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LIBERAL VISION LITE is Liberal International's mid-monthly update of political highlights from the global liberal family.

In case you missed our social media activity, here are a few of our political positions you can get behind - share, like and retweet.

- LI HRC Chair Astrid Thors: "More information on Uganda: Unease after alleged election abductions"
- LI Vice President, Cellou Dalein Diallo: "I deplore the massive destruction, without care and without compensation, of businesses and houses making hundreds of homeless people who find themselves overnight deprived of their only means of subsistence."
- LI President of Honour Hans van Baalen: "Vaccines are the only way out of the crisis, economic & mental depression."

ARTICLES

Liberals call for COVID-19 vaccines accessible to all



LI President Dr **Hakima el Haité** and PACE President **Rik Daems** jointly state, that to tackle the pandemic, everyone needs to be vaccinated – that can only be achieved through global cooperation in vaccine distribution. The pandemic will never be over if vaccine nationalism is praised and considered acceptable.

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Re-thinking solidarity, equality and social justice



The **Centre for Democracy and Peace Building** will host its fourth webinar series on 19 February, focusing on Solidarity, equality and social justice. Chaired by LI President of Honour, **Lord John Alderdice**, it brings together leading academics, historians, philosophers, theologians, social activists, policymakers and legislators to engage in thoughtful reflection and re-think what solidarity means today, in light of a variety of societal shifts, the current geopolitical situation and the consequences of COVID-19 pandemic.

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What next for Uganda?



The killing of civilians, jailing and house arrest of presidential candidate **Bobbi Wine**, questionable elections: It is time to restore democracy in Uganda. LI HRC chair **Astrid Thors** invited newly elected **MP Flavia Kalule Nabagabe** from National Unity Platform (NUP), which was a part of LI's and FNF's joint initiative Political Startup Incubator, to tell her story of in which direction Uganda is headed.

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LI WIPP Index 2021 is live: take part and boost women's participation in politics



Advocating for women in politics is a mission that Liberal International has undertaken over many years. Today LI opens the 2nd year of the Women in Political Parties Index (WIPP Index) and with this, the global federation takes the next step: empowering member parties to deliver real change.

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Liberal Breakfast on disinformation in elections



Last year, Liberal International and the **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** (FNF) launched the #FreedomFightsFake Campaign - a joint initiative to combat and counter fake news. On 23 February, **ALDE Party**, in coordination with the **FNF Europe**, are hosting their next Liberal Breakfast; which will explore the impact that lies and disinformation, specifically from online platforms, have had on democratic elections both in the EU and abroad.

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Report launch: Defending freedom of expression



On 25 February, the **Council of Asia Liberals and Democrats** (CALD) and **Asia Centre** launch their report: Fake News Laws in East and Southeast Asia, which examines the existing and recently enacted laws and policies in the region which govern disinformation.

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Initiating, monitoring & managing coalitions in Africa



The **Africa Liberal Network** (ALN) have heard reflections from 6 African countries where political parties (who campaigned with allies and coalition partners) shared their models of negotiating ministries and portfolios, experiences and insights. This wide variety of reflections are being developed into a handbook, where the reader will be able to extract tips and advice on coalition development, planning, communication, and governance from an Africa perspective. Join and add your voice to the publication.

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The Future Fights Back



For too long have populists and pessimists spurned liberal democracy with their ideas and public discourse **The European Liberal Forum** (ELF) believes that it is high time for liberal and optimistic ideas to fight back. We've gathered some of the best minds to go beyond the policy details and show us why progress and innovation mean the future is at our fingertips.

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The Paddy Ashdown Conference



On 27 February would have been **Lord Paddy Ashdown's** 80th Birthday. In celebration of a life well-lived, and the immense contribution he made in making the world a better place to be, **The Paddy Ashdown Forum** are pleased to invite you to The Paddy Ashdown Conference.

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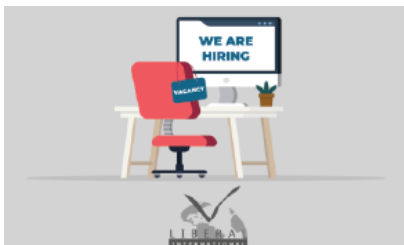
Good luck Mikaela!



LI wishes **Mikaela Hellman** all the best as she takes the next steps in her career and we're pleased that she will remain close to the global liberal family in her new role. Please find an open letter from Mikaela, below.

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Job Call: Human Rights Programme Officer



Liberal International (LI) is offering an experienced individual, with demonstrable knowledge of human rights and international relations, the opportunity to help develop and implement the programmatic human rights work of Liberal International.

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Since the COVID19 pandemic hit, Liberal International, together with our members, has been outspoken about the issues related to COVID & offered new ideas and approaches.

You can find our previous dedicated COVID related newsletters [here](#)

LI'S REGIONAL NETWORKS

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- [Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom \(FNF\)](#)
- [Red Liberal de América Latina \(Relial\)](#)