

# Candy Piercy

Vote Number One

The experience to help the new Federal Council to hold the Federal Board to account

**Candy Piercy is best known in the Lib Dems as a top campaigner, trainer and Parliamentary by-election helper.**

She is the kind of person who prefers to get out and get things done, rather than just sit on committees. But she says "So many decisions made by the Federal Board need to be checked by the Federal Council against what our members want. I am training, coaching and campaigning with members constantly. And I listen to what members from all over the UK are telling me.

"I believe we must continue to be a grassroots-up party. Defending Liberal Values and speaking up for our members is at the core of everything that I do. Speaking truth to power is another of the most important jobs that the Federal Council now has in the Party's committee structure.

**My previous experience on the Federal Board will help me to hold the new FB to account.**



Candy welcoming party campaigners to the North Shropshire By-election HQ

## Inspiring

As Chair of the Campaign for Gender Balance (CGB) Candy has led the immensely successful CGB training programme to get more women elected to our Parliaments.

The flagship Future Women MPs Weekends and lots of training sessions at Party conference have helped women across the Party to become councillors, agents and parliamentary candidates.

Most of our brilliant women MPs attended and say that CGB training helped them win.

Candy has worked on many of the party's most memorable by-election victories. Her ability to inspire and motivate campaigners has shaped her Approach.

"The FB looks after the strategy of the Party. I want the Federal Council to make sure that the views of members are properly represented in that vital task."

## Listening

Throughout her time in the Party, Candy has been one of the people who actually make things happen. She will always roll up her sleeves and get involved.

She has helped at local by-elections. Trained at Regional conferences. Mentored and trained at ALDC training weekends.

Many individual members have reached out to Candy for advice on how to deal with difficult and stressful situations. From typesetting a tabloid newspaper to helping someone get through a difficult situation in their Local Party, Candy has helped countless members of the party.

This is why she has been so determined to reform the Party's Complaints Process to make sure it is truly independent, fair and transparent for everyone involved.

## Effective

Promoting diversity has been at the heart of Candy's work in the Party. She helped drive the formation of the Racial Diversity Campaign through the Federal Board. She then campaigned to get a grant allocated to help RDC become more effective. She then shared the tried and tested CGB techniques with RDC and helped them run their training sessions.

Candy has written and delivered training on Unconscious Bias, on Combatting Racism and on Understanding Trans Rights. Her training sessions are practical, welcoming and inspiring.

Candy worked for the EU to prepare countries to join the Union from one end of Europe to the other. She will stand firm on the need for the Lib Dems to play our part to prepare the UK to rejoin as soon as possible.

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## Dear Fellow Liberal Democrats

I have sat on the Federal Council for the last three years. I helped write the Federal Council Standing Orders. The job of the FC was to monitor the decisions of the Federal Board and scrutinise them. As a brand new Party body we needed to work hard to make sure that we do the job we are elected to do properly. Our task is to scrutinise the Federal Board decisions and to point out to them if we think they have made a mistake.

The majority of my FC colleagues took a constructive approach to that task. On one occasion the FC was intending to call in a Federal Board decision. So collectively we contacted the President and he asked the Federal Board to think again. They changed their decision. Job done!

This was the kind of grown up approach that I want to see more of in the way that we run the Party internally. And it is the same with national politics where Trumpian insults and allegations are flying from Reform and the remaining rump of the Conservative Party.

I have trained political parties around the world from the tip of Africa, through the Middle East to Ukraine and Moscow. I have seen how fragile democracy is and how hard we must work to protect it. Lib Dems need to get our message across even better on social media and using our tried and tested grassroots campaigning skills.

I believe Liberal Democrats will need to keep fighting to protect not just our own Liberal Values but the future of democracy across the UK.

Working together we can make a difference and can move forward to even greater success in the next three years.

*Candy*

PS Please give me your first preference vote. It could make all the difference!

- Worked closely with Party leaders, particularly Charles Kennedy and Paddy Ashdown.
- Has worked hard on the FC to make the Party more representative, more transparent and more responsive to members.
- Legendary campaign agent, winning the Winchester By-election in 1997. Masterminded winning campaigns in countless other elections from the Highlands of Scotland to the South Coast.
- Author of the Lib Dems General Election Agents Manual.
- Helped run Front of House at Chesham & Amersham, North Shropshire and Tiverton & Honiton.
- Has trained in over 30 countries around the world including Ukraine, Afghanistan and across Africa.
- Trained on behalf of the UN, the OSCE, the FCO and the EU.
- Successful Chair of the CGB (Campaign for Gender Balance) and the DSG (Disciplinary Sub Group of the FB).

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Candy training at the Rainbow Platform Workshop in Krakow in August 2022

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