

Local Government at the Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference



15 – 18 September 2018
Brighton Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton

Moving the conversation on

Every day, councils change lives for the better. They keep us safe and provide parks, libraries and open spaces for everyone to enjoy; they make sure families have access to good local childcare and schools; and they build affordable homes for us. They help people live as independent and fulfilled lives as possible. Councils are best-placed to understand the needs of their residents and help them reach their potential.

This party conference season, we're looking at what measures the Government should announce in the Budget and Spending Review to tackle poverty and promote social mobility. We will also be debating how we can bring together employment support, welfare, housing, early years' provision and education, public health and family support, in order to improve people's lives.

Find out more about our key recommendations

www.local.gov.uk/moving-the-conversation-on/funding



Highlights

LGA

LGA Liberal Democrat Group reception

Sunday 16 September, 7.45pm-9.00pm

Venue: Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Howard Sykes MBE, Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats; Councillor Bridget Smith, Leader, South Cambridgeshire Council; Councillor Gareth Roberts, Leader, London Borough of Richmond

The LGA debate

Unlocking talent, fulfilling potential: local answers to the social mobility challenge

Monday 17 September, 1.00-2.00pm

Venue: Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Ruth Dombey, Deputy Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Wera Hobhouse MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Communities and Local Government; Ruth Davison, Executive Director, Public Impact, National Housing Federation; Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute; Baroness Liz Barker, Spokesperson for the Voluntary Sector in the House of Lords (Chair).

LGA and ALDC

What should a Lib Dem planning policy look like?

How do we balance conflicting demands to ensure our communities get the homes and infrastructure needed while ensuring the local environment is safeguarded?

Refreshments provided

1.00pm-2.00pm

Venue: Osborne Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Chris White, Hertfordshire County Council (Chair); Councillor Adele Morris, LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board; Lord John Shipley, Liberal Democrat Housing Spokesperson; Councillor James Baker, Leader, Liberal Democrat Group, Calderdale Council

ALDC

Winning in 2019

The 2019 set of elections are ones where we can really move forward as a party. We have over 8,000 wards to fight but to win we will need to campaign both hard and effectively.

1.00pm-2.00pm

Venue: Lancaster Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: Mayor Dave Hodgson, Bedford Council; Mary Regnier-Wilson, election strategist for South Cambridgeshire Liberal Democrats; Councillor Lisa Smart, Stockport Council; Layla Moran MP, Liberal Democrat Education Spokesperson; Councillor Gareth Roberts, London Borough of Richmond; Councillor Heather Kidd, LGA People and Places Board (Chair)

ALDC

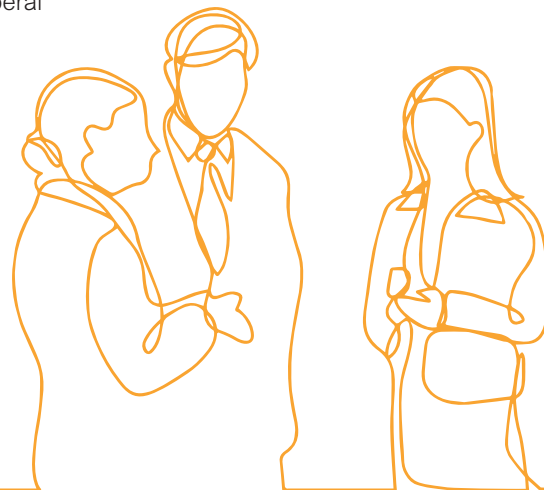
ALDC and councillors AGM and the Election Workshop Campaigner Awards

Have your say about how ALDC is run at our Annual General Meeting followed by this year's Campaigner Awards for local campaign success sponsored by the Election Workshop.

8.15pm-9.30pm

Venue: Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Room

Speakers: Willie Rennie MSP, Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats



LGA and ALDC

Air pollution in schools: taking the lead in your area

Children in schools are being exposed to higher levels of damaging air pollution inside the classroom than outside of it, putting them at risk of lifelong health problems, a new study has revealed. Share your views on the national and local solutions to tackling this issue.

