

## [His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#)

“Prince Philip dedicated his life to our country. We will always be grateful for his amazing service, not least the powerful legacy he leaves to millions of young people who have taken part in his unique Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

“His quiet and steadfast counsel and support of The Queen, is perhaps his greatest if unquantifiable contribution to our nation’s history.

“At this sad time for millions, we should never forget Prince Philip was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. So our thoughts must be with the whole Royal Family, but in particular with The Queen at this difficult time.”

**Ed Davey**

Leader of the Liberal Democrats

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## [May 6th – Local election event of the decade](#)

No such thing as Superheroes? Meet our Councillors and Activists!

This May the Liberal Democrats have one mission – **make Britain a fairer, greener, more caring country**. And we’ve been doing an **amazing** job!

Watch our new video to find out more about the achievements of our superhero Lib Dem Councillors and activists!

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## **3 reasons why we need more Liberal Democrat Councillors this May**

Today the Liberal Democrats have launched our campaign for the local elections in England on 6 May.

**Vote Liberal Democrat on 6 May and you'll get a local champion** who will get things done in your community. You'll get a cleaner, greener neighbourhood where recovery comes first and local people are listened to.

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## **Racial injustice is real – and we will keep fighting it**

As the Black Lives Matter protests highlighted so powerfully, too many people's lives both in the UK and across the world are blighted by discrimination, inequality and injustice. It is unacceptable.

**There is still so much to do to tackle racial injustice in our country.**

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## **Autism Acceptance Month**

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This Autism Acceptance Month comes soon after a Young Liberals motion, Autism Support, was passed at Liberal Democrat conference.

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Autistic people are more likely than the general population to have other learning difficulties, mental health illnesses and even physical disabilities.

These create a large amount of barriers for our community.

We also face huge problems in other areas of life.

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Only 8% of autistic people feel that their lives have improved in the decade since the 2009 "Autism Act" was passed into law – **it doesn't go far enough.**

I'm so pleased that **Young Liberals' Autism Support policy** being passed means that the Liberal Democrats will be calling for changes that autistic people have been fighting for for **too long.**

The Liberal Democrats are calling on the Government to provide better guidance on supporting autistic people in the workplace; to cut waiting lists for autism diagnosis by providing more funding; and increase training for teachers about autism.

The motion also calls for a wide range of changes across society. You can find the full motion as passed at conference [here](#).

This Autism Acceptance Month, **I'm excited for the road ahead.** The road to autism acceptance is long, **but it is liberal.**

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