

Please Join us for The 134th Liberal Party Assembly



Briar Rose Hotel, Birmingham, 12PM, 5th October

Presidents Appeal for General Election

As we certainly approach the general election probably in mid November can I urge all Liberals to consider how they can contribute.

Firstly, due to some generous donation we aim to field 20 Parliamentary candidates with central funding for both the deposits and partial use of the free election post.

Further donations will help us reach voters across whole constituencies

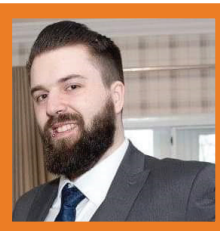
We have template recruitment promotion flyer for use running up to the election and will finance candidates using NOW - (see back page)

We are seeking candidates who will use the general election to build up support and encourage local government campaigns after the election- if you think you can assist please email me at northwestliberalparty@hotmail.co.uk

Parliamentary Candidates take up the challenge

Can I share with delight we have already announced candidates across the country who are campaigning that the referendum be respected and that following Brexit we have a fairer society and outward Internationalist country. In Wales, for the Neath Constituency Cllr Lewis Rees will be standing for us challenging Labour neglect in a mixed constituency.

Cllr Billy Lake will be taking on the Walton Constituency as we build on our support in the Clubmoor and Anfield Wards. Bill has is passionate about supporting youth work and sports to develop young people and encourage added value training and employment opportunities



Representing the growing Liberal Party presence in Yorkshire, long standing Civil Liberty campaigner Richard Phillips will be standing in Calder Valley In Greater Manchester , former Lib Dem Cllr Neil Taylor will be again standing in Altrincham and Sale West. Neil has an

excellent record in campaigning on green belt and disability issues

Can we give a warm welcome to one of our new members, Dirk van Heck, who will be standing in the Cities of Westminster and London. Dirk is a barrister and has grounded history in public policy

In Sefton Central, which is largely Crosby and Maghull, local author, Radio presenter and skills mentor Angela Preston will be leading the expansion of the Liberal Party across Merseyside

In Liverpool, as well as myself standing in West Derby,



Billy Lake



Charles Shaw

Here Cllr Billy Lake hands over donation from the Tuebrook Hope Group to fund training for 20 local sea Cadets Over in Lincolnshire former Lib Dem parliamentary candidate Cllr Charles Shaw will be standing in the City of Lincoln. Charles has a wealth of experience in supporting youth and community organisations. like so many former LibDems who are coming home to the Liberal Party he believes the referendum should be respected and the UK should build on our global links

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

Refurbishment or relocation of the UK Parliament resident in the Palace of Westminster

The UK Parliament will relocate to temporary accommodation within London after 2025 whilst major repair and rebuilding take's place.

The party believes that the current building in the Palace of Westminster, dating back to 1840 with major rebuilding completed in 1950 are no-longer fit for a modern democracy.

It lacks the capacity to accommodate modern communications and IT equipment, requires major structural modernisation and costly electrical rewiring. Its layout and culture negatively affected the quality of debate.

The costs of a full refurbishment have been put at up to 1.7billion pounds.

The party believes the seat of government should be relocated to a modern debating chamber, located in central England and removing the City of London bias in its outlook and influence.

Its construction would act as a major boost to regional investment and be accessible from a wide geographical area of the UK.

National Executive Committee

Hong Kong protests

The Liberal Party notes the ongoing civil protests and unrest in Hong Kong.

Whilst acknowledging the sovereignty of the Chinese Government over the region after its return to their jurisdiction in 1997 the UK and Chinese governments still have joint responsibilities under the Sino-British Joint Declaration.

The UK government should seek to remind the Chinese authorities of their commitments and use its influence to ensure continued free debate and political representation for the residents of Hong Kong.

The retention of a health democratic system within Hong Kong acts as a visible sign of the Chinese government's willingness to honour its commitment to a system of "one country two systems".

National Executive Committee

Fracking and Subterranean earth tremors

The Liberal Party notes the continued series of earth tremors in the vicinity of Cuadrilla Resources drilling site at Preston New Road in Lancashire.

The party re-iterates its support for the termination of fracking in the UK. The party believes that government support would be better directed to local renewable energy schemes and the long-term development of storage technology.

The party see's it as selfish for Cuadrilla Resources to rationalise that any degree of disruption or potential property damage is acceptable to residents in pursuit of its drilling operations.

National Executive Committee

Continued suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly

The Liberal Party notes with increased concern that the Stormont Assembly has now not sat for 33 months after being suspended in January 2017.

Northern Ireland has been left in a state of limbo by assembly members and the party urges all elected members to consider their responsibilities to the province and to show leadership and maturity. The power sharing arrangement ensured a forum for debate and a visible sign that the province has returned to stability after decades of conflict.

An increase of terrorist violence is encouraged by a lack of political stability and leadership. It can be effectively defused by visible political engagement across the community.

The issues of the Irish boarder have become a high contentious point within the framework of BREXIT and the participation of the Stormont Assembly is vital in reaching a solution.

National Executive Committee

Preserving the Brazilian rainforests

The Liberal Party notes the catastrophic fires which has consumed tracks of the Brazilian rainforests. These forests, along with tracks of central Africa and the far east act as the extended lungs of the planet.

The party acknowledges the sovereignty of the Brazilian state over its own lands and national resources but recognises that the rainforest is of vital importance both regionally and globally in the fight to contain global warming.

The party calls for an international effort to engage with the Brazilian Government and its President Jair Bolsonaro to safeguard this unique environment which represents at least 50% of the world remaining rainforest.

