

Jo Swinson is running to be leader of the Liberal Democrats

On Question Time last night, Jo Swinson announced her intention to succeed Vince Cable as Lib Dem leader. She released her manifesto today, with 3 main themes:

I'm excited to announce I'm running for leader of the [@LibDems](#) so we can:

- Build an economy that puts people and the planet first
- Harness the technological revolution for Britain's future
- Rally a liberal movement to stand up for our values

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- Jo Swinson (@joswinson) [31 May 2019](#)

Jo will be attending a series of leadership hustings across the country. If you want to attend and learn more about her or Ed Davey's vision for the party, find out more here:

[Find a hustings](#)

If you want your say on the future of our party and the country, join the Liberal Democrats today. Membership starts at just £1 a month and if you're signed up by the 7th June you get a vote in the leadership election:

Have your say – join the Liberal Democrats now

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Best. EU results. Ever.

There can be no doubt. This weekend's results – our best ever in an EU election – prove that **the Liberal Democrats are back in business.**

16 brilliant MEPs.

20.3% of the national voteshare.

Beating Labour and the Tories for the first time since 1906.

Seeing so many of our hard-working candidates get the amazing results they deserved this weekend was an extraordinarily special feeling. My thanks go out to them and everyone who played a part in getting them elected.

My sympathies, too, go to those who just missed out. In Wales, for example, **we were a single percentage point off beating Welsh Labour** – who've dominated Welsh politics for a century. I am intensely proud of every single Liberal Democrat today. Savour this result; it's been hard earnt.

Jeremy Corbyn must now listen to his MPs, members and supporters.
He must now join our campaign to stop Brexit.

The results mark a sea change in British politics. **We are the biggest, strongest Remain party.** We are the real opposition to the damaging Brexit pushed by Nigel Farage and his sycophants in the Conservative Party.

But the Tories aren't the only ones with lessons to learn from the weekend. **The people have overwhelmingly rejected Labour's pro-Brexit stance.** Jeremy Corbyn must now listen to his MPs, members and supporters. **He must now join our campaign to stop Brexit.**

Our attention must now turn to Brecon and Radnorshire. Liberal Democrats are already fighting to give the people the chance to elect a new pro-EU MP – **Jane Dodds, our Welsh leader.** I hope you'll help us get Jane to Parliament – whether that's by volunteering on the ground, making some calls or donating to the campaign:

[I'll volunteer](#)

Over 10,000 people have joined the Liberal Democrats since the start of May. More and more people are standing up to demand better from politics and an exit from Brexit.

We are the biggest, strongest Remain party.

What's more, if you join as a member by 7th June, you get a say in choosing my successor as party leader. **There's never been a better time to become a Lib Dem – so why not join us today?**

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[World Menstrual Hygiene Day](#)

Today is World Menstrual Hygiene Day. **The date serves as a reminder that no one should be disadvantaged because of their period.** Eradicating period poverty has been a priority for Liberal Democrats for over two years. We were the first party to lay a motion on the issue in Parliament back in 2017 and in Wales our Education Minister, Kirsty Williams rolled out a £2.3 million scheme to provide sanitary products to girls across primary and secondary school. **The fight to eradicate period poverty wherever it exists is far from over.**

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[How do I vote in the Lib Dem leadership election?](#)

So as you may have heard – Vince is stepping down. **That means a leadership contest has been triggered.** Here's how to have your say on the future of our party!

But who can vote for the next Lib Dem leader?

The answer is simple – to vote, you need to join the Lib Dems as a member.

