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Equal opportunity for all

Senior Lecturer in War Studies at King's College London. Award-winning author. Previously taught PPE at Oxford. Worked for the UN, World Bank, Wildlife Conservation Society, McDonald's. Undergraduate in engineering. Twenty years of experience in international affairs and higher education in the UK, Canada, and the US.



LibDems Experience

Federal Board is about formulating a long-term vision for the party and understanding how its various pieces work together to produce campaign success. To do this, we need members who are new enough to see opportunities for improvement, but familiar enough with the party to actually make them happen.

I joined the LibDems in 2016 and was soon elected to the Federal Policy Committee. As a newcomer, I was able to ask all sorts of questions about internal processes—and to constructively ask for improvements. I have a record of helping opposing groups find compromise and of bringing people together from across the party. I'd like to bring my networks and strategic expertise to the Federal Board.

What do I offer Federal Board?

As an experienced academic, I bring independent authority and expertise. I advise the UK government on foreign policy strategy. I am not afraid to ask tough questions. Having joined the party in 2016, I bring a new member's perspective.

What do I stand for?

I believe that every citizen should be able to reach their full potential. To that end, I have been an advocate for gender equality for twenty years. Please listen to my TEDx talk, Gatekeepers & Role Models— How to Create a Gender Equal Politics.

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Ross joined the Liberal Democrats 15 years ago whilst studying International Relations at the University of Lincoln. Over that time, he has built up considerable experience serving on both his local and regional executives, including as Local Party Chair and Regional Secretary.

Ross has been a parliamentary candidate on three occasions, notably the 2016 Sleaford and North Hykeham by-election where the party increased the vote share in a heavily Brexit area and pushed Labour into fourth place.

As a multiple time local election candidate and agent in a Labour/Tory marginal, Ross knows the challenges facing a local party operating in difficult electoral conditions. He believes it vital the party develops skills in the passionate members who work under challenging circumstances to maintain a Lib Dem presence in these types of areas.

Outside of politics, Ross works in marketing where he focuses on delivering strategy and digital marketing. He is also an avid Lincoln City FC and Liverpool FC supporter and is writing a novel in his spare time.

My priorities and aims if I am elected to the Federal Board will be to:

- ✓ Support grassroots activism in non-targeted areas
- ✓ Strengthen diversity in the party and look at barriers which stop members becoming active campaigners or candidates
- ✓ Build a network of regional training to develop activism across the party
- ✓ Promote better communication between all levels of the party and its organisations
- ✓ Encourage the use of digital and new technology to help spread the party's messages

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Vote Ross Pepper as





ALICE THOMAS - YOUR #1 FOR FEDERAL BOARD

Give me your **1st preference** for:

- 1. pastoral care** – I led the Federal Board group that designed and implemented the new independent members' disciplinary system. I'm proud of what we created, but there is still much to do to ensure good pastoral care and process for all
- 2. scrutiny** – the party has to deal with an ever increasing compliance burden as we apply GDPR and electoral law and keep to tight financial constraints. As a solicitor and tax professional in my day job, I have the skills and experience to scrutinise and improve party processes and compliance
- 3. training** – more members means more skills and more training need. I want to continue to work with the Federal People's Development Committee to set up members' skills audits and push for more training to help our members develop

"Alice is a strong, rational, campaigning voice on the Federal Board. She's carried through a major job, with many, many hours of additional work, and remembered to deliver her Focuses at the same time. She has my friendship and will have my vote."

– Sheila Ritchie, MEP for Scotland



Elaine Bagshaw for Federal Board

Experience

- Jo Swinson's Agent in the 2019 Leadership election
- PPC for Poplar and Limehouse 2015-2019
- Mayoral Candidate for Tower Hamlets
- Chair of Liberal Youth 2008-2010
- City & East London Assembly candidate 2016

As part of Federal Board over the last three years, I've worked to develop and embed our new strategy, and to improve the member experience. You could nominate online for this election because of my work with the Board.

If re-elected, I will:

- Ensure our finances are managed well, and that budgets align with the strategy passed by members at conference
- Scrutinise work of HQ and the party to make sure it's moving us towards election success
- Make we give members the best volunteering opportunities possible, supported by excellent training



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Caron Lindsay

Your first choice for Federal Board

A cool head, an experienced voice.

Dear friend

During my time on Federal Board, I have always spoken up for the rights of party members, for better and more meaningful communication with members and for measures to improve the party's diversity.

One of my key priorities is to increase the budget for training our members, which is embarrassingly small. We can do so much more if we develop members' skills.

Finally, we need to involve SAs in all aspects of campaigning and policy-making to ensure our messages and policies take account of the needs and views of all communities.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Caron

I'm happy to answer all your questions



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About Caron:

Editor of Liberal Democrat Voice

Scottish Party Treasurer during the lean times and knows about running election campaigns on a shoestring

Member of SLF, ALDC, LGBT+, the Lib Dem Disability Association, the Radical Association and Lib Dem Women.

