Dear Fellow Members

As Liberal Democrats we care passionately about our core values of fairness, equality, justice and internationalism. At the European elections there will be only one issue; the dreaded (and annoyingly dubbed) “Brexit”! My challenge is to bring a strong, high profile Liberal voice to our key messages to ReVoke article 50, ReVote with an informed “People’s Vote”, and most importantly to ReMain in the EU.

Many commentators say we need to remain in the EU for the younger generation. That is true but as Liberals we care about all our fellow citizens. With the Economic downturn that will follow any type of Brexit we should be equally concerned about the impact that would have on the funding of our already stretched NHS and crucially our Social Care system. The false promises of the Leave campaign in 2016 will hit our growing elderly population hard as well as robbing our children of their opportunities for education and employment in 27 of our neighbouring countries.

I have experience as both a Westminster and Holyrood candidate, and was elected three times as a Senior Councillor in the Scottish Borders, so am confident that I can run an energetic, competent campaign, and present Liberal Democrat policies in written, visual and social media. Due to running my own small business I would be able to re-schedule my work to enable me to campaign full time across Scotland between now and polling day.

I hope to speak with as many of you as possible over the coming week to hear your views on our future in Europe and how I can ensure that we put a Liberal Britain back at the heart of the EU.

Best wishes

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Candidate for the 2019
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Number 1 for
Europe 2019
CLLR RICHARD BRODIE
OUR TOP DOG FOR EUROPE

I always have a theme for my FOCUS. Crufts is topical and there was a Euro-winner!

My Breed – Terrier – When I get my teeth into something I never let go
Pedigree – Pure Lib Dem all my life and a passionate European.

Best in Show: First Liberal on Annandale Eskdale District and four years later we had the majority. Still flying the Lib Dem flag in Dumfries and Galloway and still raking in the votes. 25 years a councillor and going strong! Ready to take on Europe!

Condition: In my prime.. just like my sister Jean.
Distinguishing Features: Battle-scarred candidate from many Westminster and Holyrood contests from Shettleston to Galloway to Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock to Dumfries. Not to mention the last Euro elections!

My Innovative Euro Campaign

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RICHARD BRODIE for Europe
Putting Lib Dems On the Map

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JOHN EDWARD
Standing to be Scottish Liberal Democrat Candidate for the 2019 European Elections

I have 25 years’ experience of making the case for Scotland and the UK’s active, engaged role at the centre of European Union actions and institutions – with extensive experience in media, campaigning, public speaking and representation.

* I have served both as EU Policy Manager for Scotland Europa in Brussels and as Head of the European Parliament’s Office for Scotland – overseeing the 2004 & 2009 European Election information campaigns.*

I was Chief Campaign Spokesman for the (successful) Scotland Stronger in Europe “Remain” campaign for the 2016 EU Referendum, was Scotland Advisor to Open Britain, and helped launched Scotland for a People’s Vote.

* I have served the Party as Policy Convenor, Scotland; FPC member; Secretary; Brussels & Luxembourg; on the Steel and Campbell Commissions, and on the Commission for Parliamentary Reform.*

I am committed to:

- preventing Brexit, its causes and its impacts, in whatever way possible,
- seeking a People’s Vote, with Remain as an option,
- rebuilding our international, cooperative reputation,
- a liberal, federal representative United Kingdom,
- campaigning tirelessly in any upcoming European election.

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I work right at the heart of the Liberal Democrat campaign to secure a People’s Vote. As the party's Senior Media Officer, on a daily basis I brief our key spokespeople and work up creative ways to secure press coverage.

I also have a track record of delivering successful campaigns across Scotland. I first cut my teeth in Aberdeen South in 2011 before leading the party’s youth wing, for which I won the Ray Michie award for membership recruitment.

As Charles Kennedy’s Press Officer I campaigned with him during the independence referendum and 2015 General Election. I then took on a leading role in securing Liam McArthur’s re-election in 2016 and Alistair Carmichael’s in 2017.

Our country is at a crossroads. People are worried about Brexit and tired of the same old broken politics. We must therefore have an unequivocal offer; every Liberal Democrat elected is another voice fighting for a People’s Vote, with the option to stay in the EU. That is the best way to keep our country together.

For me, like many, it’s personal. I grew up in the Highlands where EU investment is crucial. I have loved ones across the EU. We shouldn’t be building barriers, but tearing them down. I want to be your fresh voice making that case.

A fresh voice, a clear message

An experienced campaigner

Three reasons to vote for David

1. With a track record of leading successful campaigns, I will work with members to build and deliver an energetic grassroots campaign.

2. Utilising the relationships I have across the media, I will maximise every opportunity to ensure we have the media coverage to breakthrough to voters.

