

# LGA Liberal Democrat Group Update April 2020

## Online training and learning

**ALDC are putting a lot of effort into offering online training for people who are able to take this up at the present time.**

At the moment there are six 'training webinars' each week but more formats will be added over the coming month. Topics cover a wide range of subjects suitable for Lib Dem councillors, including campaigning themes and techniques. ALDC staff are also available to offer one-to-one learning with members via video link on a number of topics. This includes connect skills, using digital platforms to organise and Facebook.

More information is available at [aldc.org](http://aldc.org). So do use this opportunity whilst at home to top up your training.



## Councillors' weekend

**The ALDC and LGA Liberal Democrat Group 'Councillors Weekend' has been rescheduled from June; the new date is 27-29 November 2020.**

This is a residential weekend in Staffordshire and a great learning opportunity for new and experienced councillors.

The programme includes training on casework, public speaking, media, local government finance, the challenges the sector is facing and campaigning on the council as well as speaker sessions and workshops. ALDC members receive a large discount on prices – 'early bird' registrations start at **£140** (shared room per person) or **£170** (single room).

Don't forget that many councils will pay for this out of elected member training budgets.



Find out more at  
[aldc.org/events](http://aldc.org/events)

## Kickstart weekends rescheduled

ALDC's summer training weekend: Kickstart and the Affinity Training Weekend which was due to take place 26-28 June 2020 has been re-scheduled.

We will be running the Affinity Publisher training alongside Kickstart between **4-6 September 2020**. The second Kickstart in the year takes place alongside the Councillors Weekend 27-29 November. If events have been be rescheduled again then all bookings are transferred automatically or can be refunded.

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## Candidates for 2021

We now face our largest set of local elections ever on **6 May 2021** with everywhere in the country having at least one election, and most having two or even three.

ALDC is asking for as much information on candidates as you can, to help support candidates in the run up to the election.

You can fill in an online form at [aldc.org/candidate-tell-us/](http://aldc.org/candidate-tell-us/) and access ALDC/LGA 'Be a Councillor' resources at [beacouncillor.co.uk](http://beacouncillor.co.uk)



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## A BIG THANK YOU FROM HOWARD

Howard wants to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards, emails and messages that people have sent him whilst he has been ill. He apologises if he hasn't managed to reply to you all yet, please bear with him. It may take some time.

He is now out of hospital which is great but will be out of circulation until the end of April whilst he recovers. The LGA Liberal Democrat Leadership team will continue to cover work for him until he is back.

Any questions feel free to drop Terry an email [terry.stacy@local.gov.uk](mailto:terry.stacy@local.gov.uk)