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About Me

Since serving on the English Council as a North East Substitute Rep for the first time a couple years back, I've made it my business to ensure that important questions are asked about the way our party operates. It is an important opportunity for scrutiny. Since leading the EYL delegations this year as EYL chair, I've also had the opportunity to see it as an opportunity to show off the work of the Young Liberals across the party. I hope you will allow me to support the next EYL chair(s) as part of their delegation

SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST TO ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS - VOTE OJL #1 FOR EC

Experience

English Council isn't an easy meeting to attend, it often runs for up to 6 hours. Nevertheless it is an important duty that I have now had the opportunity to take part in a number of times.

At these meetings, I've raised a range of issues that matter to Young Liberals: Sustainability, Trans Rights and Conference Accessibility to name a few. It is also an opportunity for Young Liberals to have a say on rules changes, selections and the functioning of our regions.

As the current chair of the English Young Liberals, I have had experience of leading our delegation to the English Council, and I would also stand ready to assist the incoming chair(s) in organising our presence and showing the best of the Young Liberals

Proposals

I will continue to be a strong voice on issues that matter to Young Liberals, I will continue to challenge party figures on issues such as Diversity and Inclusion, from conference to candidates

I will support the new chair(s) to make effective use of the collective expertise of their delegation in the regular pre-meets and lend any institutional memory I can to their work

I will, alongside the chair(s) and my fellow reps, explore new ways to make the working of the English Council more transparent to Young Liberal members, whether that includes supporting on the report back or possible "delegation surgeries"

Above all else, I will seek to be a strong, accountable voice that you can trust to raise the matters you care about at an important, but often overlooked and misunderstood, opportunity