3. If elected, I will work tirelessly to be the liberal voice Scotland needs in Europe. My priorities will be securing a People’s Vote and tackling climate change.
These elections are happening thanks to the hard work of every single one of you, our members, who have done all that you can to fight Brexit. I strongly believe the Liberal Democrats have a fantastic opportunity to gain multiple seats with our strong pro-EU stance and the passion of our campaigners.

My first ever Lib Dem conference speech in 2012 began with the words "I love Europe, I love the European Union and I love being a European citizen." At that time I argued against there being an In/Out referendum on our EU membership. I will stand up for the benefits that European citizenship brings every single one of us, and I relish the opportunity to campaign on the positive aspects of EU membership during this election.

If elected, I would work every day to demonstrate how the voice of Scotland and the UK shapes the EU, and demonstrate how the EU can support and enhance the lives of its citizens.

My message on our EU membership is clear:
- If we do eventually leave I will fight to take us back in;
- During the Article 50 extension I will fight to remain, and
- If Article 50 is revoked, I will fight to prevent this from ever happening again!

Once we’re successful in stopping Brexit for good, I will focus on ensuring the EU does all it can to stop the global threat of climate change, by pushing for more research, development and support for green energy across the continent, and encouraging divestment from fossil fuels.

My ten years of experience in higher education policy have also given me a keen interest in schemes such as Erasmus and the European Higher Education Area. I’d want to see schemes like this used to their full potential in Scotland, to bring more funding into our education system, and ensure that our students can get the best opportunities to learn anywhere they wish across the continent.

MY EXPERIENCE

As a campaigner and candidate, I have years of experience at local, Scottish and UK level that will help me showcase what our party has to offer to the electorate in this campaign. I will be available to campaign for most of the election period as my work is already aware that I will ask for time off.

If I am elected, my experience in policy development has prepared me well for the job of being an MEP. From making policy as a student officer at the University of Glasgow, to the creation of new financial support packages for postgraduate taught students as a result of my work at a national lobbying body, I have developed policy from its earliest stages and seen it through to its implementation.

ANY QUESTIONS?

James Harrison
Against Brexit • For the Planet

President of Glasgow University Students’ Representative Council 2011-12 & LGBT Society Executive member

Parliamentary Candidate in Glasgow in 2015 & 2016

Local Council candidate in 2017

Scottish Lib Dem Executive member 2016-17

Currently working as a Policy Officer in the higher education sector

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Ewan Hoyle
He'd like a number 1 from you...
So he can be your number 2

The Liberal Democrat
Opportunity

The quality of politics in the UK might well be at an all time low. The choice to please and appease has - with a few honourable exceptions – overtaken the duty to inform, explain, and to serve the best interests of the people. There is undoubtedly a space in politics for a party presenting a different, honest, principled approach to politics, to gain the trust (and the votes) of the population. Some in our party stated that Trump’s election victory taught us that the Liberal Democrats needed “policy in primary colours”. What I learned instead was; If you don’t clearly present what you stand for, and if you don’t gain the trust of the voters, then it is possible to lose to an idiot. We can rebuild a trusted brand, just as our competition are tearing themselves apart. We can do this by basing our policies on evidence, logic and compassion. Public policy is not a zero sum game. Good policies need not have winners and losers, but can create benefits for all. Conservative attacks on immigrants and benefit claimants have benefited nobody, and Brexit has ended their claim to be the party of business. Labour seek to set us against each other, saying they’re for “the many”, not “the few”. We can be...

For the many, For the few,
For everyone, For you.
We should seek votes everywhere, and represent everyone.

Ewan's Record

Some of the best policies are to be found in policy areas where politicians have historically feared to tread, and it is in these areas where I have spent a lot of my time. It may seem odd for someone who has never used illegal drugs to have been the main driving force behind drug policy reform within the UK party, but that is what I somehow became. I understood the framing of the debate was set up all wrong for policy progress, so shifted the debate from a matter of liberty, to an urgent matter of crime prevention and health promotion, so creating a safe space for our representatives to promote an evidence-based policy that would hugely benefit our society.

Similarly, Sex Worker’s Rights Festivals are not places you normally see politicians, but knowing that the law was potentially endangering lives, I felt I had to overcome my trepidation to attend the research presentations in order to better understand how policy could improve. The UK and Scottish Liberal Democrats would most probably not have a clear policy promoting the health and safety of sex workers were it not for the work of myself and Jade Holden.

Would we be such passionate promoters of good mental health policy had I not attempted to tell Scottish conference of my own family experience, and called on our party to become the “party of mental health”? To be fair, that call was instead delivered by Christine Jardine who stepped up to finish my speech as I had made myself (and apparently Nick Clegg’s special-branch minder) cry. Thanks again Christine. My family is also doing much better now.

Why is Ewan standing?

