

Hannah for Policy Officer

Who am I?

Hi I'm Hannah. I'm a Liberal Democrat campaigner from Reading, and I have served as Women's and Non-Binary Officer at my university society. In that role I was proud to put on a range of events that improved our engagement and the inclusivity of our society. I am particularly proud to have played a leading role in organising a quiz, hosted by the Lib Dems but in collaboration with a number of feminist and political societies, which raised £1230 for our local Women's Aid. I have also served as LGBT+ officer for my uni rugby team. I am passionate about policy issues, from the climate and international policy to the economy and housing.

Why am I running?

I know all too well the disappointment and sorrow many in our party feel at our recent performances, one of my earlier campaigning experiences being the extremely bruising count in Sheffield Hallam in 2017 after a hard-fought campaign. But I believe our party can rebuild and the liberal movement can succeed across the country. Young Liberals should play a key role in that rebuilding, through strong branches equipped with messages and ideas that are emotionally resonant to young people around the country. As Policy Officer I would want to streamline our policy output, and focus on those issues most relevant to young people and where we can offer something distinctive.

Making ourselves relevant

I would want to work with the branches on the direction of our policy, so that it genuinely reflects the concerns of students and young people around the country. By doing so, and by slimming down our output, and producing higher quality, thought-provoking policies, with a realistic chance of being adopted by the party, we can massively improve our impact. Let's create policy that is relevant and compelling, and which can help our party win among young people.

My Action Plan

1. Work with branches to establish what issues matter most to young people in their communities and campuses
2. Focus on providing distinctive liberal answers to issues that are relevant to young people.
3. Support the change agenda of a Rebuild YL exec, with a focus on growing our branches and winning across the country.