



Toby Keynes candidate for Chair

Over the last 9 years, including 6 years as Chair, I've driven a succession of policy wins for HSLD at Conference, great and small, from Assisted Dying (2012, with Chris Davies MEP), to humanist marriage (this September, with Julian Huppert).

Our party's policy of outlawing religious discrimination against children in faith school admissions (2017) is our most important achievement so far; I had to fight for it every step of the way, from the drafting stage to proposing it at Conference.

With the new party leadership team in place, we have our best opportunity ever to build strong relationships, so that our Conference wins have an impact in Westminster. I've also built our membership and supporter base, with our

exhibition stand, our fringe meetings and our emailings; and I've just made it easier for members to join or renew by setting up their annual subscriptions online.

A good Chair has to ensure that the committee team works together well; I believe I have the committee's confidence and trust. Finally, this year I am also standing for Federal Conference Committee, where I believe we need a strong voice.

However, I pledge that, as Chair, HSLD will remain my primary commitment.



Adrian Hyrylainen-Trett candidate for Chair or Executive

As an established and publicly recognised Member of the Party active and engaged as an openly Humanist and Secularist Chair can only be a benefit to the Organisation.

Having spoken at Conference on Humanist Marriage, heavily in favour of our Assisted Dying policy and campaigning actively around LGBT+ inclusive education, abolishing faith schools and privileges around faith communities I feel that I represent most people views in our organisation.

I am also a member of both Humanists UK, and National Secular Society which campaign in different ways across a broad spectrum of issues. I am both a Humanist and Secularist and believe these two principles work well together.

As a former Chair of an SAO, Lib Dems Equality Research Advisor in the House of Lords and also a pass-holder within Parliament, I also have the connections to register our issues which cause us most concern. That obviously also means that not every issue people will agree upon, but it does give us access as an AO to be present, and I am willing to put more time in Parliament to work with Humanists UK and National Secular Society to raise our profile as an active organisation.

Vote 1 - for Adrian Hyrylainen-Trett

Richard Flowers for candidate for Executive

Liberalism has always been inclusive and accepting of different ideas and beliefs, of those with a different faith, and those without. The work that HSLD does to make sure the Liberal Democrats continue to remember and welcome all those differences is so important, and I want to continue to be a part of that.

EXPERIENCE

For the last two years I've had the honour to serve as Treasurer for HSLD, helping us to arrange fringes on topics from assisted dying to debating the definition of Islamophobia, and supporting the work we do amending policy and motions to make sure they remain inclusive. It's been a pleasure to serve, and I want to continue to do so.

ENTHUSIASM

I've always been a campaigner for human rights, for equal treatment, and for an end to prejudice based on any belief or lack of one. Too many of our laws – on marriage, LGBT+ rights, or end of life care – still have roots in religious belief. I want the Liberal Democrats to stand up for a secular country, where humanism and atheism are as valued to the common good as any other faith or belief





Cllr Jim Forrest candidate for Executive

Party member since 1963 (Joined to campaign against Douglas-Home because I didn't want any more Old Etonian Prime Ministers. That went well...)

Parliamentary candidate Lewisham East 1979, Croydon South 1983.

Borough Councillor in Fareham 2002-4, 2006-14, 2017-to date.
(Mascot: Bruce's spider.)

HSLD executive member since September 2015, helping to recruit members at Federal Conferences, and (inexpertly) to maintain the

group's social media outlets.

I see HSLD's role as ensuring the party combats the imposition of faith-based policies while protecting the freedom to profess any faith compatible with human values



Eimear O'Casey candidate for Executive

Eimear O'Casey was a HSLD executive member in 2018-19. She wrote articles for the website and assisted with social media. Eimear is a long-standing secularist, and is keen to help ensure that Lib Dem policy reflects the party's commitment to ending privilege and discrimination based on religion or belief.

As a student, she was winner of the Humanist Society of Scotland's annual essay competition, for a piece on Sexual Morality in a Contemporary Context (2007).

Eimear is an active member of the party. She is Lib Dem PPC for West Ham, and was a candidate for Bow East in the Tower Hamlets council elections in May 2019.

In her day job, she is a specialist on the former Soviet Union, and advises investors and governments of political, security and corruption-related risks in the region. She is committed to international human rights and equal access to justice: she is an international election observer and has been a magistrate in east London since 2016.



Sue Vincent candidate for Executive

I have been a member of the HSLD Executive for several years and would like to continue.

I regularly staff the stand at party conference, and contribute to our policy positions – in particular on abolishing the legal requirement for state schools to have to hold a “daily act of worship of a largely Christian nature”, which is now party policy due to the intervention of the HSLD.

I have a good attendance record at committee meetings. There are more men than women on this Executive so it would be good for diversity if I was voted back on.

There are many issues that HSLD needs to campaign on and keep the party's eyes open to, for example the ongoing situation where caste discrimination is not illegal and the problem of unregistered schools which promote fundamentalist religious views and deprive their students of a rounded education. I have been a member of the party since Liberal days in 1985 and am on the Executive of Liberal Democrat Women and a member of the Reigate Constituency party. When not doing Lib Dem stuff, I like to knit, read, go to the gym and spend time with family and friends.