

About ALDES

ALDES, the Association of Lib Dem Engineers and Scientists, was formed at the 1991 Autumn Conference at Bournemouth. It has over 200 members, mostly professional engineers and scientists, and includes a number of MPs, MEPs, members of the House of Lords, and several professors.



Virtually all political subjects have some science based element. For example exploitation of fossil fuels has brought huge economic benefits, but now scientists and engineers are struggling to find ways to sustain those benefits whilst containing global warming.

The pharmaceutical industry produces new health giving drugs and doctors expand the range of potential treatments each year, but the cost is forcing a debate on expanding or rationing care in the NHS. Progress in telecommunications and computers has changing the whole way we work. Clerical work can now be done as easily in Taiwan as Torquay. Science and technology underpin our lifestyles.

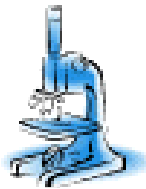
Yet science only provides options: politicians must choose. Unhappily few scientists and those in the science-based professions such as engineering and medicine get involved in UK politics and politicians are poorly educated in technical matters.

ALDES aims to bridge that gap. Political parties need people with know how to generate innovative ideas and ensure policy has a secure scientific foundation.

ALDES has 3 main objectives:

- To serve the Liberal Democrat party by providing specialist knowledge in policy development
- To promote better understanding within the party of what science and those who use science such as engineers and medics can and can not do, and so create a positive image for science and technology
- To create a good fellowship in the party amongst engineers, scientists and others with an interest in scientific and technical matters

ALDES organises fringe meetings at federal conferences and has concise and readable briefing notes or booklets on over 30 subjects on the political/scientific interface. It contributes to most party policy working groups. Members keep in touch via 4 newsletters a year, a web site and email conference. Its AGM takes place at the party's Autumn conference. It is a Specified Associated Organisation within the Liberal Democrat party.



New members must be members of the party, but all are *always* welcomed. A list of ALDES briefing notes and meetings is given over. Alternatively visit our web site.

web site: www.aldes.org.uk

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following topics**

Energy

- Bio-fuels for transport
- Clean Coal
- Hydrogen
- Energy efficient cars
- Micro-generation
- Large Dams and Hydro Electricity
- Tidal Current Power
- The Severn and other Tidal Barrages
- Electricity from the Sun
- Wave Power
- Wind Power
- Nuclear Power (Booklet)

Other

- Alternative Medicine
- The BSE Story
- Depleted Uranium
- Desalination
- Drugs
- Floods
- Fluoridation
- Global Warming
- GM Crops
- How Hurricanes Happen
- Identity Cards
- The Internet
- Light Pollution
- Masts and Mobile Phones
- MMR Vaccine
- Nanotechnology
- Recycling
- Thames Barrier
- Transport
- Tsunamis
- No Water: No Food
- The Green Electricity Scam (Report)
- Get More from your Taxes (Report)

ALDES briefing notes and booklets are intended to be concise, factually accurate, balanced and, as far as possible, up to date. A modest charge is made for paper copies.

Conference fringe meetings

- Mar '08** Your zero carbon car: How soon? Speaker Prof Richard Folkson IMechE
- Mar '07** Nanotechnology: Where Small is Very Beautiful. Speaker Prof Mike Gibbs, Sheffield Univ.
- Sept '06** Life without Science. Speakers Lord Dick Taverne et al
- March '06** Micro-generation: Power your own house! Speaker Chris Trott, Arup
- Sept '05** Where can your recycling go? Speaker Ray Georgeson, WRAP
- March '05** Grow your own petrol. Speaker Dr Nigel Mortimer. Also An evening with Lembit Opik on Innovation
- Sept '04** Cutting traffic in your city. Speaker Derek Turner ICE
- March '04** Aid for the Developing World. Speaker Jenny Tonge MP
- Sept '03** What Science can do for the Developing World. Speaker Sir John Sulston, Nobel Prizewinner
- Mar '03** Windmills under the Waves. Speaker Dr John Loveless, Bristol Univ.
- Sept '02** The future for the Railways. Speaker Chris Green CEO Virgin Trains
- Earlier talks on** The Disposal of Nuclear Waste; No Risks, No Medicine
The very latest in solar energy.
Hydrogen, the clean fuel for the future?
Asteroid Watch Designer Babies Etc.

ALDES fringe meetings are designed to inform: to present the facts and the pros and cons of an issue at the scientific/political interface.