



# The Rt Hon. Lord Ashdown

Former Leader of the Liberal Democrats Party



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Paddy Ashdown is one of Britain's most respected politicians and elder statesmen. After leading the Lib Dems for 11 years, he then served as the UN High Representative for Bosnia Herzegovina. Paddy Ashdown now sits in the House of Lords as a Liberal Democrat peer.

**"Politics is about putting yourself in a state of grace" Paddy Ashdown**

## In detail

In recognition of his service as High Representative, Paddy Ashdown was awarded the highest diplomatic service honour, the GCMG. He is the Chair of the Liberal Democrats 2015 General Election Team. A regular broadcaster, including Question Time and Any Questions, he has published several books, including two volumes of Diaries. Lord Ashdown is also the UK President of UNICEF. He is a member of the Governing Council of Interpeace, an international peace building organisation and also serves as President of Chatham House. Recently, he founded More United alongside several other public figures in response to the result of the referendum on UK membership of the European Union. More United is a liberal and progressive cross-party political movement.

## What he offers you

An experienced politician and diplomat, Lord Ashdown has extensive knowledge of international politics and strategic issues and offers insights into Brexit, conflict resolution and the new multi-polar global power structure.

## How he presents

An adept speaker, Lord Ashdown is an interesting individual and an articulate communicator, something of an action man who can converse on many topics. His presentations are engaging and thought-provoking.

## Topics

- Europe, Trump, Brexit - where are we now, what does it mean for business and what happens next?
- The Global Power Shift - Global Economics
- UK and European Politics
- Europe, North Africa and the Middle East: Our Common Future
- Leadership in Context

## Languages

Lord Ashdown presents in English and he also speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese.

## Want to know more?

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## How to book him?

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## Publications

### 2016

Game of Spies: The Secret Agent, the Traitor and the Nazi, Bordeaux 1942-1944

### 2015

The Cruel Victory: The French Resistance, D-Day and the Battle for the Vercors 1944

### 2013

A Brilliant Little Operation: The Cockleshell Heroes and the Most Courageous Raid of World War

### 2009

A Fortunate Life

### 2007

Swords and Ploughshare: Building Peace in the 21st Century