

Manifesto

TARA & ARIA FOR POLICY

ON WOMEN

There are a number of reasons why the Lib Dems aren't a well gender balanced party - some of them are about society as a whole and are indicative of culture deep problems which are probably outside of the scope of anything a humble policy officer can fix. There are, however, ways in which The Party's infrastructure means that women, especially young women are put in positions where they feel like they have to leave for their own safety and mental health. Now the disciplinary procedure is under review, want to help shape it

- Make sure it is fit for purpose
- That it does not leave survivors with the sense that "The general Lib Dem HQ approach to dealing with assault is to say 'report it to the police' and then hush it up
- Make sure that we don't again find ourselves in a position where members of the Exec have been publicly accused of assault but the membership is not informed of their removal - leaving a sense that YL events are not safe for young women.
- Ensure the next consultation listens to the concerns of young members
- Take serious welfare issues out of the hands of The Welfare Officer and make sure a trained and accountable body deals with them

FINESSING POLICY

- Create our own Young Liberals' working group for policies which have been repeatedly rejected by conference
- Work with specialists including both members of the Lib Dems and organisations with aligned aims to revise and fine tune our policies
- Maintain good working relationships with FPC and HQ to provide a professional and personable face to YL

SIMPLIFYING POLICY WRITING

- Simplify and de-obscure the policy process by publishing simple infographics about how the procedures work when policy deadlines are approaching
- Be available to anyone who would like to ask for help
- Create joke policy debates on the first day of YL conference so first-timers can understand the speakers-card/standing-order/general-constitutional-kerfuffle in a less formal environment

THE POLICY BOOK

- Create a simple, clear and future-proof system for keeping track of policy (probably involving a spreadsheet)
- Create an easy-to-read pdf on the website
- Create tl;dr summaries of each policy to make it clear what we stand for