

Two LibDem Representatives on the Liberal International Executive

The Liberal Democrats are entitled to two voting representatives on the Executive of [Liberal International](#), the worldwide family of Liberal parties, whose headquarters are based in London.

Candidates for the positions should have a strong interest in key areas of Liberal International's work (which includes Human Rights, Climate Justice, International Trade and Fighting Disinformation) as well as a solid understanding of Liberal Democrat policy priorities. Candidate applications will be assessed by the members of the Federal Board.

Typically there are two (daytime) meetings of the Executive each year as well as a session at the Liberal International Congress, which occurs approximately every 18 months. In normal times, these take place in different cities around the world (in 2019 they happened in Athens and Fes), only occasionally in London. Because of the current COVID-19 situation the next meeting will be a brief online administrative session of the Congress on the afternoon of 20 October. The next physical congress is likely to take place in Sofia next year.

Executive reps are currently responsible for the cost of their own travel, accommodation and registration fees. Any member of the Party may apply. The successful candidates will serve a term that ends 31st December 2022.

The Liberal Democrats are committed to diversity and inclusion and we welcome applications from candidates from all walks of life.

For questions and further details, and to submit an application, please contact the Company Secretary: jack.coulson@libdems.org.uk

Please apply by email attaching:

- A clear indication that you consent to be nominated
- The names of two voting members of the Federal Board (see Article 9.2 of [the Federal Constitution](#)) who have agreed to nominate you OR notice in your email that you are requesting the Company Secretary to present your application to voting members of the Federal Board for their consideration
- A written manifesto of up to 200 words, if you wish.

Candidates that secure the nomination of two voting members of the Federal Board will be put forward for election via Single Transferable Vote (with the Federal Board's voting members being the electorate). For further information about the process, please see the relevant election regulations below.

Election Regulations

- I. Notice of the elections should be placed on the Party's website at least two weeks before the close of nominations. It shall also be advertised in other ways deemed practical by the Chief Executive, including if practical in an email to party members. The Board shall then be given a minimum of 5 days to vote electronically. For a proposal to be valid, a candidate will require the support of two voting members and to consent to nomination. Nominations may be made by members of either the former Federal Board or the incoming Board. Nominations and consents to nomination will be accepted by email from the recognisable email address of a candidate or nominator.
- II. The Chief Executive shall ex-officio be the Returning Officer for these elections but shall be empowered to delegate this role if they so wish to a member of staff or of the party.
- III. Candidates for each of the posts listed in (i), above, shall be allowed a written manifesto of up to 200 words should they so wish. The names of nominators shall not be published unless included in the allotted quota of words.
- IV. Should any posts fail to receive the required number of nominations by the closing date, nominations can be taken at the next meeting of the Federal Board, subject to receipt of the names and signatures of the proposer and seconder and the written consent of the proposed candidate, prior to the start of the meeting.
- V. All contested elections should be held and the results announced prior to any nominations being made for unfilled posts.
- VI. Canvassing, including the use of telephone, social media and email, shall be allowed.
- VII. In the event of any dispute arising out of these regulations, the Returning Officer's decision shall be final.
- VIII. Joint nominations for any position will be accepted from two members who wish to job-share a post, provided written consent from both parties to the joint nomination is provided prior to the close of nominations, and on the basis that they only have one vote between them.
- IX. Applications for postal votes in the event of elections must be made in writing (including email) to the Returning Officer by the close of nominations. Postal ballot papers must be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the Returning Officer by close of poll for the electronic ballot.
- X. Any casual vacancy amongst the posts elected by the Board shall be filled by the Board on the first available opportunity. The by-election to be conducted by the

Returning Officer using a process as close to the election regulations contained in this Standing Order as is practical in the circumstances.