





Overview – Key Party positions following conference season

	Conservative 	Labour 	Liberal Democrats 	Green 
<p><u>Skills</u></p> <p>Conservatives focus on ramping up standards in technical education and scaling up roll out of IoTs, supported by Skills and Productivity Board.</p> <p>Labour plans major push on uptake of apprenticeships and T-levels, with education and training ‘free at point of use’ under ‘National Education Service’</p>	<p>Delivery of a “revolution in technical education”.</p> <p>Aim is to overtake Germany on technical routes by 2029. Plans to launch a further 8 new Institutes of Technology (IoTs) to unite FE colleges, universities and employers.</p> <p>Ambition for an IoT to deliver higher level technical education in every major city of England.</p>	<p>A National Education Service, from early years through to adult education.</p> <p>Replace Advanced Learner Loans and upfront course fees with direct funding.</p> <p>Increase capital investment to colleges for delivery of T-levels and an official pre-apprenticeship trainee programme.</p>	<p>Develop a zero-carbon skills strategy.</p> <p>Implement zero-carbon education and public engagement strategies.</p> <p>Every adult in England to receive a Personal Education and Skills Account (PESA), into which the government would make at least three payments of £3,000 over the course of their lifetime.</p>	<p>Reverse government’s privatisation and commercialisation of schools, colleges, and universities.</p> <p>Abolish university tuition fees.</p>

<p>Lib Dems emphasise a clear zero carbon dimension to education and skills, with a personalised spending allowance per adult in England</p> <p>Greens focused on nationalisation of education</p>	<p>An expert skills and productivity board will provide strategic advice on skills and qualifications.</p>	<p>Maintain Levy, while IfATE reports on quality outcomes of completed apprenticeships. Set target to double number of completed apprenticeships at NVQ level 3 by 2022.</p> <p>Guarantee trade union representation in governance structures of Institute for Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Set targets to increase diversity and inclusion amongst apprentices.</p>	<p>Earners and employers would have the option to make their own contributions into the PESA as well. Increase spending on 16-19 education.</p> <p>Develop National Colleges as centres of expertise for key sectors, such as renewable energy.</p> <p>Expand higher vocational training to fill skills gaps.</p>	
<p><u>Sector</u></p> <p>Conservatives plan to invest in 'green growth'</p> <p>Labour issues open ended commitment to achieving climate change obligations,</p>	<p>'Net-zero package', incl. up to £1 bn investment in green growth in the automotive industry.</p> <p>An initial £200 million investment to support a commercially viable fusion power plant by 2040.</p>	<p>Net-zero emissions by 2030. "Whatever resources are necessary" to meet climate change obligations.</p> <p>Creation of Sustainable Investment Board to support low carbon</p>	<p>A statutory duty for each principal local authority to set a Zero-Carbon Strategy.</p> <p>Regional industrial innovation clusters.</p> <p>Emergency 10-year programme to reduce</p>	<p>A "Climate Chancellor" so all decisions are judged on environmental impact.</p> <p>Introduce carbon tax to fund investments in renewable energy.</p>

<p>alongside low carbon investment</p> <p>Lib Dems and Greens propose bringing forward ban on petrol and diesel vehicles – indeed there is growing cross party support for bringing forward the sale ban to 2035</p>		<p>technologies and sectors.</p> <p>60 per cent of the UK’s energy from low-carbon or renewable sources within 12 years.</p>	<p>energy consumption from all UK buildings, incl. free retrofits for low-income homes.</p> <p>End sale of new diesel and petrol cars and small vans, incl. hybrids, by 2030, and ban use on public roads by 2045.</p> <p>Accelerate roll out of EV charging infrastructure.</p>	<p>Phase out petrol and diesel cars by 2030.</p> <p>Phase out fossil-fuel based energy generation and nuclear power.</p> <p>Invest in a public programme of renewable generation, flood defences and building insulation.</p>
<p><u>Employment</u></p> <p>Cross party support for raising minimum wage (although pace and extent varies)</p> <p>Labour proposes reduced working week, with push for improved pay and conditions for workers from Lib Dems.</p>	<p>National minimum wage will rise to £10.50 by 2024 (in line with previous policy of seeking to raise minimum wage to more than 60 per cent of median earnings).</p>	<p>32-hour full time working week (with no reduction in pay).</p> <p>Creation of a new Ministry of Labour</p> <p>Give all workers equal rights from day one, whether part-time or full-time, temporary or permanent.</p>	<p>Introduction of a ‘good employer’ kitemark.</p> <p>Establish an independent review to consult on how to set a new ‘Living Wage’ across all sectors.</p> <p>Extend transparency requirements on larger employers to include publishing the number of people paid less than</p>	<p>End austerity and ‘restore the public sector’, creating over one million ‘good jobs’ that pay at least a living wage.</p> <p>Increase the minimum wage to a Living Wage of £10/hr by 2020.</p>

		Strengthen the position of trade unions in the workplace.	the Living Wage and strengthen enforcement of employment rights.	
<p><u>Ownership</u></p> <p>Labour proposes renationalisation of public services, with water industry first in line</p>	No stated plans to change ownership model.	Water industry to be first to be brought back into public ownership.	No stated plans to change ownership model.	No stated plans to change ownership model.
<p><u>Devolved Nations</u></p> <p>Labour and Lib Dems specifically mention expanded devolved powers.</p>		“The next Labour government will deliver a new Scotland Act, that will provide for the devolution of employment law”.	<p>Expansion of devolved powers for Scotland and Wales.</p> <p>‘England only’ phase of legislative process for England-only issues.</p> <p>A UK-wide system for credit transfer and recognition of qualifications.</p>	