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Among the most precious of the Lincoln Cathedral's treasures is one of four original Magna Carta. Dating from 1215, the document, an agreement between the king and his barons guaranteeing their rights, has become a symbol of our democratic traditions.

To celebrate this heritage, as the 800th anniversary of the signing of this great charter of rights nears, the Cathedral, and the University of the City in which it is kept, are organizing a series of events to encourage young people to engage with the concept of democracy.

Magna Carta 2008: Exploring Democracy, to be held 25 - 28 June, will bring together undergraduate students, sixth-formers and twelfth-graders with leaders from the worlds of politics, law, education and the media for a series of discussions and presentations on current thinking about democracy.

**25 June**

**13:30 EMMTEC Gallery**  
**REGISTRATION**

**13:50 EMMTEC Gallery**  
**WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENT**

**14:00 EMMTEC Auditorium**  
*University Welcome*  
Vice-Chancellor

*Intro to Magna Carta*  
Canon West, the Chancellor of Lincoln

**14:30 EMMTEC Auditorium**  
*Two Democratic Cultures – the US and the UK*

*Reg will talk about the common bond of democratic values and how the people of Britain and the U.S. have worked together, in war and peace, to put those values into action.*

**Reg Weaver, President, National Education Association of America & Vice President, Education International**

Chair: Professor Winston

Respondent: Wayne Valis, Valis Associates, Washington



Reg Weaver serves as Vice President of Education International for the North America – Caribbean Region. In this role, he represents Education International and its 348-member organizations with more than 29 million education workers in 169 countries. As an Officer of Education International, Reg has added an important dimension to the EI Executive Board, using his influence on behalf of teachers, education workers, and public education worldwide.

He has extensive experience with Education International – as President of the National Education Association – leading the NEA at two World Congresses, sharing his expertise at EI conferences, and serving on an EI human rights mission to Ethiopia. These experiences, combined with his broad education advocacy work in the United States, contribute to Weaver's significant international impact.

Reg Weaver is serving his second term as president of the 3.2 million-member National Education Association (NEA) – the United States' largest union and professional employee organization. The NEA membership includes primary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, retired educators, and university students preparing to teach. The NEA was founded in 1857 to advance the profession of teaching and to promote public education in the United States. NEA believes that every child, regardless of family income or residence, deserves and needs quality, well-funded education. And quality education begins with a quality teacher in every classroom.

He is an ambassador for quality, public education and an advocate for the basic right of every child to attend a great public school.

Reg Weaver is an influential speaker and a recognized expert on public education issues who has testified before the United States Congress on federal education policy. He frequently provides a critical voice on public education for national media. Leading civil rights and political NGOs have honoured Weaver with numerous national awards. Weaver also received two honorary doctorate degrees from universities in 2006 and 2007, which recognize his "world-class leadership in the efforts to educate children."

As a middle school science teacher with over 30 years of classroom experience, Weaver has been a lifelong advocate for quality public schools. He served as president of his local union, president of the NEA affiliate union in Illinois, and now leads one of the most influential education organizations in the United States.

Reg Weaver earned his bachelor's degree in special education for the physically challenged at Illinois State Normal University. He received a master's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago.



Wayne H. Valis has a three part career: politics and government service; lobbying and consulting; and ideas and public policy. For the last 25 years, his company, Valis Associates, has provided strategic counseling and lobbying for both business and labor, including: the National Education Association, AT&T, the Norfolk Southern Railroad, the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the Renewable Fuels Association and the International Association of Fire Fighters. As part of Valis Associates' full-service consulting, Wayne has played an important role, working with Lincoln Cathedral and the National Education Association to bring the Magna Carta to America where it has been displayed at a number of Presidential Libraries. Valis draws on his seven years White House experience; as special assistant to President Reagan for coalitions and business outreach; for President Ford as director of planning and research; as staff assistant to President Nixon for domestic policy and later on the Watergate defense team; and finally, performing regulatory assistance for Vice President George H.W. Bush. In addition, Wayne has worked on specific projects with Presidents G.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

For 11 years Valis worked at two research and public policy institutes: the American Enterprise Institute and the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. At these organizations he was a colleague of such great minds as Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Irving Kristol, Robert Penn Warren, Milton Friedman, Ludwig Von Mises, Antonin Scalia and many others.

Valis resides in Falls Church, Virginia with his wife Angela. He has one daughter, Maura and three grandchildren. He is an avid and usually competent golfer who recently, made his fourth career hole-in-one.

