



YOUNG

PEOPLE'S

MANIFESTO

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS 2017

YOUNG LIBERALS

The Liberal Democrats manifesto is written in consultation with Young Liberals, an organisation of party members under the age of 26. Young Liberals campaign on issues affecting young people, champion their views, shape party policy and host events throughout the year.

To find out more about how you can get involved, get in touch:

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NOW'S THE TIME

You can stand up for a Britain that is open, tolerant and united. You can change Britain's future.

EQUALITIES

Liberty and equality for all

Liberal Democrats will:

- Make hate crime an aggravated offence with harsher sentencing.
- Introduce 'X' gender markers on UK passports and official forms.
- Make Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention available on the NHS.
- Expand Access to Work for people with disabilities.



BREXIT

Young people voted overwhelmingly to Remain in the EU

We will fight to protect your freedom to travel, work and study across Europe.

Liberal Democrats will include young people in all negotiations and give you a final vote on the Brexit deal.



VOTES AT 16

Young people deserve a say in decisions affecting their future

We will give 16- and 17-year-olds the right to vote in elections and referendums.

Schools and colleges will encourage voter registration, so that everyone has a say in the future of our country.



SAVE THE PLANET

Liberal Democrats take the environment seriously

To change our society's throw-away habits and protect natural resources we will:

- Phase out diesel cars to cut air pollution.
- Ban fracking and increase green energy.
- Introduce a legally binding 70 per cent recycling target.



MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health is as important as physical health

To improve the services available to young people we will:

- Guarantee access and waiting time standards.
- End out-of-area placements so that you are treated close to home.
- Ensure access to mental health education and counselling at school.



EDUCATION

Everyone should have access to the best education

We will:

- Invest £7 billion in education and oppose grammar schools.
- Teach First Aid, Finances and Sex and Relationship Education at school.
- Reintroduce means-tested maintenance grants to help with living costs at university.



WELCOME REFUGEES

Refugees are welcome

We will provide safe and legal routes to the UK to prevent people from making dangerous journeys. Over the next parliament we will:

- Offer sanctuary to 50,000 Syrian refugees.
- Welcome 3,000 unaccompanied refugee children from Europe.
- End indefinite detention of asylum seekers.



HOUSING

Renting and buying a home should be affordable

We will introduce:

- A Help to Rent scheme with a loan for your initial deposit.
- A Rent to Buy scheme so that monthly rent payments can contribute towards a mortgage.
- Housing benefits for 18-21-year-olds.



ANIMAL RIGHTS

The way we treat animals reflects our society

We will:

- Introduce stronger penalties for animal cruelty offences.
- Ban battery caged hens.
- Oppose the vote to reintroduce fox hunting.



LEGALISE CANNABIS

The war on drugs has failed

We will:

- Introduce a legal, regulated market for cannabis.
- Permit licensed outlets to sell cannabis to over-18s.
- Raise an estimated £1 billion in tax to invest in public services like mental health and schools.



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