

The party needs policy that's:

Bold Distinctive Credible



Last year's election campaign was a resounding success, but the next general election will be very different. It won't be about getting rid of a discredited Tory government; instead, Labour will frame it as a contest between itself and Reform. And unlike 2024, we won't escape detailed scrutiny, since we will be a credible contender for government. The FPC you elect this year will lay the foundations for the next election manifesto. If elected, I will work for a policy platform that is at its heart –

Bold. We can't rely on focusing mainly on two or three uncontentious issues, like carers or sewage; we have to tell a wider story about the kind of country we want to see. Ed's speech at conference this year, warning against 'Farage's Britain', was a great start, but we need a positive message too, about why our individual policy proposals will work together to deliver a future people can believe in. I believe my experience writing manifestos, philosophical and policy statements throughout the party's lifetime can help craft this platform, inspiring party members and voters alike.

Distinctive. We need to show how a far closer relationship with the EU (leading ultimately to rejoining), investment in green technology and infrastructure, and a positive approach to immigration can revive the economy, support public services and tackle the cost-of-living crisis. Together this will help to build the necessary credible economic policy. My background in writing papers on Europe and climate policy will help this task.

Credible. The FPC's policy-making process is not fast, but it is thorough, taking the time to work through ideas and consult within and outside the party. Individual policy proposals put forward by our excellent spokespeople are not always so thoroughly road-tested; I want to make sure the FPC and parliamentary parties work much more closely together.

My commitment. Policy-making is hard work! Policy papers need to be coherent, rigorously thought out and distinctively Liberal. I want to use my experience of policy-making, inside the party and outside, over the next three years on the FPC. I hope you'll support me.

Duncan Brack



'Please vote to re-elect Duncan to the FPC. We need his commitment, experience and energy to help build a bold and distinctive public message.'

Layla Moran MP



My record

Liberal Democrats

- FPC member (former Vice Chair)
- FPC rep on the FCC (former FCC chair)
- Chair, climate policy working group – main author of *For People, For Planet*, passed by conference, autumn 2025
- Chair, Europe policy working group – co-author of *Rebuilding Trade and Cooperation with Europe*, passed by conference, spring 2022
- Member of Layla Moran's leadership campaign team, 2020
- Special adviser to Chris Huhne at DECC during the coalition, 2010–12
- Editor, *Green Book* and *Green Manifesto*
- Editor, *Reinventing the State: Social Liberalism for the 21st Century*
- The party's first Policy Director, 1988–94

Professional

- Environmental policy expert, working mainly on policies to protect forests world-wide
- Adviser to UN and EU agencies, national governments, research institutes, NGOs and companies
- Associate, Green Alliance

Liberal historian

- Editor, *Journal of Liberal History*
- Co-author, *Liberalism: The ideas that built the Liberal Democrats* (2025)
- Co-editor, *British Liberal Leaders: Leaders of the Liberal Party, SDP and Liberal Democrats since 1828* (2015)
- Co-author, *Peace, Reform and Liberation: A history of Liberal politics in Britain 1679–2011* (2011)

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