

The Liberal Party 140th Assembly
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The Grand Hotel, Scarborough

Motion – Understanding the Concerns of the British People

Background

The Liberal Party recognises the significant change in British politics which is happening at this time. Reform UK has grown in an unprecedented manner, raising issues which other parties have arguably neglected for years. The landscape of British politics is changing as Reform UK has outmanoeuvred more established parties.

The Liberal Party is a party which believes in the rights of the individual. It adopts a classical liberal position in many respects. It has a long history of standing up for the fabric of British life, with an emphasis on the protection of the liberty of the individual and a belief in devolving decision making to communities.

The Liberal Party does not seek to control its members. While many members backed Brexit, others were Remainers. The party has concerns about irregular immigration in the UK, and it has been seeking to develop a response. However, the party is very small. For it to contribute its distinct liberal voice to meaningful change at a national level, it must either start a wider movement or seek to work with others. It must be pragmatic and radical if it is to survive.

Reform UK is young. There is no doubt considerable differences in the views of its members and supporters. They are perhaps bound by one thing, which is frustration that their voices have not been heard by a political establishment which has treated them with disdain. That has arguably happened because community institutions have declined, and parties have increasingly ignored the genuine concerns of people.

The Liberal Party is adamantly anti-racist. It is more than simply tolerant: it advocates for equality at all times. It believes in the dignity of every human being. It also believes that order is required in order to promote that dignity. It believes that irregular immigration has become out of control and that respect for British cultural values (so deeply rooted in liberalism) has been eroded, to a large extent by various controlling and judgemental movements often described as 'woke' which have had undue influence on free thinking over the past decade in particular. The party recognises that this can set the conditions for extremism, which the party opposes.

Motion

The Liberal Party re-states its position as a tolerant, liberal party, with the freedom and dignity of every human being at its core. In order to have effect, it must understand the views of those it seeks to represent. It cannot exist in a utopian vacuum. It recognises the growing concerns of many regarding illegal immigration and the effect it has both on those who fall into the evil grip of people traffickers and the burden this places on the British taxpayer and British communities.

To that end, The Liberal Party commits to understanding the concerns of the British people with a view to exploring how the party can promote liberal values to ensure respect for every human being regardless of nationality, race or any other protected characteristic, while also promoting national and personal security and opposing the corrosive effects of 'woke' culture on freedom and fairness.