

Doreen HUDDART 1

for International Relations Committee

Effective international experience on the front line of liberal democracy



Doreen discussing EU development fund work to improve local government in North Africa with Queen Letizia of Spain



Doreen's an experienced election observer in Eastern Europe - here with ex US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Ukraine

I'm standing for this committee as I believe I can offer relevant experience and knowledge to support the Party's aims.

In addition to being a busy Councillor in Newcastle, and RO and Assessor for the Party, my professional background is in Higher Education, Community Mental Health and Social Care.

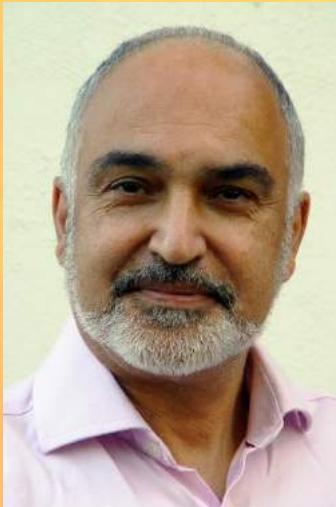
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Experience and insight from

- ✓ Working for Aid Agencies in crises in Kenya, Ethiopia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ✓ Undertaking International Election Monitoring missions
- ✓ Serving as a Member & Rapporteur of the EU Committee of the Regions, and on EU panels co-operating with West Balkan states, Turkey and Macedonia
- ✓ Attendance at ALDE meetings
- ✓ Working with women's groups to prevent trafficking, modern day slavery, and FGM, plus empowering girls into education in Nepal, Asia and Africa

Dr Farshid Sadr-Hashemi for FIRC

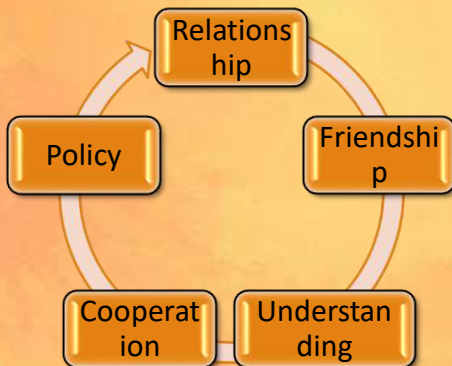


"We need to listen, learn and teach best practices in order to promote democracy and liberalism."

Proven Track Record

- Having trained and worked as an engineer I entered the banking world in the city.
- There I have been head of different European desk for over 20 years.
- For the last 8 years I was head of European Fixed Income groups in major investment banks and had representatives from every country in the EU
- I joined the party this summer and spoke at my first Conference in Bournemouth
- I speak Fluent Farsi

I believe that helping to support –and strengthen – our sister parties is essential in promoting peace and democracy.



Give me your first preference as I passionately believe in democracy and promoting peace by **engaging** our international friends.

George Cunningham

Who am I ?

- **Committed Internationalist, based in London and Brussels**
- **Chair, Lib Dems Overseas (2018-19) and Chair/Vice-Chair, Brussels & Europe Lib Dems (2014-17); Parliamentary candidate 2015**
- **Former Deputy EU Ambassador to Afghanistan, EU & UN official, NGO Youth Leader, British Army**
- **Lived and worked in New York, Afghanistan, Brussels, Cyprus, New York, New Zealand. Walked Africa two years for charity**
- **On Jo Swinson's foreign policy board when Deputy Leader**
- **Fluent French & Polish**

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• I am standing for the Federal International Relations Committee to make it more dynamic and improve its policy advice to the party and relevance to regions & local parties.

• I will help the party hold any Tory Government to account if they deviate from liberal principles in their foreign policy. If Brexit occurs, I will ensure Lib Dems continue to be heard in Brussels when our MEPs leave while continuing to represent vigorously our 2,000 Lib Dem members who live abroad.

• The voice of all 120,000 Lib Dem members should be more heard in areas of your international concern, such as the Amazon, women's rights, LGBTI, climate change, data security, Israel/Palestine, Syria, Kashmir, Iran and Hong Kong/Taiwan.

• I will continue to work closely with our sister parties & attend all Liberal International and the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Congresses, as I have done the past year. I will work to help promote liberal democracy worldwide with a particular focus on Brazil, China, Russia and the United States.



Please give me your first preference !

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM | 1

Hannah Bettsworth #1 for International Relations Committee

A former Scottish Parliamentary candidate, I now live in Brussels and work in EU policy circles. I want to use my expertise to help my friends back home stop Brexit.

