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The pandemic has both exposed and exacerbated inequalities in society, highlighting the inadequacies of our political system in tackling this injustice. In a post-Covid world, as local and national government, civil society, businesses and political parties start to pick up the pieces, they'll be looking round for new ways of doing things.

The Social Liberal Forum needs to be there providing compelling alternatives “until the politically impossible becomes the politically inevitable”, as Milton Friedman put it.



I have campaigned for liberal values all my adult life: joining the struggle against apartheid as a student in South Africa in the 1980s and playing a leading role in the successful anti-landmine campaign that was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. I've spent half of my career working for campaigning organisations including Oxfam and Amnesty International, and the other half working for think tanks. This is experience to draw on if I am elected to the Social Liberal Forum's Council.

I bring experience, too, of selling liberal policies and ideas to voters and the media as a Liberal Democrat candidate in Putney in the 2019 General Election and in Wandsworth in the 2018 local elections. These insights can help us inform and shape our messages for voters.

I joined the Liberal Democrats in 2017 to campaign against Brexit and I'm a member today so that I can campaign for the liberal ideals of equality, fairness, liberty and democracy. Like many members, I believe that our party needs a reboot. The Social Liberal Forum can support this reinvention, especially under the leadership of Dr Ian Kearns with his vision of a Citizens' Britain.

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