



# YOUNG LIBERALS

# POLICY BOOK

Summary

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# Economy, Welfare and Labour Relations

**Saving the Hospitality Industry:** cut punitive duties/rates, protect venues, and support post-pandemic revival.

**Abolishing Sunday Trading Laws:** scrap restrictions so shops can open when local demand exists.

**In Support of Trade Unions:** strengthen union rights, collective bargaining and workplace protections.

**A Fair Deal for Young Workers:** end age-based pay discrimination and boost enforcement of fair pay.

**A Fair Deal for Slaughterhouse Workers:** raise welfare, safety and oversight standards for meat-sector staff.

**The Intergenerational Triple Lock:** rebalance taxes/benefits to treat younger and older people fairly.

**Taxing Gifts, Not Just Inheritance:** create a broad gifts tax with generous allowances and fewer loopholes.

**Holistic Approach to the UK's Economy:** move beyond GDP to wellbeing, resilience and inequality metrics.

**4 Day Work Week:** pilot and promote shorter working weeks without loss of pay.



# Home Affairs and Justice

**Legalisation of Cannabis:** regulate and tax cannabis with public-health safeguards.

**For Fair and Effective Fines:** tie fines to income so penalties fit ability to pay.

**Protecting Asylum Seekers & Undocumented Immigrants:** humane processes, safe routes and community support.

**Liberal Approach to Surveillance Technology:** strict oversight, privacy by design and accountability.

**For a Fully Regulated Drug Market:** shift to regulated supply and harm-reduction over prohibition.

**Emergency: The Rise of the Far Right:** proactive education, community safety, and defence of liberal democracy.



# Social Justice

**Black British Rights:** close racial gaps in justice, health, housing and wealth.

**Abolishing the Term BAME:** use specific, respectful ethnicity descriptors instead of catch-all labels.

**Public Sexual Harassment:** criminalise PSH and make public spaces safer.

**Children in Care & Care Leavers:** guaranteed support, housing and education up to adulthood.

**Funeral Support for Students & Young Adult Carers:** targeted grants/leave after bereavement.

**Confronting the Spiking Crisis:** venue duties, testing, staff training and victim support.

**Protecting GRT Communities:** defend rights, halt discriminatory policies and improve site provision.

**Sex Work:** decriminalise sex work and improve safety and services.

**Respecting Secularism & Humanism:** uphold state neutrality on religion and belief.

**Promoting Equality in the Playground:** anti-bullying and inclusion standards in schools.

**Disabled Marriage Equality:** remove barriers so disabled people can marry without losing support.

**Tackling Maternal Discrimination:** enforce rights and penalise discriminatory employers.

**Tackling Antisemitism & Reaffirming IHRA:** robust action, education and adoption of IHRA.

**Representation Is Not Optional:** ensure women's representation in party and public life.



# LGTBQAI+ Liberation

**Hormone Blockers for Under-18s:** evidence-based access to puberty blockers with clinical oversight.

**Pride is a Protest:** defend Pride's political roots and community safety.

**Continuing the Journey to Equal Marriage:** close remaining gaps in marriage equality.

**Trans Children:** affirming care, anti-bullying, and safeguarding of rights.

**Opposition to Section 35 on GRR (Scotland):** resist Westminster interference in devolved gender reform.





# International Affairs and Europe

**Reverse Exit from Erasmus+:** restore youth mobility and exchange.

**Peace & Democracy in Belarus:** sanctions, asylum and civil-society support.

**A Liberal Approach to Free Trade:** fair, rules-based trade with labour and environmental standards.

**Solidarity with Uyghurs:** condemn abuses and act against complicity.

**A Brighter Future for Myanmar:** support democracy and sanction the junta.

**Standing with Armenia/Armenians:** protect rights and regional security.

**A Sovereign Ukraine:** military, economic and diplomatic backing for Ukraine.

**Decolonising British Heritage:** contextualise collections and share authority with source communities.

**Renewing UK–Taiwan Relations:** deepen ties while deterring coercion.

**For a Free, Peaceful, Democratic Ukraine:** long-term support and reconstruction partnership.

**Restore Democracy & Liberty in Hong Kong:** defend civil liberties and offer safe routes.

**Justice & Freedom in Georgia:** oppose backsliding and back EU-aligned reforms.

**Fighting Transnational Repression in Asia:** protect dissidents from overseas intimidation.

**Somaliland Recognition Bill:** explore recognition based on democratic performance.

**A Liberal Future for Two States:** practical steps toward an Israeli–Palestinian two-state solution.



# Health and Social Care

**The Duality of Healthcare:** stronger primary/community care alongside hospitals.

**Protecting Disabled People During COVID-19:** equitable care, triage and support.

**Drug Checking: A Three-Pronged Response:** legalise/pilot testing, education and data-sharing.

**Voluntary Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide:** legal choice with strict safeguards.