A KNOWLEDGEABLE, EXPERIENCED INTERNATIONAL ACTIVIST

- FORMER INTERNATIONAL OFFICER OF THE YOUNG LIBERALS
- FLUENT IN FRENCH AND SPANISH
- MASTERS GRADUATE FROM SCIENCES PO PARIS IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
- SERVED ON 'BRITAIN IN THE WORLD' LIB DEM POLICY WORKING GROUP



Zulfiqar Ali

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My name is Zulfiqar. I am a self-employed businessman. I am married and have two kids who are both currently in higher education.

I joined the Liberal Democrats in 1982. In 1998 I began my political career in Rochdale where I stood for councillor and won from a strong Labour hold. For 14 years I was a leading Lib Dem councillor. Progressing in my career, I became the deputy leader of the Lib Dems in Rochdale. In 2010, I had the great honour of being the first Asian Lib Dem Mayor of Rochdale. In 2012 I stood down from my role within the council. I then began my role on the immigration advice policy panel for the Lib Dems. I was a Parliamentary candidate at the last general election.

I urge you to give me an opportunity to represent our party on international relations.

I am;

- Committed
- Respected
- Accountable

- As a life-long Lib Dem member I am fully aware of the party policies on international affairs and can lead our party forward on foreign policies such as human rights, international development and also on free and fair trade.
- I believe that being from an under-represented ethnic minority I can be an ambassador for the party ensuring that those who are from under-represented and from black ethnic minorities (BME) are equally recognised and their views on foreign policy are heard.
- I feel I can represent the party on a national level in regard to international issues that arise due to having previously served on the immigration policy panel for a number of years and dealing with international issues.
- Our party is a party of liberal values and I will work to ensure that I have people see our party as the first choice for having international issues at the best interests of our hearts.

Ruth Coleman-Taylor for FIRC

I want to make sure that our distinctive radical and progressive voice continues to be heard in Europe and elsewhere and to help build Liberalism for the future. I normally attend the UK Lib Dem Conference and the ALDE Congress and have attended several Liberal International Congresses. As a Young Liberal, I helped to set up the predecessor of LYMEC. I served alongside sister ALDE parties on the EU Committee of the Regions where I led for ALDE on External Relations and later Asylum/Immigration.

I have trained, advised and delivered peer review to local government in England, Europe and elsewhere. I have also helped deliver capacity-building programmes to local government e.g. in India and Zimbabwe and served as an Election Observer in Europe and Africa.

My travels have convinced me that our world is a fragile and wonderful place and that we must work together to give our planet for a future. We should share good practice, learning from successful environmental projects in other countries.

Beyond politics, I enjoy music, gardening and the company of my growing family: I write science fiction and attend SF Conventions: and I endeavour to tread lightly on the Earth.



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Phil

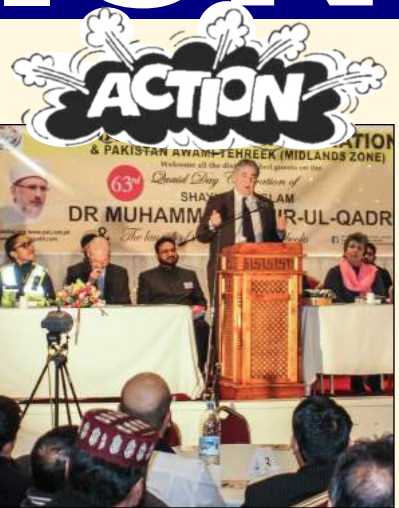
BENNION

A 'force to be reckoned with' in international affairs

Dr Phil Bennion has decades of experience working with our sister parties to advance liberal democracy across the world. Recently re-elected as MEP, he is a former Chair of the British Group of **Liberal International** and has played a key role in the organisation at global level, serving as Vice Chair of the LI Human Rights Committee.

In or out of the EU Parliament, Phil has won wide acclaim for his **human rights campaigns** engaging with South Asian countries. He was recently invited by Pakistan foreign minister Qureshi to talk at the UN in Geneva on paths to a peaceful, democratic solution in Kashmir (now in lockdown after India revoked autonomy). He has served as an election monitor in Lahore, and helped win better rights for clothing workers in Bangladesh after the Rana Plaza disaster. He continues to mediate between government and opposition parties in Bangladesh. This year he has also spoken out for the Rohingya, the Uyghurs in China and dissidents in Bahrain. Phil has extensive contacts with Liberal-leaning politicians across Africa and Asia, in and out of government.

"The job of IRC is to promote Liberal ideas round the world. New anti-corruption movements and constitutional politics reacting to fundamentalism or populism, from Indonesia to Africa, are a real opportunity. Whether Brexit happens or not, I want to continue my work via IRC with South Asian countries and build links with Liberals in Africa."



