



**Vote**

# **Thalia Marrington**

**for Federal Council**

## **What would I bring to Federal Council?**

I would bring honest, on the ground, constructive feedback and scrutiny to Federal Council.

I joined this party because of the words in the preamble to the constitution.

I want this party to be the best version of itself it can be. That version, that stays true to those words can win the hearts and minds of many.

I would like to see more open and transparent ways to communicate between members and leadership. I would like to see leadership open to scrutiny from all members and indeed inviting scrutiny from members.

We are a large organisation, quite old fashioned as political parties tend to be, and yet we don't have a whistleblowing policy. That needs to be addressed as this is just a normal 'safety mechanism' and simply good practice.

We should be an inclusive and open hearted party.

I think I would bring sensible scrutiny to Federal Council from a regular member who cares deeply about us being the best we can be; wants to ensure we set the tone to 'high' and really raise the bar.

**In the past, we have sometimes chased quick political wins, diluting our principles to fit the moment. That must change. Our liberal values — as set out in the preamble to our constitution are not negotiable. We must lead with them.**

**Now is the time to bring people to *our* values and to lead with courage, clarity, and conviction. There *is* a better way to do this.**





## A bit of background.

I trained as a **pianist at the Royal College of Music**, and most of my professional life has been spent working in the **Arts/Cultural sector or in Education**.

I was galvanised to enter politics five years ago seeing such utter incompetence and lack of moral leadership at the top of government. **I set out to 'be the change I want to see'** and haven't deviated from that aim since.

I stood and was elected as a Cornwall Councillor and am currently **Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Safety** and **Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group** of Councillors. I also **lead on Equalities**.

I stood in the General Election as a **Parliamentary Candidate**.

I sit on the **Safer and Stronger Communities** and the **Fire Commission** board at the **LGA**.

## Why vote for me?

- ✓ I am determined to bring the **Councillor voice** to the table. We bring so much to the party in terms of our hard work steeped in reality and action in dealing with issues day to day that affect our residents (voters). We are an important check and balance to policies created - how they'll actually be perceived and work on the ground. There needs to be greater collaboration and real listening between all parts of this organisation - we should all work together as one family.
- ✓ We should be making great strides now and I would encourage us to hold fast to our liberal values and **champion our approach more confidently**. We should be cutting through easily and it is maybe the time to really look at our approach to winning and growing with fresh eyes and be open to a 'refresh' in other areas as well as the 'colour change'.
- ✓ I believe passionately in **freedom of speech and expression as core liberal values** that must be **protected** to preserve *our* integrity and credibility.
- ✓ I believe it is crucial we look at our party set up and operations with a poverty and inclusion lens. Whilst there should never be a hierarchy of privileges, any approach is stronger when scrutinised through many different lenses.



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