

Economy and Jobs

Making Green Mean Business



The Green Economy IS The Economy

Liberal Democrat Policy:

This topic has been discussed extensively in the following policy papers:

- [PP8](#) - Agenda for Sustainability
- [PP16](#) - Investment, Partnership, Sustainability
- [PP29](#) - Making the Environment Our Business
- [PP41](#) - A Strategy For Sustainability
- [PP45](#) - Local Economies, Local Choice
- [PP57](#) - Prosperity at Home and Abroad
- [PP65](#) - Wealth for the World
- [PP77](#) - Green and Prosperous Communities
- [PP105](#) - Sustainable Prosperity and Jobs
- [PP109](#) - Green Growth and Green Jobs
- [PP113](#) - Prosperous, Sustainable and Secure
- [PP114](#) - Stronger Economy in a Fairer Society (from which:)

Liberal Democrat Principles and Vision

Liberal Democrats believe that economic growth must be sustainable, and that it must help to create full employment, decent incomes, a civilized welfare state and high-quality public services. We want to build an economy on the basis of investment, high skills, individual enterprise and balanced growth across all sectors and regions. We support an economy based on competition and devolved power, not on monopolies. We support a tax system which rewards work, incentivises investment, and which is fair and simplified. We believe in open economies and international trade. We want to compete on the basis of high skills and of green technologies and products which cut pollution and make the best use of increasingly scarce natural resources. Liberal Democrats believe that every person should be enabled to succeed, and that society should use its resources to protect those who would otherwise fall into poverty, and provide a decent level of protection against unemployment, sickness and old age.

Challenge:

07 Winter	p4	Sustainability in Germany
08 Spring	p8	Towards Greener Living
08 Summer	p15	Much more than Eco-nomics
08 Autumn	p2	Richer but not Happier
08 Winter	p4	“Houston, we’ve had a problem”
09 Spring	p1	Hitting the Growth Buffers
09 Summer	p4	A Local Green Way Out Of Recession
09 Summer	p19	The Hydrogen Economy in Practice
10 Summer	p16	What is a Low Carbon Economy?
11 Summer	p17	Building the Low Carbon Future
12 Autumn	p5	Getting to the Front
14 Spring	p8	Green Backbone
14 Summer	p20	What is a Green Economy?

Resources:

Nick Clegg speech on the green economy: 'I say that lean times can be green times too,' argues deputy prime minister in speech on green growth and energy efficiency <http://tinyurl.com/oxhqj9r>

Ed Davey: Energy Act will create 200,000 Green Jobs

http://www.libdems.org.uk/ed_davey_energy_act_will_create_200_000_green_jobs

UNEP has developed a working definition of a green economy as one that results in **improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities**. <http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/>

The World Green Economy Summit in Dubai in 2015 will focus on the transformation towards global green economies <http://tinyurl.com/qygk4da>

The **green economy coalition** is a global network of organisations committed to accelerating a transition to a new green inclusive economy. <http://www.greeneconomycoalition.org/>

Economic growth and action on climate change can now be achieved together, finds Global Commission <http://newclimateeconomy.report/>

Green Job Recruitment sites:

- www.greenjobs.co.uk
- www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs
- www.greenjobsonline.co.uk/
- jobs.environmentalstonline.com