

Aaban Shah

For International Officer

As international officer, I will ensure that our relationships with sister parties as well as our involvement within organisations such as the IFLRY and LYMEC are strengthened accordingly. Our relationships with sister parties have the potential to be closer and stronger than ever before, especially looking out our result in the recent general election, which also means our involvement within organisations that we are a part of must be stronger than ever, to present our strong gains within the elections to a national level. We are not the party we were several weeks ago, and I will aim to let this be known within our organisations, strengthening our international presence on a youth level.

My language skills is also very helpful in doing so, being fluent in Pashto, Urdu, and Hindi, as well as understanding Punjabi and learning Swedish, with the aim to learn Turkish in the near future. With my Pashto skills, I aim to build relationships with the youth sector of the Liberal Democratic party of Afghanistan, based in Germany. Doing so will allow us to discuss the situations young Afghan refugees face here in the UK and in Germany, which is something I have already been involved in on a local scale for several years now.

Another one of my aims is to, alongside the LDPA, work with other liberal organisations across the globe where their countries have a lack of democracy such as the Ahrar young liberals of Syria, to boost liberal voices being heard. After Brexit, I aim to also strengthen European ties even more than predecessors of this role successfully has, to make sure that other parties are aware that despite our country voting to be less involved in Europe, our party most certainly has not, having the hope to join the EU again.

The current conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza are something I am a huge advocate against, as is our party, and with this role, I intend to discuss the matter on a youth level with parties such as the Liberal Democratic League of Ukraine, Lebanon's Future Youth, Israel's Young Yesh Atid, and Jordan's free thought forum. Peace should be in every corner of the world, and it is important for the world's youth to be aware of this too. Overall, I believe that our party, with its largest number of seats ever, is in a dominant position nationally, and I will aim to solidify our new national position in an international scale. I also intend to use this position to influence the youth of less democratic nations to speak out, as well as spreading peace within our youth. A vote for me will not leave our party's youth to fall behind our national success, it will thrive internationally alongside it, influencing liberal organisations and parties across the globe.