



Liberal Democrat
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Energy Fringe Guide

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Introduction

Ahead of the Liberal Democrats' Party Conference 2014, we have put together an energy sector fringe guide for all those interested in, concerned by or indeed affected by the direction of the Lib Dem's energy policy development.

Many consider 'keeping the lights on' as the first responsibility of Government. Indeed powering the nation has become an increasingly politicized issue in response to the seemingly intractable nature of the energy trilemma we face; that is the quest for cheap, clean and secure energy. It will be interesting to see whether any firm policy positions emerge from the plethora of energy discussions scheduled to take place during the conference.

Last year we witnessed one of the most revolutionary energy policy announcements since privatisation as the Labour leader pledged to freeze energy prices if his party were returned to Government in 2015. This calculated political move sent shockwaves through the industry, fuelled debate about the long term direction of the UK's energy policy and ushered in something of an 'annus horribilis' for the Big Six.

Energy is set to form one of the major electoral battlegrounds over the coming months, both in terms of the cost of energy and sources of generation. We expect the Lib Dems to focus on the low carbon agenda in an effort to bolster their traditional support base amongst green groups.

Whether you have an interest in base-load power, renewable development, security of supply or the wider cost of living debate, this guide is designed to ensure that you don't miss out on any of the important policy discussions on the issues that matter most to you or your organisation.

Saturday

Ministerial Q&A Session: Energy with Ed Davey

15.00-16.00 SECC, Carron 1

Nuclear Industry Association: Low carbon spotlight: nuclear focus

20.15-21.30 SECC, Alsh 2

- Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change
- Rt Hon Lord Hutton, NIA Chairman

Conversation will consider the low-carbon energy mix and growth opportunities within the engineering industry.



Sunday

Green Liberal Democrats: The Big Green Fringe: Ensuring the Manifesto has a Strong Green Backbone

13.00-14.00 Crowne Plaza, Barra

- Mike Tuffrey, Green Book Editor
- Duncan Brack, Manifesto Working Group
- Speakers from ALDES, ALDTU, ALTER, LDCF, LDLA, LDPS, LDSOS and LY

European Water Label and WWF with the Green Liberal Democrats: How can more responsible consumers help the environment

19.45-21.00 Crowne Plaza, Shuna

- Mathew Beech, Utility Week (Chair)
- Dan Rogerson MP, DEFRA Waste, Water and Forestry Minister
- Ben Earl, Chair, European Water Label
- Glyn Davies, Executive Director of Global Programmes, WWF

CentreForum and Centrica Energy: Securing Britain's Energy Future - National vs Local: Who Decides?

19.45-21.00 Crowne Plaza, Staffa

- Adam Royle, National Trust
- Tessa Munt MP, PPS BIS
- Gabe Winn, Corporate Affairs Director, Centrica Energy
- Lord Teverson, co-Chair, Parliamentary Party Committee on Energy and Climate Change (invited)

Monday

Bond: The International Development Reception

19.45-21.00 SECC, Global Development Hub

- Together, we want to make sustainable development a priority for the next UK government. Join us to hear about what sector leaders and politicians will do in 2015 and beyond to create a world free from poverty.

Energy UK: The Energy Reception

5.30pm Crowne Plaza, Castle 3

- Drinks reception with food. Join industry players and policy makers to network and debate at a crucial time for the energy sector.



Tuesday

European Commission: Single Market: Making the internal energy market work?

08.00-09.00 SECC, Alsh 2

- Brian Johnson, Managing Editor of The Parliament Magazine (Chair)
- Dr Doug Parr, Chief Scientist from Greenpeace
- Stephen Tindale, Associate fellow at the Centre for European Reform

National Energy Action and Energy Action Scotland: A low carbon, affordable energy policy for all

08.00-09.00 SECC, Etive

- Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Bruce MP (Chair)
- Jenny Saunders OBE, Chief Executive, NEA
- Norman Kerr, Director, Energy Action Scotland
- Baroness Maddock
- Lord Shipley of Gosforth (invited)

Sustainable Energy Association and PRASEG with Green Liberal Democrats sponsored by Baxi: 'Sustainable Energy Manifesto: affordable route to a low carbon, secure energy future'

13.00-14.00 Crowne Plaza, Jura

- Baroness Maddock, Secretary, PRASEG (Chair)
- Dave Sowden, CEO, Sustainable Energy Association
- Trevor Hutchings, Director of UK and EU Advocacy, WWF UK
- Andrew Keating, Marketing Director for UK and Ireland, Baxi

Guardian with Siemens, National Grid, The Crown Estate, ENA, NIA, IET, IMechE: The Big Energy Debate

18.15-19.15 SECC, Boisdale 1

- Damian Carrington, Guardian (Chair)
- Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State, DECC
- Janine Freeman, UK/EU public affairs, National Grid
- Clark MacFarlane, MD, Siemens UK Wind Power Offshore
- Frank Mitchell, CEO, Scottish Power Energy Networks
- Huub de Rooijen, offshore wind, The Crown Estate

WWF and the Liberal Sustainability Network: 'Can the Liberal Democrats win the green vote in 2015?'

19.45-21.00 SECC, Carron 1

- Baroness Kate Parminter (Chair)
- Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (invited)
- David Nussbaum, WWF-UK
- Peter Kellner, YouGov
- Duncan Brack, Liberal Sustainability Network

UK Green Building Council, Energy Bill Revolution, Energy Saving Trust, Green Alliance: Homes Fit for the Future reception, sponsors: Knauf Insulation and Willmott Dixon

19.45-21.00 Crowne Plaza, Castle 1

Informal drinks Reception with keynote speeches from:

- Stephen Williams MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
- Lord Teverson, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change



Sustainability Hub, Mitsubishi Electric and the Green Liberal Democrats: Sustainability Hub Low Carbon Economy Reception

21.30-23.00 Crowne Plaza, Staffa & Shuna

- Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, Secretary of State, DECC
- Martin Fahey, Sustainable Solutions Manager, Mitsubishi Electric
- Dave Sowden, CEO, Sustainable Energy Association
- Simon Oliver, Chair, Green Liberal Democrats

Wednesday

ResPublica: Facilitating Competition and New Entrants into the UK's Energy Markets

08.00-09.00 SECC, Carron 2

- Rt Hon Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State, DECC
- Sir Robert Smith, Member, Energy Select Committee
- ResPublica
- Statnett

Prospect Magazine supported by Co-operative Energy: Beyond 2015: How green can Britain be given its energy challenges?

08.00-09.00 SECC, Ness

Energy policy breakfast with:

- Bronwen Maddox, Editor, Prospect (Chair)
- Stephen Lloyd MP, PPS to Ed Davey MP
- Lord Teverson, Co-chair of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee on Climate Change
- Ramsay Dunning, General Manager, Co-operative Energy

CentreForum and Smart Energy GB: The Energy Breakfast

09.30-10.30 Crowne Plaza, Barra

- Rt Hon Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State, DECC
- Sacha Deshmukh, Chief Executive, Smart Energy GB

Hear from the Secretary of State as he discusses the current energy landscape and the role smart meters will play in future national energy policy.