**15:30 -15:45 EMMTEC Gallery**

Tea/ Coffee

*To be followed by {invitation only}*

**17:00 Lincoln Cathedral**

Evensong & Special University of Lincoln Conferment of the degree of Doctor of Education on Mr. Weaver

**26 June**

**09:00 EMMTEC Gallery**

**REGISTRATION/ASSIGNMENT**

**09:30 M-HAT 0021-0022, 0023; MAB Cargill, Coop**

Workshop 1a -1e

- *The trial of Representative Democracy for fraud*  
Workshop Leaders: Jacqui Briggs, Youcef Bouandel
- *The trial of Democratic Rights for abuse of society*  
Workshop Leaders: Professor Cowman
- *The trial of Human Rights for abuse of Democracy*  
Workshop Leaders: Professor Stone
- *The trial of Religion for abuse of Democracy*  
Workshop Leaders: Canon West
- *The trial of Business for abuse of Democracy*  
Workshop Leaders: John Ricketts, Firas al-Shakhsheer

(rooms to be assigned)

**10:45 EMMTEC Gallery**

Coffee

**11:00 EMMTEC Auditorium**

***Business & Democracy***

*What's democracy got to do with business?*

*Democracy in Britain today is about voting for those who govern us – isn't it?*

*Businesses owned and controlled by the community they serve are growing in relevance and importance in a world in the throes of major economic and social reconstruction. Can businesses owned and controlled by local people for local people bring back a sense of community and well being in a global market?*

*In this session, Pauline Green will challenge the traditional 'Company' model of business with that of the democratically owned 'Society' model.*

**Dame Pauline Green, Chief Executive & Secretary Cooperatives<sup>UK</sup>**

Chair: Professor Fuller



Pauline was born in Malta in 1948. Her mother is Maltese and her father was born in Tottenham. Pauline's father was a serving British soldier and she spent her early years with her parents on postings in Malta, Egypt and Germany. When Pauline was 14 her parents moved to Cricklewood, London. Pauline left school to work first as a secretary and then as a police officer. She went on to obtain a BA from the Open University and then an MSc in Comparative Government from the London School of Economics.

Prior to her election to the European Parliament, Pauline worked for three years as Assistant Parliamentary Secretary for European Affairs for the Co-operative Movement. She represented the Co-op on national consumer bodies and initiated and co-ordinated the campaign that successfully persuaded the European Commission to produce a pan-European food hygiene law.

For the years 1994-1999 in her role as Leader of the European Parliament's largest group, the Socialist/Social Democratic Group, Pauline Green was involved at the senior levels of policy making in the EU and its Member Governments.

With 11 of the 15 Governments led by Social Democrat Prime Ministers, Pauline Green was present at meetings of the Social Democratic party leaders for those 5 years. She was a strong advocate of reform of the EU institutions, including the Parliament. She firmly believes that without such reform the EU will not gain the respect and legitimacy of its people.

A believer in leading from the front, Pauline Green has not shirked from controversy as her leading role on the sacking of the European Commission and reform of MEPs allowances and expenses has shown.

Pauline Green was appointed a Dame Commander of the British Empire in the Queen's New Year's Honours List 2002 for services to the development of the European Union and to the Co-operative Movement.

## 12:30 MAB Atrium

Lunch

## 13:30 EMMTEC Auditorium

*Rights and Responsibilities: Can rights be conditional?*

Dr Liam Fox MP, Shadow Defence Secretary

Chair: Professor Cowman



Dr Liam Fox was born in 1961. He was educated at St Bride's High School, East Kilbride and University of Glasgow where he was President of the University Conservative Club, 1982-83.

Dr Liam Fox is a General Practitioner, a former Civilian Army Medical Officer and Divisional Surgeon with St John Ambulance. He is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

He contested Roxburgh and Berwickshire in the 1987 General Election. He was the National Vice-Chairman of the Scottish Young Conservatives, 1983-84; a Member of the Central Committee of Families for Defence from 1987 to 1989 and is a Member of Beaconsfield CPC. He has been the Member of Parliament for Woodspring since April 1992.

He was a Member of the Scottish Select Committee, April 1992 - July 1993; Secretary of the Conservative Back Bench Health Committee April 1992 - July 1993 and Secretary of the Conservative West Country Members Committee April 1992 - July 1993.

