



It's 2020 yet our political system is operating as if we were in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The population are disenfranchised with big P politics and disillusioned with their perceived ability to make change. We live in times where it's ok for Presidents to rule by Twitter, police to kill unarmed black men and our elderly are abandoned to luck to survive their old age. Populism is on the rise and rearing its ugly head across politics, the media and even in day to day debate.

I'm a local councillor, parliamentary spokesperson and I say, "Enough is enough". We will not escape this downward spiral unless we can stand tall with integrity, radical ideas that are grounded in practical application and the means to speak the language of the majority.

This is not about joining populists to shout even louder, this is about being the best of who we are and increasing the circles of influence through robust but respectful debate, generating problem solving ideas fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and championing liberalism in modern parlance. Moreover, breaking down the barriers between the old style political parties and extending hands of friendship and commonality.

During this covid crisis I lead Mutual Aid groups with fantastic volunteer residents of all political persuasions. In conversation we recognised that if you take off the coloured hats, our ideals are closely aligned, our resolutions to common problems overlap in a Venn diagram with the largest middle and our desire to support our communities overwhelming.

I am seeking election to the SLF Council because I am committed to:

1. Enabling more people to come together and take Liberalism forward, fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and irrespective of allegiances in the current system.
2. Work collaboratively in modernising our democracy from the ground up to place power back into the hands of the people.
3. Offering my services to SLF using both my political and professional experience, I specialise in Change Management and believe that now is the moment we need to raise the game of political discourse that is comprehensible to the majority.