

Image: Jessica Lee at the UN General Assembly representing Japan in General Assembly One at the National Model United Nations.

Title: Young Liberals' Election Jessica Lee for BAME Officer.

Subtitle: About Me.

Text: Hello, my name is Jessica and I'll be running to be the Young Liberals' BAME Officer after a brief term as Interim BAME Officer. I am a third year Politics and International Relations student at Royal Holloway University and in my spare time I take part in campaigns like #AbolishBAME and activist groups like the LibDem Black Lives Matter Action Committee. Overall, I would describe myself to be driven, enthusiastic and a super friendly extrovert so don't be afraid to message me! I'm re-running as the time I got in the role simply wasn't enough to accomplish everything that I wanted to accomplish from diversifying the YL body to re-naming the role to avoid collective othering and focus more on what the role aims to accomplish. Below I've outlined the crux of my manifesto and I've made it short and snappy so you get the key points without the waffle. Happy reading!

Subtitle: Diversification.

Text: Draft new YL Recruitment strategy for diversifying membership base.

Subtitle: YL Diversity Consultation.

Text: Publish results of YL Diversity consultation into minority ethnic experiences in the Young Liberals in report form.

Subtitle: Representation.

Text: Represent minority ethnic Young Liberals in any and every way possible with weekly drop-in windows to talk.

Subtitle: Comprehensive Race Inequality Policy Papers.

Text: Start working group to re-write and separate the sections of my sent-back policy paper at Young Liberals' conference to cover the racial inequality and institutional othering of a wide range of minority ethnic groups, not just Black British people.

Subtitle: PCC Pledge.

Text: Publish Police & Crime Commissioner Pledge on Stop & Search.

Subtitle: #AbolishBAME.

Text: Submit a constitutional amendment at the next Young Liberals' conference to rename the role as BAME is a catch-all term guilty of collective othering. Replace with a role name that focuses more on purpose, e.g. 'liberation' or 'equity'.

Subtitle: Unity & Networking.

Text: Expand the unofficial Young Liberals' BAME Group to include more minority ethnic Young Liberals from a range of backgrounds. Host regular events, create a mentoring program for experienced minority ethnic campaigners to mentor Young Liberals, and provide networking and CV building opportunities.

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