

Adam Belcher for Young Liberals Events Officer

One of my favourite things about being a Young Liberal is our amazing conferences. Since I first attended in 2018, they have come a long way, and I want to see that continue.

If we haven't met before – hello! I'm a software engineer based in Leeds, and I've been a member of the Lib Dems for over seven years. If you have any questions about my platform, don't hesitate to get in touch!

-Adam

EXPERIENCE

- I have served for three years on the Events Committee, overseeing two online conferences during the pandemic, followed by three hugely successful in-person hybrid conferences. Also:
- Two years as Chair of Yorkshire & Humber Young Liberals (2020-22)
- University of Birmingham Liberal Democrats: Secretary (2017-19) and Vice-Chair (2019-20)
- Local election candidate for Wakefield Council (2016-19) and Leeds Council (2022)
- Secretary of the Leeds West local party (2022)

CONSISTENCY IS KEY

YL conferences since the pandemic have set a new standard for professionalism. Members have high expectations now, and we need to meet those expectations consistently. Everything I do as Events Officer will be documented so that future officers are well-equipped to keep the quality of conference consistent. I intend to produce a "how to run a YL conference" handbook. This means checklists for the things that we know make conference go well, as well as lessons learned from things that might go wrong.

AN ENGAGED EVENTS OFFICE

In recent years, the Policy and International Officers have massively boosted the position of YL within the Lib Dems and beyond. It's about time Events did the same. Firstly, Events Committee need to be put at the forefront. They have a right to scrutinise the Officer's decisions and put forward their own ideas for YL events. I will make sure that their voice is heard. I also, if the Policy Officer is willing, want to bring back the Events-Policy joint committee which worked to great effect on setting timetables in the weeks leading up to the online conferences during the pandemic.

We also need to look beyond YL conference. Federal conference will finally be back in-person next spring and we need to be ready. I will make sure that we have a proper schedule of fringe events at every federal conference, exploring the possibility of joint events with other AOs. Such joint events will expand YL's influence throughout the wider party, ensuring that Lib Dems everywhere know who we are and what we stand for.

A WELCOMING CONFERENCE

YL Conf is as much about socialising and making new connections as it is about policy and training. When I first came to conference, I hardly knew anybody, but I soon felt at home. I want YL conference to feel that way for everybody. That's why I want to work with the ADS Officer to make sure that Conf is as welcoming to as many people as possible. Whilst my

own pub quiz will be back, I will give just as much attention to making sure that under-18s and folks who don't drink alcohol get just as many social opportunities from Conf as anybody else.

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