

Mick Davis

Mick Davis — Liberal Democrats' Biggest Donor

Full name: Mick Davis (Sir Michael Davis) **Approx total donated (2024-2026):** £1-2 million
Source of wealth: Mining industry — former CEO of Xstrata (global mining giant). Estimated wealth £100m+. **Why they donate:** Supports Liberal Democrats' internationalist, pro-business, and pro-European stance. Chairs the Liberal Democrats' fundraising board. Was a major donor to the remain campaign and has backed pro-European political projects since Brexit. **Controversies:** Environmental concerns over his mining background — Xstrata was a major coal and mining multinational. Donations criticised as "dirty money" by environmental groups given his involvement in coal mining and extractive industries. Some within the Lib Dems have been uncomfortable with the association.

Notes

- The Lib Dems' only 7-figure individual donor
- His mining background creates a tension with the Lib Dems' environmental positioning
- Has also funded the European Movement and other pro-EU campaigning groups

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