

# [Lifting Barriers to Work for Disabled People](#)

For too long those with disabilities have struggled to obtain secure employment – **a struggle intensified by Covid-19**. Disabled workers have been disproportionately impacted by furlough, reduced hours and redundancies.

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# [The Welsh Liberal Democrats will put the wellbeing of our people and planet first.](#)

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**We have all needed to find extra resilience, additional emotional resources, extra bandwidth in our efforts to get through these times.** A year when we lost people. When people lost jobs and livelihoods. When loneliness became an even bigger killer and when Welsh small businesses were brought to their knees.

**But Wales is a resilient nation.** Welshness through the centuries has been more than just a political or legal identity. It has been a way of life, a state of mind. Our community spirit has inspired the greatest social reformers who have transformed Britain.

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# Supporting small businesses, workers and the self-employed

Covid-19 has wrought havoc on our small businesses, employees and self-employed people across the country.

The Government has hung millions of small-business owners and the self-employed out to dry.

More than three million people have been completely excluded from the Government's income support scheme.

They've had to struggle through this pandemic with no support.

It's just not good enough.

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## Government's Integrated Review is not strategic, not integrated and not a proper review.

This week the Conservative Government published their Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy. The Government's priorities set out in this Review are full of hubris and broken promises.

The Prime Minister has said the Government is "standing up for our values". Yet, the Review shows the Government reneging on commitments to help the world's poorest while increasing spending on nuclear warheads, putting economic ties before human rights, drastically cutting our armed forces to fill Defence Budget black holes, failing to take decisive action on China and Russia and ignoring the need to rebuild cooperation with the EU.

We are fighting for a UK that stands for liberal, internationalist and compassionate values on the world stage.

The Integrated Review is not strategic, not integrated and not a proper review. It isn't even conclusive, finishing by saying that it will be followed by "further strategies".

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## [Lib Dems oppose the protest crackdown law](#)

This week Liberal Democrat MPs will vote against the protest crackdown law.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill is a mammoth 300 page piece of legislation.

The Conservatives' plans to crackdown on protests are dangerous and draconian.

There are some measures in the Bill that the Liberal Democrats support – such as the Police Covenant to make sure officers get the support they deserve, and changes to rules on disclosing criminal records to help with rehabilitation.

But other parts of the Bill are extremely concerning.

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