

# [The Liberal Democrats are here for you.](#)

**This is an incredibly difficult time for people. Right across our country, coronavirus has caused enormous upheaval and uncertainty.**

Too many have lost loved ones. Too many have lost their livelihoods.

In many ways this crisis has amplified pressures in our communities that have for too long been ignored. **That must change.**

But we have endured three deeply disappointing general elections, in five tough years. At the national level at least, too many people think we're out of touch with what they want.

We can't fix this with a catchy new slogan. Or by fighting the same battles, in the same way. **The answer is to listen to what people are really telling us. And to change.**

That's why our new leader Ed Davey has been touring the country, meeting people and listening to their problems and fears, hopes and dreams.

**We want to help people get on, and build a fairer, greener, more caring future.**

That's who we are. That is what we will be. And that is the future we will build.

If those are your values too, **why not join us today?**

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## [Black History Month 2020](#)

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Their contributions have shaped our national identity and are evident in every field from literature, politics, science, business, music and arts.

Throughout this month, we remember icons from the trailblazing composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, to Margaret Busby – Britain's youngest and first Black female book publisher.

We also celebrate those who helped establish our National Health Service, joined the war effort, marched for justice and worked tirelessly to build a better world for all of us.

Just a few months ago, the world watched in horror as George Floyd died at the hands of a white police officer in Minneapolis.

The violence inflicted on him and so many other Black people across America is abhorrent, and **it is time everyone woke up to the multiple injustices Black people face – and not simply in America.**

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In the wake of George Floyd's killing, the demand for justice, that Black lives matter, has reverberated around the world and a new generation of activists has arisen in the longstanding battle for racial justice.

We must support these movements and help them provoke reform, in America, in our own country and **wherever racial injustice and racial discrimination raises its ugly head.**

The shocking reality is, systemic discrimination is a lived reality for Black people; we see it in classrooms, in offices and throughout the criminal justice system.

For example, in the UK a Black person is 47 times more likely to be subject to Section 60 'Suspicionless' Stop and Search than a white person. **This is unacceptable. That's why I have demanded that the government scrap that power once and for all.**

It's upon all of us to start doing the honest, hard, uncomfortable work of dismantling anti-Black racism.

The last few months have made it clear that there must no longer be anywhere to hide for racial injustice: **the curtain must be finally being pulled down on systems complicit in the oppression and dehumanisation of Black people.**

We can no longer be content with the status quo, nor can we merely pay lip service to issues of racial injustice. **It's upon all of us to start doing the honest, hard, uncomfortable work of dismantling anti-Black racism.**

As a party, we will continue to stand with Black communities and we will keep

affirming the fundamental truth that **Black lives matter**.

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## [Why the Liberal Democrats voted against the Coronavirus Act](#)

The coronavirus crisis is taking an enormous toll on people up and down the country. This pandemic has caused huge upheaval and uncertainty for families and communities everywhere.

**We all want life to get back to normal as soon as possible.**

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## [Hong Kong's Future](#)

My late friend Paddy Ashdown saw this coming.

When Hong Kong was handed over to China, he campaigned to give Hong Kongers the right to live in the UK should China ever renege on the promises made and enshrined in the Joint Declaration.

It's up to us to protect the people of Hong Kong and their human rights.

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# Ed Davey's speech to Liberal Democrat conference

In his first keynote conference speech as Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Ed Davey shared his vision on rebuilding the Party and how he plans to fight for a greener, fairer country as we move forward through the coronavirus pandemic.

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