Mathilde
For International Officer

REBUILD YL

Who am I?

I am both German and British and I've lived in Germany, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates as well as the UK. As a Liberal Democrat member, I've campaigned in European, local and general elections. In my third year at UCL I was also involved with our university branch as our **Community Outreach Office**r. Our branch benefited hugely from the international background of students we attracted; debates at our 'Spirited Discussions' events profited from the diverse experiences and knowledge of our members.

I'd love to be given the opportunity, using my **international background and experience**, to continue to cultivate relationships with our international affiliates and sibling parties across the world over the next year, even if it can only be from a distance!

Why am I Running?

YL needs a shake-up; the Thornhill report made clear that the party needs to reinvent itself to survive, YL is no exception. For too long YL has focused on its own policy output, and nurturing the society at a federal level. The Rebuild slate believes we must **foster our links with our international sister parties** and thus build up our institutional knowledge. As International Officer I will prioritise learning from others, and ensuring however we meet up with our sister parties, it will be in ways that can enhance the experience of YL members. Rebuilding young liberalism is truly an international endeavour, and it's time we learnt from those who are succeeding in doing this, and help those who need our assistance.

YL should make every young European living here feel we are their political home

My Action Plan

1. Promote our pro-European, internationalist outlook so that young Europeans living and studying here feel that the Lib Dems are their home

2. Develop a plan to help university branches attract and engage international students

3. Strengthen our ties with international affiliates by organising online events with them

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