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP:

"If there is a beating heart to the Scottish Party then its name is Caron Lindsay. Caron is vital to the party in holding leaders to account and offering pastoral support to our most junior staff and members. She understands how it works and how it could work better."

Willie Rennie MSP:

"Caron Lindsay understands the soul of the party, is dedicated and full of sound advice."



**Your vote could make the difference to Caron's chances of getting elected.
Vote Caron Lindsay #1 for Federal Board.**



Neil Fawcett for Federal Board

What Neil's done:

- ✓ Ran the campaign that got Layla Moran MP elected. Helped hundreds of Lib Dem councillors and MEPs get elected.
- ✓ Strongly supported reforms to the disciplinary process.
- ✓ Argued for strong, simple campaign messages (Stop Brexit!)
- ✓ Consistently argued for better training and materials for members and activists.
- ✓ Vice-Chair of Federal Board (supporting President Sal Brinton but being a 'critical friend' when necessary).
- ✓ Backed action on diversity.

What Neil will do if re-elected:

- ✓ Continue to support and develop the core-vote strategy.
- ✓ Argue for a major increase in resources for training, development and materials.
- ✓ Make the party's campaign tools work better and more simply.
- ✓ Continue to work hard to help elect more Liberal Democrats at EVERY level - not just Westminster.



Cllr Simon McGrath for Federal Board

Liberal Values, Practical Experience

MY PRIORITIES if I am elected:

- 1** The lease of Party HQ in central London is up next summer. We need to look at moving as much as possible of LDHQ out of London – ALDC works fine from Manchester – so could (most of) our HQ.
- 2** We need to fund our work with BAME communities properly. Last year the Federal Board allocated nothing to this.
- 3** Work to employ more Regional Campaigns Officers supporting both local elections (including the London Mayor/GLA) and the Police and Crime Commissioner elections next May.
- 4** Using technology to empower members – we haven't started using its potential to get members involved in policy making and participating in Conference.
- 5** Communicating what FB is doing to members.

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Simon asks the questions other people think but won't ask

Anthony Fairclough,
LD leader, Merton Council

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My Experience

- Elected a Cllr in May 2018 in Wimbledon after knocking on 9,000 doors.
- Currently Secretary of London Region, experience of most roles including PPC and local Party Chair.
- Expertise in understanding management accounts and financial reporting.
- Experience with a range of boards: currently on Board of a charity for homeless and vulnerable people.

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Cllr Graham Neale **Federal Board - 1st preference**

*Our members deserve accountability and transparency
- we must take our integrity to the heart of UK politics.*

*As chair of Green Liberal Democrats, I understand the importance
of embracing sustainability throughout our party.*

*I want us to reach out to everyone with confidence, I've been a
councillor for some of the most diverse communities in the UK*

*I've experience of chairing a national educational charity, and as
treasurer of a domestic violence charity!*

*We need to stay in touch with our grass roots, let's be the party we
want, and that our country needs.*



Graham Neale





Kishan Devani FRSA



- **Prospective MP for Montgomeryshire**
- **Vice President of the LDCRE**
- **Treasurer's Envoy of the LDs**
- **Advisor to the World Youth Organisation and Unity of Faiths Foundation**
- **Law Graduate and Former Teacher**

For Federal Board

As the son of refugees, I have overcome great hardships growing up in Britain and have turned the hardships into success. It is in part what inspired me to enter politics and become the Vice President of the LDCRE. We must ensure our Party has healthier representation from people of all backgrounds so we can serve all parts of society. That is why I am standing for the Federal Board. I will be a strong voice for diversity, whether it is ensuring every region of our union is accounted for (Wales, Scotland & England) or fighting for greater BAME representation at both local and national levels.

If we want to be the Party of government, we must be more inclusive and diverse.

My Pledges:

- 1. I will be a strong voice for greater diversity in our Party and for every region of Britain - whether it is Wales, Scotland or England**
- 2. As a strong campaigner, I will help create a powerful campaigning machine to win elections across the UK**
- 3. I will ensure we have robust messages on important issues like tackling the Climate Crisis and making us the Party of business**



David Buxton For Federal Board



I would be grateful for your support – please give me a high preference. If you would like to discuss any issue please feel free to email me at davidbuxtonLD@gmail.com

David Buxton MBA is:

- Currently Chief Executive of a £1m a year charity
- Formerly Federal Executive Representative on Diversity Engagement Group
- Extensive Experience as a Councillor and PPC
- Co-founder of the Liberal Democrat Disability Association
- One of Britain’s most influential disabled people” published by the Shaw Trust 2018

David Buxton has:

- Nearly 30 years of practical experience at every level of the Party – locally, regionally and nationally
- Served on the various party policy group committees: health and social care, disability and equality
- 25 years’ experience of senior management in the voluntary and public services sectors

I believe the Liberal Democrats need to be more inclusive and diverse party. I am determined to involve more people from under-represented groups. I am standing for the Federal Board at a crucial time when our Party must establish itself as the effective party in Opposition or Government.

