

# Fringe Event

## Healthy Eating & The Role of the State

Saturday, 7:45pm - 9:00pm  
York Hilton, Micklegate Room

Join Liberal Reform and a panel of experts to discuss how liberals can find the right balance between state intervention and personal responsibility when it comes to public health.

### Panel



**Baroness Judith Jolly**, Liberal Democrat health spokesperson and former non executive director of an NHS Primary Care Trust and chair of the North & East Cornwall NHS Primary Care Trust Board.



**Daniel Pryor**, Head of Programmes and research economist at the Adam Smith Institute with a particular interest in lifestyle freedoms. Author of "1 Million Years of Life", a paper on liberal harm reduction strategy in tobacco policy, and co-signatory alongside Liberal Democrat MPs Tim Farron, Christine Jardine and Wera Hobhouse to a letter to the Department of Health and Social Care asking for serious consideration of the impact of a mandatory calorie counts on menus policy.

**Tamora Langley**, chair of the Liberal Democrats' Health and Social Care working group, with 18 years experience of working with charities, companies, professional bodies and regulators, including being Head of Healthcare at Weber Shandwick and Director of Communications at the British Lung Foundation.

Following this event, please join us in the hotel bar for a drink.

# Join Us



Membership of Liberal Reform is available exclusively to members of the Liberal Democrats, with benefits including a monthly email newsletter, access to our members-only Facebook group, the opportunity to write for our member's-only blog, and voting rights in Liberal Reform board elections.

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# Conference Briefing



# LIBERAL REFORM

York 2019

# About Us

Founded in 2012, Liberal Reform exists within the Liberal Democrats to promote personal liberty and a fair society supported by free, open and competitive markets as the foundation of the party's policy. We advocate a liberalism that draws upon the values of entrepreneurship, competition and innovation to deliver a society that empowers individuals through freedom and opportunity.

Our vision of freedom is all encompassing, covering personal, political, economic and social liberties. As such, we seek to put the rights of individuals first, but recognise the importance of challenging concentrations of power where they develop, both within and beyond the state.

We support this form of liberalism by:

1. Developing and promoting it to Liberal Democrat members;
2. Reaching out to its wider support base to attract them to the Liberal Democrats and Liberal Reform; and
3. Working to make it central to Liberal Democrat policy.

**To join us see the back of this leaflet.**

# Saturday

## **F4 Eradicating Race Inequality**

Racism is a scourge on our society, and at a time when incidents of racial discrimination are on the rise, it is good to see the Liberal Democrats committing to new policy in this area. In particular we welcome the recognition that an enlightened drugs policy will reduce the number of ethnic minority persons criminalised, as opposed to the current illiberal legislation.

## **F8 Cleaning Up the Air We Breathe: How to Tackle Road Pollution**

You cannot argue against clean air, and it is right that the position of the Liberal Democrats on the environment should be strengthened with the priority being actions to tackle climate change. This motion introduces reasonable regulation and incentives that should bring the full creativity and innovation of business and the market to the aid of the planet.

## **F9/F10 A Registered Supporters Scheme**

The principle of opening up our Party processes to include liberals who do not yet consider themselves Liberals is sound, but the Party should be wary of anything that would result in compromising either our values or our effectiveness. As such, we are concerned about, and would advise voting against, the proposal to allow non-MPs to stand for leader, as a Westminster-based leader is essential to maintaining our media profile and promoting the values of the Liberal Democrats in Parliament.

# Sunday

## **F12 Access to Justice for All**

This motion is clearly well intentioned, but while it is undeniable that the Rule of Law is a pillar of our society and we support the restoration of Legal Aid, this motion does not reference the recent LASPO review, nor does this motion touch upon court reform. It is a money-orientated solution to a deeply complex problem. The problem of lack of access to justice cannot be solved by cash alone. Cash injection is part of, not the entirety of the solution. Consequently, we recommend voting for this motion based on the principle, but we must recognise that it is a statement of intent and not a coherent policy in of itself. We would also recommend voicing concerns about the lack of depth to this motion.

## **F15 Town Centres Fit for the Future**

The Party should champion the innovation and benefits that online retailing has introduced and we are pleased that this motion reflects this. Naturally this will mean that our town centres will be in need of transformation; certain types of business will no longer be sustainable but opportunities should be opened up and facilitated to enable others, such as recreation, catering and community activity, to

## **F16 No to Unpaid Internships, Yes to Real Opportunities**

Unpaid internships present a challenge for liberals. On the one hand, there is a freedom of choice argument that individuals should be free to intern unpaid if they so wish, on the other, there is clear evidence that unpaid internships are detrimental to social mobility and equality of opportunity. This motion clearly recognises this conflict, and does well to balance the two arguments.