

[Britain must re-enter the world stage](#)

Reports that the 25th amendment may be invoked to remove Donald Trump from office reaffirm what we already knew: **Donald Trump is not and has never been fit to hold the office of President.**

The scenes coming out of Washington last night were an attack on democracy, plain and simple. pic.twitter.com/U00CSBvS1e

– Liberal Democrats (@LibDems) [January 7, 2021](#)

The Tories should be ashamed of how they cosied up to Trump and his administration, how they stood by as he flouted the international rules-based order and how they have mimicked his populist agenda.

While this comes too late to avoid the damage Trump has done in the US and beyond, **there is new hope in the inauguration of Biden on the 20th.**

Liberal Democrats call on the Prime Minister to **end Britain's long walk towards isolation** and to seize this opportunity to **re-enter the world stage** as a strong ally in the **fight to promote peace and end climate change and injustice.**

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[Make someone amazing smile – nominate them for an award!](#)

Party Awards recognise publicly those who have given the party outstanding service and commitment in the past year. They are presented at Conference and each winner receives a trophy to keep.

[You can watch last autumn's presentation ceremony here!](#)

We present three awards at Spring Conference, and five at Autumn Conference. You can [nominate someone by clicking here](#). The upcoming awards are:

The Leader's Award

Eligibility: any member of the party.

Criteria: awarded to those who have shown exemplary leadership skills while working or volunteering for the Party. Ranging from long-standing service at the Head of a Council, to effective rallying of new and exciting campaigns for the Party, or even guiding a local Party through a difficult time, anyone is eligible and the Party seeks to recognise leadership in all of its shapes and sizes.

The Albert Ingham Award

Background: this award is named for one of the Party's great Election Agents, Albert Ingham. Albert's work, much of it in his home county of Yorkshire, was prodigious and his impact on the Party ranged from organising to fundraising to promoting fresh talent.

Eligibility: Any election agent or senior member of a campaign team

Criteria: awarded to those whose most recent campaign, through its excellence, fastidiousness, tenacity or novelty has been a model for others to follow.

The Bertha Bowness Fischer Award

Background: this award is named for the Country's first woman to become a qualified election agent – who as a Liberal is a testament to our traditions of equality, inclusion and campaigning rigour.

Eligibility: any newer (less than two years) member of the Party.

Criteria: awarded to those who have shown outstanding energy and/or ingenuity in supporting their new-found political home. It seeks to welcome those people who may well be the future of the Party, no matter their background. It is named for a trailblazer for women in not just liberal, but all politics, and recognises the contributions of new friends from outside of politics and from other parties alike.

More details about the individual awards and who is eligible can be [found here](#).

Candidates must themselves be party members, and be nominated and seconded by two party members.

All nominations should be completed using [this nomination portal](#).

What is the deadline and when will I find out?

Nominations will close on Monday February 15th at 17:00.

All nominators will receive confirmation of their nomination shortly

thereafter. If your nominee is selected for an award, they and you will be informed by March 8th.

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In November, the Liberal Democrats launched a campaign calling on the UK Government to immediately raise Carer's Allowance by £1,000 a year, the same as the uplift in Universal Credit. To make this campaign a success, we need local parties up and down the country to make it part of their campaigns.

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[Johnson has waited till the eleventh hour to act](#)

This is the public health policy the Prime Minister should have announced before Christmas.

But yet again, Boris Johnson ducked the difficult decisions, failed to listen to experts and acted too late.

Just yesterday morning Johnson was telling parents that schools were safe and children should definitely go. Today he is telling us that they must all move to remote learning but without any proper future plan.

The Prime Minister's **failure to act** earlier means we are seeing record numbers of new infections, a rising death rate, hospitals overwhelmed and NHS and care staff exhausted.

With this new lockdown, Liberal Democrats believe it's urgent that the Government:

- announce a new comprehensive economic plan for businesses and the self-employed
- introduce a plan to increase Carer's allowance in line with the increases in Universal Credit
- and fully take account of the impact of these developments on the mental health of young people and vulnerable individuals who are going through an incredibly difficult time

All around the world, the evidence is that acting early is critical to minimising damage to the economy and protecting public health.

We need a Prime Minister who can act in time, not one who acts when it is too late.

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Attempting to put Parliament in the driving seat on Brexit

Today, we have tabled a series of amendments to the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill that demand the Government protect British businesses, the rights of UK nationals and ensure Parliament has proper scrutiny over the future relationship agreement.

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