My main reasons for seeking election are to:

Strengthening the party as a campaigning organisation – winning people’s confidence and support

Address the party’s finances to ensure the necessary resources are available to invest in staff and upcoming elections

Focus on new strategies to strengthen our work with all diverse members of society

Ensure the party communicates its policies more widely and therefore win more votes.

David Buxton

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LISA-MARIA BORNEMANN

For Federal Board



I moved to the UK from Germany in 2011, after I graduated from university. After leading teams of international customer care agents, I now work as a team manager in international healthcare regulation

Throughout my career I have prioritised **team building and people management**. I know how to unite people under a common goal and motivate them to give their best.

In 2015, after the disastrous General Election result, I realised that if I wanted change, the only way was getting involved myself.

The Liberal Democrats were and still are the one party that supports my values of **liberalism, personal freedom and positive international relations**.

A few months later, I joined Harrow Liberal Democrats' executive committee and have been **heavily involved in the local party's strategic planning** ever since. I served as a panel member for local candidate selection and was on the team drawing up a campaign strategy for council elections.

In 2017, I was a founder member of **Liberal Democrat Immigrants** and have been its Chair since that time. LDI promotes the rights and interests of those who, like me, have come to the UK from all over the world and made it our home.

In 2019, a few months after gaining my British citizenship, I was selected as PPC for Harrow West.

As a Federal Board member, I will:

☞ *Support measures to make our party more diverse and inclusive*

☞ *Ensure that we take advantage of the expertise in our AOs and SAOs by involving them in decision-making*

☞ *Call for improvements in the working conditions and wellbeing of party staff*



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ELECT JO HAYES TO LIB DEM FEDERAL BOARD



Jo Hayes manifesto



I was a founding member of the Lib Dems and have done everything from delivering leaflets to chairing Women Lib Dems and serving on

Federal Committees. I've been a Borough Councillor and stood in General and European elections. I'm currently Chair of the East of England Region.

I'm also a barrister, practising from the chambers I shared with Lord Willie Goodhart, one of the main draftsmen of our constitution. **I'm a Lib Dem to my bones.** I'm keen to put my rich and varied experience to good use to

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- I will work with the Federal Board to:**
- ✓ Loosen the Federal reins a little, working with the regional and local parties.
 - ✓ Strengthen and streamline parliamentary candidate approval; provide what's needed to speed up democratic selections by local members so candidates in every constituency can lead campaigning.
 - ✓ Improve transparency so far as legally possible.
 - ✓ Use my unique combination of legal and political skills and experience, and work with everyone, as we all have skills we can contribute.
- I will not:**
- ✗ Close my door or my mind.

ensure the Lib Dems are where we should be: **in government!**



Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett

governance reformer • internationalist • inclusionist

1 **Split the President's role in two:** one to deal with the difficult internal party dynamics alongside chairing the internal Federal Board. Another to be the external representative to the media and membership around the country. These are profoundly different roles.

2 I will focus on two main themes, **inclusion** and **internationalism**. These are why I joined the party.

3 I want to ensure our candidates are given **greater pastoral support**.

Many of us put our lives on hold for the party. We need to find more ways to mentor, look after and provide support in a crisis.



There are areas where the party can and should do better – diversity, pastoral care, listening to associated organisations and our members.

As the committee responsible for party strategy it is down to the Federal Board to take a lead on these issues.

Please give me your **first preference vote** so I can take up these issues.

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Federal Board

SIMON CLARKE – MANIFESTO



About me

- 30 years business experience in banking and in industry
- Worked in the UK, Europe & the US
- Currently self-employed consultant
- Lifelong Liberal / LibDem voter
- Fervent and committed European / multilateralist
- Chair of local Mind charity

What I can contribute

I bring a wealth of experience and understanding from business and finance that I believe will make a difference:

- I have been responsible for formulating and/or setting strategy at the highest levels of global organisations, including putting in place management structures and operational processes to maximise efficiency, effectiveness and improve communication
- I am highly skilled in practical execution of an agreed strategy, determining the art of the possible and then securing buy-in
- These achievements have often been the result of my ability to resolve the conflicting viewpoints of various stakeholders
- I believe fundamentally in the LibDems / liberal democracy and have seen at first hand in the US the dreadful things that can happen when these values are forgotten or cast aside

While canvassing and fundraising are not my strengths, I believe my skills will complement, support, and facilitate others in the party



*A vote for me would be a
vote for a more effective
Federal Board*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Simon Clarke'.

