

VOTE JOE TOOVEY #1 FOR FCC

FOR A CONFERENCE THAT INCLUDES EVERYONE



I'm sure you've already read lots of long manifestos while deciding who to support for FCC, full of elaborate biographies and detailed proposals. So instead of all that, I'm going to keep it **very simple**. I've been on FCC before, I know how to get things done, and there are **two big promises** I want to make to you all - so if you agree with these priorities and want an FCC member who'll fight as hard as it takes to make them happen, then **vote Joe Toovey #1** for Federal Conference Committee.

MAKE ONLINE CONFERENCE BETTER

We know it's possible for people to fully experience conference - not just voting, but **giving speeches** and **attending fringes** - even if they're attending online from home rather than being in the conference hall. I know this because **I was there** when we did it before - when we successfully organised online conferences that kept members connected even during the COVID lockdowns. If we're serious about the idea of members deciding our policy and of Conference being where we come together to do it, then we need to make sure that includes **every member** - including those who can only attend remotely for health reasons, or childcare reasons, or because four days' trip to a coastal resort is just too expensive. A vote for me is a vote to do as much as I can to achieve **full hybrid conferences** with **parity between online and physical attendees**, looking to examples such as the Young Liberals' conferences and finding creative solutions to enable increased participation without breaking the budget.

PROTECT LGBT+ MEMBERS

I've been horrified to hear reports of members, particularly LGBT+ members, being **made to feel unsafe and unwelcome** at recent conferences - transphobic speeches and talking points made from the debate stage, so-called "gender-critical" groups allowed an official presence at Conference. **This just isn't acceptable in a liberal party**. We exist to defend the rights of marginalised groups, and if a group of our own members are feeling unsafe coming together with the party and exercising their democratic rights then **something's badly wrong**. I've always stood up for LGBT+ members while on FCC and supported policy motions to protect and enhance LGBT+ rights, and a vote for me is a vote to do **whatever it takes to make sure our conferences are a safe space for all**, where harassment and campaigns to remove the rights of others are treated seriously and considered unacceptable.

Want to know more about me? Have any questions? Please get in touch!

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