youth Climate Representative; Myles A Wickstead CBE, former British Ambassador to Ethiopia (Chair).

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

1994 Group

Winning back the confidence of students.

Chris Cook, Financial Times (Chair); Simon Hughes MP; Wes Streeting, Helena Kennedy Foundation; Sean O'Shea, UPP; Paul Marshall, 1994 Group; Kate Hunter, CASE Europe.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

Fabian Society supported by Friends Provident

Getting the right information to the hardest to reach

What is the vision for the future for free and impartial advice services at the national and local levels? Does advice matter? If so, how should this be met? To register email james.hallwood@fabian-society.org.uk.

Note: this event will start at 07.30

The ICC, Hall 7b. Invitation only, Refreshments

Demos in partnership with City & Guilds and Unionlearn

Unleashing talent: How do we plug the skills gap?

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Frances O'Grady, TUC; Kate Shoosmith, City & Guilds; Stephen Uden, Microsoft. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Hearing loop

Fringe Tuesday

EDF Energy

Nuclear in the UK: Safety, Affordability and Transparency

Chair: Sue Cameron, Financial Times. Speakers: Chris Davies MEP; Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy; Malcolm Grimston, Associate Fellow, Chatham House.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

The ICC, DODS Marquee 3

4Children and FPM

Happy Families: early intervention to support teenagers

Policy Roundtable, by invitation only (jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk). Speakers: Anne Longfield, CEO, 4Children; Sarah Teather MP (invited).

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Youth Zone. Invitation only, Refreshments

Open Road

Open Road Running Club

Open Road invites you to join us for a 5k run! Start time: 7.45am. We will donate £10 to Marie Curie Cancer Care for every runner who takes part.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 08.45

The ICC, Main entrance to the secure zone

National Housing Federation

Health and home: where do public health and housing meet?

Speakers: David Orr, National Housing Federation; Norman Lamb MP (invited).

Invitation-only Breakfast Roundtable.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Invitation only, Refreshments

CentreForum and Citi

Public service efficiency and reform

How can financial institutions support government ambitions in public service efficiency and reform? Speakers: Rt Hon David Laws MP and Maurice Thompson, Citi Public Sector Group. Chair: Chris Nicholson.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)

Dumbed down or downtrodden: Is there a 'lost generation'?

John Philpott, Chief Economic Adviser CIPD; Louisa Peacock, Jobs Editor, Daily Telegraph (Chair); Jenny Willott MP (invited); David Blanchflower, New Statesman (invited).

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room. Refreshments

Reform / BMI Healthcare

Healthy choices: Reforming the NHS

Norman Lamb MP, Chief Parliamentary and Political Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Stephen Collier, Group Chief Executive of BMI Healthcare will lead the discussion.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Invitation only, Refreshments

BBC World Service and BBC World News

BBC World Service and BBC World News Breakfast

Hosted by Peter Horrocks, Director, BBC Global News. By invitation only.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Invitation only, Refreshments

Demos in partnership with Teach First and the Institute of Education

All Together Now

Rewriting the story of educational disadvantage. Speakers: Sarah Teather MP; Chris Husbands, the Institute of Education; Richard Gerver, education professional and author. Chair: Philip Collins, Demos.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Social Market Foundation & Nacro

Whose crime is it anyway?

Sir Alan Beith, Chair, Justice Select Committee (invited); Paul McDowell, Chief Executive, Nacro; Ian Mulheirn, SMF (Chair).

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

IPPR and Greenpeace

Untying the Knot: breaking the links between oil & transport

Speakers: Norman Baker MP; Stephen Joseph, Director, Campaign for Better Transport; Andrew Pendleton, IPPR, Dr Thomas Becker, Head of Government Affairs, BMW (invited). Chair: Ben Webster, The Times.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

Transport Hub – ABTA / AOA event

Should the Lib Dems support growth in UK aviation?

Speakers: Mark Pack (Lib Dem Voice, Chair); Lembit Öpik (invited); Jeff Gazzard (Aviation Environment Federation); Stephen Alambritis (FSB); Luke Pollard (ABTA).

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

CentreForum, University Alliance and BVCA

Universities at the heart of growth

Speakers: Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP; Tim Hames, BVCA and Prof Wendy Purcell, Vice Chancellor, Plymouth University. Chair: Duncan Greenland.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

Centre for Cities & Network Rail

Driving growth: infrastructure, employment and the economy

A business breakfast on infrastructure investment and economic growth. Invitation only.

For details please contact n.sands@centreforcities.org / 020 7803 4309.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Bank Restaurant and Bar. Invitation only, Refreshments

The Finance & Leasing Association and the Asset Based Finance Association

SME voices: financial needs, options and realities

Chaired by Anthony Hilton, City Editor, The Evening Standard.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

Bank Restaurant and Bar, Private dining room. Invitation only, Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

The Prince's Trust and RBS

Starting up, not giving up: Next generation of UK enterprise

How can we inspire and support disadvantaged young people to start their own business? With young entrepreneurs and Edward Davey MP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Café Ikon. Refreshments

Tuesday Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

The Family Room

Best support for families in challenging times

Is targeted support the answer? See the Family Room advert for speaker details.

