

The opportunity of Accessibility, Diversity, and Enfranchisement Officer (ADE) on the Scottish Young Liberals Executive offers a unique position to make significant impact towards the furthering of integration and acceptance across Scotland.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, expanding inclusion is essential to my aims during time within the role. I would seek to cooperate with local LGBTQ+ organizations. As tolerance and support for all members of the community is paramount to the Liberal Democrat's manifesto, this step would act to deepen the connections between the Scottish Young Liberals and LGBTQ+ members of the community by informing them of our cause, while also launching a platform that would allow their voices to be heard.

Secondly, I would seek to launch an anti-racism campaign intended to educate and expand tolerance and inclusion. Included would be an awareness campaign that would allow individuals from marginalised communities to share their experience to kickstart essential conversation in local communities.

Additionally, as a part of this campaign, I would work for against the dangerous the toxic environment found in Glasgow towards immigrants, as seen in the senseless stabbing on the 26th of June. This would also be an awareness campaign, focused not only on personal experiences but also on the numerous recorded benefits that immigration brings, including diversity and talent to the NHS. While an ambitious agenda, these campaigns are essential to increasing tolerance and building bridges with diverse populations across Scotland.

In the past six months I have served as the Non-Portfolio/Diversity officer, now renamed Accessibility, Diversity, and Enfranchisement Officer. In this position I assisted in the drafting of a new constitution and the establishment of the ADE position, in addition to securing a place for Scottish Young Liberals on the federal Diversity Committee. In addition to this, I served for two years on the

Executive Board for the Youth in Government program, as acting Secretary and Co-Founder of our school's local chapter. Youth in Government is a U.S. initiative designed to encourage young adults to become involved in the interworking's of the political system around them - from local, state and federal perspectives. As Secretary, I was in charge of recruitment, bookkeeping, and communication with other chapters. As Co-Founder, my partner and I worked closely with the national office to ensure an inclusive environment in which to learn and engage, whether it was through annual conventions, mock court trials or elected positions within the national organization. By engaging both as a participant in annual conventions and at an executive capacity, this experience granted an insight to the necessity of hearing inclusive voices and working to involve individuals from all backgrounds.

This position would be an enormous opportunity to continue my pursuits of expanding inclusivity, which I am incredibly passionate about. I look forward to hearing back in regards to this application and to working with the rest of the board.