

Autumn Party Conference 2007



The New Local Government Network is an independent think tank that seeks to transform public services, revitalise local political leadership and empower local communities.

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New Local Government Network fringe events at the Autumn party conferences

Green Shoots: Can local action prevent climate change?

Councils have a unique role in being able to shape their local environmental needs. This event will debate how local action – from promoting recycling to local carbon trading – can help to tackle climate change at the local level.

It's about more than Council Tax! How should we finance local government?

The Lyons Inquiry offers a new direction for developing local economies by putting local councils at the heart of economic development. This event will explore how we can harness the expertise of local government in developing prosperity and how councils should be financed.

Is the North/South divide inevitable?

London and the South East continue to power the UK economy and economic disparity between the North and South remains stubbornly disparate. This event will assess how to invigorate English cities and regions and ensure economic prosperity for all areas.

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Liberal Democrat Party Conference - Brighton

Monday 17 September, 6.30pm
Glyndebourne 2, The Holiday Inn, Brighton

Is the North/South divide inevitable?

Speakers:

Susan Kramer MP

Shadow Secretary of State for Transport

Cllr Jill Shortland

Leader, Somerset County Council

Cllr Warren Bradley

Leader, Liverpool City Council

Juliet Williams

Chairman, South West RDA

Chair:

Chris Leslie

Director, NLGN

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Wednesday 19 September, 1.00pm
Tennyson Room, Thistle Hotel, Brighton

It's about more than Council Tax! How should we finance local government?

Speakers:

Andrew Stunell MP,

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Julia Goldsworthy MP

Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Cllr Isobel McCall

Leader, Milton Keynes Borough Council

Chair:

James Hulme

Head of Communications, NLGN

Labour Party Conference - Bournemouth

Sunday 23rd September, 6.00pm
Circle Bar, Pavilion, Bournemouth

Green Shoots: Can local action prevent climate change?

Speakers:

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Cllr Mike Edwards

Deputy Leader, Nottingham City Council

John Best

Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Council

Chris Leslie

Director, NLGN

Chair:

Jonathan Freedland

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Monday 24th September, 1.00pm
Circle Bar, Pavilion, Bournemouth

It's about more than Council Tax! How should we finance local government?

Speakers:

John Healey MP

Minister of State, Communities and Local Government

Paul Coen

Chief Executive, Local Government Association

Ray Morgan

Chief Executive, Woking Borough Council

Chair:

Chris Leslie

Director, NLGN

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Tuesday 25th September, 1.00pm
Westcliff Room, Tralee Hotel, Bournemouth

Is the North/South divide inevitable?

Speakers:

Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Jules Pipe

Mayor of Hackney

Juliet Williams

Chairman, South West RDA

Chair:

Chris Leslie

Director, NLGN

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Conservative Party Conference - Blackpool

Tuesday 2nd October, 7.30pm
Imperial 2, Imperial Hotel, Blackpool

It's about more than Council Tax! How should we finance local government?

Speakers:

Alistair Burt MP

Shadow Minister for Local Government Affairs & Communities

Cllr Stephen Greenhalgh

Leader, Hammersmith & Fulham Council

Stephen Hughes

Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council

Chair:

Dick Sorabji

Deputy Director, NLGN

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Wednesday 3rd October, 1.00pm
Imperial 1, Imperial Hotel, Blackpool

Is the North/South divide inevitable?

Speakers:

Sir Simon Milton

Chairman, Local Government Association

Cllr Susan Williams

Leader, Trafford Council

Juliet Williams

Chairman, South West RDA

Andrew Lewis

Director, The Northern Way

Chair:

Dick Sorabji

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