

Kobe Bibbon for Trans rep

Growing up and living in the diverse city of Manchester, I know that the battle for full equality for trans, non-binary and gender diverse is ongoing. I also know first-hand how stressful and draining it can be at times. Fighting the country's largest Labour council has taught me to be persistent in the fight for equality. That's why I'm standing to be your trans representative on the Young Liberals Diversity committee.

I have a range of things that I would like to do and will fight hard for if elected into the trans rep role.

These include:

1. Confronting the scandal of trans health care waiting times. The waiting times are far too long. Myself and thousands of other trans, non-binary and gender diverse people simply can't afford the private health care costs and have to rely on NHS services. However, we are also being failed and stressed out by the horrific waiting times. I'll highlight and confront this issue as your trans rep.
2. Public gender-neutral bathrooms can be very tricky to locate, that's why I will support and campaign for the implementation of public gender-neutral bathrooms across the UK.
3. Trans mental health is a crisis within our country. Our NHS doctors, nurses and GPs struggle at the best of times to help trans people in crisis. I will call on all NHS professionals to be trained on how to tackle trans mental health because nobody should have to suffer without the help they need.
4. Ensure that our party and in particular the Young Liberals are the natural home for trans people. The Labour party and the Conservative party simply won't fight for trans equality and rights. It is our duty to make sure that we do.
5. Work with others to ensure that internal party job descriptions and other documents use gender neutral language. Seeing a document that excludes you and your pronouns can be frustrating and upsetting. It is time that gender neutral language is seen as the norm.
6. Encourage young trans people to run for public office for our party. Trans representation is at a low in our parliaments, assemblies and council chambers. We must and can do so much better to ensure that every trans person in our country can see someone they relate to.
7. Work closely with other exec members to ensure that we are doing the best that we can for trans representation.