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For Federal International Relations Committee (FIRC)

What I bring to FIRC

- 40 years strategic leadership experience in international relations with senior posts in UK, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan governments; United Nations; Commonwealth; and as CEO of global not-for-profit health organisations.
- Understanding of international relations from postings in 7 diverse countries and short term assignments in around 70 countries.
- Success influencing global policy processes, drafting policy positions and representing UK in international negotiations.
- Lifelong commitment to core Lib Dem values: liberty, equality, democracy, community, human rights, environmentalism and above all, internationalism.



My Vision

- Lib Dems leading internationalism for a safer, fairer world built on diplomacy, collaboration and solidarity - not war and division.
- UK as a global champion for Lib Dem values of equality, democracy, human rights and the rule of law, using UK's power for good.
- UK working with like-minded states and people for peace, prosperity, the environment and the equal participation of women.

Why I am standing for FIRC



- This is a dangerous time in global history – there is war in Europe; conflict, poverty and inequality are increasing; Sustainable Development Goal and environmental targets are offtrack.
- Conflict, war and climate change have displaced 73 million people in their own countries and created 42 million refugees.
- The multilateral system has been undermined, especially by US funding cuts. Overseas development aid from UK and other donor countries is being diverted to migration and defence.
- The pandemic proved we live in an interconnected world. Through FIRC I will use my experience and skills to make the Lib Dems a strong global voice for a better world.

My Profile

- Held senior international posts in UN, Commonwealth Secretariat, FCDO, was Head of Gender Equality Policy UK, and CEO of two global health not for profit organisations.
- Worked 22 years overseas on social development and rights in Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Pakistan (9 years), Barbados, Belgium, USA.
- Worked on humanitarian emergencies in Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Ukraine, Gaza and Myanmar, and impact of COVID-19.
- Founded and led global civil society movement that put Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) onto the global development agenda.
- Chair (7 years) of UK charity working internationally; on the Boards of two charities working on ageing in UK and Commonwealth; and Board member of a global charity working on reproductive health/rights.
- Member of Liberal Voice for Women.
- Studied in UK, USA and China (1981).
- Proudly living in Lib Dem led Eastbourne with husband and two dogs, volunteer on homelessness and violence against women and girls. Nomadic family spread across UK, Vietnam, Australia and New Zealand.



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