Johnny Corbett

BRINGING DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE and a fresh perspective to the Federal Board



I've created strategies and campaigns to make change happen in big organisations; it's a set of skills that can complement the wealth of experience we already have



I'm standing for election to the Federal Board to help us deliver our ambitions by bringing an alternative perspective from outside politics

My capabilities, in building clear strategies and working with others to implement them, can add to the diversity of knowledge in the team

I worked for 15 years with Diageo, Birds Eye, ICI/Dulux & Hiscox; leading UK, European and Global businesses, on commercial and marketing leadership teams. I helped customers – their 'voters' – to select their services instead of others by:

**Leading
strategy &
campaign
development**

**Motivating &
coordinating
multi-functional
teams**

**Delivering
plans that
make a
difference**

My priority would be delivering the strategy and campaigns to:

1. Increase Participation – growing membership and involvement in party activity
2. Broaden Awareness – communicating more widely inside and outside the party
3. Enhance Effectiveness – getting more success out of our efforts and resources

I'm passionate about our mission to deliver a fair, open and inclusive society and I'm excited about playing a role within our party to make that happen

If you want someone who could bring a different perspective to the table and work together with experienced colleagues to make change happen, please vote for me

I'm a husband, father of 3, live in Newbury and have been a member since 2015



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BEN NUTLAND

South Gloucestershire

As a Member of the
Federal Board I will:

Work to ensure we
continue building on
our recent success

Modernise our party
and work to support
Leadership

Work to ensure that
the voices of our
members are heard at
every level

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**“We have experienced
real success lately but
I think we can do even
better. I believe that
in Jo we have a leader
that can lead us to
unprecedented levels.
I want to work to make
that a possibility”**

Experience

Member of the Obama Administration's
Young Leaders UK programme

Parliamentary Candidate Bristol South
for the 2017 General Election.

Young Liberals Chairman for
South Gloucestershire 2017

Elected to South Gloucestershire Council
in May 2019

Lib Dem Newbies Admin and a member
of the 2019 Bournemouth Pint committee



RE- ELECT

JAMES GURLING

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“ *The coming election could define the UK’s relation with the EU. How we campaign and connect with the voters will be critical to the future of both our Party and the country.* ”

What have I done so far?

Chair of the Federal Communications & Elections Committee overseeing preparations and conduct of our external profile at all elections be they local, Westminster or European levels

Chair of the 2017 snap General Election which increased our Parliamentary Party by 50% on a reduced national vote

Chair of the 2019 European Election campaign which elected 16 fantastic MEPs against external expectations

Formally reviewed every round of elections between 2010 - 2015 making detailed recommendations to improve our campaigning & communication capabilities

Participate in the relevant functions of the Federal Policy Committee in terms of Manifesto and the Federal Conference Committee in terms of our twice yearly shop-window to the world

What will I do next?

Help deliver a well positioned and campaign-ready Party for any further snap-election or people’s vote on Brexit - whichever comes first

Continue to participate, along side the President and Chief Whip in the Federal Board’s protocol for dealing with MPs transferring into our Party

Work and negotiate with MPs and Parties to deliver the greatest possible number of MPs backing the Remain cause and continuing our positive place in Europe

About me:

Councillor in Southwark 1998-2010 gaining ward from Labour and retaining twice

HQ General Election team 2015, 2010, 2005, 2001 & 1997

Leadership election agent to Charles Kennedy and member of his advisory team

Parliamentary election Agent in Richmond & Barnes 1992

Local election Agent over time in Hull, Wandsworth & Southwark

Founder of the Centre for Reform and Editor of The Reformer

Managing Director in a Communications consultancy

Questions?

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Nominators:

Lord McNally
Alistair Carmichael MP
Christine Jardine MP
Caroline Pidgeon AM
Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Duncan Hames
Lord Razzall
Lord Fox
Sheila Thomson
Chris Adams

GURLING 1

Dr Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey FEDERAL BOARD



I would like to change the London centric nature of the party to change with you use of video conferencing more than going to London for meetings. This would allow more time for work in their local areas, which is necessary during a time of great division in our country.

My Experience

Directly Elected Member of the FPC

Vice Chair of South Central LibDems

Former English Council Executive member for the FPC

Former member of the English Council Executive

Former Deputy leader of the opposition on Wokingham BC

Member Nuclear Weapons Policy FPC working Group

Member Green Lib Dems, Lib Dem Women and LGBTQ+ Lib Dems

Member World Science Fiction Convention Executive

WHAT CAN WE DO DIFFERENTLY?

Decentralise some decisions to the State Parties.

Consult the latest new and existing members and regional execs on what they want to see as new ideas for campaigning and involve them in implementing them.

Train more members to use technology and campaigning to help us win more seats.

PUT DR RACHELLE AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR THE FEDERAL BOARD

Gerald Vernon-Jackson

A Lib Dem City Leader for 12 years

My Pledge to You

I will tell the party leadership the tough truths they have to hear

I have the credibility to be listened to by the party leadership

I will listen to your concerns and act on them

You can contact me at geraldvj@gmail.com or on 07976 949272



- *Gerald is the Leader of Portsmouth City Council, the biggest city the Lib Dem control. This is his 12th year as City Leader*
- *Gerald has worked for the Lib Dems in every county in England (and lots in Wales too)*
- *Gerald is a strong voice for local government at the heart of the party*
- *Gerald is Regional Chair and is standing for Parliament.*



Gerald VERNON-JACKSON

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David Simpson is an experienced, engaging, strategically thinking member of the Liberal Democrats.