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Speakers: Councillor Adele Morris, LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board; Councillor Jeanette Sunderland, Bradford Council; Maudie Spurrier, Public Affairs and Campaigns Officer, Client Earth; Councillor Sarah Boad, Warwickshire County Council (Chair)

LGA and ALDC

LGA Liberal Democrat Group Next Generation reception

Find out more about the LGAs 'Next Generation' scheme for Lib Dem councillors aspiring to leadership positions.

6.15pm-7.15pm

Venue: Gloucestershire Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Host: Councillor Alan Connett, Teignbridge District Council

Speakers: Baroness Dorothy Thornhill, LGA Vice-President; Councillor Philippa Hart, LGA Next Generation graduate, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Albert Kennedy Trust

Preventing lifetimes of homelessness

Politicians and homelessness specialists will debate how we can prevent youth homelessness, including those who identify as LGBTQ+.

6.15pm to 7.15pm

Venue: Room Surrey 2, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: Terry Stacy MBE JP, Chair, Albert Kennedy Trust; Wera Hobhouse MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for

Communities and Local Government, Councillor Victor Chamberlain, Southwark Council; Tim Sigsworth MBE, Chief Executive, Albert Kennedy Trust; Albert Kennedy Trust young ambassador

LGA

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The ever popular LGA Liberal Democrat Group reception returns for another year. All friends of local government are welcome. Refreshments provided.

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ALDC

Preparing your community for crisis: is your community prepared for crisis?

A discussion on how councils, councillors, the voluntary sector and local community groups can work together to prepare for and respond to emergencies locally.

8.00am-9.00am

Venue: Sandringham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: ALDC to be joined by the British Red Cross; Councillor Keith Aspden, York City Council; Baroness Kath Pinnock, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Communities and Local Government (Chair)

London Councils

What London needs from the forthcoming Spending Review

A discussion on how Government can give London control of its own future.

11.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Osborne Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Speakers: LSE Professor Tony Travers (Chair); Councillor Ruth Dombey, Vice Chair, London Councils and Deputy Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Caroline Pidgeon, Liberal Democrat London Assembly Member; Colin Stanbridge, Chief Executive, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

LGA

LGA panel debate: unlocking talent, fulfilling potential: local answers to the social mobility challenge

How can local government and local communities help people unleash their talents?

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Exhibition

As always, the LGA Liberal Democrat Group will be sharing a stand with ALDC, making it the home of Liberal Democrats in local government at Brighton (stands H7 and H8). Find out more about each organisation's work, or discuss your local political circumstances with experienced political officers.

The LGA's national peer Councillor Alan Connett will be available for political advice. Visit the stand and speak to a member of the team to arrange an appointment.

Saturday 15 September

Councillor training – being an effective ward councillor (current councillors only)

9.30am–10.45am, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Young and winning with Young Liberals

9.30am–10.45am, Room Surrey 2, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Introduction to campaigning – and where to get the support you need (with campaigns and elections team)

10.15am–10.45am, Meeting Room 1a, Brighton Centre

Be a Councillor – finding candidates

9.30am–10.45am, Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Campaign masterclass – Facebook (with Mark Pack)

11.00am–12.30pm, Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Campaign masterclass – video

11.00am–12.30pm, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Be a Councillor – approval and selection

3.00pm–4.15pm, Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Be a Councillor – building a councillor and candidate brand

3.00pm–4.15pm, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Be a Councillor – more diverse candidate pools (with diversity team)

4.30pm–5.45pm, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Pick a ward and win it – winning the postal vote

4.30pm–5.45pm, Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Sunday 16 September

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Campaign masterclass – literature

2.30pm–4.00pm, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Sunday 16 September

Talking to voters – knocking on doors and using miniVAN

2.30pm–4.00pm, Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

How local parties can support candidates with disabilities (with LDDA and diversity team)

4.15pm–5.45pm, Edinburgh Room, Hilton Metropolitan Hotel

Campaign briefing – winning town and parish council elections

4.15pm–5.45pm, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

Local Elections 2019: achieve your winning income before May

with Fundraising Team

4.15pm–5.45pm, Buckingham Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

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Pick a ward and win it – yes, you can still use emails (with the Membership Team)

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Tuesday 18 September

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9.30am–10.45am, Ambassador Room, Hilton Metropole Hotel

How to run a phone bank (with Membership Team)

9.30am–10.45am, Meeting Room 1a, Brighton Centre



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