

Phil

BENNION



A vital voice for British Liberalism in ALDE

Former Midlands MEP Dr Phil Bennion has decades of experience representing the Liberal Democrats to our sister parties across Europe and the wider world.

Prior to being elected as Vice President of Liberal International in 2022, Phil led our delegations to ALDE Council and Congress where international joint policy is hammered out.

This year Phil has secured bilateral meetings between the RENEW Europe group of MEPs and the Liberal Democrats for the

first time since we left the European Parliament in 2020. He still has work to do for the delegation to ensure these continue.

Tough negotiator

An effective negotiator, Phil drew wide acclaim as MEP for his role fighting human rights abuses worldwide as Convenor of Urgencies for the RENEW group.

This year Phil attended the Black Sea Security Forum in Odesa, where he discussed what is necessary to counter Russian



aggression and the situation of Ukrainian refugees in the UK with politicians across the pro-western political spectrum, including our sister party leader Kira Rudik and former President Poroshenko.

"My close links with MEPs and leaders in our European sister parties will reinforce the message that the Euro-sceptics of Reform, the Tories and too many in Labour does NOT reflect huge swathes of UK opinion.

"At ALDE Congress in Lisbon last year we continued close coordination with our Irish colleagues and again won re-election for our Bureau member.

"A strong and co-operative relationship with our EU friends will ease our way back into the Single Market, a Customs Union and eventually to rejoin the EU, once public opinion shows consistent support. I need your vote to carry on this vital work."



PHIL'S FACT FILE

- Former MEP West Midlands, now global Vice President of the Liberal International (LI).
- Former chair FIRC, Lib Dem delegation leader to ALDE Council and Congress.
- Close liaison with our sister parties in Ukraine. Rep for LI at Black Sea Security Forum in Odesa.
- Phil is an effective campaigner. A councillor for 15 years and Parliamentary and European candidate.
- Former chair of the Lib Dem European Group (LDEG) and the British Group of Liberal International.
- Strong relationship with RENEW MEPs will help us forge closer UK/EU links.
- Phil's vast experience of Lib Dem policy is key to shaping robust joint positions with ALDE parties.



***For experience and energy on ALDE
WE NEED PHIL RE-ELECTED***

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Phil needs your FIRST PREFERENCE vote.