First elected in 1982, David is known for his collaborative, practical approach, always focusing on what politics is about – making a difference to communities and the individuals in them. He plans and executes strategies to make this difference – which can mean working with a range of people across parties to achieve what is best for the communities involved.

David has experienced a variety of positions in his life that means he can relate to many people and bring different ideas and angles to the table. The son of a former miner and sailor he is one of seven boys brought up in Gosport, he knows the power of a good education and community cohesion to offer opportunities and support to people regardless of background. He joined the Army after school, with active service in Northern Ireland. When he was disabled out he worked on a local newspaper, then became a small business owner.

Unfortunately, he knows only too well that life can deal unexpected blows. He gets a war disability pension, and uses two walking sticks or a wheel chair. This adds to his understanding and empathy for often alienated sections of our society.

David has held many Party positions and been a Parliamentary candidate, a District Councillor, a Leader of Hart District Council, where he set up and led the first ever Cabinet when the committee system was abolished, including a mix of all parties in his minority Cabinet. A Hampshire County Councillor since 2005 he won what was regarded as a ‘safe’ Tory seat and has held it ever since.

Communication is key to David’s success and high regard.

David has built a reputation for spotting political issues early and then letting activists across Hampshire know via his regular reports. It was David’s quick action, as Economy Transport & Environment spokesperson that spotted Conservative proposals to close HWRCs (Tips) that allowed a successful election campaign to keep them open and gain more seats for the Liberal Democrats.

David attends 8 different parish council meetings on his ‘patch’ and regularly meets constituents to gauge opinions, find out about issues, and update them on progress and events. He actively supports his constituents, taking his case work and responsibilities towards them seriously.

Why vote for David?

David will bring to the Federal Board a depth and breadth of experience as a local politician, a Liberal Democrat activist, a business person, a war veteran, a disabled person and a family man. He will listen, contribute, and help create strategies that are grounded in reality and practicality and then communicate them to engage and empower people.

Theo Butt Philip



Your first choice for the **Federal Board**

I have been a member and party activist for 25 years, working at all levels of the party. I have been a parliamentary candidate, councillor and member of party staff – I have the experience and understanding of the party needed on the Federal Board.

The Federal Board needs to reflect the party across the country – I have done the vast majority of my politics in the **West Country**, an area of vital strategic importance to the party but currently unrepresented on the Federal Board.

The Federal Board must ensure, members, local parties, SAOs/AOs (and state and regional parties) have the resources and support needed so that we have an active **Liberal Democrat presence in all communities**.

We need to be realistic about our capacity. We must continue to be fiercely ambitious, whilst understanding what limitations we have and addressing them. We must **ensure our priorities are properly funded, including the campaigns to improve diversity in the party**.

For over three years Brexit has dominated our politics. It has given our party a cause to focus on and driven the phenomenal growth in membership as well as our electoral success. But, although **stopping Brexit must remain our number one priority**, we must ensure we have a **coherent Liberal message which goes beyond Brexit**.

Experienced

- Party member for 25 years.
- Former constituency organiser in Somerset.
- Former Political Assistant to a Lib Dem Council Group.
- Local Councillor in Somerset 2007-2015.
- Parliamentary candidate for Bridgwater and West Somerset 2010 and 2015.
- Former Federal Policy Committee and International Relations Committee member.
- Now running the National Liberal Club's Orpington Fund, which gives financial support to Liberal Democrat by-election campaigns).

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Anita

LOWER

We need a **strong voice** for local campaigners on the **Federal Board**

We are in extraordinary times. Our party stands on the cusp of being able to deliver for Britain a radical and liberal program of change.

And while we transform Britain we must also transform our party. We need a strong voice for local campaigners on the Federal Board and I believe I am that person.

I have been a councillor on Newcastle City Council for 25 years and was part of the core team of Lib Dems who took control of the council in 2004.

I was a member of the ruling executive for seven years. I held the portfolio of transforming the way the council worked while also making millions of pounds of savings to invest in frontline services.

I later took on responsibility for neighbourhoods and public protection and became deputy leader. I am now Lib Dem group leader - working to rebuild the party after the Coalition.

As a member of both the LGA - including leading for the National FGM Centre Advisory Group and being vice-chair of the ALDC management committee - I am involved in developing and implementing policy.

I believe I have the necessary skills and experience needed to make a contribution to the Federal Board.

I hope you will give me your support.

Anita

My pledges for the Federal Board:



As a born and bred Geordie I'll be a strong northern voice for the grassroots.



I'm a team player and will work with all levels of the party to transform the Liberal Democrat party.



Bringing my experience of rebuilding the Lib Dems in Newcastle to the Federal Party.