The ICC, Hall 6a. Hearing loop, Refreshments

CST in partnership with CENTRI

Preventing Extremism – from those who used to promote it.

Former extremists explain how the Liberal Democrats can help fight extremism. Dave Rich, CST; Rt Hon Tom Brake MP; Rashad Ali, CENTRI (former Hizb ut-Tahrir); Matthew Collins, Searchlight (former National Front); Martin Bright, JC.

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

The Co-operative Group and Local Government Association

Is the future mutual?

Ed Davey MP; John Pugh MP; Russell Gill, The Co-operative Group; Cllr Vernon-Jackson, Portsmouth City Council; Chris Nicholson, CentreForum.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

British Retail Consortium

Big Retail, Big Values?

Ed James, Breakfast Show Presenter, Heart FM (Chair); Ed Davey MP, Minister for Employment Relations & Consumer Affairs; James Timpson OBE, Chief Executive, Timpson Ltd; Jane Bevis, Director of Public Affairs, BRC.

The ICC, Hall 7b. Hearing loop, Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Channel 4 / ITN

Channel 4 News' Gary Gibbon: In Conversation With...

Channel 4 News' award-winning Political Editor Gary Gibbon interviews one of the Party's most central figures; on themes from 2011, from Autumn Conference and for the year ahead. Filmed for Channel 4 News.

The ICC, Hall 8a. Refreshments

RSA

The Rise of the disaffected Citizen

Chair: Jenni Russell, Guardian. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP; Sir Stephen Bubb, CEO, ACEVO; Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI; Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive, RSA; Peter Osborne.

The ICC, Hall 8b. Refreshments

NASUWT and UNISON

The Big Society – the New Mums' Army?

What is the role of volunteers in securing high standards of education in the 21st century and what implications will this have for the workforce in schools?

The ICC, Hall 10a. Refreshments

IPPR

Coalition: Marriage of convenience to relationship from hell?

Speakers: Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader of Liberal Democrats; Dr Evan Harris; Olly Grender, Columnist, New Statesman; Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR. Chair: Amber Elliot, Editor, Total Politics.

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

Federation of Small Businesses

The future for Britain's 'Real Life Entrepreneurs'

Government is relying on small business to grow the economy – hear from high-profile speakers about creating the right environment for Britain's entrepreneurs to start up, survive, and grow.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

ASCL, AoC, OCR

Path to employment: Education for a 21st century workforce

Baroness Sharp; Brian Lightman, General Secretary ASCL; Mark Dawe, Chief Executive OCR; Martin Doel, AoC.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

Centre for Local Economic Strategies

Getting local economies growing again

Speakers will explore the challenge of rebalancing the economy and the effectiveness of current policy proposals on LEPs, Regional Growth Fund and Enterprise Zones.

Chaired by Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, CLES.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8. Refreshments

Business in the Community

Transforming Business, Transforming Communities

Forum discussion with Stephen Howard, Chief Executive, Business in the Community; Ed Davey MP, Minister; Sir Tony Hawkhead, Groundwork UK; Duncan Tait, CEO, Fujitsu; Stewart Towe, MD, Hadley Group.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1. Refreshments

A|D|S

Manufacturing for Growth

How Government can rebalance the economy. Speakers:

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State; Mark Littlewood, Director, Institute of Economic Affairs.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 2. Refreshments

National Youth Agency

Young People and Money

Panel debate: financial capability and pressures on young people in education, unemployment & poverty. Speakers include: Jenny Willott MP; Fiona Blacke, NYA; Linda Jack, Money Advice Service; Chris Jenkinson, Liberal Youth.

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

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Gridlock or prosperity? The big city transport debate

Chaired by Cllr Ryk Downes, WYITA. Speakers: Norman Baker, Transport Minister; Geoff Inskip, Chairman of pteg; Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport; Cllr Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader, Birmingham City Council.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

UNISON

Does it matter who runs our public services?

Chair: David Brindle, Guardian. Speakers: Heather Wakefield, UNISON; Cllr Richard Kemp, Liverpool City Council; Cllr Lord John Shipley, Newcastle City Council; Andy Sawford, LGiU.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with Pearson and Family Lives

School Accountability in the Digital Age

Information overload or genuine choice? Speakers: David Laws MP; Rod Bristow, Pearson; Fiona Millar, writer and journalist; Jeremy Todd, Family Lives.

Hyatt Regency, Concerto. Refreshments

Association of British Insurers and Keoghs

The UK's Compensation Culture: Good or Bad for Consumers?

Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair of the Justice Select Committee; Otto Thoresen, ABI; Steve Thomas, Keoghs; Dominic Clayden, Aviva; Richard Lloyd, Which?; Leading journalist (Chair).

