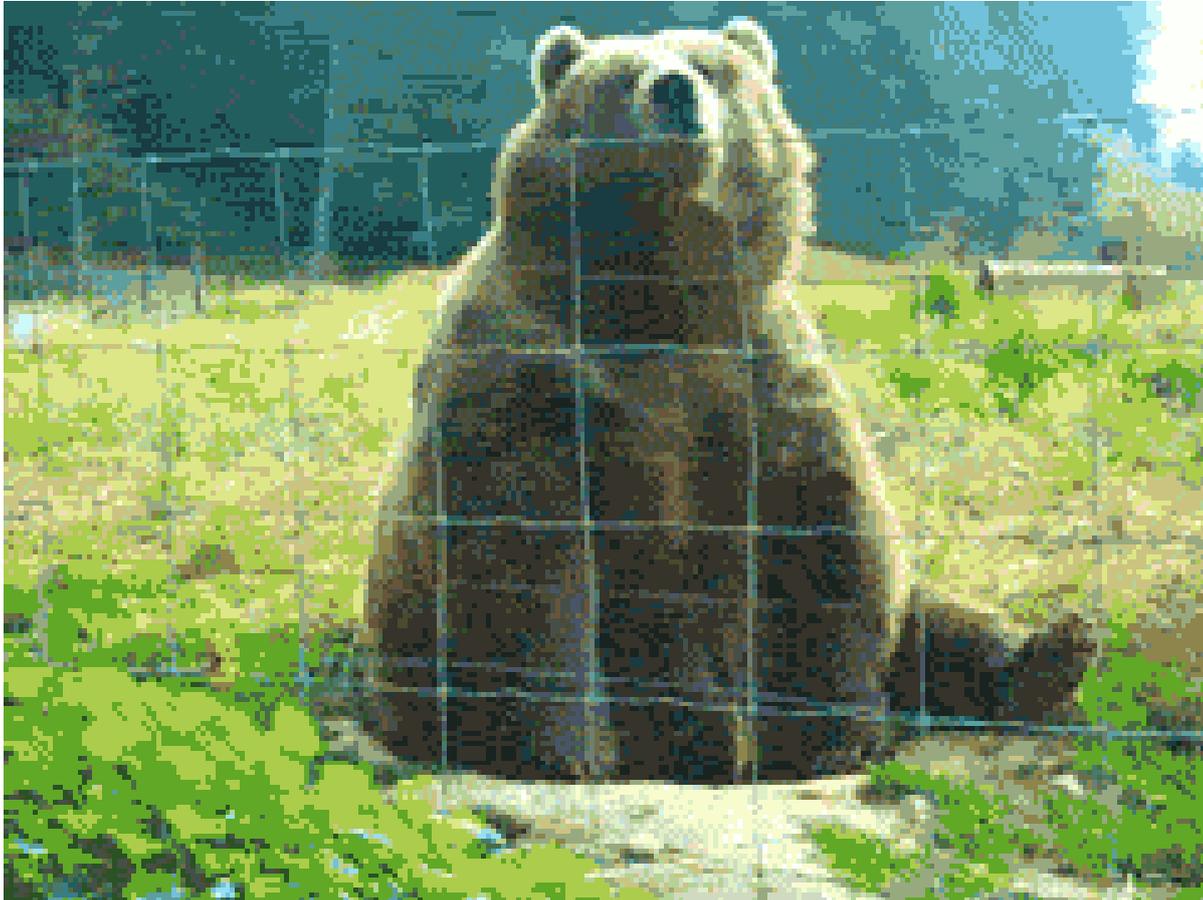


# Welcome to the family!

I'm sure you've noticed. It's pretty hard not to.

There's rather a lot of few new faces among our ranks.



In recent months, the Liberal Democrats have welcomed more and more brilliant, progressive MPs into our ranks. MPs like **Chuka Umunna** and **Luciana Berger** have joined us from the Labour Party, while MPs like **Sarah Wollaston** and **Sam Gyimah** have joined us from the Conservatives.

They have joined the Liberal Democrats as the biggest movement fighting to stop Brexit and build a Brighter Future for Britain.

But it's just not MPs. **75,000** people have joined our party as members and supporters in recent months... and many of them are also former Labour or Conservative members!

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**WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME,**

So why are so many coming to the Lib Dem family? Well, we asked them!

**Fiona Dryburgh, Former Labour Councillor**



*"Having been a Labour member for over 20 years, I was devastated to have to leave the party but it had become unrecognisable to me – a refusal to commit to Europe, rising anti-Semitism and a dogged lurch to the left, meant I no longer felt it was my political home.*

*"I wanted a party committed to the future, not the politics of the past – it was Jo Swinson's Liberal Democrats that were the obvious choice as a party to deliver a brighter future for the whole of the UK."*

## **Gabriel Rozenberg, Former Conservative Councillor**



*"The Conservatives have become a party promoting an extremist view of isolationism. It wasn't an easy decision to make but I could no longer campaign for them.*

*"The Lib Dems are a proudly internationalist party and the only pro-business party left."*

We are incredibly grateful to have so many fantastic new members like Fiona and Gabriel, joining our diverse, bold family. Together, we can stop Brexit and build a brighter future.

Think we can do it?



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## [Mental Health Policies Announcement](#)

We have already lost more than 5,000 EU nurses in the last two years.

Day in, day out, millions of people are affected by mental health issues across the country. But when they ask for help, it's often not available.

The NHS has been driven to crisis point by chronic underinvestment by the Tories. Their reckless pursuit of Brexit means we have already lost more than **5,000 EU nurses** in the last two years.

Mental health care is one of the most neglected areas. **One in ten consultant psychiatrist roles are vacant.**

The Tories promised sweeping reforms to mental health. **Instead, they have**

**crippled our NHS.**

This is unacceptable, and **the Liberal Democrats demand better.**

We have set out a bold, new vision for how we improve mental health support for everyone.

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In our manifesto, we commit to:

- **Treat mental health with the same urgency as physical health**
- **Increase access to clinically-effective talking therapies**
- **Increase the number of psychiatrists and specialist mental health practitioners**
- **Put a focus on children's services, eating disorders, and bipolar disorders.**
- **Provide 24-hour mental health services in all hospitals.**
- **End the use of prison cells to hold those suffering from severe mental distress.**

Through these policies, we will build a better future for those suffering from mental health issues and their families.

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## **The Remain Bonus**

Brexit has already taken far longer and cost far more than anyone said it would. **But this is just the beginning.** New research has uncovered a shocking figure:

**Brexit will slash our economy by £50 billion over the next five years.**

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# [Come help out at our Volunteer Hub!](#)

**Want to help during the election? We're open for business.**

The work done here is so important – and we make it fun!

We've got a brand new Campaigns hub in Charing Cross – and we need you to join us!

[RSVP here](#)

**All you have to do is RSVP here and then come along.**

We have everything – admin, surveying, phone canvassing – to get done and less than a month to do it in!

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## [Phone Banking](#)

**Come and join the phone canvassing team!**

We're hitting the phones hard this election, and we need you to lend your voice to the cause.

**Come and join our evening group at the new Volunteer Hub!**

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