

# A powerful voice for members on Conference Committee

#### **For Local Government**

As a town and borough councillor, Hannah knows that local government is key to our party's success.

"Our councillors are the foundation of our party - we wouldn't have won 72 MPs last year without all that hard work at local government level.

"I want to see more platforming of local government at Conference, like the fantastic Reformwatch panel with council and opposition leaders. And of course, I will continue to make sure Conference debates policies we can use in Focus leaflets and Council chambers across the UK."

### For campaigners

Hannah had to start from scratch to win and build an opposition group in Barnsley, learning from others about what works.

"Conference is a fantastic place to access training and share ideas with the top campaigners in our party.

"I want to continue to ensure there are opportunities to learn and develop - so those who are brand new can become inspired by and exchange ideas with experienced campaigners. I will always work with HQ staff and ALDC to provide training that is at the heart of the agenda and develops our skills to win."

#### For the whole team

Conference is first and foremost for our members - and that means the whole team must be focused on accessibility.

"I have been the **Conference Access Forum link member**during my last 3 years on FCC
and have constantly pushed the
team to put accessibility,

location and cost at the heart of decisions about Conference.

"We have made some progress but there is still much more work to be done. Conference is an opportunity to **recognise**, **reward and train** every role in the party and we must remove any barriers which stop us achieving this."

### "Proud of what we have achieved..."

As a member of Federal Conference Committee for the last three years, I am proud of the part our conferences played in our historic General Election win.

In passing excellent policy, offering exceptional training and bringing together members to share ideas, Conference helps ensure we are always election-ready.

### "...but I know there is more to do."

The next General Election will be a different beast to the last - Conference must reflect this:

- It must offer more excellent training to help us win.
- It must be a platform for policy debates that resonate with voters in this shifting political atmosphere.
- It must become more accessible, explore more hybrid options and locations to open it up to more members.

**Hannah Kitching for Conference Committee** 



#### Councillor

## Hannah **Kitching**

- Former physiotherapist who spent ten years working in the NHS.
- Oco-runs a manufacturing **business** in South Yorkshire.
- Elected to Barnsley Council in 2018 from a standing-start - the first Lib Dem councillor on the Council in a decade.
- Leader of the Liberal Democrat group on Barnsley Council - the official opposition to Labour.
- O Vice Chair of the Liberal Democrats in England responsible for Regional Development.
- Regional Chair in Yorkshire and the Humber.
- Parliamentary and Mayoral candidate in previous elections.
- Prolific deliverer of leaflets and door knocker!

### We're backing Hannah!

Hannah is forensic and inclusive on committee, and an excellent Chair of debates and Q&As. She is an asset to FCC and it would be poorer without her.

- Jenny Rigg, FCC Stalwart



Hannah is a proven, dedicated campaigner. She has a laser focus on winning elections. Our party needs Hannah's drive and experience on Conference Committee. Cllr Richard Kilpatrick, Manchester councillor

We need Hannah on Federal Conference Committee. She brings a perspective that is from outside London and the South East and is a passionate voice for all members.

- Baroness Kath Pinnock



I really want to see Hannah back on Federal Conference Committee. She is dedicated to winning elections and ensuring that conference helps us do just that.

- Lord Shaffaq Mohammed



I'll make sure Conference debates policy we can share on our Focus leaflets. generates good publicity for national newspapers and helps get more **Liberal Democrats** elected.

Hannah



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