

David Buxton OBE for Federal Council



Transforming Our Party Stronger, Fairer, Ready to Win.

I am Chief Executive of a leading Disabled People's Organisation in London and previously CEO of a national and international charity.

A member of the Liberal Democrats since 1988, I have twice been elected as a Borough Councillor, stood for Parliament three times, stood for the Greater London Assembly (Greenwich & Lewisham), and advised the late Paddy Ashdown when he was Party Leader.

I co-founded the Liberal Democrat Disability Association in 1992, twice chaired the party's disability manifesto for General Elections, and contributed to several policy working groups including Health and Social Care.

I have represented UK Disabled People at the United Nations in Geneva three times, presenting the UK Shadow Report, and have given oral evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Disability and Equality Act.

Last year, I stood for parliamentary selection. Although I was not chosen, it strengthened my resolve to serve our party in a way that can transform how we campaign, communicate, and win.

I am asking for your first preference vote for the Federal Council – because together we can transform our party to be stronger, fairer, and ready to win.

Three reasons to give me your first preference

1 Experienced Leader – Local, National, and International

Professional: Charity CEO, Public Affairs Director and Senior Commissioning Lead for a large local authority.

Political: Chair of Epsom and Ewell Liberal Democrats, Co-Founder and Vice Chair of LDDA, twice-elected Borough Councillor, three-time Parliamentary Candidate, GLA Candidate, disability advisor to Paddy Ashdown.

2 Team Player & Team Builder

I bring people together – setting up the LDDA, chairing national disability policy work, running workshops and training sessions, motivating volunteers, and making sure every supporter feels valued.



David being interviewed on the Community Channel TV about services to young people.

3 Proven Campaigner

Led BSL Act Now! campaign, resulting in the BSL Act 2022

Took the Government to the High Court three times (Access to Elected Office funding, Access to Work cap)

Secured the change allowing deaf people to serve on juries

Led and won successful local campaigns with strong resident backing, eg. the removal of a derelict water tower / disused pub that blighted the community – and I will bring that same determination to strengthen our party nationally and win more councillors, councils, and MPs.



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... make me your **first** preference!

David's Plan for Federal Council

Five key priorities

1 **Winning More Elections**

Make our campaigns clearer, more visible, and more powerful – so voters know what we stand for and why we are the real alternative for a safer, fairer, greener Britain.

2 **Smart, Strategic Finance**

Build a “The Next 100” Fund, inspire donors, and make sure every pound is used to put more Liberal Democrats in Parliament.

3 **Building a Stronger Team**

Grow our team of MPs, councillors, peers, community champions and policy experts – united, confident, and ready to show the electorate we are a serious alternative to Labour and Reform.

4 **Attracting Young People and New Voters**

Campaign on education, housing, jobs, the environment and reforming democracy so that Parliament and Councils better represent everyone.

5 **Accountability and Transparency**

Ensure the Federal Council plays its full role in holding party leadership to account and making sure members' voices are heard.



This shows David's resilience and continual hope for change, strongly believing that everyone, and all who are underrepresented, should be in Parliament! Parliament must be strong, diverse, and inclusive to represent everyone!

My Personal Appeal to You

I know what it feels like to lose – I have been defeated in selections, in target seats, and even in trying to get onto national committees. But each time I have come back stronger, because I believe in what our party stands for and I believe we can make a difference.

Last year, I put myself forward for parliamentary selection and was not chosen – but that experience has strengthened my resolve to help transform our party. I learned how vital it is that members have a voice in shaping our future, and that is exactly what I will bring to the Federal Council.

As a Deaf BSL user, I have heard doubts about whether I can communicate and represent effectively. Let me assure you – my work taking the Government to the High Court three times, representing the UK at the United Nations, and giving evidence to the House of Lords speaks for itself.

This is our chance to create a Federal Council that is inclusive, diverse, and truly representative of all members.

Together, we can build a stronger party that wins more councillors, more councils, and more MPs.

Please give me your first preference vote.



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Note: My website not updated since last year's selection campaign but still useful to learn more about my background/track record.

David is an innovative campaigner with a proven track record of winning support, driving campaigns and energising communities both locally and nationally.