

David Chalmers

Your No 1 Choice for
Federal International Relations Committee



Dear Member,

I am asking for your first-preference vote to be re-elected to the Federal International Relations Committee. It has been an honour to serve as Chair of FIRC (2023–25), leading our international team and representing the Liberal Democrats at ALDE and Liberal International.

“The fight for liberal values does not stop at our borders – together we can lead the way on equality, climate action, and international cooperation”

As Liberal Democrats, we are proud to be an internationalist party, rooted in human rights, liberal values, and European cooperation. Over the past three years, I have worked to make these principles central to our international agenda – and I want to build on that success.

“There is more to achieve, and I would be honoured to carry this forward. I ask for your support with your first-preference vote”

Endorsement



“As Chair of FIRC David has transformed the Lib Dems international work, bringing MPs and party members together so that we have a strong team that demonstrates we are a truly internationalist party.”

– Baroness Sal Brinton



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Achievements

Leadership & Representation

- Chair of FIRC (2023–25) and previously Vice-Chair (2021–22).
- Led Lib Dem delegations to ALDE (Stockholm, Bucharest, Brussels, Vilnius, Estoril, Helsinki) and Liberal International (Ottawa, Santiago).
- Strengthened ties with sister parties across Europe and beyond: Ukraine, Moldova, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Latvia, Estonia, Poland.



Advancing Liberal Values

- Delivered on pledge to put human rights and liberal values at the heart of our international work.
- Rainbow Platform Ambassador, advancing LGBT+ rights at home and abroad.
- Secured key international positions for Lib Dem colleagues:
 - Baroness Brinton – ALDE Bureau & Chair of LI Human Rights Committee
 - Phil Bennion – Vice President of Liberal International

Policy & Advocacy

- Contributed to 2024 General Election manifesto, especially on Europe.



- Nurtured bonds with the diplomatic community, shaping the international programme at Conference.
- Built strong relationships with the MPs & Peers developing international policy.
- Acted as conduit for Lib Dems Abroad, giving overseas voters a stronger voice.

Future Aims

- Put climate change and environmental protection at the centre of Lib Dem international policy.
- Extend our work beyond LGBT+ rights to champion women, disabled & minorities.
- Deepen cooperation with European parties and strengthen pathway to rejoining the EU.
- Develop an EU Liaison Councillor Scheme to connect Lib Dem councillors to Europe.
- Improve communication with members on international issues through social media, events, and regional debates.
- Secure dedicated international officer support to sustain our work.