

Tom Penketh

For International Officer

To All Young Liberals,

In May 2023 I was lucky enough to be elected as the youngest Councillor in the country at just over 18 years old. Since then I have worked tirelessly in my community to achieve outcomes to benefit everyone. I became Deputy Leader of our group on the council and Vice Chair of our local party. These two roles have taught me such valuable skills and I'm honoured that I have been able to have these opportunities.

I am also a former Member of Youth Parliament, and at the end of last year fulfilled my dream of speaking from the House of Commons benches, about why universal free school meals are so important for our children.

I now want to take the next step and represent Young Liberals as the International Officer. I believe that in today's world, working towards peace and strong relationships with other countries is vital for the greater good.

To achieve this, I have 3 main priorities which I would like you to please consider.
Promote Global Youth Engagement

I will focus on working with our partners around the world to create more opportunities to engage with each other, share ideas and work together on common goals. This could include virtual conferences, joint events and networking opportunities to foster connections and collaboration beyond borders.

Advocate For Youth Representation

I will help coordinate a campaign on the importance of having young voices heard and represented in international discussions and decision making processes. I will also push for more youth representation in leadership positions in global politics.

Empower Grassroots Activism

I will work to encourage and support grassroots activism among young liberals by providing resources, training, and platforms for sister organisations to initiate and lead projects of their own that align with liberal values. By fostering a culture of empowerment and support, I will help amplify the impact of young liberals worldwide.

Tom: Uniting Young Voices!