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I'm running to be one of your trustees because I want to use my lifetime of experience supporting youth activism and professional skills to help the BYC.

Like many of you I became an activist when I was still in school. I was a prefect and sat on both the school council and on the town's Youth Council. I was heavily involved in the creation of "Dorset Youth Council Enables" in 2006. Living in a rural area I was concerned about transport and safety for young people and lobbied the council on speed limits, on funding for modern foreign languages and on transport. It was obvious to me that not only do young people have a voice, but we also have something valuable to say. From here I got involved with the UK Youth Parliament.

I developed my commitment to youth activism throughout my time at university. I joined the Amnesty International society, through which I campaigned on asylum destitution, and a student-led group campaigning on student funding. These concerns have followed me into my current role, where I have met with MPs to discuss government policy, and led a lobby against raising the cap on tuition fees.

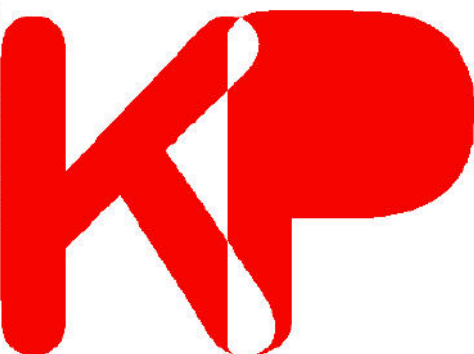
Since graduating in 2009 I have worked professionally in youth engagement as the National Coordinator for Liberal Youth allowing me to develop the skills and experience in strategy, governance and finance that you deserve from your trustees. Just a few examples of this include producing a five year development plan for the organisation, writing a new constitution and administering a budget of £73,000, which was heavily in the red and I brought back to break even.

My Priorities

If elected to be your trustee I will apply to this role the dedication and strategic thinking that have driven my campaigning. I will develop policies and campaigns with objectives that are both ambitious and realistic, drawing from my experience of monitoring the implementation of organisational strategy.

My whole life has been driven by a desire to ensure that young people are heard at the very top, and respected by both decision makers and the public as citizens. I will advocate schemes for identifying talented youth spokesmen, and press strategies celebrating the successes of BYC and it's member organisations: from the election of Young Mayors to inspirational rallies by the NUS.

The BYC has done some very important work on votes at sixteen: I will bring the skills, knowledge and experience I have gained working in Westminster to this campaign. I will continue to campaign for better transport for young people. I will also promote closer integration of BYC affiliate organisations to ensure that young people have a powerful united voice on matters of concern that unite them: be that educational access or body image pressure.



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