

## The Young Independence Conference at Bath.

Our Young Independence member, Tom, and myself went up to Bath on Saturday for their Conference held in one of the halls at The Racecourse. High up above the city, it must be the windiest place imaginable!

A hall had been booked in the centre of town, but when it was realised it was a UKIP function, the Lib Dem led council found some obscure rule about letting that seemed to disallow political meetings and cancelled it. (Well, fancy that, I hear you say!).

A number of prominent speeches were made including one by our own Bob Smith and one by Harjit Gill, recently defected from Labour.

Of particular note was the Cross Party Debate, chaired by Jack Duffin. This consisted of a member from Young Labour, a member from the Young Conservatives, a representative from the Green Party, a member of The Youth Parliament, and a member of UKIP Young Independence. The Lib Dems declined the invitation to be there and the chairman pointed out that he had resisted the temptation to put out an empty chair (laughter from the audience).

A number of topical issues e.g. NHS, Education etc. were put by the audience and were answered in what turned out to be a very good natured debate. No rancour, no bad tempered put-downs, nothing like that at all. It was a pleasure to hear these young people (in their late teens / early 20's) all putting their parties' points of view. They were not afraid to criticise other parties, (which they did frequently), it was a pleasure to hear them reason out the points in their own ways.

A lesson to Mr. Cameron and Mr. Miliband at next P M Q's? (had they been listening).

The whole day was very well organised by Jack Duffin and Aaron Foot who were congratulated by everyone for a thoroughly successful portrayal of UKIP's youth wing, intent on the serious business of bringing our message to the public. We can all have confidence in our own young people as they carry the message on.

Well worth the journey, even if it was to return through flurries of hail and sleet. Bodmin Moor is, perhaps not the best place to be on a winter's evening.

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