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I was described by Alistair Carmichael once as a 'Misplaced Liberal', what he meant by that statement was at after over a decade in the Labour Party within the opening five minutes of our conversation it was clear the Liberal Democrats is where I belong.

I believe that's a powerful statement on its own, because I truly believe most of Britain falls into the category of 'Misplaced Liberals'. I want to stand for the Social Liberal Forum Council to prioritise ideas and solutions to win back Liberal Britain!

In terms of my experience and what I can contribute to the Social Liberal Forum. I have actively served as a Political Advisor during the 2010-2015 term of Parliament, I contributed Early Day Motions debated by the Government particularly on proposals to reduce in work poverty. From 2013-2014 I served as the Inverclyde region campaign co-ordinator for the Better Together platform during the Independence referendum in 2014, securing victory by 94 votes when Nicola Sturgeon guaranteed victory in the region.

What I'm particularly proud of is my term as Founder/Chair of the Devolution & Local Government Network of the Young Fabians. This included producing policy proposals, events and forums to further the case for greater devolution to both Nations and Regions in the UK. With an emphasis on how Federalism can tackle Nationalism.

I'm currently Interim-Policy Director for the Liberal Democrats for the Heart of England group. Once again, pushing the case for greater devolution of powers to both the East & West Midlands. This has included advocacy on clean air acts in the region, plus a call for a Task Force to tackle Manufacturing job losses during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

If elected to the Social Liberal Forum Council, I commit to:

- Building a comprehensive Liberal and Social Democratic vision for Britain, one that harnesses the great traditions of the movement but with an eye to tackling the modern Social ills we see across the UK.
- A continued push for Federalism and building a powerful voice for its ability to tackle the Nationalist agenda.
- Use my network of contacts both nationally and globally to renew the Social Liberal movement.