In June 1993, Dr Fox was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Rt Hon Michael Howard QC MP, Home Secretary. In July 1994 Dr Fox was appointed an Assistant Government Whip. Following a limited Government reshuffle on 29 November 1995, he was appointed a Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury - a Senior Government Whip. He was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1996-97. In June 1997, following the general election, he was appointed Opposition Front Bench Spokesman on Constitutional Affairs.

Dr Fox was appointed to the Shadow Cabinet in June 1998 as Chief Spokesman for Constitutional Affairs and promoted to Shadow Health Secretary in June 1999. He was made Co-Chairman of the Conservative Party by Michael Howard, the new Conservative Leader in early November 2003. After the general election in May 2005, Dr Fox was appointed Shadow Foreign Secretary and then Shadow Defence Secretary on 7 December following David Cameron's election as Conservative Leader.

His interests include health, defence and the economy.

Dr Fox married Dr Jesmé Baird in December 2005.

## 15:00

Comfort Break

## 15.10 M-HAT 0021-0022, 0023; MAB Cargill, Coop

Workshop 2a- 2e (as in Workshop 1a-1e)

## 16:30 EMMTEC Gallery

Tea

*To be followed by {invitation only}*

## 18.30 for 19.00 – 21.30 Engine Shed

Civic Dinner

**27 June**

**09:00 EMMTEC Gallery**  
**REGISTRATION/ASSIGNMENT**

**09:30 M-HAT 0021-0022, 0023; MAB Cargill, Coop**

Workshop 3a-3e

- *The trial of Representative Democracy for fraud*  
Workshop Leaders: Andrew Defty, Claire Randerson
- *The trial of Democratic Rights for abuse of society*  
Workshop Leaders: Professor Keeble
- *The trial of Human Rights for abuse of Democracy*  
Workshop Leaders: Professor Stone
- *The trial of Religion for abuse of Democracy*  
Workshop Leaders: Canon West
- *The trial of Business for abuse of Democracy*  
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*(rooms to be assigned)*

**10:45 EMMTEC Gallery**  
**Coffee**

**11:00 EMMTEC Auditorium**  
***Faith versus Democracy***

*Many feel that faith communities like Christianity, Judaism and Islam are the cause of many of the world's problems. In this lecture Professor West examines the part that faith communities can play in a modern democracy. Are they a help or a hindrance or are they part of the problem or part of the solution?*

**The Rev. Canon Professor Mike West, Chancellor of Lincoln**  
Chair: Professor Winston



The Chancellor is a residentiary canon and a member of the Cathedral Chapter, sharing fully the responsibility of all aspects of the Cathedral's life and work. The particular focus of the Chancellor work is theological education, teaching and preaching. His role is to provide an integrated programme of educational outreach for the Cathedral and his principal responsibilities include:

- leading the development of the Cathedral's educational programmes and its teaching and preaching
- leading the development of the Cathedral's historic library as a resource for students and visitors in this country and overseas
- leading the Cathedral's work with all visitors, both tourists and pilgrims
- engaging with the University of Lincoln and with the Lincoln School of Theology and Ministry Studies.

The current Chancellor, Professor Mike West, was ordained in 1974. He has a Masters Degree in Theology from Oxford University, a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of Cambridge, a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of East Anglia as is currently a Visiting Professor in Theology and Ministry Studies at the University of Lincoln. He has over thirty years experience in parish ministry and has worked extensively in theological education. He comes originally from Ipswich and after spells of work in Wolverhampton and Stoke on Trent he has spent much of his ministry in Suffolk. He is married to Margaret and has two grown up children, Kate and Tom, who both still live in Ipswich. He is a life long supporter of Ipswich Town Football Club.

**12:30 MAB Atrium**

Lunch

**14:00 EMMTEC Auditorium**

***Democracy and Human Rights***

*Democracy has nothing to do with Magna Carta as there was no vote then. Human rights came out of democracy. Democracy transfers from the market place to the polling station; from the wallet to the ballot.*

Tony Benn

Chair: Professor Keeble



Tony Benn was elected to Parliament in 1950 and retired in 2001 to devote more time to politics. He is the longest serving Labour MP in the history of the party, and was Chairman of the Labour Party in 1971-72. He served as a Cabinet Minister in all the Wilson and Callaghan governments: 1964-70 and 1974-79. He is now President of the Stop the War Coalition. Tony has published twenty books including eight volumes of Diaries covering the period 1940-2007.

