

Jamie Siviter for Events Committee

Who am I?

I'm Jamie and I've been a party member since I was 19. I attended last year's autumn conference, canvassed for the general election and was due to be a candidate for this year's cancelled local elections. My time canvassing demonstrated that it is possible to grow local student associations and mobilise these to help candidates in elections. Rebuild YL has the talent and experience to achieve just that.

I have extensive experience in organising and running events. I have been involved, as a treasurer, in inviting high-profile speakers and organising debates and speaker events. In a separate role, I led a team to coordinate speaker visits, often solving logistical problems at short notice.

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 our focus has to be to rejuvenate the branches, at universities, colleges and local level. We bring together expertise from many of YL's most successful, thriving, branches; our aim is simple, to bring that best practice together to Rebuild YL.

The Young Liberals of today will become the Liberal politicians of tomorrow, and I cannot wait to get to work and play a part in rebuilding YL. The party exists to win elections, and YL should play its part in achieving that.

My action plan:

- Push for events throughout the year that focus on winning elections: canvassing, activism, recruitment, building effective local YL groups
- Organise online and, where possible, in-person training events with experts to make members more confident about canvassing
- Organise events with college and university societies to recruit and build future activists

Did you know?

- YL currently spends on conference 24 times the amount it gives to branches