

Liberal Democrats Federal Conference Brighton 16-21 September 2006



Regarding

Kashmir Peace Exhibition Stall

This is the second successful Kashmir exhibition at a national conference of a British political party.

The exhibition by Liberal Democrats Friends of Kashmir was visited by approx. Five thousand delegates this year, as mentioned in the in this brief report.

The basic aim has been to further reflect the positive aspects related to the current development taking place between Pakistan and India, over the Kashmir region.

We have experienced a unique opportunity to reflect the discussions, actions and postures that are being made by Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf, in stretching out his hand with the endeavor of dialogue through mutual amicable manner.

The stall shows the two countries and their leaders engaging with each other.

There was significant information reflecting the legal position on Kashmir as legislated by the United Nations.

Qassim Afzal has successfully continued to provide information, highlighting the political views from a trilateral prospective, Pakistan, India and Kashmir.

The exhibitions and LDFK working team were able to engage with the parties several thousand visitors, including Parliamentarians, Councillors, Group leaders, as well as constituency representatives from across the country.

Many Parliamentarians said "it was informative and balanced exhibition"

By Qassim Afzal

Tuesday 19th September

Lunchtime fringe cont.

Local Government Information Unit

A new model councillor
Chair: Tim Thorogood, Chief Executive LGIU. Speakers: Andrew Stunell MP, Liberal Democrat Communities and Local Government Spokesperson; Baroness Scott of Needham Market; Cllr Richard Kemp, Liberal Democrat Deputy Chair, LGA.
13.00-14.00
Arundel 2
Holiday Inn

Yorkshire and the Humber members. Building sustainable communities. Guest speakers, panel and lively debate. Sponsored by Northumbrian Water and Association of North East Councils.
13.00-14.00
Ashdown 2
Holiday Inn

Friends of Kashmir
Kashmiris call for justice
The people of Jammu

Commission for Rural Communities

The concerns of rural people
Are MPs out of touch with rural people? Rural advocate, Dr Stuart Burgess chairs a panel of speakers.
13.00-14.00
Lancing 1
Holiday Inn

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Lost in translation

Trust in people Make Britain fairer



Conference Directory
Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference
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Fringe

Conference fringe

Refugee Council / Refugee charities fringe

UK refugee and asylum policy: fit for purpose?
Bemm Donkoh, UN refugee agency (UNHCR); Anna Reisenberger, Refugee Council; Kate Allen, Amnesty International; Lib Dem Spokesperson (invited).
13.00-14.30
Shelley Room
Brighton Thistle Hotel

Afternoon fringe

London Region Policy Committee

Protecting British freedoms
Is the wrong language allowing Labour to scrap our civil liberties? London Region discusses how it is time to change the language of the civil liberties debate.
16.00-17.30
York Room
Hilton Brighton Metropol

CLIMATE CLINIC Greenpeace

Decentralised energy: local power
Stephen Tindale, Executive Director of Greenpeace and Ed Davey, DTI Spokesperson, debate why decentralised energy is the best way of tackling CO2 emissions in the energy sector.
17.00-18.30
Friends Meeting House

Directory

The stall displayed information found through the three delegations, 2003, Feb. 2005, and Dec 2006, which Qassim led with the international development Spokesperson shadow spokesperson Dr Jenny Tonge MP, and the Late Patcy Calton MP, and the most recent one chaired by him and led by the President of the Party Simon Hughes MP, including Don Foster MP, and special aid Cllr Ben Jephcott.

"A unique action, again, a first of its kind, and a strategic opportunity to bring the trilateral views of the sub-continent across to the party in an amicable, informative and constructive manner."