



GARETH LEWIS SHELTON #1 FOR LGBT+LD CHAIR

NEW AMBITIONS FOR LGBT+LD

ABOUT ME

Hi! My name's Gareth. I'm an entrepreneur working in the creative industries.

Throughout my time in the Lib Dems, I've been focused on one question: What can we do to build infrastructure to best enable our incredible teams and candidates to make a difference in people's lives?

That's why I'm running for Chair of LGBT+LD.

It needs new voices, new ideas, and new ambitions.

OPENING UP

LGBT+LD should be seen as a natural home for LGBT+ members of our party. **We will:**

- Run a recruitment campaign across every nation and region
- Improve the member experience through regular newsletters, events and forums. In the age of Zoom this has never been easier.
- Produce real value in our engagement, ranging from toolkits to help preparing and planning for Pride

MODERNISING

Not just the website, but internal systems and institutional relationships. **We will:**

- Overhaul the website
- Reach out to the likes of Campaign for Gender Balance, Lib Dem Women, the Racial Diversity Campaign, LDCRE and others, with the aim of running joint initiatives

CHAMPIONING LGBT+ CANDIDATES

There is so much more we could be doing to support LGBT+ candidates up and down the country. **We will:**

- via local and regional parties, identify who our LGBT+ candidates will be in 2021 and listen to them about what support they need
- Run an ambitious fundraising programme with the aim of properly contributing to the funding of LGBT+ candidate campaigns.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

@garethlshelton

garethlewisshelton@gmail.com

MY EXPERIENCE

- 7 years experience as an entrepreneur in the creative and events industries

- MSc in Political Economy from the LSE

- Member of the London Region Exec and Campaigns

- Committee, focusing on building digital skills & capacity

- Raised £1000+ for charities through

- fundraising events in the last month and a half



**Vote Gareth #1
for LGBT+LD Chair**

CHARLEY HASTED

For LGBT+ Lib Dems Chair

1



WHO AM I?

- I'm a Carer and Emergency Services Worker from London and I've been a party member for 10 years.
- I've sat on 3 party group Execs, 2 NUS Committees, College and Uni SU's, been an FE College Governor and Chaired a Youth Council. I currently work with the Patchwork Foundation and Stonewall.
- I have 20 years experience of campaigning on equalities issues from lobbying Government Ministers to peaceful direct action and I've received national recognition for my work.
- I've stood for Local and National elections and was the 1st ever trans PPC in Wales in 2017.
- Experienced Leader and trainer - I've been creating and delivering training at all levels for 15 years.
- I have postgraduate qualifications in Volunteer Management and Partnership Working I want to use to help Plus succeed



CHAMPIONING LGBT+ LIB DEMS

I have worked for years locally, nationally and internationally to support and empower LGBT+ people and our allies. I have the record to prove this and I am determined to bring the knowledge and passion I have for LGBT+ equality to the leadership of LGBT+ Lib Dems.



BUILDING LINKS

I will work on **developing reciprocal arrangements with Young Liberals, LDW, LDDA and LDCRE** to open up dialogue and invite them to **nominate a representative to the LGBT+ Exec.**

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

I will **prioritise a consultation with Plus members** so we can bring a constitutional amendment to our next AGM **to make sure that we can work effectively** as an organisation with our members at our core **to build resilience for the future.**

If you have any questions please get in touch!

www.twitter.com/CharleyHasted

Charley@CharleyHasted.co.uk

www.facebook.com/CharleyHastedLD

DEVELOPING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Plus members deserve to receive value for their membership. We must also make sure that Plus is at the forefront of supporting LGBT+ people in the party. As Chair I will work to:

- **Create a mentoring scheme** to help us develop new activists, organisers and candidates and drive positive change within the party.
- **Increase access to development opportunities** by raising funds to contribute to covering the costs involved.
- **Create training sessions and resources to help our allies** better understand LGBT+ campaigning issues and provide safe and judgement free spaces for people to develop their own knowledge of the issues LGBT+ people face.