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

Dignity in Dying

Assisted dying, assisted suicide: what's the difference?

Speakers: Julian Huppert, MP for Cambridge; Chris Davies, MEP for North West England; Sarah Wootton, Chief Executive of Dignity in Dying.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

UK Music

Is music the food of love and technology?

Join UK Music's Feargal Sharkey in conversation with Liberal Democrat MP Julian Huppert.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Refreshments

The Smith Institute and NAPF (National Association of Pension Funds)

Solving the Pensions Crisis

Chair: Paul Hackett (Director, The Smith Institute). Professor Steve Webb MP (Minister for Pensions); Joanne Segars (Chief Executive, NAPF); Nick Timmins (Public Policy Editor, Financial Times).

Hyatt Regency, Soprano. Refreshments

Transport Times

Rail: Operating more efficiently and delivering HSR

Norman Baker MP, Minister of State for Transport; Lawrie Quinn, Delivery Manager, Rail Projects, Bechtel (Chair); Hugh Clancy, Commercial Director, FirstGroup; Julie Mills, Director, Greengauge 21.

Jurys Inn, 101. Refreshments

LGA Liberal Democrats

Academies programme and the Public Service White Paper.

"Localism or moving control to private companies?" Speaker: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson.

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Save the Children

What is Britain's role in shaping the 21st century for good?

Chair: David Rennie, Political Editor, Economist. Speakers: Jeremy Browne MP, FCO Minister; Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Development Committee chair; Dr Tristram Hunt MP; Baroness Williams; Dr Alex Vines OBE, Chatham House.

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Ethnic Minority Liberal Democrats

Where next for Multiculturalism?

Debate on the Government's Prevent 2 Strategy to tackle extremism and promote community cohesion. Speakers include Yasmine Alibhai-Brown and Andrew Stunell MP, chaired by Issan Ghazni.

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

NESTA

Cultural value: creative industries in a digital world

Chair: Jon Kingsbury, Director, Creative Economy Programmes, NESTA. Speaker: The Rt Hon Don Foster, co-chair of the Liberal Democrat back bench committee for Culture, Media and Sport.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

CentreForum and Centrica

Where next for energy policy?

Speakers: Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP; Barry Neville, Centrica, and Doug Parr, Greenpeace. Chair: Dr Tim Leunig.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111. Refreshments

British Parking Association

Ending the war on the motorist: whose war is it anyway?

Dr Evan Harris (invited); George Monbiot (invited); Prof Stephen Glaister, RAC Foundation (invited); BPA representative.

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

Action On Hearing Loss, Beating Bowel Cancer, British Society Of Gastroenterology

Patient or doctor – whose fault is late diagnosis?

Late diagnosis is a major factor linking hearing loss and bowel cancer; this event will explore the barriers to people taking prompt action over their symptoms and where responsibility for early diagnosis lies.

Jurys Inn, 112. Hearing loop, Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

CentreForum, BVCA and KPMG

Going for growth

What should the Lib Dem approach to business be? Speakers: Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP and Tim Hames, BVCA. Chair: Neil Sherlock, KPMG.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

The Stroke Association, Parkinson's UK, Arthritis Research UK

Mind the gap – Bringing health and social care together

Care Services Minister Paul Burstow, LGA Community Wellbeing Board Chair Cllr David Rogers & charity representatives debate how best to bridge the gap between health and social care for people with long-term conditions.

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with John Lewis Partnership

Reinventing the Workplace

Can productivity and well-being go hand in hand? Speakers: Lorely Burt MP (invited); Will Davies, Institute for Science, Innovation and Society; Patrick Lewis, John Lewis. Chair: Mary Riddell, The Telegraph.

Jurys Inn, 116. Refreshments

CitizenCard

Guess their age and face a £10,000 fine

Are retailers targeted unfairly? Chair: John Thurso MP. Speakers include: Paul Hegarty, DrinkAware; Richard Hickson, Camelot; Paul Baxter, Newsagents' Federation.

Bank Restaurant and Bar. Refreshments

Birmingham City Council

Does it stack up? Social investment for complex issues

BCC is exploring innovative financial models to support social intervention, including the "Be Active" health and fitness programme. Speakers: senior government minister (tbc) and BCC CEO Stephen Hughes.

Baskerville House, Centenary Room. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Birmingham City Council

Local Enterprise Partnerships: Challenges and Opportunities

Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP is leading the development of enterprise zones and TIF. Speakers: senior government minister (tbc); Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of BCC; Steve Hollis, Midlands Chairman of KPMG.

Baskerville House, Victoria Room. Refreshments

Social Market Foundation & Community Justice Partnership

Smart on crime, tough on the causes of crime

Tom Brake MP, Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities Co-Chair (invited); a representative from the CJP; Ben Page, Ipsos MORI (invited); Dominic Williamson, Revolving Doors (invited); Ian Mulheirn, SMF (Chair).