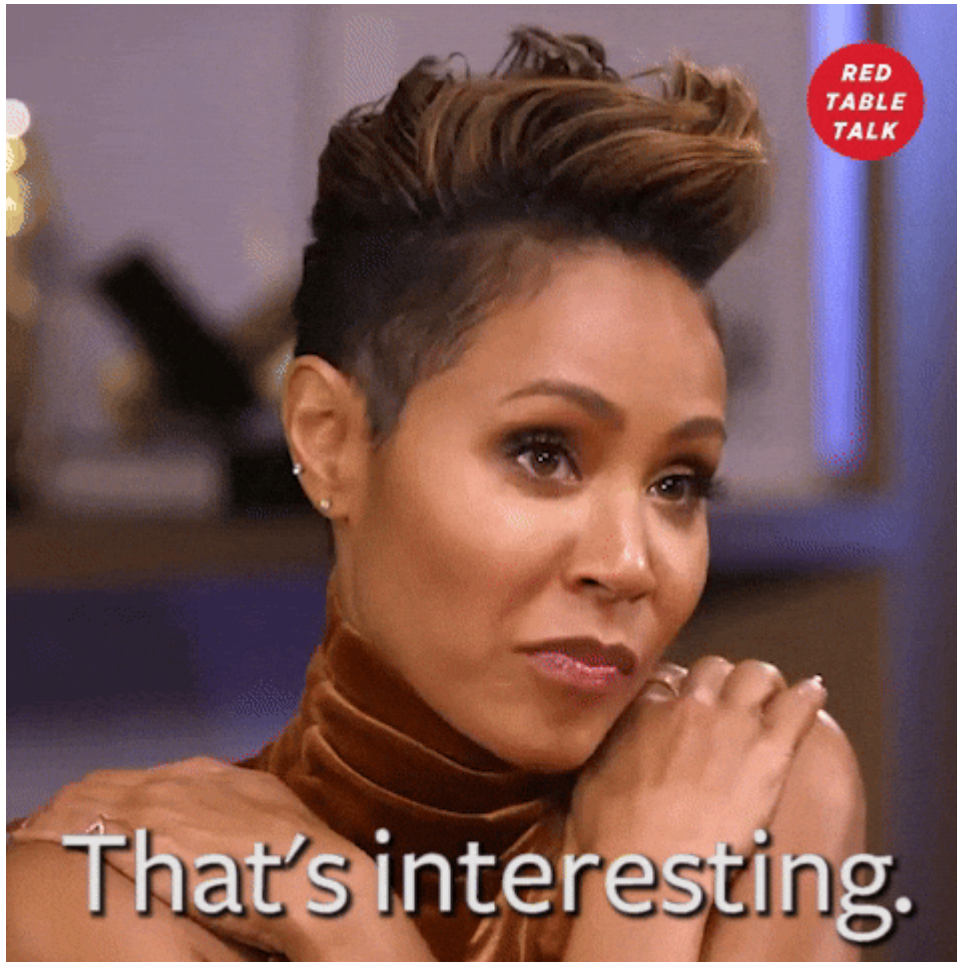
Who's standing to be leader?

Anyone who's a member by the 7th June will get a vote in the election.

You'll find out soon! Nominations close on the 7th June. **Any member of the Parliamentary Party can stand to be leader** – Alistair Carmichael, Norman Lamb, Tim Farron, Jo Swinson, Ed Davey, Layla Moran, Wera Hobhouse, Jamie Stone, Christine Jardine, Tom Brake or Vince Cable.

How much does it cost to become a member?

The answer is however much you want! **Membership starts at just £1 a month.**



When do I need to join by to vote in the leadership election?

Anyone who's a member by the **7th June** will get a vote in the election.

When will the new leader be announced?

Our new leader will take office on the **23rd of July**.

Membership starts at just £1 a month.

We're excited about what the future holds – our new leader is going to hit the ground running. **We're indisputably the biggest party that wants to stop Brexit**, and we're polling better than we have in a decade.

It's a great time to be a Lib Dem. We had some amazing results in the local elections and ran a huge campaign for the European elections. **Join us today, and have your say on where we go next.**

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Your chance to decide the future of the Lib Dems

As you know, Vince has now formally announced his resignation, and, as your President, I am triggering the process for the election of his successor as Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Vince for all he's done since he was elected leader in 2017. He's been a steadying influence when it was most needed – and that's led to us gaining new MEPs (exact number to be announce tomorrow evening!) and almost 800 councillors. **Thank you, Vince.**

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Anyone who joins by 7th June gets a vote and it couldn't be easier to get involved – it takes just 5 minutes to sign up. Membership starts at as little as £1 per month and you get a huge variety of benefits such as:

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- Come to conference and decide party policy
- Exclusive party training events
- Discounts and deals only available to members
- Stand for the party at local, Welsh Assembly/Scottish Parliament, Westminster or European level
- And more – you can read more here:

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Get involved today. **Join the biggest, strongest Remain party – become a Liberal Democrat member now.**

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