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Cllr **Luke Cawley-Harrison** for Federal Board



MY PRIORITIES:

- 1 Ensure that our **social liberal values**, such as equality for minority and under-represented groups, are the driving force behind all our party does.
- 2 Build a party that harnesses the recent influx of new members, and **provides the tools, infrastructure and strategy to allow us to win anywhere.**
- 3 Be a **champion** and voice for **local parties**, who are too often squeezed out from national decision making.

Relevant experience:

- Wrote and tabled LGBT+ inclusive education motion which received unanimous, cross-party support.
- Organiser for Haringey Lib Dems, overseeing one of the most successful local election campaigns of 2018, and success in EU Elections.
- Councillor in Haringey and Lib Dem Group Chief Whip.
- Founded and ran a successful, global Digital Agency.

“As a new father to a child born through surrogacy to two dads, I care passionately about equal rights and opportunity for all.”

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ENDORSED BY:



“Luke is a campaigner who knows how to win. He would be a great asset to the Federal Board.”

Lynne Featherstone
Lib Dem MP 2005-15



“I’ve seen first hand the great work Luke does in Haringey. He would bring fresh ideas and energy to the Federal Board at what is a pivotal time for our party.”

Luisa Porritt MEP
Dept Leader of the
Lib Dems in Europe

Vote **Luke Cawley-Harrison #1** for Federal Board



RUBY CHOW



Your 1st Choice for Federal Board

Dedicated - Experienced - Efficient

MY PRIORITIES

1 Communication and Transparency

About our decision making process to ensure a consistent flow of information across all levels of party officers

2 Continued development of BAME talent

Encouraging more BAME members to stand for internal officer roles, and ensure BAME candidates receive appropriate and continuous training post-approval and selection

3 A plan for developing beginner and emerging local parties

Providing tailored, measurable targets to developing team via encouragement and implementation of achievable best practices. This is currently a project taking place in London as part of the campaigns team - my aim is to expand this.

WHY RUBY?

Officer experience at every level: executive at local, regional and state levels, acquiring an in-depth understanding of support required to run a well-oiled, effective party.

Winning campaigns (and delivering large swings): with developing local parties as regional by-election coordinator, as well as part of campaigns team in London Lib Dems executive, in charge of "ground war" operations for London 2020 mayoral campaign.

Reliable and efficient: Diary manager for London Euro candidates during European Elections resulting in Liberal Democrat victory to continue our Stop Brexit momentum.

"I'm backing Ruby!"

"Ruby has been incredibly efficient, professional and enthusiastic organising the Euro campaign in London. A large part of recent Lib Dem success is due to her tireless effort."



Irina von Wiese

Liberal Democrat MEP for London



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Ruby Chow

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People First

A party which relies on a small number of staff and volunteers needs help to ensure all are supported and appreciated.

I want to help make the Lib Dems the best volunteer experience possible.

I'm not afraid of questioning and calling out things which need changing.

I have the experience of driving best practice and commitment to make this happen.

2

Effective Reform

Our internal governance structure is cumbersome and stops good decisions happening.

I want to be part of a change which might see my position go, but would back this if it cut red-tape and committees which don't achieve things.

I work with businesses to effect change, so I am well placed to challenge and advise.

3

Winning Campaigner

I have a track record of campaigning and winning elections at a local council and parliamentary level across the country – from Kingston to Herefordshire, Cornwall to Portsmouth.

I've supported presidential campaigns and leadership campaigns.

I understand how national and local elections work. We need to attract a broader range of candidates and re-think how we support local parties.

I have a vision for how we can campaign more efficiently and effectively.

Future-focused
Experienced
Effective

ROISIN MILLER 1

Prue Bray

for Federal Board



We are facing the fight of our political lives. To prepare ourselves for that fight we need to do some basic things right.

Please give me your 1st preference for Federal Board so that I can help

- 1 promote inclusiveness, openness and team-working across the whole party
- 2 create more capacity within the party through better use of volunteers
- 3 embed robust processes to help people carry out their roles and manage risk
- 4 make sure the information people need is available and they know where to find it
- 5 provide ways for people to feed in good new ideas

Prue Bray is a hard worker who has the right skills and experience for Federal Board:

- Chair of English Candidates Committee
- Member of Federal Committees
- Councillor and past Group Leader
- Past chair of a Specified Associated Organisation
- Regional officer

Prue Bray for Federal Board 1



DAVID CRADDOCK

WEST MIDLANDS EXEC NOMINATION

I have demonstrated excellent strategic planning and communication skills in international businesses, the higher education sector, and within the party, which makes me an ideal candidate for the Federal Board.

PASSIONS

There is a disconnect between the **Economy**, the **Environment** and **Wellbeing**. I am an advocate of **Economic Development as if People and the Environment matter**. Brexit for me illustrates how poorly our first past the post system serves our politics and country, and I am a champion of **Proportional Representation**. I also feel strongly that the **Regions need to be better represented** on the Lib Dem Federal Board.

