

Rachel Green for Devon & Cornwall Chair

Over the past year, I've served as **West Midlands Regional Chair**, where I established a new YL society in Birmingham, created a regional Young Liberals conference, **developed our communications** and **organised social events**. I'm proud that my work was recognised with the Unsung Hero Award at the Young Liberals Summer Conference 2026.

Having recently moved to Devon, I want to bring my experience as a Regional Chair to Devon & Cornwall and **build on the strong work and connections already established** across the region. However, as I get to know more members across the region, **I'll listen and adapt my priorities** around what DCYL actually needs.

My Priorities

1. A YL that Works for the Whole Region

- Devon and Cornwall is a large, geographically diverse region, and members have different needs depending on where they live. I want to make sure **both Devon and Cornwall have a strong voice within DCYL**, and that neither county is overlooked.
- I also want to create more opportunities for members to come together through **regional socials**, from pub crawls and coffee afternoons to campaigning and events with MPs.
 - But it is important to me that regional activity should be **accessible to members wherever they live**. I will make sure activity doesn't become concentrated in one area, and I will make greater use of online events where distance, transport or accessibility makes attending in person difficult.
- I also want DCYL to have a strong presence at the existing Devon & Cornwall Regional Conference, helping young people build connections across the two counties and ensuring Young Liberals have a visible role within the wider regional party.

2. Branching Across the Region

- I want to support the branches and societies that already exist while creating opportunities for more young people to get involved.
 - This includes **revitalising Exeter University Young Liberals** and exploring opportunities for new university societies in places such as Plymouth and Falmouth.
- I would also support Young Liberals groups that aren't attached to a university, recognising that young members across Devon and Cornwall should have opportunities to get involved regardless of where they study.
- I would work with local parties and members to identify where a Young Liberals presence could be developed, and provide practical support to people who want to get a local YL branch started.

3. Making DCYL Visible

- I want members to see what Young Liberals are doing across Devon and Cornwall, celebrate their work and **make it easier for people to find opportunities to get involved**.
- I would build on DCYL's existing social media presence with **more frequent and visually consistent regional communications** and greater use of member-led content.

4. Backing Young Candidates

- With local elections approaching, I want DCYL to be a place where young candidates and campaigners can share experience, find volunteers and support each other across the region.
- I would **work with local parties and young candidates to promote action days** and make it easier for members to find opportunities to get involved in campaigning across the region.
- I also want to help connect young members with campaigns outside their immediate local area, giving members more opportunities to campaign alongside other YLers across the region.