

# THOMAS CRAWFORD

## FOR ENGLISH COUNCIL

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Young Liberals across England can vote for representatives to send to English Council, enabling YL members in England to be involved in the party's decision making processes in England.

**I'm standing to be one of those reps.**



## IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

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The age-old saying goes that "knowledge is power". I want to empower YL members across England. The English Council, and the wider decision making structures of the party in England, impact on a significant amount of party life. Despite this, many YL members in England don't understand the role which the English Council and the party in England plays.

If I'm re-elected I will make it my mission to help improve communication about what we get up to. Good progress has been made on this front, with the outgoing EYL Chair regularly reporting back to members through various means. I'd support the new EYL Chair and fellow English Council members in reporting back and communicating regularly with YL members in England.

## WHO AM I?

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I'm currently a PGCE student at the University of York, training to be a history teacher. I graduated from York with a BA History and Politics degree in the summer.

I have previously Chaired the Uni of York Lib Dem society, taking the society through the 2019 local, European and General Elections. I have sat on multiple local party executives, served two terms as a Regional YL Chair and stood in the 2019 General Election as our Parliamentary Candidate for Middlesbrough. I'm also currently one of the English YL Representatives to English Council.

I know many of the issues and concerns that YL members have, having held positions at varying levels. I have the skills, knowledge and experience to represent YL members on English Council.

## JARGON BUSTER

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YL - Young Liberals, the youth and students organisation of the Liberal Democrats.

EYL - English Young Liberals, responsible for engaging with the Liberal Democrats in England and supporting Regional YL Chairs

Regional YL - YL in the English regions  
i.e. North East YL, Devon & Cornwall  
YL

English Council - the governing body of the Lib Dems in England. Made up of regional reps and EYL reps.

