

Hi, I am Harry Hewitt and I am proud to be running for the YL international committee.

Currently, I'm a student at University of Leeds completing my Masters in Global Development and Education and next year I will be training as a teacher with a view to help teach core skills to displaced people internationally. I am driven by the belief that positive change is possible when we deconstruct barriers that prevent cultural, political and economic integration and cooperation.

My choice to join the Liberal Democrats was significantly influenced by our national reluctance to cooperate and communicate internationally over the last 14 years. The next 10 years of political change will be, and should be, judged by our position within the global conversation. I believe our liberal values, built around compassionate progression, must be present at the heart of international communication at every level and I hope to be a part of this drive as part of the Young Liberal team.

My focus points...

1. Education

Without sounding like a Blair-ite, I firmly believe that whilst it can be a political weapon, good education is the best and most effective tool for community development. If elected I would place decolonialised international education central to the agenda.

2. Migration.

Migration has dominated the conversation in European elections. The complex causes of migration mean transnational consensus is the only way we can address this international emergency. We must be frank with our moral duty and our national capability to support displaced people. If elected I would promote the need for comprehensive international refugee care into the conversation.

3. Student engagement

The UK and French elections have shown the student voice is powerful. Internationally, the centre ground of politics has eroded, and I want to bring it back at a grass roots level. If elected I would continue to focus on building links between international Young Liberal communities