

I'm Scarlet, I am a 17 year old, second year student at the sixth form college, Colchester, and I'm applying for the role of trans representative on the diversity committee for the English Young Liberals. I have been a liberal democrat for over a year now and am keen to move forward. As a keen contributor with much experience I look forward to the opportunities this role may give me

### Experience:

#### TIDE

- TIDE is a queer youth group at my old secondary school focussing on providing a safe space at lunchtimes for queer students, In my final year, I was on the committee responsible for organising and planning LGBTQIA+ events, and making the school more inclusive
- In this year I organised the school's pride events, including bake sales, and movie nights.
- I also helped push the more traditional leadership of the school to give pronoun badges to those who wanted to show their support
- At the end of the school year, while everyone else was celebrating their final day, I was giving an assembly presentation to the year 10's on LGBTQIA+ rights and what the school is doing to help

#### Outhouse Essex

- Outhouse Essex is a queer youth group focussing on providing safe spaces for queer people in Essex and South Suffolk
- In my time here I was a prominent member of the forum. Here, we would discuss plans for pride events, youth groups, and youth trips out, for queer kids who weren't comfortable on school trips with less accepting attitudes
- However, I was also heavily involved in discussions around opening new outhouse branches in Chelmsford and especially Tiptree, where I helped open and promote a safe space for queer children in my own hometown
- I was also invited to the EGBCC conference, where I led a presentation on the rights of queer people, and joined a local teacher, a police constable, and a Maldon councillor in asking questions about the education and safety of children in Essex

#### Language

Language is one of the most important factors in securing Trans representation. Ensuring the use of inclusive language both guarantees that trans people aren't left out of important policies, and helps build an inclusive culture in policymaking which allows trans representation to thrive.

#### Promotion

Many people, like myself, joined the young liberals for their accepting attitudes towards Trans identities, but many more don't see this, and don't know that there is still a voice for them in politics. I intend to fight for the promotion of more trans voices within the young Liberals, to show that this is a party where trans people can have their voices heard.

#### Repetition

Crucially, these messages need to keep being repeated, there is no policy that can't be improved by looking at it from a trans perspective, there is no group that couldn't be improved with the inclusion of a trans person. As trans rep for the YL diversity committee I promise to never give up banging the drum