

LGA and ALDC

at the Liberal Democrat online Autumn Conference 2021

17-20 September



The Local Government Association Liberal Democrat Group and ALDC have put together a packed fringe and training programme for this year's Autumn Conference.

Fringe details

Friday 17 September

Winning in leave areas

17.35–18.45

Hear from leading Liberal Democrats on how can win in areas where we have leave voters with both Labour and Tory MPs. Speakers from Portsmouth, Sunderland, Stockport.

Speakers: **Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson**, Leader, Portsmouth City Council; **Councillor Niall Hodson**, Group Leader, Sunderland City Council; **Councillor Lisa Smart**, PPC Hazel Grove

Chair: **Councillor Heather Kidd**, Chair, LGA Liberal Democrat Group

ALDC campaigners awards with Willie Rennie MSP

17.35–18.45

Join ALDC and Willie Rennie MSP as we celebrate the best Lib Dem successes from across the country. The Campaigners award is always a fun opportunity to find great ideas and enjoy a laugh with friends.

Speakers: **Willie Rennie, MSP**; **Baroness Ros Scott**

Saturday 18 September

In conversation with Naomi Long MLA

13.05–14.15

Minister of Justice for Northern Ireland and leader of the Alliance Party, Naomi Long MLA, tells us about how the Alliance is moving forwards and building a better Northern Ireland.

Speaker: **Naomi Long MLA**

Chair: **Lord Mike German**

The good, the bad and the ugly: what the planning reforms mean for councils and campaigners

16.20–17.30

Hear from leading Liberal Democrats on what the government's planning proposals will mean for communities up and down the country.

Speakers: **Baroness Dorothy Thornhill**, Housing Spokesperson in the Lords; **Councillor Pippa Heylings**, LGA Liberal Democrat Planning Lead; **Councillor Bridget Smith** (Chair) Deputy Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group; **Councillor Alan Connett**, Leader, Teinbridge District Council

Sunday 19 September

How they won in Sunderland, Sussex and St Albans

13.05–14.15

With lead campaigners from Sunderland, West Sussex and St Albans talk us through their successes in the 2021 Local Elections with opportunity for audience questions.

Speakers: **Councillor Paul Edgeworth**, Sunderland; **Councillor Chris White**, St Albans; **Councillor Kirsty Lord**, Sussex Council

Build Back Local: how do we harness the power of local government to level-up across the country?

16.20–17.30

Local government must be at the forefront of the government's plans for 'leveling up'. Hear what leading Liberal Democrats and sector leaders think local government's role should be.

Speakers: **Councillor Joe Harris**, LGA Lib Dem Group Leader; **Tim Farron MP**, Liberal Democrat Local Government Spokesperson; **Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson**, President, LGA; **Polly Mackenzie**, Chief Executive, Demos

Chair: **Councillor Amanda Hopgood**, Leader, Durham County Council



Training

As ever, a full and compressive training programme for members is being provided by ALDC. Sessions cover: finding great candidates; becoming a councillor; being an effective and successful ward councillor; organising your work and making an impact on the council; local single issue campaigns; talking to voters; postal votes; literature and comms; digital campaigning (emails and Facebook); growing your council group; building a team; developing your local message; campaigning on the council; surveys and petitions; and training for agents.

See www.libdems.org.uk/conference for more details and to book your place.



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