- MEP West Midlands 2012-14 2019-
- 2015-18 Chair, Liberal International British Group. Highly regarded as a tough negotiator and human rights campaigner.
- Before becoming an MEP, Phil's initiative on food prices through LI was adopted as policy by all G8 governments.
- Pushed GSP+ trade concessions for Pakistan through Brussels, now promoting a new initiative on peace in Kashmir.
- Banned from Cambodia (*until EU protest!*) for backing opposition leader Rainsy Sam
- Addressed UN Human Rights Council over Malaysia in 2016 and Kashmir in 2019.
- Set up dialogue between the Lib Dems and Kurdish Regional Government in Iraq.
- Eurofile magazine editor, LDEG Chair 2007 - 12. Long term rep to ALDE Council.

For an effective and informed voice
VOTE PHIL for F.I.R.C.

Phil **BENNION** **1**

Phil needs your FIRST PREFERENCE vote.





Thirty years ago, I found myself in a Danish hotel, attending a seminar on youth culture, my first international event as a Liberal Democrat. I was hooked and, within the year, I had been elected as the International Officer of the Young Liberal Democrats. I travelled across Europe, and enjoyed nearly every minute of it.

I then found myself involved in the international wing of the US Democratic Party, and got a birds-eye view of politics US-style over a five-year period covering the second Clinton administration, including volunteering at the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles.

Since then, I have played a part in our European work as an ALDE Party Council delegate and learned a great deal about international relations, and how political parties in different countries work. So, why vote for me ?

I'm **credible** - as a member of the ALDE Party's Financial Advisory Committee, I'm trusted by my colleagues across Europe to monitor the finances and to supervise its elections too.

I'm **engaged** - I acted as the Committee's first volunteer Secretary, releasing our professional staff to dedicate more of their time to working on valuable projects at home and abroad, and continue my attempts to persuade the Committee to engage more with members.

I'm **accountable** - I report back on what the Committee does, through Liberal Democrat Voice and my own blog, and intend to keep doing so.

The role isn't just about meeting and greeting foreign dignitaries, it's about suggesting policy to our Foreign Affairs teams in Parliament, organising our input into Liberal International and ALDE and so much more. I think that my background in international politics, combined with the work I have done in various organisational roles for the party, enables me to make a valuable contribution to our work. So, I'm asking you to re-elect me so that I can continue to make a difference.

I'm not your usual suspect - I live in rural mid-Suffolk, not London, I'm from a mixed British/Indian background. So, please give me your first preference, or as high a preference as you can otherwise. You can find out more about me via my blog (www.liberalbureaucracy.blogspot.com) or e-mail me at markv233@aol.com.

Vote for Mark Valladares - someone a little bit different



David Chalmers

Your No 1 Choice for Federal International Relations Committee

From an early age I have been interested in international affairs. After studying German with European Institutions at Edinburgh University, my career running the commercial operations of international media organisations, took me around the world, including three years in the Middle East and ten years in Asia and China. I have used my experience and contacts to help the Liberal Democrats gain a better understanding of international developments.

As a gay man I am passionate about human rights and have campaigned to support minorities. I want to ensure that our liberal values are carried through and reflected in our work and the international policies of our party.

I am keen for us to develop our relations with our sister parties around the world – working together so that we can make Europe and the planet a better place for all.

Experience

- Chair of Lib Dem European Group
- Candidate on South West List for 2019 European Elections
- Sits on International Development Advisory Group
- Attended ALDE Congresses in Amsterdam and Madrid
- Queen's Award for Enterprise 2002 for development of business in China
- Co-Founder of Kaleidoscope Trust
- 10 years working in Asia for the Economist Group
- Speaks German fluently, French, Spanish, Mandarin
- PPC Torridge and West Devon

Passion & Vision

- Speech to Kings College – future of Europe Feb 2019
- Sits on FIRC
- Weekly Brexit Cluster meetings with Tom Brake
- Lobbied DFID and European Commission on LGBT+ rights
- Visit to Myanmar - UN Operations in Rhakine Province - presentation to Int Dev Group 2018
- Diversity Speech at Democracy Festival in Denmark 2018
- Campaign training for Radikale Venstre in Denmark
- Chaired Brexit debates at party conferences in 2019
- Attended Liberal International Exec in London 2019



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David Hall

Shaping a Better Future in Europe

Like thousands of new members who have helped swell numbers to record levels, I decided it was time to take action and joined the Liberal Democrats in July this year. Stopping Brexit was one big reason but equally important was the need to drive the things I believe in passionately – education, nurturing talent, social mobility, better social services for all and collaborating internationally to shape a better world.

To take the lead on these issues, we need to look outward and work closely with other LibDem parties in Europe and beyond. This is where I believe my background and experience can have the biggest impact as we look beyond the Brexit shambles to a better future in Europe.