**15:30**

Comfort Break

**15:40 M-HAT 0021-0022, 0023; MAB Cargill, Coop**

Workshop 4a - 4e (as in 3a - 3e)

**17:00 EMMTEC Gallery**

Tea/ Coffee

**17:15 - 18:00 M-HAT 0021-0022, 0023; MAB Cargill, Coop**

MOOT ROLE REHEARSAL

*Workshops will be re-formed according to the roles students have chosen to play in the Saturday morning moots.*

- *Counsel*  
Professor Stone
- *Witness*  
Claire Randerson, Canon West,
- *Juror*  
Andrew Defty, Firas al-Shakhsheer
- *Media*  
Professor Keeble, Kay Marriott
- *Audience*  
John Ricketts, Professor Winston

*(rooms to be assigned)*

*To be followed by {invitation only}*

**18:30 -23:00 Engine Shed**

B-B-Q



28 June

09:00 EMMTEC Gallery  
REGISTRATION

09:30 M-HAT 0021-0022, 0023; MAB Cargill, Coop

Moots:

- *The trial of Representative Democracy for fraud*
- *The trial of Democratic Rights for abuse of society*
- *The trial of Human Rights for abuse of Democracy*
- *The trial of Religion for abuse of Democracy*
- *The trial of Business for abuse of Democracy*

Judges will include: His Honour Judge Michael Heath, Stuart Collingham, Richard Stone, Richard Marshall

11:45  
Comfort Break

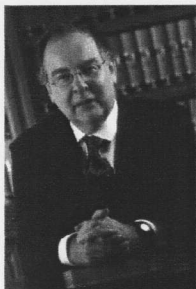
12:00 EMMTEC Auditorium

*Pro and Con Apathy – is Representative Democracy Pretty Meaningless?*

Lord Falconer will discuss the issue of democracy exploring the issues surrounding it and how engagement in the process plays a vital role. As the former Lord Chancellor with responsibility for democracy and the rule of law, Lord Falconer will speak about issues and concepts that underlie and support democracy. He will explore whether apathy weakens democracy and whether the views of the majority overrule those of the minority.

Lord Falconer

Chair: Professor Stone



Charlie Falconer was for 25 years before 1997 a commercial barrister specialising in industrial relations and commercial cases. He was involved in many of the most significant cases of the day – the Miners' strike; the Times industrial disputes; the BCCI litigation; the Maxwell litigation.

In 1997, having been a lifetime supporter of the Labour Party, he joined the Blair government as Solicitor-General, and went to the Lords. His remit included the Crown Prosecution Service, and appearing in court for the Government in its most difficult cases.

Within a year he had moved to the Cabinet Office where he became part of the team around the Prime Minister. He was involved in a whole range of issues which faced the government – for example Kosovo, the petrol crisis, employment law changes and, most notoriously, keeping the Dome open throughout 2000.

In 2001, after the general election, he became Housing, Planning and Regeneration Minister and in 2002 he became Criminal Justice Minister. In both these jobs he was pushing forward public service reform, in relation to the slow and out of date planning system; in the way the state dealt with homelessness; in seeking to bring regeneration to the most depressed communities in England and Wales; in making the criminal justice agencies work closely together; in seeking to make that system connect to the communities it served, and to respond to the needs of victims.

In 2003, amid considerable controversy, he became Lord Chancellor, with the remit of abolishing the office. He concluded, pretty quickly, that the aims of abolition could be achieved through reform not abolition. In conjunction with the then Lord Chief Justice he worked out a detailed new relationship between the judiciary and the executive, which was embodied in the Constitutional Reform Act 2005.

He became the first Lord Chancellor to chair the National Criminal Justice Board, he championed the Human Rights Act, always seeking to ensure that it was being applied with common sense, and oversaw the introduction of the Freedom of Information legislation into this country.

In 2007 he became the first Secretary of State for Justice, bringing together courts prisons and criminal justice policy for the first time. The new Ministry of Justice equals if not exceeds in size and importance the Home Office.

He has been at the heart of politics for the last decade, and been involved in controversies for the last three decades. He has been a regular broadcaster on the widest range of political issues.

He was instrumental in leading and delivering change in a wide range of areas, and has had the most profound effect on the constitution of this country.

