

David Chalmers

Your No 1 Choice for ALDE Council Delegation



Dear Member,

Internationalism is at the heart of Liberal Democrat values.

Since leaving the EU, building strong relationships with our European sister parties has been more important than ever.

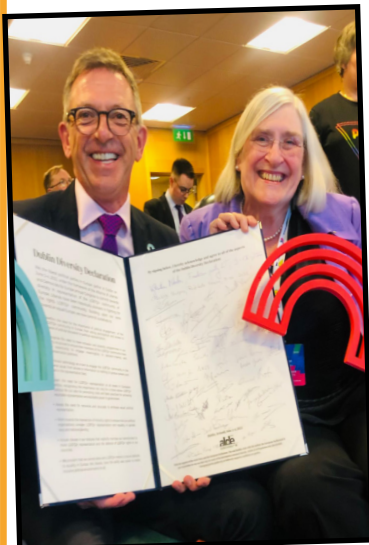
“Our engagement with sister parties across Europe sets us apart from our rivals – and is critical on our journey back to the EU.”

As Chair of the Federal International Relations Committee and leader of our delegations to ALDE and Liberal International, I have worked to build bridges and make our voice heard. Whether on LGBT+ rights, European defence and security, Israel–Gaza, the conflict in Sudan, or tackling hate crime and hate speech, I have ensured the Lib Dems are at the forefront of shaping international liberal debates.

I have also sought to open up ALDE Congress delegations to more members – making them welcoming, informative, and memorable experiences, giving activists the chance to take part in European policymaking and to build lasting friendships across our liberal family.

There is still much to do, and I would be honoured to continue this work. I ask for your first-preference vote.

Endorsement



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“David’s leadership of the Lib Dem delegation to the ALDE Congress is impressive: we are respected and valued. David has developed close relationships with sister parties, and has led the campaign to support the non-EU member parties in ALDE very Effectively.”

- Baroness Sal Brinton



Experience

- **Academic:** MA (Hons) in German with European Institutions, Edinburgh University – focused on EU law and Institutions.
- **Leadership:** Chair of FIRC (2023–25), led Lib Dem delegations to ALDE Congress & Council (Stockholm, Bucharest, Brussels, Vilnius, Estoril, Helsinki).
- **Engagement:** Regularly attended sister party congresses in Ukraine, Moldova, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Latvia, and Estonia.
- **Policy influence:** Member of the Federal Policy Committee, ensuring Lib Dem priorities on Europe (Customs Union, SPS agreement) are heard.
- **Local action:** As a councillor in North Herts, initiated and passed a motion calling for a Youth Mobility Scheme with Europe.
- **Recognition:** ALDE Rainbow Ambassador for LGBT+ rights; Chair of Lib Dem European Group (6 years).
- **Initiatives:** Organised Berlin study visit (2023); established caucus of non-EU ALDE member parties with regular meetings.
- **Results:** Secured re-election of Baroness Brinton to the ALDE Bureau.



Future Aims

- Strengthen relations with sister parties and ensure the Lib Dem voice remains respected in Europe.
- Promote liberal values: extend our leadership on LGBT+ rights to women, disabled people, ethnic minorities, and disadvantaged groups.
- Take a lead across Europe on climate action and environmental protection.
- Ensure ALDE delegations reflect the diversity of our party and society, and remain open and accessible.
- Improve communication with members about our international work.
- Launch an EU Liaison Councillor Scheme – helping local councils engage directly with the EU and bringing the UK closer to the European mainstream.

