

Liberal Democrats Internal Federal Elections 2025

GLD, as one of the largest of the Lib Dem Affiliated Organisations, has nominated candidates for several of the LD Party Committees.

We all subscribe to the shared values of the Preamble to the Party Constitution, but, in particular, we recognise the following sentence as the key guiding principle in helping to decide Party Policy now and for the foreseeable future.

"We believe that each generation is responsible for the fate of our planet and, by safeguarding the balance of nature and the environment, for the long-term continuity of life in all its forms."

Josh is standing for the **Federal Policy Committee, FPC**

Please vote for all GLD-nominated candidates as high as you possibly can!

VOTE #1 for FPC



Josh Matthews

PUSHING THE PARTY PROGRESSIVELY on Climate, Economics & Positive Politics

Professional "Activist Analyst" for sustainability: researching, advising, convening, advocating. I focus on systems change, moving beyond GDP, and transition planning.

"I will bring my professional approach to sustainability into policy: producing a clear vision, understanding where we are, and a roadmap connecting the two."

Former City Councillor in Cambridge and Opposition Spokesperson for Climate, Environment, and City Centre; 2024 parliamentary candidate for Lewisham-Dulwich; standing in a Lewisham council target seat next year.

Nominated for FPC by GLD as an active member, speaker, and writer.

Chaired the Lib Dems in STEMM for 3 years, sat on Southwark and Lewisham Local Party Execs, and an active member of the Social Liberal Forum, pushing progressive climate and economic policy.

More on climate and me

Part of a growing international coalition for moving beyond GDP and growth alone.

Co-Chair an alumni sustainability society, as well as lecturing and mentoring: helping students and young people find opportunities for positive impact.

Voluntary advisory roles with a climate startup and an “accelerator” helping startups with investment, partnerships, and expertise.

Background in the energy sector as a chemical engineer, in industry and academia.

I have spoken at multiple COP UN climate summits and worked across businesses in different industries.

On economics

“Our policy must tackle inequality through real systemic change.”

Our policy can, in its best form, redesign how systems and society work—whether it’s tax or the outcomes we aim for, beyond GDP, using a pluralist approach to economics—to make sure we focus on tackling inequality as a core part of our values.

“Our policy must align to the Liberal Democrat values of freedom, fairness, and genuine equality of opportunity.”

Including the “Veil of Ignorance” principle—would you be happy with this policy, economy, society if you didn’t know who you were in it?

On Positive Politics

Developed a “Positive Politics” message as a London PPC in 2024, taking on Labour and the Greens, which is now cutting through in a 2026 Lewisham Council campaign—and being adopted by the wider party.

I want to take that positive and kind politics into the FPC, making sure it cuts through all our policy.

And finally...

“I will push the party’s policymaking—including our new economics working group—progressively and constructively to give us the best chance of broadening our voter, member, activist, and candidate base.”



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