

John White for Federal Council



Why I am standing for FC

We urgently need to attract and recruit more young and active members. I would support all efforts in this direction.

The slogan “Don’t let Trump’s America become Farage’s Britain” served its purpose at Conference, but more enduring should be Ed’s emphasis on our Party’s reputation for “tolerance, decency, and respect for both individual freedom and the rule of law.”

The Electorate does not expect politicians to tell them the whole truth all the time, but there is a thirst for more truth, less corruption, dishonesty and dissembling, and fewer cover-ups. In the coming year I hope the Party will be bolder with its positions on our future with Europe and the need for real reform, throughout the land, but particularly the changes needed to our dysfunctional political system in Westminster, starting with more cross-party co-operation. Let’s not talk about preparing for a Lib Dem Government, but let’s plan for, and be honest about, the real possibility of being a significant junior (or possibly senior) member of a Coalition Government. With our 72 hard-working MPs and thousands of councillors setting daily examples, we can do this.

About me

- ♦ Member of North Herts and Stevenage Local Party and its branches and predecessors since 1988, with a six-digit membership number. Executive Member holding various positions including Chair, Treasurer, Membership and Diversity Officer. My heroes are Jo Grimmond, Shirley Williams and Paddy Ashdown.
- ♦ Moved to South Cheshire in 2022 where I am currently Membership Secretary and a member of the North West Regional Executive.
- ♦ A compulsive joiner, I am a member of the European Movement (and was chair of North Herts for Europe); Lib Dem Christian Forum; Social Liberal Forum; Lib Dem Women; Compass; CIMA; SVP; JAAG and more
- ♦ With a maths degree and accountancy qualification, I worked in the computer industry when hardware was more the thing than software.
- ♦ With project management, sales and commercial experience, I co-founded a software development and consultancy company and managed it for 20 years, undertaking assignments for government organisations, local, national and international, including many contracts for European institutions and NATO.
- ♦ Latterly acted as an Expert Witness in court cases relating to system procurement and spent nine months seconded to the National Audit Office working on Value for Money studies.

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