Young Liberals International Committee Manifesto

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The current shambolic state of Brexit negotiations and the Conservative Government in power is embarrassing to the UK, especially with how the International Community views us. I believe the aim of the International Committee would be first to strengthen our links to the world outside of the UK and secondly to act in a way which may restore some respect to our nation.

My goals for the International Committee:

* To develop policy which supports the Liberal Democrats’ stance on the exit of the European Union, with the objective of pushing for a second referendum, and more importantly, a stop to any withdrawal from the EU.
* To find International Organisations which are ideologically similar to the Liberal Democrats and the Young Liberals to interact with, learn from, and form long lasting relationships with.
* To make the international presence of the Young Liberals more wide-reaching and strong, showing the world that we can make an impact.

I believe that Brexit is essentially backing the country into a corner, built on the lies from the Vote Leave campaign, and a Tory government who cared more about staying in power than the future of the nation. As the Young Liberals, that future is ours, and it is being threatened, held dangerously close to the brink, in order to further the political careers of the Tory leadership – people like Theresa May, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Boris Johnson, among others – and the only way that we can survive is to pursue not a hard Brexit, not even a soft Brexit, but no Brexit.

As an International Committee member, my aim would not be to make myself more powerful, but to take the beliefs of you, the Young Liberals, and showcase those beliefs to the world.

Thank you for reading,

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