

Leyton and Wanstead Liberal Democrats

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## More Jobs for Leyton and Leytonstone

### Unemployment hits record low!

Over the last five years unemployment levels across the country have plummeted from highs of 7.9% under Labour to just 5.7% under the coalition - the lowest levels since records began.

#### An extra boost for local young people

Carl Quilliam and the Lib Dems in Government have given young people in Leyton & Wanstead a major boost in helping them to get jobs and start their own businesses. In just a few years locally Lib Dems have created 2,580 apprenticeships, given £459,212 in start-up loans, set up 7,000 new businesses and increased the number of women in work by 24,800.

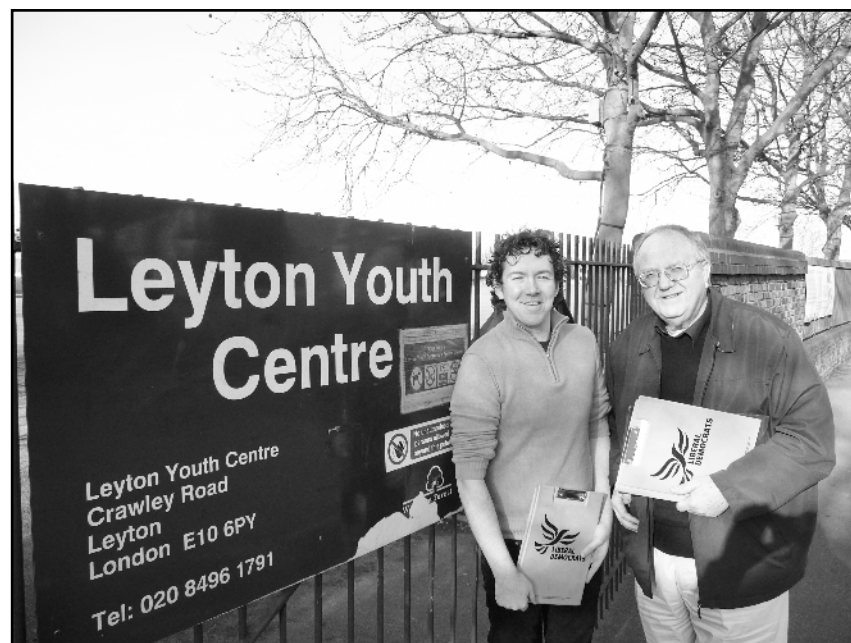
#### Still more to do

Local candidate **Carl Quilliam** believes there is still much more to do to tackle inequality in our area and ensure local people get more of the benefits of the economic recovery.

**Carl Quilliam says:** "Unemployment has gone down in Leyton and Wanstead in the last few years but youth unemployment is still too high and still higher than in many other parts of the country."

"If I'm elected in May I will work to deliver more local jobs, more apprenticeships and fight to tear down some of the barriers that are still holding back our young people.

"Making sure we tackle youth unemployment has to be a top priority in the next five years, so we can ensure young people growing up here have the same chances in life as everyone else."



Lib Dem candidate Carl Quilliam with local campaigner Bob Sullivan at the Leyton Youth Centre

## NEWSFLASH - Labour Council to close centre for the disabled!

The Disability Resource Centre in Crownfield Road that helps people to use community facilities, learn new skills and to socialise with others, is being closed by the Council. This devastating cut in facilities for disabled people both young and old should never have been agreed. **Carl Quilliam says:** "How can the Labour Council cut funding for people with disabilities when it continues to spend hundreds of thousands of pounds on its propaganda paper Waltham Forest News every two weeks. Is this the way to use taxpayers' money?"

### Campaigning Against the Growth of Betting Shops



Carl Quilliam and the Lib Dems have continued to campaign both locally and in Government to be able to stop betting shops opening up in our high streets.

### Campaigning to Protect Our Fire Service



Across Leyton, Leytonstone and Wanstead Carl and the local Lib Dems continue to campaign against Mayor Boris Johnson's plans to close and reduce our fire services.

### Campaigning to Save Our Local Libraries



Carl and the local Lib Dems are committed to saving our libraries and to re-open the Harrow Green Library closed by the Labour Council.



# Help for first-time buyers



Young people will be able to buy their own home without a deposit under Liberal Democrat plans.

**The Liberal Democrats will help first-time buyers get onto the property ladder without needing a deposit.**

The Lib Dem “Rent to Own” scheme will allow people to build up a share in their home through renting.

The plan means that people without a deposit will have the option of paying monthly instalments, so that within 30 years the buyer would own the home outright.

**The Lib Dems are acting because the dream of home ownership has become increasingly out of reach for many young people.**

“Rent to Own’ will mean, regardless of their background and family circumstances, renters will be able to make their dream a reality.

# £1,200 tax cut

**Ordinary workers across Britain will benefit from a £400 tax cut under Liberal Democrat plans to raise the Income Tax threshold to £12,500.**

The Lib Dems have already given 25 million people an £800 tax cut and over 3 million people have been taken out of tax altogether, but they want to go much further.

The Lib Dem plan will take almost another million workers out of Income Tax altogether. 30 million people will see lower taxes under the Lib Dems, ensuring everyone benefits from the economic recovery, not just those at the top.



The Lib Dems have already delivered an £800 tax cut.

# Leyton and Leytonstone children given a good start in life



In Government the **Lib Dem** commitment to education has given Leyton and Wanstead local schools nearly £14 million in pupil premium. This should make sure that every disadvantaged child has a good start to their education. Last year **Buxton School** received £717,045, **Riverley Primary School** £191,100, **Leytonstone School** £337,535, **George Mitchell School** £464,960, **Newport Primary** £267,800, **Norlington School** £226,270.

# Vote Liberal Democrat in the General Election on 7 May

**Carl QUILLIAM**



# Getting serious about mental health services



Mental health represents nearly a quarter of ill health in our country but only £1 in every £9 the NHS spends is on specialist mental health services.

**One in four of us experience mental health problems at some point in our lives. But for too long it has been neglected by the NHS.**

**Local Lib Dem Carl Quilliam said,** “I believe passionately that mental health should not be ignored or stigmatised. It should be taken absolutely as seriously as physical health.”

The Lib Dems are using £400 million to help people with mental health problems get the right support early on, such as talking or psychological therapies, and are introducing waiting times so people will know for the first time when they can expect treatment.

**Carl Quilliam added,** “It’s great news that the Lib Dems are introducing the first ever waiting times for mental health services, but there is more to do to ensure the essential changes needed in mental health care happen.

**“That’s why we are pledging an extra £8 billion for the NHS in the next Parliament, including £3.5 billion dedicated to improving mental health care.”**

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