LIB DEM PARTY CREDENTIALS

I am **acting Chair of the West Midlands Regional Executive, Chair of Campaigns, and a member of the Policy Group**. I recently coordinated the EU Elections in the region where we increased our vote share to 16% and gained one MEP. I championed regional economic development on the **21st Century Economy Policy Working Group** and have some experience working with party officials in head office.

I have been a member of the Lib Dem Party in Shrewsbury and Atcham since 2016 and have contributed to the party locally as **Membership Officer** and as **Joint Chair**.

BACKGROUND

In addition to my Lib Dem work I am **Non-Exec Director** of an international children's publishing company and a food security enterprise operating in Africa. I am a **Trustee** of a local Mental Health Charity. I also **mentor Start-up Business Entrepreneurs in Birmingham**, specifically coaching them on processes to enable them to develop their strategy and business plans.

I was **Chief Executive of a Super Computing Business** for Universities and in support of businesses in Wales. This involved fundraising, strategy development and business planning, directing a £40m public sector procurement process, recruiting staff and managing the business.

I have worked at a senior level in **International Marketing with Unilever** and negotiated business deals in Europe, Asia Pacific and North America. I was **Managing Director** and **Marketing and Sales Director** of an Electronics business and Technical Textile business respectively carrying out business in Europe and the USA – both small to medium enterprises (SMEs) in Yorkshire.

PERSONAL

I am a family man with a wife and 5 children. I love some pop and classical music, am a lousy golfer, but great grower of organic fruit and vegetables down my allotment!

Becky Forrest first choice for Federal Board

Becky joined the Lib Dems the day after the referendum in 2016:

- 1 - A Lib Dem Newbies Facebook group admin.
- 2 - Elected to the ALDC Management Committee in late 2016.
- 3 - 6th on the North West EU election list.
- 4 - 2017 candidate in Bolton West, and snap PPC for next GE



Becky's priorities for Federal Board:

1. Provide scrutiny of the Chief Executive, to ensure that staff have the job security that well managed finances brings.
2. Increase the accessibility of the party across the country.



"Becky has been a real asset to the ALDC management committee she will make a great member of Federal Board and will help make the party more accessible and better run for our staff and members, join me in backing Becky for FB"

Mayor Dave Hodgson - Mayor of Bedford.

Vote Joyce Onstad No.1 For Fed Board

My Priorities

- ✓ I will continue to be an independent voice in championing the values of fairness to all, internationalism, respect of human rights and the rule of law.
- ✓ I will continue to fight for inclusion and diversity.
- ✓ As a first generation immigrant from a humble background, I have experienced the generosity of strangers and will fight for the Social Liberal Agenda in our party.

About Joyce

- ✓ Vice Chair Federal Board
- ✓ PPC and Council Candidate
- ✓ Former Treasurer for Liberal Democrat Women
- ✓ Trustee, Themba HIV Trust.
- ✓ Many years in the Humanitarian sector, worked for ActionAid, UNDP
- ✓ Master's UCL, London



“ As Vice Chair of the Federal Board, I feel proud of how we have helped steer our party to become more diverse, more effective, and a real force in British politics.

With your support, I look forward to helping our party take advantage of the opportunities now available to us and scale even greater heights with the bold leadership of Jo Swinson.

I will help build a Liberal political vision to unite a post-Brexit Britain. I am an out-of-the-box thinker not afraid to speak out! ”





Candy Piercy

No. 1 for the Federal Board

Candy Piercy says “ I am best known in the Lib Dems as a trainer, mentor and campaigner at by-elections. But I believe that it is the work that I do behind the scenes that is even more important.”

Candy began her career in the Lib Dems as Deputy Director of Campaigns, winning elections at all levels as a very successful agent, including the spectacular Winchester Parliamentary By-election. Over the last decade her focus has been on helping women and members of other under represented groups to get elected to parliament, local councils and party committees.

She is one of the most widely respected trainers in the Party. She helped set up the Campaign for Gender Balance (then called GBTF) and still leads it today. She was one of the key voices on the Federal Board responsible for the creation of the new Racial Diversity Campaign (RDC), the new sister organisation to the CGB. The RDC helps candidates from ethnic minorities to stand for Parliament. Candy has also trained political activists in over 30 developing democracies around the world, including Afghanistan, Ukraine and South Africa, working for organisations such as the EU, the OSCE and UN.

A member of the FB over a number of years, Candy often leads the way in challenging the Party Leadership and management. She wants to improve the way the Party works to make it more representative, more transparent and more responsive to members.

Candy says: “I also want to stand again because I feel that my experience is needed to complete the introduction of the much needed, new Liberal Democrat Party disciplinary process. I helped Alice Thomas and Sheila Ritchie to roll out of the new process in July. It’s going well but I want to finish the job.”

Candy is the co-author of the General Election Agents Manual, the blueprint for anyone who wants to run a General Election campaign. It is her practical understanding of grassroots campaigning, and the challenges facing ordinary party members, that make her such a valuable voice on the Federal Board.

