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Liberal Democrats Joint Regional Conference

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The Holiday Inn
Taunton

Summary Agenda & Workshops

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Summary Agenda & Workshops

Saturday

Registration from 9.30

- 10.30 **Welcome** Peter Ellis Jeremy Browne MP
- 10.45 **Debates** Residual Waste Disposal
Transport policies to counter
Climate Change
- 10.45 – 11.40 **Workshop**
PPERA
Getting your local message right
- 11.25 **Report on Severn Energy Group** David Heath
MP
- 11.40 **Coffee Break**
- 11.50 – 12.40 **Workshops**
- More members – more success!
 - Devon CC Group (invitation only)
 - Building a campaign for the next
General Election
- 11.55 **Soap Box**
- 12.05 **Speech** Hilary Stephenson Director of Campaigns
- 12.25 **Debate** Commission on Rural Poverty in the South West
- 12.45 **Presentation** Tim German
Director of Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership
- 1.15 **Lunch**
- 1.40 - 2.10
Chairs
- Reception for Constituency
 - Somerset CC Group(invitation
only)
- 2.15 **Afternoon session starts**
- 2.20 **Speech** Nick Clegg MP Leader of the Liberal
Democrats
- 3.00 **Tea Break**
- 3.20 **European Campaign Launch**



Saturday/Cont

- 3.50 **Any Questions** European Candidates
- 4.10 **Workshops** - Media for councillors and
campaigners - How to raise the money to win
- 4.20 **In conversation** Stephen Gilbert (PPC, St Ives) with Gavin Grant
- 4.40 **Speech** Brian Orrell Chair of the English Party
- 4.50 **Soap Box**
- 5.05 **Speech** Baroness Ros Scott President of the Liberal Democrats
- 5.30 **Close of Conference**

Sunday

Registration from 9.40

- 9.15 **Morning Praise** led by Cllr Clare Campion- Smith Priory I
- 10.00 **Welcome**
- 10.05 **Local Councils, Local Parliament** Gerald Vernon -Jackson
- 10.50 **Debate** Fire Settlement and Regional Control
- 11.10 **Coffee Break**
- 11.25 **In Conversation** Barbara Janke (Leader, Bristol City Council Liberal Democrats) with Gavin Grant
- 11.45 **Soap Box**
- 12.0 **Any Questions Panel** Chair Baroness Sue Miller
Jill Shortland Brian Greenslade
Paul Harrod , Karen Gillard
- 12.45 **Speech** Vince Cable MP
- 1.15 **Close of Conference**

Workshop details - see overleaf



Workshops on Saturday

10.45 – 11.40

PPERA

Understanding the system, dealing with donations and an update on recent changes. A session for Constituency Chairs and Treasurers.

David Allworthy

Head of Compliance for the Liberal Democrats

Blackdown Room

Getting your local message right

Identifying your key local messages and using them in your campaigning

Mark Alcock

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Priory 1

11.45 – 12.40

More members – more success!

Recruiting and retaining more members. What is the new role of a Membership Development Officer? A session for Membership Development Officers and Secretaries

Jenny Shorten

Dave Hodgson

National Membership Development Officer

Blackdown Room

Devon County Council

Meeting for Devon County Council Group with LGA

Polden Room

(by invitation only)

Building a campaign for the next General Election

Prepare for the election – whenever it is. 10 things you should be doing now

Tim Pollard

Campaigns Officer, Avon, Gloucestershire and Wilshire

Jeff Muir

Campaigns Officer for Cornwall

Priory 1

4.10 – 5.00

Media for councillors and campaigners

How to achieve a profile in the media in your area

Tim Kent

Campaigns Officer for Somerset and Dorset

Blackdown Room

How to raise the money to win

Ideas for raising money to pay for your winning campaign

Mark Alcock

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors

Priory 1

Workshops on Sunday

11.45 – 12.30

Could you use the phone?

Ways using the telephone can help in your campaign

David Robinson

Campaigns Officer for Devon

Polden Room

Getting the most from the European Elections

Getting in good results in June and building for the future

Richard Pinnock

Deputy Director of Campaigns South West

Jeff Muir

Campaigns Officer for Cornwall

Priory 1



Refreshments

Tea / Coffee will be available outside the Priory Suite
and in the Lounge

Lunch will be served in the Dining Room

Exhibition Stands

Exhibitors will be found in the area outside the Priory Suite
and in the Lounge

Soap Box

Any delegate can speak for 90 seconds on a topic of their choice.
There will be no vote and no questions but hopefully it will lead to
conversations over the weekend

Please fill in a card

Topics will be chosen from those submitted to the Speakers Table

Any Questions

There are two Any Questions Panels
Please fill in a Question card and submit questions to the European Candidates to the
Speakers table no later than 2.00pm on Saturday
and for the Sunday panel by 11.15 on Sunday

Gala Dinner

The dinner will be served in the Priory Suite
This room needs to be cleared by 6.15 so that the staff
can prepare the room

Dinner will be 7.30 for 8.00

Amendments to Policy Motions

Amendments to motions will be accepted before the start of Conference (10.00am)
on January 31st. They must be handed, in writing, to the Registration desk
or emailed by noon on Jan 29th to judithcole@cix.co.uk

For details of Policy Motions – see Detailed Agenda