TOBY KEYNES for Federal Council

Federal Council has a vital role monitoring Federal Board decisions, and sometimes challenging them.

IF I AM ELECTED, I will seek to ensure that Federal Board:

- Rejects **all** discrimination within the Party, including that based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and religion or belief;
- Keeps the Party's Code of Conduct and disciplinary processes impartial, fair and legally robust;
- Upholds the right of Party members to hold and express any beliefs and policies that are "worthy of respect in a democratic society", and are consistent with the values of the Party constitution's Preamble;
- Maintains high governance standards;
- Makes the Party truly inclusive and welcoming.

As an English Council member, I have shown that I always do the work. Recently, I've been working on governance issues with the current Party President and English Party Chair. This has included contributing to various Federal constitutional amendments and election rules.

As a member of Federal Council, I will be in a much stronger position to identify potential problems before they go live, as well as areas where improvements can be made.

You can get in touch with me by email at: toby4FC@gmail.com

Vote #1 for Toby Keynes

ABOUT TOBY KEYNES

Campaigning for liberal values and lesbian and gay rights since 1985:

I have always stood for the core liberal values of freedom of belief, of expression and of association - and not just for those whose beliefs I share.

Over the years, I've also learned the importance of reaching out to those I disagree with, seeking to understand them, looking for common ground and respecting our common humanity. The latest political murder (which happens to be of a right-wing American) reminds me of the alternative.

Went on my first gay rights march (for equal age of consent) at 16.
Founder member of SDP and then Liberal Democrats.
Active as a party volunteer from my teens onward, serving in many roles.
Founder officer of Gay Social Democrats (a precursor of PLUS).
Nine years as Chair of Humanist & Secularist Lib Dems, to 2021.
Ex Chair of Associated Organisation Review Group (now the Party Body Forum).
Now Chair of LGB Liberal Forum and active with Liberal Voice for Women.
Currently on English Council, South-East Exec, Brighton & Hove exec.
Steered policy motions and numerous amendments through conference including on assisted dying, religious discrimination in state schools, humanist marriage, freedom of belief, sex discrimination, etc.
Now Secretary of my local community charity in Saltdean.

Toby Keynes - an experienced voice