

SHARAN VIRK FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

I will:

- **Continue the fight against human rights violations across the world.** The sheer volume of atrocities we are seeing played out in places like Congo, Sudan, China, Palestine, is astounding. As Liberal Democrats we firmly stand against this and I want to ensure these atrocities are not forgotten. I can bring particular knowledge from issues concerning the treatment of minorities in India, Pakistan and Palestine from personal connections and through the work I have done in the past. One of the first things I did as a Lib Dem was visit The Jungle refugee camp in Calais with Baroness Shas Sheehan in 2016 and since then I have advocated for refugees and asylum seekers and worked to support them whether that be in Syria, Ukraine or Palestine.

- **Prioritise issues of international importance: the climate crisis, violence against women, modern slavery and barriers to education** which all affect our life here in the UK. I hope to advocate for these issues and stand with our sister parties to do the same. As an active campaigner for Remain, I am still committed in working towards a better and fruitful relationship with the EU. We need to restore our relationship in order to truly fight the issues mentioned above.

- **Advocate for diversity within international** I want to represent women and hope to empower other minority genders to consider participating in IC. I have had such knowledge filled conversations with people within YL who would be a great addition to IC and I hope by helping create a more inclusive environment I can help them fly the flag too - should I be elected. I am a brown Sikh woman from a working class background - I am from nearly every group that you do not see participate in politics. By challenging that notion, I hope to **work with other members of the committee to further**



About Me:

I've followed international politics from a young age. With my parents and grandparents born in Panjab, I have close ties with family in India and further family in Canada and Europe.

Following immigration policy is something that my family always did because it wasn't just policy to us, it was our lives. I bring lived experience.

I speak fluent Panjabi, Urdu and Hindi alongside English and am trying to get better at my Spanish. I understand and have knowledge on certain cultural nuances that may aid us in better understanding certain international issues.

Obtained a **degree in History and English** which has allowed me to gain a through understanding of global history within social, economic and political dynamics.