Influential – Respected – Inspiring

ALISTAIR BIGOS

FOR FEDERAL BOARD

Helping turn our

Liberal Values Into Reality



WHO AM I?

- **Treasurer of Southwark Party** since 2017, creating strategies that have helped revive the party to **over 1500 members** and made it solvent.
- Lead on fundraising committee; established a strategy **that raised over £150,000** for 2018 local elections in which we increased our elected councillors and built a war chest for the upcoming snap general election.
- **Developed a local apprenticeship programme** to provide jobs for the London river community.
- **Stood up to big developers in South London** by developing new planning laws which will lead to more public open space, better air quality and improved living conditions for local people.
- **Running high-profile local business** London Ducktours for over 10 years.
- A Lib Dem member and activist since 2013.

As a Federal Board member, I will

- 1.** Build stronger links between the federal party and local parties, so they can get the support they need to organise, campaign and win.
- 2.** Support local parties with financial strategy and ways to build effective ties with local business to increase their fund-raising capability.
- 3.** Investigate ways to build better data sharing between all Liberal Democrat organisations so we can be the best informed campaigning force we can be.

APRIL PRESTON

A fresh face for Federal Board

Diversity ♦ Openness ♦ Reform



"I'm backing April because she's a fantastic activist and an experienced campaigner. She's policy-driven, and has a track record of putting others first. She will provide a fresh voice for the North, especially those who fight in Labour-facing seats."

**SHAFFAQ MOHAMMED,
MEP**



APRIL FOR FEDERAL BOARD

April grew up as a carer in a council house in Stockport, with her two deaf and disabled parents. At the age of 10, she went into care herself. She uses her life experiences to champion progressive policy and thinking within the Liberal Democrats.

As a young girl, she witnessed the devastating outcomes from the mishandling of disability and mental health. She is determined to stop this happening to future generations. She strives to support any person feeling ignored or alienated by the system.

April seeks to reach out to marginalised groups and young people, who often go disregarded in politics – including care leavers, those with complex educational needs, and LGBTQ+ people.

She mentors working-class women in her personal work, and strives to make politics an option for all.

THREE REASONS TO BACK APRIL:



SHE'S INDEPENDENTLY RUN EVENTS FOR THE PARTY, IMPROVING DIVERSITY, UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL BARRIERS – RECRUITING VAST AMOUNTS OF NEW MEMBERS



SHE'S HAD A POLITICAL JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER – ONCE HOMELESS, NOW LEADING CAMPAIGNS TO END THE HOUSING CRISIS, AGAINST MANCHESTER LABOUR'S FINES ON THOSE SLEEPING ROUGH



SHE'S CHANGED LIBERAL DEMOCRAT NATIONAL POLICY – PUTTING WOMEN'S SAFETY HIGHER ON THE AGENDA, AND FOCUSING ON VICTIMS IN THE NEW DISCIPLINARY PROCESS, WITH THE RIGHT TO ANONYMITY

1 FIRST PREFERENCE – PUT APRIL PRESTON

ROSS STALKER

for Federal Board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ♦ GRASSROOTS VALUES



Hello.

I joined the Liberal Democrats over a decade ago to campaign against the illiberalism of New Labour. A lot has changed politically since then, but the values that led me to join the party are more relevant and needed than ever.

I have a lot of experience to bring to Federal Board.

I was employed as a Campaign Organiser for four elections - the 2015 General Election, the 2016 Holyrood election, the 2017 local election in East Dunbartonshire and the subsequent snap General Election. I've run campaigns that increased our vote share against the national trend in the post-Coalition wilderness years, and I was part of the team that helped Jo Swinson win back her seat from the SNP. I've used the experience I gained as a staff member to help at crucial by-elections like Richmond Park, Lewisham East and Shetland.

As a volunteer I've been involved in just about everything in the party at some point - from Scottish Conferences, to Associated Organisations, to being a local council candidate and Chair of my local party.

Federal Board exists to provide strategic direction for the Party. With my long experience as an active party member, and the knowledge that comes from having worked as campaign staff in target seats, I believe that I am in a good position to contribute to the work of the Board.

What I believe:

Social media is important, but **elections are still won on the ground**. The party should **use Connect to its maximum potential** by investing in data models and training for local parties in how to use them effectively.

Labour and the Tories have abandoned the centre ground, and this is a huge opportunity for our party. However, we shouldn't confuse making a pitch to centre ground voters with 'centrist' messaging, or we risk repeating the mistakes of our 2015 manifesto and defining ourselves only by the other main parties. **We should be a centre-left party that centre ground and centre-right voters feel comfortable voting for.** This will allow us to broaden our coalition of voters for the next election and also build a core vote for the long term.

Our party still has a long way to go in properly engaging with underrepresented and minority groups, and recent events have shown that this is even true for the LGBT+ community, despite our party's long history of supporting LGBT+ rights. **The Federal Board should maintain the strongest possible relationship with the party's SAOs.**



Questions?

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