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## For SLF Council

### A Strong voice for social liberalism

#### Social and economic rights

Liberalism is a rights based tradition, civil liberties underpinned by social and economic rights.

#### A voice beyond the party

What sets SLF apart from other Lib Dem groups is its willingness to engage with others on the centre-left spectrum. Too often we only talk to each other, I'd like to see SLF organise more joint events, fringes and discussions with political dissidents from other parties.

Our work in supporting social liberals in Party Committee elections is important, but our external work in building social liberal coalitions and relationships across parties and civil society must be a prime focus.

#### A well run Social Liberal Forum

Like any voluntary organisation, the SLF needs to be well run with effective fundraising, a strategic focus and Council and executive that hold themselves accountable for delivering. I can offer management skills to help get the SLF on a track that is both sustainable and productive



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"I've always supported the Liberal Democrats, but to stay relevant we must offer big ideas, not just 'moderate' policy positions - and we must also be clear about our core values. It's SLF's role to develop those big ideas, and the language to express our enduring values in a disrupted world.

Experienced campaigner, community activist and voluntary and legal sector professional:-

- Stood as a Parliamentary Candidate in the last four general elections
  - ❑ Castle Point (2005)
  - ❑ Putney (2010)
  - ❑ Suffolk Coastal (2015 and 2017)
- Elected Town Councillor (Saxmundham)
- Chair of Rights-Liberties-Justice (Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association)
- Professionally, I have held senior roles with
  - ❑ LawWorks (Director, Policy & External Affairs)
  - ❑ Legal Action Group (Advocacy Manager)
  - ❑ Citizens Advice (Policy Officer)
  - ❑ MIND (Policy Consultant)