I’d like to thank all the people who have taken the time to praise my contributions to recent conference debates. They’ve made me think that maybe I’m pretty good at this politics thing and I might just be able to achieve some great things as a full-time politician. If selected and elected, I will continue to seek out the policy that can radically improve the lives of those who are suffering the most, and I will work with our MPs and MSPs to communicate examples of where European governments do it better (most urgently in the area of social security).

Thanks for reading,
Dear fellow Liberal Democrat,

I am standing for the party’s European list to make the case that Scotland belongs in both the UK and the EU.

Europe had brought us peace, freedom and opportunity. As a child of the cold war I remember the fear that comes from division and nationalism. Being part of the EU has helped break down those barriers. We need to make the case again.

The world faces big problems. Climate change, the power of global business and the threat of anti-democratic states are all best tackled by working together across Europe. Voters will back us if we positively promote the benefits of staying together.

I am passionate about ensuring we get that message across and win. I need your first preference vote to do that.

Outside politics I have built a career as an Advocate in the highest courts in Scotland arguing complex issues of human rights and European law.

As your candidate I can offer three decades of campaigning experience in the Liberal Democrats, along with an analytical and knowledgeable approach to the key issues.

If you would like to see me up at the front of our team, working hard for liberal victory please give me your first preference vote.

Many thanks

Fred Mackintosh

Fred Mackintosh: An experienced campaigner with the skills to match

Fred lives in Edinburgh and has been an Advocate for nearly 20 years. His busy practice includes human rights, criminal appeals, extradition and public law.

At the same time, Fred has been a regular campaigner, canvasser and campaign manager in elections at all levels across Edinburgh and Lothians since the 1990s.

1989 Joined the party as an Edinburgh University student
1999-2007 Edinburgh City Councillor for Newington Ward
2010 General Election target seat candidate in Edinburgh South
2012 Sir Menzies Campbell’s Home and Community Rule Commission
2010-2016 Senior Teaching Fellow in criminal law and human rights at the University of Edinburgh
2018 Return to political activity after five years as a part time Tribunal Judge.

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- If selected as a candidate in the 2019 European Elections, I will do everything I can to keep Britain’s seat at the table. I will be an effective voice for Scotland and the UK, working towards an Exit from Brexit and to revoke Article 50. My firm belief is that Brexit is far too important to the national interest to be left in the hands of politicians, we need a People’s Vote.

- Both the Tories and Labour have proved they have no clear policy on the biggest decision the UK has made since the Second World War. I acknowledge the result of the referendum in 2016, but it is now out of date – the British people have the right to a final say on any deal agreed, including the option to remain.

- The EU remains our biggest trading partner and the biggest economic group in the world and I will work towards continued full access to the single market and membership of the customs union, ruling out any hard borders and guaranteeing a stronger economy.

- I will be a strong voice in the fight to protect the rights of EU citizens living here in the UK, but also of those Brits living in the EU. I spent several years living in Spain and my husband is Portuguese, so I understand first-hand the difficulties & hurt facing those applying for settled status and the huge uncertainty for British citizens still living in the EU.

- I have so much to offer as a candidate and previously stood in the 2017 Local Elections for the Linlithgow Ward and then as PPC for Linlithgow and Falkirk East in the snap General Election in 2017. I’m based in West Lothian, so am freely available for campaigning throughout Central Scotland & I have my own transport, so can also travel farther afield.

- I want to ensure that the 6 million+ who have signed the Revoke Article 50 petition and the 1 million+ who marched in London are not ignored & I will keep working until the UK can find our way back to the heart of the European Union where we belong.

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I’d love to hear from you!

Sheila RITCHIE

Campaigning to be your lead candidate for the European Elections

We have a tremendous opportunity ahead of us with the European elections. As a Party, we must be proud of our values of liberalism and social justice and give voters who wish to remain in the EU an electoral home when they cast their votes.

This election will be our opportunity to campaign to keep Scotland IN. IN Europe and IN the UK.

My experience and strong record of action makes me the best person to lead our field of candidates.

Over the last four decades I have been on the campaigning front line for the Party as an activist, councillor, office bearer, agent and campaign manager. I have helped win elections for others and been beside them when we have fallen short. I am a team player, but also have the experience to bring people together to win. That’s how we get Scottish, liberal voices in the European Parliament once again.

I hope you will trust me with your 1st preference vote.

My Commitments:

- I’ll be the strong and trusted voice for OUR values and principles in Europe
- I’ll support the growth of campaigning activists and Local Parties across Scotland
- I’ll be a fully engaged candidate, working to raise money and increase our profile
- I’ll be a team player. Working with the Party and our elected network to WIN!