Council House, Chamberlain Suite. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and Nationwide Building Society

Getting the UK saving again: Are radical solutions needed?

Chair: Kevin Maguire, The Daily Mirror. Speakers: Lord Newby; Tony Hobman, Chief Executive, Money Advice Service; Matt Oakley, Policy Exchange; Chris Rhodes, Executive Director, Products and Marketing, Nationwide.

Mint Hotel, Barra Room. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and Home Group

Social Housing: Fixing the current mess

Chair: Matt Oakley, Policy Exchange. Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP; John Bird, Founder, The Big Issue; Abigail Davies, Chartered Institute for Housing; Mark Henderson, CEO, Home Group.

Mint Hotel, Lismore Room. Refreshments

New Statesman and the Association of Teachers & Lecturers

End Of Term: What Will Our Schools Look Like in 2016?

Speakers: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families; Baroness Walmsley; Dr Mary Bousted, General Secretary, ATL.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

New Statesman & Portman Group

Will We Ever Be A Nation Of Responsible Drinkers?

Speakers: Andrew George MP; David Poley, Chief Executive, Portman Group. This event will begin with a reception at 13:00 and the debate will commence promptly at 13:30.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room. Refreshments

New Statesman & Prison Officers Association & NAPO

Who Should Profit From The Penal System?

Speakers: The Rt. Hon. Lord McNally, Minister of State For Justice; PJ McParlin, National Chairman, POA; Steve Gillan, General Secretary, POA; Harry Fletcher, Assistant General Secretary, NAPO.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Room

Tuesday Early Evening 18.15 – 19.30

The Observer

Andrew Rawnsley interviews Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP

Britain's leading political commentator Andrew Rawnsley comes face-to-face with Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP for an intimate, personal and political discussion.

The ICC, Hall 1. Refreshments

Amnesty International

The 'Arab Spring': Putting human rights on the agenda

Jeremy Browne MP, Foreign Office Minister; Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister; Dr Sally Moore, Egyptian political activist involved in 25 January revolution; Kate Allen, Director, Amnesty International UK.

The ICC, Hall 6a. Refreshments

Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

Leaving Legoland: Can we build the new homes we need?

Chair: Angela Brady (RIBA). Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government; Lord Taylor of Goss Moor; Cllr Richard Kemp (Liverpool City Council); Jonathan Falkingham (Urban Splash).

Note: this event will start at 18.30

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

PCG – The Voice of Freelancing; The Recruitment & Employment

Confederation; ComRes

Flexible Working, the Liberal Way?

Stephen Gilbert MP, Chair; Ed Davey MP, Minister for Employment Relations; John Brazier, Managing Director, PCG; Tom Hadley, Director of Policy & Professional Services, REC; Andrew Hawkins, Chief Executive, ComRes.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

University of Birmingham

Nuclear Power: What is the future?

David Eastwood, University of Birmingham (Chair); John Hemming MP; Martin Freer, Birmingham Centre for Nuclear Education and Research; Andrew Worrall, UK National Nuclear Laboratory; Lord Hunt of Kings Heath.

The ICC, Hall 7b. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Friends of India

Liberal Democrat Friends of India annual dinner reception

Annual dinner reception of the Liberal Democrat Friends of India. The leader of the Liberal Democrats & the Indian High Commissioner attend this sought after event.

LibDem MPs, Peers and party activists attend.

Note: this event will end at 22.30

The ICC, Hall 8b. Invitation only, Refreshments

UNISON

Social mobility: how, what, when?

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Equalities Minister (tbc); Stephen Williams MP; Jon Richards, UNISON; Alison Garnham, Child Poverty Action Group; Wes Streeting, Helen Kennedy Foundation.

ICC, Executive Meeting Room 1. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Association of Convenience Stores and The Co-operative Group

Can Localism Save The High Street?

Ed Davey MP, Minister for Consumer Affairs; Andrew George MP; James Lowman, ACS, Chief Executive; Nigel Smith, Strategic Planning Manager, The Co-operative Group; Cllr Ayoub Khan, Birmingham City Council.

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Refreshments

Social Market Foundation and the TUC

Growing pains? Where next for jobs and the economy?

Brendan Barber, TUC; Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP; Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP; Ian Mulhearn, Director SMF; Olly Grender (Chair).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 8. Refreshments

CBI

The Neglected Middle?

How mid-sized companies can help drive growth and create jobs. Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State; John Cridland, Director General CBI; Stewart Towe, Managing Director, Hadley Group.

The ICC, Dods Marquee 3. Refreshments

Children & Young People's Mental Health Coalition

Heads Together – improving young people's mental health

Panel debate: providing a unified voice for the mental health and wellbeing of young people. Speakers include: Paul Burstow MP, Health Minister; Sarah Brennan, CEO, Young Minds; Barbara Rayment, CEO, Youth Access.

