

Home Office to profit £4m from nurse tax

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Not only is Boris Johnson’s pledge for 50,000 nurses not true.

The Conservatives are trying to profit from taxing hardworking nurses.

The Conservative’s manifesto commitment includes 12,000 nurses from abroad. The visa fee will be **£464 for EU and international nurses**. The [cost](#) to the Home Office of processing one of those visa applications, however?

£317 if it’s in the UK or **£127** if it’s made from overseas.

The Home Office would, therefore, make **£4 million profit** off the 12,000 nurses who are coming to the UK to work in our NHS to meet Boris’s demands.

Only someone as deceitful as Boris Johnson could dress up **exploiting nurses as a gift to the NHS**.

Our NHS currently relies on the hard work of 20,000 EU nurses. We are already desperately short on numbers due to the **5,000 nurses who have already left the NHS**. Many of those facing the nurse tax will come from the EU.

To discourage EU nurses from working in the NHS when we already have a shortage makes no sense at all.

Liberal Democrats will stop Brexit to support our NHS workforce and invest £7 billion a year in health and social care to build a brighter future.

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Our commitment to protecting marine life

“We will put the UK at the heart of global efforts to protect our marine environment.”

Our marine environment is in crisis. Programmes like the BBC's Blue Planet 2 have revealed the scale of the threat.

The world's beloved marine species like whales and turtles face numerous threats. Plastic pollution, over-fishing, high volumes of shipping traffic, and rising temperatures are but a few.

We must act now to ensure that our global ocean thrives for future generations to enjoy.

Over the next Parliament, **we will expand the 'Blue Belt' of Marine Protected areas**. By 2030, this will cover at least 50% of the UK's territorial waters. This includes overseas territories.

This policy will ensure better regulation of commercial activities, such as fishing. It will also protect biodiversity in key habitats through effective monitoring.

We will also protect and restore England's lakes, rivers and wetlands. We will reform water management and introduce higher water efficiency standards. Additionally, plastic pollution is a major threat to the marine environment. To tackle this issue, we will introduce a Zero-Waste and Resource Efficiency Act. This will encourage the transition towards a circular economy in the UK.

We will put the UK at the heart of global efforts to protect our marine environment.

This is at the heart of our plan to build a brighter future.

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[10 Reasons to Volunteer at the Hub](#)

Our Volunteer Hub has just opened in central London, and we've had a great first week. Hundreds of volunteers have come through our doors in the past few days, but there's always room for more. Here are our top 10 reasons to make the Volunteer Hub your after-work or weekend destination:

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[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

One in three women will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. More women are killed or incapacitated by violence against them than by cancer. Every week, two women in England in Wales are killed by a current or former partner.

Faced with these facts it seems almost impossible to imagine the mountain we need to climb to end violence against women. We need to take bold action now to tackle this crisis. This International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, I'm proud to set out the Liberal Democrat plan to protect women from violence.

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[Five Reasons to Volunteer for the Liberal Democrats](#)

So you're thinking about volunteering for the Liberal Democrats.



Good choice.

It can seem a bit daunting to come and work with the people you see on the news or on Have I Got News For You.

But take it from me: as someone who volunteered, **it was the best decision I've ever made.**

Here's why.

1. There has never been a more exciting time to volunteer with the Liberal Democrats



#Swelfie

It's election season, which means that things around here are going supersonic. This election is going to be one of the most important in our lifetimes. Brexit, the economy, and progressive politics are all hanging in the balance.

We have a brilliant, inspiring leader in Jo Swinson, a fantastic array of candidates in seats across the country, and the wind in our sails. We had our best ever results in the local and European Parliamentary elections and we won the Brecon and Radnorshire by-election.

It's a hugely exciting moment for the party – and **you could be a part of it.**

2. We are the party that will stop Brexit



'Nuff Said.

None of this “negotiate again” nonsense from Labour. Not Johnson’s awful Brexit deal.

Just stopping this pointless, damaging Brexit dead in its tracks.

3. Your work is genuinely important



Help Us Fly!

No matter where you volunteer, whether it be out canvassing with your local party, at Lib Dem HQ, or even with one of our MPs, you won’t just be stuck in a filing room.

We are extremely grateful for all of the hard work our volunteers put in, and we are committed to ensuring your time with us is **exciting, rewarding, and fun.**

4. It opens up a world of opportunities



A Whole New World

When you volunteer with us, you will meet people from all walks of life. Whether in an office or out on the streets, you will get an opportunity to **make new friends** and even **network**.

We at the Liberal Democrats are a family, and we love to see people flourish. Volunteering not only looks great on a CV, but there might even be opportunities opened up to you there and then!

Take it from me – I volunteered, and here I am now.

5. Fun for all the family



We are family

Speaking of being a family, the Liberal Democrats are full of funny, inspiring, welcoming people from across the party.

The atmosphere is one of **fun, excitement and passion** – we are all here because we care deeply about the progressive, liberal politics that the party stands for.

Anyone who shares these values is extremely welcome, and we would love to hear from you.

The Liberal Democrats are committed to stopping Brexit and building a brighter future. If you want to be part of our plan for the future, sign up now!

You can get involved at the amazing new volunteer hub in London by emailing us:

volunteer@libdems.org.uk

Or sign up here to find out about other ways to help across the country:

<https://www.libdems.org.uk/volunteer>

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