

Helen Belcher

#1 for ALDE Delegation



ALDE is the Liberal Democrats and our sister parties across Europe. Many of them, like us in the UK, are facing a surge in far right opposition parties and campaigns. We must work together across Europe to remove this threat and defend democracy and human rights.

I have played an active part in the Liberal Democrats' delegation to ALDE conferences since 2021 — speaking in debates, networking with delegates, talking with leaders. I would welcome the opportunity to continue that work as part of the excellent core team that has been working within ALDE.

Many of you will know me as the parliamentary candidate for Chippenham in 2017 and 2019, or as a trainer at conference. I am currently part of Wiltshire Council's Cabinet, who took over the running of Wiltshire in May this year. I was one of the few councillors who won their ward with more than 60% of the vote. And I've also been an active substitute delegate at the Council of Europe.

Now, more than ever, we need strong voices in ALDE across Europe to stand firmly against the forces which would destroy our democracy and human rights. Europe is standing at a cross-roads. Now is the time for strong voices. I will be your strong voice in Europe. Please give me your #1 vote for the ALDE Delegation.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen".



Seàn Bennett, LYMEC bureau member, says "We really need Helen in our ALDE delegation. She is a proven and effective speaker and campaigner. I've seen her in action talking with European leaders. I will be voting for Helen."



Hannah Bettsworth, ALDE delegate, says "I'm happy to vote for Helen — she's done great work challenging far right narratives and has been a very effective member of our ALDE team. I trust her liberal instincts."

What we need in ALDE	Why Helen?
Political Intelligence We need people who can quickly understand what the real issues are and how voters think about them.	I understand how far right campaigns are adapted for different European countries, but are always attacking autonomy and human rights. I will encourage ALDE to be openly supportive of everyone's human rights.
European Perspective We need people who understand that Europe is not one homogenous whole, but different communities with different expectations and needs.	I sold software, including my own, into countries like Ireland, Malta, Spain, France and Belgium. I am a substitute member of the Congress of the Regions and have already made my mark, raising new issues and becoming a rapporteur. I will continue to listen and learn.
Network Builder We need people who understand the importance of international alliances.	I have contacts throughout our parliamentary parties. I have worked on a number of pan-European projects with pan-European organisations. I will help strengthen liberal voices across Europe.
Effective Communicator We need people who are used to communicating with a human touch and can see through media noise.	I have appeared many times on media, including on BBC's Newsnight and the Today Programme. I also write an irregular column for Byline Times. I will work with others to find effective ways to convince voters about the values of liberalism.
Courage We need people who are prepared to stand in the front line, even when it's uncomfortable.	I've spoken to 3 different UK Prime Ministers and several government Ministers, challenging government policies and suggesting alternatives, as well as prominent politicians across Europe. I will continue to speak out for liberalism.



Baroness Sal Brinton, ALDE vice-president, says:

"I have known Helen for many years. She's always impressed me with her calmness and her insight. I'll be voting for her because ALDE desperately needs politicians of Helen's calibre, and I've seen how effective she has already been on the European stage."

Vote

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