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Bond – the UK's leading international development agencies

A distinctive Lib Dem voice on international affairs?

Lord Paddy Ashdown; Martin Horwood MP, Liberal Democrat International Affairs spokesperson; Alice Nzomukunda, former Vice President of Burundi, TBC; Myles Wickstead, Deputy Director of Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Santander, Peabody and Riverside

A Tale of Two Cities – The impact of housing reform

Chair: Stephen Gilbert MP (invited). Speakers: Simon Hughes MP (invited); Joy Baggaley, Deputy Chief Executive, Riverside; Steve Howlett, Chief Executive, Peabody; Paul Stevens, Head of Housing Finance, Santander.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

Public Finance magazine

Kill or Cure? The Shape of Public Services after the Cuts

Speakers: CIPFA CEO Steve Freer; Action for Children CEO Dame Clare Tickell DBE; New Local Government Network Director Simon Parker.

Hyatt Regency, Concerto. Refreshments

Social Market Foundation & KPMG

The Green Growth challenge

‘Opportunities for public-private partnerships on development finance’. Baroness Kramer; Yvo De Boer, Global Advisor on Climate Change and Sustainability, KPMG; Nick Mabey, E3g (invited); Fiona Harvey, The Guardian.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Refreshments

The Science Council

UK Science Skills – priorities for the 21st Century

A discussion on 21st Century skills needs for the UK economy need, and how regional growth can be a driver of innovation. Speakers: Simon Hughes MP and Mark Downs, CEO, Society of Biology.

Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room. Refreshments

IPPR and Unum

‘Alarm clock Britain’ – the new economic battleground?

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Teresa Perchard, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Advice; Nick Pearce, Director, IPPR; Peter O’Donnell, Chief Financial Officer, Unum. Chair: Patrick Hennessy, Sunday Telegraph.

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Citizens Advice (Supported by Barclays)

Whose Job is it anyway? How do we empower consumers?

Speakers: Steve Webb MP, Minister of State, DWP; Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice; Michelle Smith, Head of UK Consumer and Community Affairs, Barclays.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Refreshments

Transport Times & Greener Journeys

Britain's Buses: Getting our priorities right

Norman Baker MP, Minister of State for Transport; Giles Fearnley, MD, First UK Bus (chair); Mike Cooper, MD, Arriva UK Bus; Dean Finch, CEO, National Express (invited); Claire Haigh, CEO, Greener Journeys.

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Refreshments

Internet EARS & Casework Manager (free upgrade for existing users)

Launch of EARS v9 – see how the best just got better!

Adrian Sanders MP & John Jefkins. Your campaign software is now internet linked but still works off line. Smartphone or browser canvass input. Auto-walks with google maps. See how you can use your EARS upgrade.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano

British Medical Association, The Nuffield Trust, Royal College of Nursing

Hard times: difficult choices in the NHS?

An interactive event to facilitate debate about the difficult decisions the NHS faces at this time.

Jurys Inn, 101. Refreshments

Liberty

Liberty Fringe Event 2011

Panel discussion chaired by Shami Chakrabarti. Speakers include: Rt Hon the Baroness Williams of Crosby, Rt Hon Tom Brake MP, Dr Julian Huppert MP, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (Journalist and author).

Jurys Inn, 102. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Reform / Sky

Creative growth: Helping the UK economy to recover and thrive

Rt Hon Don Foster MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport 2005–2010, will lead the discussion. John Tate, Director of Policy and Strategy, BBC, will be a panellist.

Note: this event will start at 18.30

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with Shell Springboard and the New Statesman

Opportunity Knocks

How can Government and business nurture a green tech revolution? Speakers:

Lorely Burt MP; Kate Craig-Wood, Memset; Dean Curran, Himag Solutions Ltd; John MacArthur, Shell. Chair: Jon Bernstein, New Statesman.

Jurys Inn, 104. Refreshments

Reform / Lloyds Banking Group

Going green: How to create a sustainable economy

Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, will lead the discussion. Sir Win Bischoff, Chairman, Lloyds Banking Group, will be a panellist.

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

Aviva

How can we promote a savings culture?

Norman Lamb MP (TBC); Lord Newby; Matthew Taylor, RSA chief executive; Senior speaker from Aviva. Join us to debate new ways to promote prosperity.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

The Royal Society

The Ideas Economy: science, innovation & growth

With less money and greater pressure to deliver economic growth, the UK has to be more innovative and creative. Join a high-level panel with Lord Willis to identify the hidden wealth that will ensure a healthy economy.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

Fringe Tuesday

Kapsch TrafficCom

Driving our way out of recession

Joerg Konrad (Kapsch TrafficCom); James Hookham (FTA); Relevant Political and Industry Panel invited.

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

CentreForum and Resolution Foundation

Squeezed Britain: when will living standards rise again?

