

International Committee-Freddie Fisk

Who am I?

I've campaigned as a Lib Dem in European, local and general elections not just in my University town, but back home in Surrey, as well as in some London seats. Over the last two years, I have been involved in helping organise Lib Dem speakers' events and socials with prominent guests from Sir Vince Cable to Mark Pack. The Liberal Association has gone from strength to strength during my time and now boasts some of the highest turnouts of any political society at the University. I can't wait to get started with rebuilding YL, and I hope to continue to help expand our profile amongst students and young people.

Why I'm 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. On international committee 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.

Action plan...

- encourage stronger ties with a broader range of international affiliates by organising online events and discussion forums
- campaign for the rights of young Europeans living and studying in the UK
- liaise with LYEMC and IFLRTY and represent the Young Liberals at International events
- help build up our membership base amongst young people by emphasising the party's pro-European outlook
- work closely with the YL Communications Committee to help improve publicity for our international events work and campaigns