I studied Languages and Economics and have lived and worked across Europe for many years, managing financial services businesses and teams in Germany, Benelux, Austria, Spain, France and Scandinavia. I know what it takes to deliver commercial success and, more importantly, I have built collaborative partnerships and connected like-minded businesses and public bodies across countries.

Having grown up in rural Cumbria, I now live in Stockbridge, Hampshire with my wife and two daughters. Outside my business life I am an active participant in Andover Musical Theatre Company and am vigorously campaigning to ensure Craig Fletcher, our local PPC, wins Romsey & Test Valley for the Liberal Democrats!



I am standing for election to:

- **Federal International Relations Committee**
- **Delegate to ALDE Council**





Robert Woodthorpe Browne MBE
Vote 1st preference
For FIRC Member



- *Chairman Parliamentary Candidates Association 1996-9*
- *Chairman Liberal International (British Group) 2002-5*
- *Bureau Member Liberal International from 2009 to date*
- *Chairman (Federal) International Relations Committee 2006 to date*
- *Leader ALDE Council and Congress Delegations*
- *Westminster candidate Harlow, Kensington and Chelsea (inc by-election), Mid Worcestershire, Sedgfield (against Tony Blair), Shropshire South.*
- *Euro Candidate London Central and East of England Region*
- *Chairman Paddy Ashdown Forum.*
- *Former Council Member Chatham House*

Universities: Poitiers, Barcelona, London (Birkbeck) BA Hons.

Languages: French, Spanish, German with knowledge of several others.

Married with one Son.

I have chaired FIRC and its predecessor International Relations Committee for over a decade, bringing together leaders of the Party bodies dealing with international matters. In this capacity I have led our delegations to ALDE meetings and am the UK member of the Bureau of Liberal International, regularly chairing their conference sessions.

I attend the Parliamentary foreign affairs meetings to act as a link between MPs and Peers and internationalists within the Party. I also am in regular contact with diplomats who track the Party's policy positions and fortunes.

I seek re-election to support whomever the FIRC members who you elect choose as their Chair.



FIRC

PHILIPPA LESLIE-JONES



I have been a Lib Dem supporter since the party was formed and an active member for Bromley since 2016. I firmly believe in Lib Dem values and in our commitment to an outward facing Britain which works with European and international partners for safer, more equal and more sustainable world. I know how deeply our international position affects our wellbeing at home.

Above all I am a passionate believer in the UK's continued membership of the European Union and in the security, prosperity and opportunity it offers to every UK citizen.

As a former diplomat I have been proud to represent the UK abroad and to work on foreign policy at home - on issues ranging from relations with Russia to global migration strategy. I speak French Russian and Polish. With over 30 years' experience in international affairs, I hope to be able to make a positive contribution to the party's international policy.

If I am elected to the Federal International Relations Committee I would work to build close, productive relations with our sister parties and international organisations to promote the liberal, open and democratic values we share.

Re-elect ...

Jonathan FRYER

to the International Relations Committee



The IRC plays an important role in supporting the work of the LibDems' international office, as well as nurturing our relations with Liberal parties around the world.

I am seeking re-election as a directly-elected member in order to help shape the future development of the Committee.

A former Chair of Liberal International British Group (LIBG), I have participated in many Liberal International

congresses and executives on behalf of the Party and through articles and speeches champion the importance of international affairs in British politics.

Through the IRC I have worked on Westminster Foundation for Democracy training programmes and research trips to a wide range of countries, from Angola to Thailand.

FRYER

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I am an experienced Lib Dem member and former PPC. I have years of experience working as chief executive of an international human rights organisation.

I have spoken on international issues at the UK Parliament, European Parliament and the United Nations Human Rights Council.



Gary McLelland

#1 choice for
Federal International
Relations Committee

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My
priorities
for FIRC are:

- ▶ Ensuring solidarity between the Party and our sister organisations around the world
- ▶ Making the unapologetic argument for an open, liberal and tolerant society
- ▶ Using my experience with grass-roots human rights defenders around the world.

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Re-elect Paul Reynolds for FIRC

YOUR ANTI-WAR CANDIDATE WITH AN UNRIVALLED TRACK RECORD OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION



Anti-war campaigns, international forums

Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Libya, arms trade



A leading Brexit strategist

Brexit Sub-Committee, motions to EU conferences



Human rights at the UN, UK & EU parliaments

Rohingyas, Uyghurs-China, Cambodia, Zimbabwe



Team player across the Party

On Jo Swinson's FP team, working with Lords



Transparent and accountable

Activity reports, local party meetups, LibDem Voice



Fighting racism & gender bias in the UK

Author of LD Conference Windrush Motion



Personal experience of the horrors of war

Iraq, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Algeria



Paul says *'Next 3 years we must focus even more on climate action, global gender equality, tackling the arms trade, and rebuilding EU relations'*

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