**Talk Tickets:** low-cost access to talking therapies for young people.

**The Big Fat Problem with BMI:** stop BMI misuse; adopt nuanced measures.

**The Right to Abortion:** modernise and protect abortion rights in law.

**The Problem with Single-Use Vapes:** ban disposables; toughen enforcement and recycling.

**Medical Cannabis: No More Waiting:** enable GP prescribing and fair access.

**Defending & Reforming Trans Healthcare:** timely, evidence-based care and cleared backlogs.

**Holistic Psychoactives Policy:** align alcohol/nicotine/cannabis/other drugs under health-first rules.



# Education

**Education in COVID Britain:** fund catch-up and mental-health support.

**School Attendance:** targeted support to tackle causes of absence.

**Nationalisation of Exam Boards:** single public provider for consistency.

**Faith Schools:** stronger inclusivity and admissions fairness.

**Resolving the SEN Crisis:** fully fund SEND and expand places.

**Supporting UCU Strikes:** back fair pay/conditions in higher education.

**Vocational Education & Apprenticeships:** parity of esteem and quality standards.

**Selective Schools:** phase out academic selection and expand comprehensive excellence.

**Protecting Arts & Humanities Education:** safeguard funding and curriculum space.

**Religious Education: A Way Forward:** modern, plural and critical RE.

**Reforming Citizenship Education:** compulsory, high-quality civic education.

**Poverty-Proofed Schooling:** remove hidden costs that exclude pupils.

**Abolish Fee-Paying Schools:** integrate private schools into a fair system.



# Environment, Energy and the Climate Emergency

**A Progressive Carbon Tax:** price pollution with protections for low-income households.

**Active Travel for Youth Independence:** fund safe walking/cycling networks.

**The Climate Crisis:** faster decarbonisation across all sectors.

**End Fossil Fuel Exploration:** stop new licences and back clean energy.

**Save Our Rivers:** enforce against sewage/run-off and restore habitats.

**Wild Camping:** protect responsible public access to nature.

**Avoiding Gridlock: Nuclear Energy:** support safe new nuclear as part of the mix.

**Direct Lithium Extraction (DLE):** adopt cleaner lithium tech with safeguards.



# Housing, Transport and Infrastructure

**Liberalising Britain's Railways:** passenger-first reforms and transparent franchising.

**National Housebuilding Targets:** restore ambitious targets with local nuance.

**Taking on the Housing Crisis:** build more, protect renters and end homelessness.

**Canals: A Place for All:** invest in access, nature and heritage.

**Repeal the Enclosures Act:** modern land-access rights and commons.

**High Speed Rail for Growth:** build strategic high-speed links.

**Stop the Anti-Pylon Pile-On:** speed up grid upgrades for net zero.

**Bus Travel in England:** cheaper, more frequent and integrated buses.

**Improve Transport Accessibility & Development:** step-free access and joined-up planning.

**Tackling Road Use: Novel Vehicle Taxation:** fair, usage-based road pricing.

**Abolishing Anti-Homelessness Architecture:** ban hostile design in public spaces.

**Driving Forward: Road to Access:** safer young-driver policies and fair insurance.



# Defence

**Remembering All Who Serve:** inclusive commemoration and veterans' support.

**Commitment to NATO & Security:** meet obligations and invest smartly.

**Towards a European Army:** deepen EU defence cooperation and interoperability.



# Science and Technology

**Becoming a World Leader in Space:** boost launch, science and industry capability.

**Deep Learning, Deep Fakes:** regulate harmful AI uses while enabling innovation.

**A Fair Deal for Independent Creators:** modern copyright that empowers creators.

**Digital Rights: A Liberal Alternative to the Online Safety Act:** protect speech and tackle real harms with proportionate rules.





# Culture, Media and Sport

**English National Anthem:** choose an inclusive anthem for England.

**Making Football a “Fair” Game:** fair governance, fan voice and financial integrity.

**Using the Eurovision Opportunity:** leverage hosting/participation for culture and tourism.

**Arts for the Young:** invest in youth access and creative careers.



# Political Reform and Local Government

**Disestablishment of the Church of England:** separate church and state constitutionally.

**Scotland: No Second Independence Referendum:** focus on competent devolved government instead.

**Saving Local Councils:** stable funding and new local revenue tools.

**Votes for Prisoners:** limited enfranchisement to uphold rights.

**Elections Here, There and Everywhere:** minimum standards for non-government elections and e-voting trials.

**Let Them Eat Biscuits and Go To the Bar:** more accessible, humane campaigning culture.

# The Liberal Democrats and Business Motions

**Towards a Humane & Caring Immigration Policy:** fair routes, faster decisions and dignity.

**A Constitutional Convention:** citizen-led overhaul of UK governance.

**Campaigning for Liberals:** data-driven, ethical and inclusive campaigning.

**Cross-Party Cooperation in Campaigns:** collaborate locally to beat authoritarianism.

**Business: Recognising Tessa Munt MP:** formally commend service and leadership.