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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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As liberals and defenders of democracy, it is our duty to fight for a social contract that has as its foundation the respect for human rights and equality between peoples.

Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International

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Call for immediate release of arrested Russian opposition activists

LI President **Hakima el Haite** endorses the statement made by ALDE Party President and LI President of Honour **Hans van Baalen**, expressing concern about the latest arrests in Russia.



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Liberal International endorses World Refugee Council's call to do more to support refugees threatened by COVID-19

LI President Hakima el Haité and Bureau member and HRC president Astrid Thors addresses His Excellency António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations in letter.



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We can say that Morocco has successfully met the challenge of managing the health crisis



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BUREAU IN ACTION

LI calls for solidarity with Black Lives Matters



LI President of Honour van Baalen signs Sino-British Joint Declaration



MATTER

As liberals, we must take the lead against racism, we must continue the fight for human rights at home, in the coffee shop, in policy-making, and, crucially, on the streets – If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.

All lives won't matter until black lives matter.

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Liberal International President of Honour and ALDE Party President, **Hans van Baalen** co-signs the [statement](#), issued on 1 June 2020, which decries the position of Beijing and the authoritarian breach of the Sino-British Joint Declaration. Almost 800 signatories from 38 countries call upon China to respect its international obligations and the rights of the people of Hong Kong.

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LI Honorary President Alderdice to participate in webinar on lessons from Covid-19



Liberal International President of Honour Mr. **Lord John Alderdice** will participate in the online event *Reforming Our Society – Lessons from COVID* organised by the **Think Tank for the Radical Centre (RADIX)** on **Monday 13 July, 6pm (UK time)**. The event focuses on looking at the post-Covid age, the future, the media, localism and local economics.

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LI Vice president Al-Sahlani not happy with the EU's action to strengthen LGBTQ rights



LI Vice president and MEP **Abir Al-Sahlani** is unsatisfied with the EU's action to strengthen LGBTQ rights within the EU. "The EU must enforce sanctions! No EU-money should go to member countries that obviously violate the EU's fundamental values and discriminate in this way", tweets Al-Sahlani. She expressed concern in interview with Gaynation.

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COVID-19: THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & CLIMATE JUSTICE

COVID19 has changed our perceptions of female leadership



Using nation adaptation plans as models for post COVID-19 recovery





While female workers sometimes put their lives at risk treating those suffering from the virus, they also carry the burden as schools and childcare services close. Many women also work in the sectors most affected by the crisis, such as tourism, services, and hospitality, and they are less likely to find new employment if they lose their jobs

Two months have now gone by since the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic. We're seeing recommendations from top economists that we use our recovery plans to simultaneously address the social and economic fallout of the pandemic by targeting the on-going challenges of climate change, social exclusion, food insecurity, and biodiversity loss.

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Learn from one of the best: Dutch governing party shares best practice training with LI members



The **VVD International 101 Academy** is open to any LI member who wants to learn more about building a personal campaign, liberalism, coalition management, intercultural communication, social media management, debate and campaigning. Please click [here](#) for more information on the online workshops and to [register](#) for the academy.

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



NDI'S DemWorks Video: Reflections on Tiananmen Square 30 Years Later



"We do not give up on building a fair and well-being Nicaragua." says **Lester Alemán**



Renew Europe webinar: The need to Renew Schengen

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The FNF 'Jordanian Dream' Essay Competition. Ends on **Wednesday 1 July 2020**



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TWEET OF THE WEEK



"We all have a responsibility to Fight Racism"

This week's tweet comes from UN Women

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Be sure to double-check your email - Liberal International has sent out communications to the membership.

REPUTABLE SITES FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION

With the rise of Fake News and Disinformation, Liberal International has listed some trusted sites for information around COVID-19. As liberals, we need to do all we can to minimise the spread of Fake News & Disinfo and contain this pandemic.

If you want to find out more information on data and statistics, please also click the links below.

**World Health Organization
(WHO)**

**International Committee of
the Red Cross**

Doctors Without Borders

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- [Arab Liberal Federation \(ALF\)](#)
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