Speakers: Rt Hon David Laws MP; Gavin Kelly, Chief Executive, Resolution Foundation; Chris Nicholson, Chief Executive, CentreForum, and Ben Page, Chief Executive, Ipsos MORI. Chair: Anoushka Asthana, The Times.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117. Refreshments

Age UK, Rethink Mental Illness, Local Government Association (LGA)

A Healthy Partnership: Councils, Charities and the NHS

Join us to debate the future of health and social care from a Local Government perspective. Speakers: Paul Burstow MP (invited), Cllr David Rogers, Paul Jenkins (Rethink CEO), Michelle Mitchell (Director, Age UK).

Jurys Inn, 116. Refreshments

CentreForum and Core Cities

Cities, localism and reform: a plan for growth

Speakers: Barbara Janke, Leader, Bristol Council; Chris Murray, Core Cities, and Lord Shipley, Government adviser on cities policy. Chair: Lord Wallace of Saltaire.

Copthorne Hotel, Jubilee. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat DCLG Parliamentary Committee with support from the Hyde Group

Lib Dems and Housing: campaigning, challenges, and success

Annette Brooke MP, Lord Graham Tope, Steve White (Hyde Group CEO), DCLG Minister Andrew Stunell lead discussion of Coalition's Housing record and the FPC Housing Policy Review. Reserve your space at libdem@local.gov.uk

Note: this event will end at 19.45

Council House, Committee Room 3&4. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

CentreForum and ACCA

Moving on up? Breaking down the barriers to social mobility

Speakers: Norman Lamb MP; Neil Stevenson, Executive Director, ACCA; Polly Toynbee, Guardian (inv), and Gill Wyness, CentreForum.

Crowne Plaza, Suite 2. Refreshments

Policy Exchange and Working Links

Can Coalition politics deliver the rehab revolution?

Chair: Simon Israel, ITN News. Speakers: Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP; Rory Geoghegan, Crime & Justice, Policy Exchange; Rob Owen, Chief Executive, St Giles Trust; Debbie Ryan, Director of Justice Division, Working Links.

Note: this event will end at 19.15

Mint Hotel, Barra Room. Refreshments

New Statesman & National Association of Head Teachers

How Can We Empower Our Head Teachers To Improve Our Schools?

Speakers: Dan Rogerson MP; Russell Hobby, General Secretary, NAHT; Professor Stephen Gorard; Professor Alison Halsted.

Note: this event will end at 19.20

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Burne-Jones. Refreshments

New Statesman & Tobacco Manufacturers Association

Is government tax policy driving illicit trade?

Speakers: Gordon Birtwistle MP; Christopher Ogden, CEO, Tobacco Manufacturers Association.

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Garden Room. Refreshments

Tuesday Mid Evening 20.00 – 21.15

Social Liberal Forum

Are we democratic, independent and radical in Coalition?

Dr Evan Harris of the Social Liberal Forum questions Government Deputy Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael and Lib Dem Deputy Leader Simon Hughes. Unity or Distinctiveness? Can conference votes influence Government policy?

The ICC, Hall 5

Fringe Tuesday

Ascertiva Group, Electricity Safety Council, Which?

Protecting consumers in the low-carbon economy

Speakers: Tessa Munt MP, Baroness Tonge (Patron, Electrical Safety Council), Emma McCarthy (CEO, Ascertiva), Richard Lloyd (Executive Director, Which?).

The ICC, Hall 6a. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with ActionAid and Christian Aid

Taxing Times

Is there anything wrong with tax avoidance? Speakers: Ed Davey MP; Robin Fieth, ICAEW; Anna Thomas, ActionAid. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

Energy UK, with the AEP, ERA, and the UKBCSE

Powering the UK – Energy Reception

Energy reception with Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, and Christine McGourty, Director, Energy UK.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

National Union of Teachers

NUT Fish & Chips Supper Reception

Numbers are strictly limited. Please collect invitations from the NUT Stand (Number 406).

Note: this event will end at 22.00

The ICC, Hall 10. Invitation only, Refreshments

Children & Young People Now, Groundwork UK and NCVYS

For Youth's Sake: a positive agenda for young people

Panel debate: Ravi Chandiramani, CYPNow (Chair); Sir Tony Hawkhead, Groundwork UK; Susanne Rauprich, NCVYS; David Wright, CHYPS; Thomas Hemsley, Liberal Youth; Tim Farron MP (invited).

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

GovNet Communications

Reaching out Beyond the Party

Chair: Lord Archy Kirkwood. Speakers: Sir Robert Worcester, Founder, Ipsos MORI; Norman Lamb MP; Toby Helm, Political Editor, The Observer; Dr Daniel Poulter MP (Con).

Note: this event will end at 22.00

Hyatt Regency, Sonata. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats in Business

Encouraging the next generation of entrepreneurs

How can we foster the next generation of entrepreneurs, the driving force for the UK economy? A panel of speakers chaired by Julian Huppert MP including Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP (invited) and others to discuss.

