

Across the East of England



Andrew Duff works hard to represent the East of England at the level of the EU. He cooperates closely with the three Liberal Democrat MPs in the region (Cambridge, Colchester and North Norfolk) as well as with about 550 Lib Dem councillors elected across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Together the party aims to deliver progressive policies which will help enterprise, deliver social justice and protect the environment. **Andrew** and his party colleagues believe in strengthening the regional identity and in more power for local government.

The East of England is a leading European region in the field of science and technology. **Andrew** believes that every effort should be made to grow the size of the region's hi-tech cluster. Investment in education at all levels is the Lib Dems' top priority.

Andrew is a keen supporter of rural development. He works alongside the region's farmers in the negotiations on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and adds his weight to the many projects which improve energy conservation, enhance the quality of the region's environment and serve to combat climate change.



“The East of England is a great place to live and work”, says **Andrew**. “But we need to sharpen our act at all levels of government if we are to compete successfully with Europe's leading regions.”

Learn more about **Andrew Duff's** activities at www.andrewduff.eu and the work of the Liberal Democrat European Parliamentary Party at www.libdemmps.eu.



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True Britain: Strong Europe

Andrew Duff was one of three MEPs who represented the European Parliament in the conference which drafted the Treaty of Lisbon. He is one of Europe's leading exponents of constitutional reform. "Lisbon represents an historic breakthrough for the European integration, and not least for the European Parliament which is set to enjoy a huge expansion of its legislative, budgetary and scrutiny powers", argues Andrew. "The Treaty will enhance the capacity of the Union to act effectively abroad and efficiently at home. It is our generation's answer to the challenges of globalisation and of increasing international insecurity."

Andrew is at the centre of the large effort currently being made to salvage the Treaty from the wreckage of the Irish referendum on 12 June. "Ireland has the option of changing its mind about the Treaty or in making do with a second class form of EU membership", he warns. "Neither Ireland nor Britain should fall prey to the mean forces of nationalism and xenophobia. Both countries have much to contribute to building European democracy if they choose to do so."

Andrew remains critical of the Labour government's failure to realise the UK's full potential in the EU. "Blair and Brown have been ambivalent on Europe when they should have been determined. They have promised much and delivered little. The war in Iraq, reluctance to engage with the euro, and the pursuit of spurious 'red lines', have all disappointed Britain's partners. It's certainly time for a change as far as Britain's European policy is concerned. Unfortunately, the Tories would be a disaster. They oppose Lisbon, which means sticking with the clumsy and flawed Treaty of Nice. They would marginalise Britain even further.

"Only the Liberal Democrats believe that Britain's true interest lies in a strong Europe, and are prepared to fight for our belief".



As Parliament's rapporteur on electoral reform, Andrew is currently working on radical plans to raise public awareness of the Parliament and to increase the European dimension of its election campaigns. He is also much involved in the reform of the EU's security strategy, including its relations with Nato.



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Andrew, chairs the Parliament's cross-party intergroup of federalists. He has a monthly column on FT.com. His *True Guide to the Treaty of Lisbon* was published early in 2008. He is a board member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, the Trans-European Policy Studies Association and the International European Movement.