Options for preserving the rainforests can include carbon trading or Co2 sequestration schemes, or the direct leasing or management of tracks of the land or even debt forgiveness.

The current levels of deforestation are unsustainable and urgent action is needed to prevent a point of no return being reached with regards the regeneration of the rainforests.

National Executive Committee

Constitutional Bill of Speech:

Freedom of speech is to be considered one of the pillars of a free and Liberal society and as such must be protected by those who support and uphold these views.

A Constitutional Bill of speech should be pushed forward to remove and rewrite laws that have been introduced by the government over decades to erode this fundamental right and encourage the Government's ever-increasing encroachment upon an individual's privacy and to enforce speech as a Police state.

The bill must include freedom of speech (Verbal, Written and Electronic) to all within the United Kingdom and it's territories with exclusions to the following:

*Slander

*Libel

*Credible Threats of Violence and/or Terrorism

*Creating Panic to Risk or Cause Physical harm to others within an Public area

Impinging the right of free speech has never been effective in silencing dangerous language, and instead risks driving such discourse underground where, away from the public eye, grows and spreads unchallenged.

Society has already proven it's ability to address negative speech and shouldn't become a criminal offence to express that view verbally.

Richard Phillips and Stephen Graham

Repeal the government's Age Verification laws on Adult content sites online:

The government will be mandating from July 2019 stronger enforcement on verification to access adult content via the Digital Economy Act. This identification process will likely require the giving out information of Credit/Debit card details, Driving License numbers or for a pass to be purchased.

Citizen's data privacy lays at risk of potential data leak or hacking that we have seen over the years with systems that incorporate online facilities i.e. NHS, Ashley Madison scandal, for the sake of State control of adult material and it's consumption when other methods of parental guidance and restrictions exist via software for Computer, smartphones and tablets.

Software like this should be encouraged for the parent to use at home and education available for them to understand how to use it.

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Referred back from June Special Assembly.

Liberal welcomes home Knowsley Councillor Mike Seed



On joining us Mike said he could not accept the Lib Dems ignoring the referendum and supporting an institution which was seeking ever further centralisation of political and economic powers.

With the Liberal Democrat Party record of frustrating any attempt to consult the British people over our membership of the EU and now seeking to overturn the result of the referendum to continue on a course of further centralisation I cannot remain a member of that Party. The concentration on changing a democratic vote has prevented the party from concentrating on the most important issues within our society.

To ensure the voice of liberalism is heard and to join a party committed to the local community, green spaces, free and fair trade, international co-operation and social justice I am delighted to have been welcomed to join the Liberal Party.

As a person from a working class family I feel my number one priority is to campaign against austerity cuts and to support people who are experiencing poverty. I also feel it is very important to provide people with the opportunities to thrive in our community. A good councillor is active in the community and responds to the important issues.

Old Swan By Election

Lib Dems humiliated into Third Place as Liberal Party Mick Coyne takes second place



Despite the local and national media hyping up the Lib Dems local community campaigner Mick Coyne standing for his second time doubled the Liberal Party share of the vote and took us into second place in Old Swan Ward of Liverpool.

Nomination for President & NEC

Any members wishing to stand for our National Executive or Party President should email Hazel Williams at northwestliberalparty@hotmail.co.uk quoting their name and address or write to 16 Elm Vale, Fairfield, Liverpool, L6 8NX.

NEC members require 3 nomination sponsors and the Party President applications require 40 nomination sponsors and consent of the candidate are required by 1st December 2019.

Supporting the Liberal Party



With Labour tearing itself apart and hijacked by the far left we need an alternative

Unlike the Lib Dems who sold out to the Tory Party, The continuing Liberal Party stuck to our principles. We support a dynamic economy, encourages individual enterprise, social justice and the development of individuals and communities. Here are a few key policies:

Europe and the World

We campaigned for the UK to respect the vote of the people and to leave the EU. We also wish to be more focused in the global economy, forging relationships across the world, whilst maintaining and evolving our relationship with the EU.

Social Justice and Low Pay

We believe that government should tackle the gross inequalities of earnings and wealth. Income Tax and National Insurance thresholds should be raised to remove the low paid from the tax and benefits trap and improve disposable incomes of the working poor and low paid pensioners.

Help for Small Business

For an economy to grow we must encourage small businesses and social enterprises. The ever increasing 'red tape' burdens of administration on small business and community charities is strangling our ability to grow the economy. These burdens need to be removed for small businesses and social enterprises and made proportionate for medium size and larger organisations depending on their turnover value.

Education for All

We should restore the principle of free Education. Tuition fees need to be abolished; this could be funded by a modest increment of inheritance tax excluding the family home. Let the capital of one generation fund the human investment of the next generation.

A comprehensive network of children centre's is an essential investment to encourage children to have a good start in both education and health

Local Government

Adequately funded local government and public services need to be supported and not subject to constant political financial gerrymandering.

Local councillors should make decision their merit after debate, rather than be whipped prior to the meetings even being held.

Housing for all

Whilst Liberals welcome home ownership we also recognise the need to provide for social mobility a reasonable and balanced housing stock of social housing. Everyone should be entitles to a decent home. Local councils should be empowered to take steps considering the housing market in their area.

We need legislation to protect leaseholders and shared ownership tenants from excessive charges.

Crime and Community Policing

Our jails are overcrowded and we have one of the worst re-offending rates for criminals than any other European Country.

We need a justice system that trains and has those who commit crime working in the community to repay their debt, not just locked up. We need support for those with mental health problems that so often end up caught up in crime.

If you agree with us why not join the Liberal Party

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