

My name is Arran, I am an 18-year-old Politics student at the University of Stirling, I am from the furthest north town in mainland Scotland, Thurso. My hobbies include baking and entrepreneurship and I am running to be the next Vice-Chair of the Scottish Young Liberals.

I am an experienced member of the Young Liberals, I have held the Scottish Policy Officer position twice now over the past two years. In this, I have helped push Scottish YL forward, for example, at the most recent YL conference in London, a policy motion I created concerning the level of political education in Scotland was passed. I also keep myself involved within the local party, over the past two years I have campaigned in my constituency Caithness Sutherland and Easter Ross to crush the SNP and to re-elect Jamie Stone, which I must say was massively successful. Furthermore, shortly prior to the election, I was in John o' Groats with Jamie Stone and Ed Davey, cheering on Ed at the start of one of his iconic stunts. Overall, however, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross is an under-represented constituency in the UK and Scotland and I want to make an effort to raise awareness of the cares of the people of my constituency; both in the Scottish and Federal parties.

Why am I running?

I'm running for Vice-Chair as I believe I can service my party better in this position, I will be able to assist the Chair in any decisions or work to be carried out, to whom of which shall find this helpful due to my previous experience.

Despite the fact we have made huge advances over the past two years, the size of SYL is still quite disproportionate to those in other branches, I aim to continue our growth in this area rapidly.

If I am elected I will:

Increase Scottish Young Liberals membership by connecting with those in high schools, colleges and universities, for example, I am currently in the process of starting a liberal society at my own university.

Represent all members of SYL and make sure that their voices and concerns are heard as well as anyone else's, I will ensure everyone feels included and heard.

Fight for all young people to have equal opportunities in life, from education to employment, everyone deserves the same starting shot, aligning with one of the most core liberal values of equality by opportunity.