Jurys Inn, 101. Refreshments

Lib Dem Voice

Do we need a Coalition 'exit strategy'? Preparing for 2015

How should the Liberal Democrats campaign as a distinct party in the next General Election? Our panel of experts explore the party's options for 2015.

Jurys Inn, 102

Green Liberal Democrats

AGM – Members only

Catherine Bearder MEP (& GLD VP) with Lord Tony Greaves heads up our annual accountability event which includes this year's reports and constitutional changes and the election for next year's executive.

Jurys Inn, 103. Refreshments

Community Development Foundation (CDF)

Should big business do more to help communities?

Big business invests millions in community projects every year. This reception will give you an opportunity to understand business innovation in supporting local communities.

Note: this event will start at 20.30 and end at 22.00

Jurys Inn, 105. Refreshments

Fringe Tuesday

Liberal Democrat Nuclear Security Forum

The Trident Alternatives Review: Progress and Prospects

With: Rt Hon Nick Harvey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces; Lord David Shutt, LD Chief Whip in the House of Lords; Dr. Nick Ritchie, Research Fellow at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford.

Jurys Inn, 106. Refreshments

Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats

What is the liberal response to sharia law?

Sharia courts operate in the UK. What are the dilemmas for liberals? Panel: Maryam Namazie, One Law for All; Naomi Phillips, British Humanist Association; Baroness Kishwer Falkner, Lib Dem Peer. Chair: Peter Kunzmann.

Jurys Inn, 107/109/111

Keolis UK

High Speed 2: fast forward to the future

Geoff Inskip, Chief Executive, Centro (Chair); Alistair Gordon, CEO, Keolis UK; John Leech MP (invited); Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary Transport (invited).

Jurys Inn, 110. Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Education Association

Children with SEN: early identification and support

Main Speaker: Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Education. Chair: Annette Brooke MP, President, LDEA.

Jurys Inn, 112

Lib Dem European Group & Liberal International British Group

The Arab Spring – how should the world community respond?

Speakers including Edward McMillan-Scott MEP and Robert Woodthorpe-Browne, Co-Treasurer of the Liberal International.

Jurys Inn, 113/115/117

Fringe Tuesday

The Foreign Policy Centre and Standard Chartered Bank

From burden to opportunity? Big business in poor countries

Speakers: Lord Richard Newby, Lib Dem Treasury Parliamentary Party Cttee; Gibril Faal, African Foundation for Democracy (AFFORD); Phil Bloomer, Oxfam GB; Ann Grant, Standard Chartered. Chair: Baroness Susan Kramer.

Jurys Inn, 114. Refreshments

New Statesman & Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Can We Afford To Work Locally?

Speakers: Lorely Burt MP (invited); Andrew Leck, Head of ACCA UK.

Note: this event will end at 21.00

Novotel Birmingham Centre, Priestly Room. Refreshments

UK Music

The Great UK Music Political Pop Quiz

Join Feargal Sharkey and special guests for an evening of pub grub and free flowing booze at the best quiz of the year! Registration essential – email: popquiz@ukmusic.org

Note: this event will start at 20.00 and end at 02.00

Bar Risa. Refreshments

Fujitsu & Business in the Community

Transforming Business, Transforming Communities

Late Night Reception.

Note: this event will start at 21.00 and end at 22.30

The ICC, Dods Marquee 1. Invitation only, Refreshments

Tuesday Late Evening 22.00 – 02.00

Glee Club

The traditional end-of-conference celebration of songs old and new. Pick up your copy of the Liberator Songbook so you can raise the roof, with songs from the days of Gladstone and Lloyd George to satirical songs from 20 years of the Liberal Revue.

Cash bar.

Hyatt Regency, Symphony Ballroom

Fringe Wednesday 21st September

Wednesday Morning 07.15 – 08.30

CHYPS (Confederation Heads of Young People's Services)

Positive for Youth: inspiring services, improving lives

Policy Roundtable, by invitation only (jhopkins@citadelcomms.co.uk). Speakers include: Dan Rogerson MP; David Wright, CEO, CHYPS.

Note: this event will start at 07.45 and end at 09.00

The ICC, Youth Zone. Invitation only, Refreshments

Liberal Democrat Christian Forum

Morning Praise

Join LDCF to start the final day of conference with Josh Harris. Finish by 8.45am.

Everyone welcome.

Note: this event will start at 08.15 and end at 08.45

Hyatt Regency, Concerto

Demos in partnership with PwC

The Recovery Breakfast

Defining economic policy for the next generation. Speakers: Vince Cable MP; Mark Smith, PwC. Chair: Kitty Ussher, Demos.

Note: this event will start at 08.00 and end at 09.00

Hyatt Regency, Dolce. Invitation only, Refreshments

Wednesday Lunchtime 13.00 – 14.00

World Vision

The Fallout of War: The value of health in fragile countries

Chair: James Lyons, Political Correspondent for the Daily Mirror. Malcolm Bruce, Chair of the International Development Select Committee; Rachel Cooper, Head of Government Relations, World Vision.

