



Councillor William Hougbo

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Deputy Leader of the liberal democrat group on Southwark council

MSc International Security and Global Governance

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- Elected in 2018. I was a council candidate during the coalition time.
- Served on community safety and on the Education and Business Scrutiny commissions.
- Permanent member of a panel to tackle issues of school exclusions and youth violence in Southwark.
- In the community I am involved with a range of groups: I proactively work with the Metropolitan police and the SNTs. I sit at business association meetings. As a school governor, I am currently involved with a federation of three schools. I am a trustee of Active Communities Network (A national Body that is responsible for supporting youth projects and business start-up. I participated in several local, national liberal Democrat activities).
- Recent involvement with the Metropolitan police to develop safe zone initiative in response to mental health and domestic abuse. This is being piloted by Southwark council.

The regional executive membership will benefit from my experience and insight on major issues affecting our region:

- We would need to work closely and support the Criminal Justice System, the outreach entities and the youth services to adopt a fairer and appropriate approach towards our young members from the ethnic minority communities.

The devastating effect of Covid 19 in 2020, showed the impact of injustice and inequalities on the lives of people from African, Caribbean and Asian communities. Around 34% of the population who were critically ill with Covid-19 up to 31 August 2020 were from ethnic minority backgrounds. Within these communities they suffered disproportionately high numbers of death. 1.4 million key workers were from ethnic minorities. This has shaken the ethnic population as the disparity of outcome for them is negative as well as the disparity of incomes which is growing with a widening gap. Ethnic minority people have life experience and prejudice and are already aware of the negative outcome of their lives.

If you elect me as one of the Ordinary member of the Regional Executive the liberal Democrats would achieve positive transformations through positive actions in our region. We need to be more embedded into our communities. The residents of our communities will know what we stand for if we do understand them.