**13:00 MAB Atrium**

Lunch

**14:00: Film Show**

EMMTEC Auditorium

***Ileksen* (Dennis O'Rourke & Gary Kildea, 1979, Australia: 57')**

- tells the story of the very first election to be held in the newly independent state of Papua/New Guinea. It shows just how fast citizens grasp the freedom of democracy, even so called 'stone-age' people.

***12 Angry Men* (Sidney Lumet, 1957, USA: 96')**

- *Martin Balsom, John Fiedler, Lee J. Cobb, E.G. Marshall, Jack Klugman, Ed Binns, Jack Warden, Henry Fonda, Joseph Sweeney, Ed Begley, George Voskovec & Robert Webber star in the great Hollywood director Sidney Lumet's first film. Set almost entirely in a jury room, it was nominated for 7 Oscars but got beaten for all of them by Bridge on the River Kwai; nevertheless it is considered a classic -- one of the screen's finest pictures of the drama of the democratic process in action.*

or

**14:00 Magna Carta Visit**

Lincoln Castle

## Forum Programme

Wednesday, 25 June	Thursday, 26 June	Friday, 27 June	Saturday, 28 June					
<p>12:00 EMMTEC Lounge Buffet lunch for Americans 14 max</p>	<p>09:30-10:45 Workshop 1a-e</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><i>The trial of Representative Democracy for fraud.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The trial of Democratic Rights for abuse of society</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The trial of Human Rights for abuse of Democracy</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The trial of Religion for abuse of Democracy</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The trial of Business for abuse of Democracy</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>MHAT</p>	<i>The trial of Representative Democracy for fraud.</i>	<i>The trial of Democratic Rights for abuse of society</i>	<i>The trial of Human Rights for abuse of Democracy</i>	<i>The trial of Religion for abuse of Democracy</i>	<i>The trial of Business for abuse of Democracy</i>	<p>09:30-10:45 Workshop 3a-e MHAT</p>	<p>09:30-12:00 Moots MHAT</p>
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<p>10:45-11:00 Coffee EMMTEC Lobby</p>	<p>10:45-11:00 Coffee EMMTEC Lobby</p>	<p>11:45 – 12:00 Comfort Break</p>						
<p>11:00-12:30 <i>Dame Pauline Green</i> Business &amp; Democracy EMMTEC Auditorium</p>	<p>11:00-12:30 <i>Mike West</i> Faith versus Democracy EMMTEC Auditorium</p>	<p>12:00 – 13:00  <i>Lord Falconer</i> Pro and Con Apathy – is Representative Democracy Pretty Meaningless? EMMTEC Auditorium</p>						
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<p>13:30 – 14:00 Academic Registration EMMTEC Lobby</p>	<p>13:30 – 15:00 <i>Dr Liam Fox MP</i> Rights and Responsibilities: Can rights be conditional? EMMTEC Auditorium</p>	<p>14:00 – 15:30 <i>Tony Benn</i> Democracy and Human Rights EMMTEC Auditorium</p>	<p>Free Events:  Film Show -- EMMTEC  Magna Carta Visit -- Castle</p>					
<p>14:00 – 14:30 University Welcome/Intro to Magna Carta (<i>VC/Chancellor of Lincoln</i>) EMMTEC Auditorium</p>	<p>15:00 – 15:10 Comfort Break</p>	<p>15:30– 15:40 Comfort Break</p>						
<p>14:30 – 15:30 US Panel <i>Reg Weaver</i> (with <i>Wayne Valis</i>) Two Democratic Cultures – the US and the UK EMMTEC Auditorium</p>	<p>15.10 – 16.30 Workshop 2 a-e MHAT</p>	<p>15:40 – 17:00 Workshop 4 MHAT</p>						
<p>15:30- 15:45 Tea EMMTEC Atrium</p>	<p>16:30- 16:45 Tea EMMTEC Atrium</p>	<p>17:00–17:15 Tea EMMTEC Lobby</p>						
<p>15:45 – 17:00  <b>Move to Cathedral/Robing</b></p>		<p>17:15 – 18:00 Moot role rehearsal MHAT</p>						
<p>17:00 – 18:30 Evensong/ University Special Conferment Cathedral</p>	<p>18.30 for 19:00 – 21:00 <i>Civic Dinner</i> [Wayne Valis] Engine Shed</p>	<p>18:30-23:00 <i>BBQ</i> Engine Shed</p>						
<p>1830 – 1915 <i>Reception/Buffer</i> <i>Chapter House &amp; Cloisters</i></p>								

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