The Great Northern Stop Brexit Conference
Creating a Vision of a New Britain without Brexit
Saturday, 8 September 2018
Draft Programme

11.00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Richard Wilson, Chair, Leeds for Europe

11.10 What Is Wrong With Britain? – identifying the main drivers of the vote for Brexit
Will Hutton, Journalist, The Observer

11.40 The Northern Power Failure – how do we bridge the north-south divide?
CHAIR: TBA
Alex Sobel, MP, Leeds North West
Julie Ward, MEP, North West England
Diana Wallis, former MEP & Vice President of the European Parliament; now Yorkshire Party
Paul Salveson, Visiting Professor, University of Huddersfield

12.30 Lunch Break

13.30 [Session A] The People’s Vote: Doing It Properly – designing a genuinely democratic referendum
CHAIR: Michael Meadowcroft, former MP & Leader of the Liberal Party
Lord Andrew Adonis
Professor AC Grayling, Philosopher & Author
Lord Paul Tyler

13.30 [Session B] Detoxifying The Immigration Debate – can we transform public opinion & end the hate?
CHAIR: Charles Gibson, Best for Britain
Natalie Bennett, former Leader of the Green Party in England & Wales
Julie Ward, MEP, North West England
Emmy van Deurzen, Chair, Voices for Europe
14.15 [Session A] Cutting Through: Reaching The “Left Behind” – messaging to win the People’s Vote

CHAIR: Kamran Hussain, Yorkshire & Humber LibDems Regional Chair & Brexit Spokesperson
Femi Oluwole, Campaigner, Our Future, Our Choice
Jude Kirton-Darling, MEP, North East England
Mike Buckley, Director, Labour for a People’s Vote

14.15 [Session B] Unite To Win – how can the disparate Remain groups work effectively together when the referendum comes?

CHAIR: Richard Sadler, Chair, North Yorkshire for Europe
Richard Corbett, MEP, Yorkshire & The Humber
Eloise Todd, CEO, Best for Britain
Mike Galsworthy, Campaigner, Scientists for EU

15.00 Coffee Break

15.15 In Limbo – the impact of Brexit on the UK’s non-British EU Citizens
Cosi Doerfel Hill, In Limbo Project

15.20 Remaking The Case For Europe – re-learning why the EU has been a force for good

CHAIR: Patrick Lohlein, Conservatives for a People’s Vote
Richard Corbett MEP, Yorkshire & The Humber
Jessica Simor QC, Lawyer, Matrix Chambers
Professor AC Grayling, Philosopher & Author
Madeleina Kay, Campaigner, Young European of the Year

16.00 Creating A Vision Of A New Britain Without Brexit – an action plan for fundamental change

CHAIR: Richard Wilson, Chair, Leeds for Europe
Lord Andrew Adonis
Natalie Bennett, former Leader of the Green Party in England & Wales
Neil Carmichael, President, Conservatives for a People’s Vote; former MP for Stroud (2010-2017)
Tessa Milligan, Campaigner, Women for Europe & OFOC!

16.45 Healing Britain – can the schism in British society ever be repaired?
Femi Oluwole, Campaigner, OFOC!

17.00 Conference Close