

# [Stop Brexit & fight the climate crisis](#)

It was a pleasure to be in Leeds today to give my keynote speech as Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor.

Things need to change. Too many people can't live a secure, happy and fulfilling life. And too many businesses face crippling uncertainty over their future.

The economic debate in this election has been between two fantasies. Between Conservative fantasies of the days of empire or Labour fantasies of failed '70s socialism. **Both Boris Johnson and Jeremy Corbyn will only take our country backwards.**

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# [The Liberal Democrats' £100bn pledge to tackle the climate emergency](#)

The climate crisis is doing irreversible damage to our planet, and our country deserves a government that has a clear, ambitious plan to tackle the climate emergency. That's the Liberal Democrats.

We previously announced our [bold green plan to build a brighter future](#), and today we go a step further as Ed Davey unveils the Liberal Democrats' latest economic pledge in taking urgent climate action.

A Liberal Democrat government will jump-start an economy-wide programme to tackle the climate emergency. Across a five year parliament, **we will spend and invest an extra £100 billion of public finance on climate action and environmental preservation.**

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This will include a new £10 billion Renewable Power Fund to leverage in over £100 billion of extra private climate investment.

This will **fast-track deployment of clean energy**, to make Britain not just the world leader in offshore wind, but also the global number one in tidal power too. There will also be a £15 billion investment to make every building in

the country greener, with an emergency ten-year programme to save energy, end fuel poverty and cut heating bills.

This election debate on the economy and public spending has Brexit at its heart, and the simple fact is, **no party's economic plan is remotely credible unless it starts with stopping Brexit.**

With stopping Brexit as our number one economic policy, the Liberal Democrats won't just grow the economy faster, but we'll generate a £50 billion Remain Bonus and invest it in public services and tackling inequality.

Learn more about our Plan for the Future [here](#).

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## [Our plan for equalities and human rights](#)

We have always been fierce advocates for human rights. We believe in a Britain where nobody has to fear discrimination. A Liberal Democrat government will put equality at the heart of society and the workplace.

We've announced a huge raft of policies on rights and equalities. They are our blueprint for a government that respects the rights of the individual. **This will be our foundation for a society where dignity, privacy and equality are valued.**

A Liberal Democrat government will put equality at the heart of its agenda and strive towards a brighter future.

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## [The Liberal Democrats' plan for](#)

# Equalities and Human Rights

The Liberal Democrats believe that in 21st century Britain, none of us should need to fear discrimination.

We believe that we should all have the same opportunities regardless of where we come from or our circumstances; and that our children and grandchildren can be who they want to be without any fear of persecution or intrusion.

A vote for the Liberal Democrats in this election is a vote for a government with equality for all at the heart of its agenda.

But sadly, that is not the reality of life in the UK.

Whilst both Labour and the Conservatives have failed to tackle harmful rhetoric and root out bigotry in their own parties, **the Liberal Democrats have a vision for the UK where everyone's rights and liberties are protected, and our diversity celebrated.**

Today, with the help of Chuka Umunna and Luciana Berger, we have launched our [Plan for Equalities and Human Rights](#) which includes a number of ambitious policies, such as:

- tackling the rise in hate crimes by making them all aggravated offences
- providing funding for protective security measures to places of worship, schools and community centres that are vulnerable to hate crime and terror attacks
- completing the introduction of equal marriage
- reducing the over-representation of people from BAME backgrounds throughout the criminal justice system

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Read our full Plan for Equalities and Human Rights [here](#).

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# Transgender Awareness Week

No one should live in fear of harassment or physical violence.

Trans Awareness Week is a time dedicated to **celebrating trans and gender non-conforming people.**

It is also an important opportunity. We must bring attention to the continued **injustices** and **inequalities** faced by trans people today

The week will culminate in the **Trans Day of Remembrance.** This is a day to honour those who have either been killed or have taken their own lives as a result of transphobia. As we pause to we remember the lives lost, we are reminded that transphobia is never funny or trivial. It can be fatal.

**No one should live in fear of harassment or physical violence.** However, this remains an everyday reality for many trans individuals.

**This must change.**

We see you, we support you and we stand with you as proud allies.

The Conservative government's consultation on the Gender Recognition Act last year should have been a move towards greater equality.

However, it resulted in a toxic debate. The media exacerbated this through widespread misreporting and fearmongering.

It's been appalling to see the identities and existence of trans people debated and questioned.

I can only imagine how utterly depressing it must be to see your very existence questioned and disputed online and in the media every single day.

To our friends in the trans community, we see you, we support you and we stand with you as proud allies. Thank you for your strength and resilience.

**We will keep fighting until you are treated with the dignity and respect you deserve.**

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