A strong record of action and experience in the Party

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Clive Sneddon

Standing to be Scottish Liberal Democrat Candidate for the 2019 European Elections

Four good reasons for choosing Clive Sneddon as your Number 1 European candidate

1. Experience
Clive Sneddon has been on the EU Committee of the Regions, and seen first hand how the European institutions work to learn about problems and find solutions.
Clive Sneddon speaks fluent French and German, and can talk through issues with elected representatives from many other countries.
Clive Sneddon was a Council leader for eight years, and the first convener of the COSLA Rural Affairs committee, working to resolve problems at local and national level.
Clive Sneddon has lived in France and Switzerland, and been to many other countries in Europe as well as the USA, so knows he is European.
Clive Sneddon's children live and work respectively in Scotland and Germany, both with an international outlook.

2. Vision
There is a story of two Italian prisoners of war in the 1940s dreaming of a Europe in which war was unthinkable because Europeans worked with each other and knew each other. Clive Sneddon wants the EU to be doing much more to make this vision a reality, and would work in the European Parliament to develop more exchange of experience schemes for everyone.

3. Liberalism
The ALDE group, the third largest in the European Parliament, provides its Liberal input. All Liberals stand for individual freedom and a free competitive economy. Clive Sneddon wants to strengthen its social strand in which individuals and communities support each other.

4. Reform
The EU needs to evolve beyond an organisation where the main decisions are taken by the Council of Ministers with their individual national mandates but no European one. The major issues of the day such as climate change and removing the causes of populist nationalism require everyone to work together effectively. Clive Sneddon believes a simple change, namely considering the Commission's proposed legislation in the European Parliament with advice from the Council of Ministers before national parliaments decide on implementation, would result in a coalition of the willing, end the current negotiations between European and national Parliaments, and shoot the Farage fox of taking back control.

Clive Sneddon is available full time for a European campaign leading to an election on 23rd May 2019, and expects still to be available full time if the election is later.

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Dr. Jacci Stoyle

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Jacci will.......  
- campaign for a People’s Vote and for Remain to be a choice on the ballot paper  
- oppose both Independence for Scotland and another Scottish Independence Referendum  
- place climate change and sustainable development as a political priority  
- campaign for social justice and to narrow the gap between rich and poor  
- endorse ALDE’s campaign for a democratic, transparent and accountable Europe  
- be able to campaign full time to the run up to the 23rd May

Jacci proposes motion at February’s Hamilton conference

Jacci campaigning hard on the doorsteps

Getting to know Jacci.......  
- A successful career in the NHS as Night Sister, then in Further Education as a Senior Lecturer and latterly in Prison Education at HMP Greenock & Barlinnie  
- 15 years of campaigning against Human Trafficking  
- Member of two Scottish Parliamentary Cross Party Groups and Secretary of one of them  
- Chair of Paisley Amnesty International for nine years  
- Representative of the Scottish Episcopal Church on the Anti-trafficking group of ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland)  
- Published author on range of topics

A record of action.......  
- Candidate for Inverclyde Council Elections in May 2017  
- Set up a Fringe Meeting at the 2018 Spring Conference in Aviemore  
- Proposed four motions and spoken at various debates in Liberal Democrat, Amnesty International and other national conferences  
- Interviewed a number of times on radio
VITA
ZAPOROZCENKO

Standing to be Scottish Liberal Democrat Candidate for the 2019 European Elections

I am writing to ask for your support to become a Liberal Democrat candidate in Scotland for the next European Union elections. You may know me already or you may not. Either way, please get in touch if you have any questions.

Scotland is my home and Brexit has hit me hard. You may have seen my speeches, panel discussion contributions or TV appearance speaking about my experience. In this election, as well as in the national and European contexts for months and years to come, the focus is going to be on Brexit and its fallout. I believe that, as a non-UK European, I have a distinctive voice to contribute to this conversation and do what LibDems are known for - speaking on behalf of those who are underrepresented.

We must play our part in combating the worrying right-wing trends at home and in Europe by sending a strong, hard-working and liberal team of MEPs. I want to be part of that team!

My previous campaigning experience, including as a candidate, my passion and my determination are amongst the qualities I will bring to the table. My evenings and weekends are committed to supporting the teams already working the length of Scotland.

Thank you!

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Vita’s priorities for Europe:

- Healing the divisions caused by the Brexit process at home and within Europe;
- Finding ways to better help Scottish farmers and fishing industry;
- Finding humanitarian and sustainable ways to deal with the refugee crisis.

About Vita:

Originally from Latvia, Vita has lived in Scotland for nearly 10 years. She went to University of Aberdeen from 2009 to 2013.

She has been a member of the Liberal Democrats since 2011 and she has worked for three LibDem parliamentarians since she graduated.

She enjoys reading, travel and baking. Vita speaks fluent Latvian, English, Russian and some German.