

Corey Bonniface - Manifesto for SYL Comms Officer Position.

My name is Corey Bonniface, I am 19 years old and grew up in the Far-North county of Caithness, and now I am in my second year of studying politics at the University of Stirling where the current policy officer of SYL, Arran Hibbert and I, plan to organise a Liberal Democrat student society. I am now running for re-election as the Comms officer of the Scottish Young Liberals.

I chose to join the Liberal Democrats for a range of reasons; As someone who grew up in the Far-North of Scotland I, and many others grew up feeling betrayed by the SNP government, which has absolutely neglected the maintenance of the roads, maternity services, banking services, and a plethora of other pressing issues in the area. The Liberal Democrats have provided to highlanders an alternative to negligent SNP politicians like Maree Todd, who blatantly ignore the concerns of their constituents despite being in a position of power.

Moreover, In a time where the increasingly authoritarian Labour government are arresting people for protesting against the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and Trumpian Far-Right politicians are dominating the polls with their hate-fuelled, billionaire-serving lies, disinformation, and scapegoating, I believe this country desperately needs a strong Liberal voice of reason, tolerance and freedom to combat the concerning direction our country is going in.

Aside from studying politics I have actively strived to gain experience in the political sphere, engaging with various local Liberal Democrat campaigns including during the 2024 Westminster elections where I attended the beginning of Ed Davey's pre-election campaign tour from John O' Groats to Land's End.

Moreover, Ahead of the upcoming 2026 Scottish Parliamentary elections I have assisted David Green, the Lib-Dem candidate for Caithness, Sutherland, and Ross during the Caithness County Show, and I have actively helped out with canvassing for Neil Alexander, the Lib-Dem candidate for Inverness and Nairn.

During my first term as Comms officer of the Scottish Young Liberals, I have dedicated time to creating graphics and social media posts for the SYL Twitter account. If I am re-elected for a second term I would continue to do this, and would like to expand upon this by gaining access to the SYL Instagram account which has been largely inactive since 2022. I would also love to see our presence increase on TikTok. I believe that one of the best ways to promote our liberal values to young Scots comes in the form of social media campaigning.