The ICC, Hall 6b. Refreshments

Fringe Wednesday

CentreForum

Parenting matters: a liberal approach to early years policy

Speakers: Chris Paterson, CentreForum; Sarah Teather MP and others.

The ICC, Hall 7a. Refreshments

BioRegional Development Group

Real life experiences of Localism, Big Society & Green Deal

Chris Huhne MP (TBC); Tom Brake MP. Enjoy a sustainable lunch and hear how Sutton Council, BioRegional and B&Q have been working together to deliver sustainability using the one planet living approach.

The ICC, Hall 7b. Refreshments

Chinese embassy

China forum

Speakers: Chris Huhne, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Jeremy Browne, Minister, FCO; Lord McNally, Minister, Ministry of Justice; Edward Davey, Minister, BIS.

The ICC, Hall 10b. Refreshments

Demos in partnership with Friends Provident Foundation and Barrow Cadbury Trust

Financial Well-being

How do we foster inclusion during the downturn? Stephen Williams MP; Mark Allan, Toynbee Hall; Karen Rowlingson, CHASM; Danielle Walker-Palmour, Friends Provident Foundation; Jo Thornhill, Mail on Sunday (Chair).

The ICC, Executive Meeting Room 2. Hearing loop, Refreshments

Community Development Foundation (CDF) & Locality

Is government really giving power to the people?

With: Jess Steele, Community Organisers Programme Manager, Locality, and Alison Seabrooke, Chief Executive, CDF. Also featuring: a government minister, a leading councillor & a Community Organiser host.

The ICC, Executive meeting room 8. Refreshments

Fringe Wednesday

Nacro and NASUWT

Capable of Greatness: reaching beyond custody

Panel debate, speakers include: Lynne Featherstone, Home Office Minister; Frances Lawrence, PLANet; Paul McDowell, NACRO; Christine Keates, NASUWT.

The ICC, Youth Zone. Refreshments

Liberal Democrats for Drug Policy Reform

Legal Regulation of the Cannabis Market. How, Why and When.

What could control and regulation mean, what benefits could it bring, and how close are we to seeing it happen? Ewan Hoyle of LDDPR, Danny Kushlick of Transform and Prof. Stephen Pudney discuss. Julian Huppert MP chairs.

Hyatt Regency, Allegro

Reuters / Ipsos MORI

Beyond the bubble: the voters' verdict by Reuters / Ipsos MORI

Using brand new polling to discuss public perception of the Liberal Democrats with: Ben Page, Ipsos MORI; Jodie Ginsberg, Reuters; Simon Hughes MP tbc; Lord Rennard; Isabel Oakeshott, Sunday Times.

Hyatt Regency, Andante. Refreshments

Internet EARS & Casework Manager (free upgrade for existing users)

Launch of EARS v9 – see how the best just got better.

John Jefkins & the EARS team. Your campaign software is now internet linked but still works off line. Smartphone or browser canvass input. Auto-walks with google maps.

See how you can use your EARS upgrade.

Hyatt Regency, Concerto

Us&Them

Her Majesty's Prison Service is also Ours

Speaker: Bill Strettle, ex prison worker. Our Prisons are failing us. Attacks on prison staff are increasing. Prison suicides are increasing. As a Nation we have to take responsibility for our prison system to work.

Hyatt Regency, Dolce

Fringe Wednesday

Liberal Democrat Disability Association (LDDA)

AGM

The formal AGM of the LDDA, celebrating our relaunch. Looking forward to campaigning about disability issues and encouraging disabled people to be activists within the Party.

Hyatt Regency, Drawing Room. Hearing loop

Lib Dem Voice

Lib Dems and the Media: friend or foe, and does it matter?

“The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about.” Media coverage of the Liberal Democrats has increased hugely since the 2010 General Election campaign – but have we got the coverage we craved?

Hyatt Regency, Fortissimo

Westminster City Council, sponsored by Enterprise plc

Pushing the boundaries: where next for local government?

Mike More, Chief Executive, Westminster City Council; Andy Sawford, Chief Executive, LGiU; Andrew Stunell MP, Local Government Minister; Lord Storey, Former Leader of Liverpool City Council.

Hyatt Regency, Scherzo. Refreshments

Department of Elections & Skills

Working with the Regions

All members of regional exec teams are invited to come and hear about the latest developments in campaigning and infrastructure building, feed in ideas and swap best practice.

Hyatt Regency, Soprano

Consumer Credit Counselling Service

Personal debt: Have UK households reached their limit?

Speakers: Ed Davey, Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs (invited); Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert. Other panellists tbc. Please email markh@cccs.co.uk to join our mailing list.

Jury's Inn, Room 105. Refreshments

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