

# James Baillie for Social Liberal Forum Council

## About Me

I'm a historian with specialisms in the digital humanities and the study of the Caucasus, currently working on my doctoral studies at the University of Vienna. I grew up in rural southwest Norfolk – other than my research work and liberal politics my interests include writing, game design, and folk music.

## My Liberalism

I've been a Lib Dem since 2015, and served as the first chair of the Radical Association for much of 2017. I'd describe myself as a radical social liberal: I'm particularly interested in pursuing alternative and cooperative business models, LVT, and minimum income systems as policy goals.

In the last few years I've been active in policy campaigns, including writing policy motions on sanctuary cities and minimum incomes and lobbying on issues including digital civil liberties and sanctuary cities. I keep a politics blog at [thoughtsofprogress.wordpress.com](http://thoughtsofprogress.wordpress.com), as well as contributing to sites including Lib Dem Voice and PollofPolls.eu.

## My Candidacy

My experience in similar organisations, in website design and management, and in running effective online campaigns and petitions puts me in good stead to potentially support the SLF in those areas. Whilst I am often outside the UK, my experience with digital work puts me in good stead to be useful even when I can't be physically around. I think the SLF's chief potential strengths lie in policy development and discussion, and I'd want to support the SLF in improving and expanding its capacity as a forum for building big ideas – as well as making liberal philosophy and policy ideas more accessible to get the widest & strongest array of voices involved in our movement.

**For any questions, please contact me at my [blog](#) or [@JubalBarca](#) on Twitter.**