

Janice Turner for Federal Council



Janice Turner has been nominated for Federal Council by the Liberal Democrat Campaign for Race Equality and endorsed by Rod Lynch, Victoria Collins MP and Baroness Meral Hussein-Ece.

Skills and experience

Janice has all the skills and experience necessary to play a full and proactive role on Federal Council. A lifelong member of the party, she has been chair of the Young Liberals and the Association of Liberal Democrat Trades Unionists. She co-founded LDCRE and is vice-chair.

The Federal Council is responsible for scrutinising the work of the Federal Board, including ensuring that decisions are being taken in line with Party strategy as voted for by Conference. Janice is determined to ensure that Federal Council's scrutinising role is fulfilled.

In particular Janice is determined to ensure that the party fulfils its commitments to implement the Alderdice Review into how the party should address ethnic minority under-representation. At a time of the threatening rise of the far right in British politics this has never been more important.

It is important that Federal Council has diversity of thought. Janice's long experience and knowledge in areas where the party has less expertise will add substantial diversity of thought. She also has very strong experience of holding the powerful to account.

Janice has been a fulltime national trade union official for more than 30 years – the editor of the union journal and the race diversity officer. She developed major race equality initiatives in the film, broadcasting and theatre industries including race action plans for the theatre industry and the commercials production sector to which more than 250 companies signed up. She strongly believes that companies should be transparent and accountable over their diversity and she led the entertainment unions in campaigns which resulted in Ofcom publishing the equality monitoring data of the broadcasting licence holders, and the Arts Council of England publishing the equality monitoring data of the theatres and other organisations it funds.

Janice also helped pension funds to hold asset managers accountable for how they vote the shares associated with pension funds' investments at company AGMs. She developed the UK's first comprehensive, free to use, voting policy, called Red Line Voting, for pension

schemes to enable them to influence their fund managers and hold them to account on climate change, equality, fatcat pay, low pay and other corporate governance issues.



With Rod Lynch and Victoria Collins MP during the West Hampstead council by-election

September's conference adopted the policy *Leading the Way*, setting out a strategic, focussed and ambitious programme for renewing our policy in the years ahead, and establishing the key priorities for further policy development in this Parliament.

If elected to Federal Council, Janice will work to ensure that the Federal Board develops this policy in accordance with the direction set by the Federal Conference.

Endorsement from LDCRE Chair Rod Lynch:

"Janice Turner is a phenomenal policy writer. She writes policy across some of the most important areas in society, equality & pensions. I have seen first hand her transformational approach to LDCRE policy offerings. With a velvet glove and an open hand her talent has reached all levels of the party. A woman of many talents she is also the "Glee club" pianist! Give her your first preference for FPC & FC."

Endorsement from Victoria Collins MP:

"Janice brings a diversity of thought to the council. A mindset that some believe has been lacking over the years. She meets her deadlines and is well read. Janice will be a boon to the Federal Council. "

Endorsement from Baroness Meral Hussein Ece:

"Janice has qualities that could diversify the way the council has operated to date, A formidable debater who brings a diversity of thought from a different perspective Focused driven keeps deadlines and is succinct in her arguments. Janice will be a valuable addition to the Federal Council."

Vote Janice Turner first preference