# Who am I? (Background)

Hello, I’m Jake, some call me Perky because for some reason I am nearly always smiling and joking. I am currently planning to study Politics and IR at Lancaster University.

I come from beautiful Weymouth, Dorset, on the wonderful Jurassic Coast, a UNSECO World Heritage Site. I have grown up in a working class household and have seen the effects of austerity and poverty first hand, Weymouth has some of the most depressed areas in the country. This is one of the reason I got into politics, decisions made from above can have huge effect on everyday life.

I’ve been a member since March 2016 and have been active ever since. At my core, I am a campaigner and activist, often out delivering, come rain or shine. I have an active role in my local branch.

# What I’ve Done (Experience)

* Deputy Member of Youth Parliament and Chair of the Dorset Youth Council, 2016-17
* Tolpuddle Martyr’s Festival, largest trade union gathering in the UK, Panellist, 2015-16.
* Panellist on Effects of Brexit, against Sir Oliver Letwin MP and Claire Moody MEP, 2017.
* Student Union President, 2017-2018
* Youth and Communication Office for Weymouth and Portland LibDems, 2018.
* Various roles representing young people at local, regional and national levels.

# What I stand for? (Policies)

* Better equip branches and local parties, to recruit more young members.
* Facilitate training and workshops, to give YL greater confidence to peruse roles in their local parties.
* Ensure that the Young Liberals does not become to London centric, by holding events around different regions.
* Develop the Young Liberals into
* Help Young Liberals, in more isolated or rural constituencies, with low YL Membership, better engage with Regional, State and National Campaigns.
* To better involve the membership in the decision making of the executive, through feedback and direct democracy.