

## POLICY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2026

The following candidates are standing for 12 places on Policy Council

1. Candidate: Dr Joanna Abeyie MBE CC JP	
Proposer: Angela Radice	Second: Emmanuel Onah
<p>I seek to join Liberty’s Council to bring independent, values-driven oversight grounded in human rights, the rule of law and challenging abuse of power.</p> <p>I am a trainee barrister, Gray’s Inn Scholar and serving Magistrate. Alongside my legal training, I have built and led Blue Moon &amp; Partners for over twenty years, an award-winning consultancy delivering human-rights-informed strategy, governance and organisational reform across public and private sectors. This entrepreneurial experience enables me to translate legal principles, rights and values into operational accountability.</p> <p>My human rights work spans policy, advocacy and lived experience. I am a Commissioner of the Westminster Commission on Miscarriages of Justice, including work on Joint Enterprise. I am a Committee Member of Amnesty at the UN, a member of an Amnesty International local group, and I support UN-linked advocacy on protest, international accountability, and Security Council reform. I act as an advocate and visitor with the Gatwick Detainees Project, provide pro bono legal support to appellants at Immigration Tribunals, and teach debating to people in prison through my Inn of Court to strengthen legal literacy, voice and agency.</p> <p>I hold senior civic and oversight roles. I am Chair of New Scotland Yard’s Counter-Terrorism Advisory Group.</p>	
2. Candidate: Carlotta Allum	
Proposer: Arfon Jones	Second: Angela Radice
<p>I am interested in joining the Policy Board. I am driven and committed in human rights causes and especially criminal justice. I have always believed in ‘standing up to be counted’ and being involved in politics is our duty as citizens. I am a mother of three girls, 27, 22 and 13.</p> <p>My teens were chaotic, and I got into some trouble that led to a spell in prison, this gave me a passion for criminal justice. I am the founder and director of a charity called Stretch, that has been delivering projects to criminal justice communities since 2003. I am a former prisoner, which drives a lot of what I do with regards rehabilitation – I am also a qualified teacher with an MA in Museums and Galleries in Education. I am a Griffins Fellow with the LSE, where I researched the arts in the rehabilitation of female offenders. I am a trustee for the national charity Unlock and am on the steering group for the NAACJ. I am currently finishing a PhD at Central Saint Martins, UAL. I have been involved in human rights campaigns, currently working with an artist who has done many portraits of political prisoners</p>	

3. Candidate: Elena Auer

Proposer: Alison Wearden

Seconder: Patricia Chadderton

Last time I sought election to the policy council, I wrote, 'Human Rights in the UK have never needed as much protection as they do now.' The need today is even more urgent, as the UK falls into the slipstream of the USA with more authoritarian legislation and shrinking civil space.

Although no longer their Chair, I continue to support the Booth Centre for homeless people and Mental Health charities. I teach English to refugees and deliver sessions on UK Human Rights for Amnesty groups. I am working to raise awareness of Human Rights by developing the growing 'Collective for Human Rights in the UK.'

Monthly snapshots for Collective members keep people updated about changes to law, policy, and rights issues, with accurate information informed by my membership of Liberty's Policy Council. The Snapshots show the value of universal rights and identify the connections between opaque policy drivers, lobby groups and funders. Members are encouraged to sign Liberty's pledge to support the ECHR.

Liberty's work to hold government to account is vital. I believe we must come together to change the anti-rights narrative of the far right that is gaining ground and challenge the authoritarian culture that is taking hold.

4. Candidate: Simone Aspis

Proposer: Emmanuel Onah

Seconder: John Bonsall

I am a disabled activist with 30 years' campaigning experience for disabled peoples' civil and human rights covering a broad range of issues. Website link : [www.simoneaspis.co.uk](http://www.simoneaspis.co.uk)  
I am Inclusion London's Free Our People Campaigns Manager, leading on a civil and human rights campaign to stop psychiatric hospital detention on the grounds of disability for people with learning difficulties and Autistic People. I have used UNCRPD and ECHR to highlight how the Mental Health Act fails to uphold our human rights and continues to deny our civil liberties. All of us have a right to be free from threat of state sanctioned detention just because we are disabled. We all must have the right to be, think, behave, see the world in our own way without being criminalised by the state. As DPAC and DAN member, who participates in civil disobedience I am euthanasic about the right to protest. Disabled people and other oppressed groups rights have achieved through civil disobedience. Government and Parliament only begin to recognise there is an issue when campaign groups have taken direct action! I want Liberty's campaigns to be intersectional, recognising, and highlighting impact Government law and policy has on all including disabled people.

### 5. Deena Blacking

Proposer: Ellen Robertson

Seconder: Daniel Machover

I submit my candidacy for the Liberty Policy Council to offer my expertise, experience and energy in support of Liberty's vital role in shaping policy. As Liberty's new strategy recognises, we are at an inflection point: threats to rights and freedoms in the UK are more acute than at any time in the organisation's history. Liberty's role in holding government to account is essential, and I hope to contribute to that in a meaningful and practical way through Policy Council.

I have been a Liberty member for around 15 years, joining in 2011/12 while training as a human rights lawyer. I now work at the intersection of people, human rights and sport, leading an international non-profit and delivering development programmes for individuals and groups.

My commitment to justice is deeply personal. My grandmother, Amina Desai, was the longest-serving Indian female political prisoner in Apartheid South Africa and was posthumously awarded the Silver Order of Luthuli for her contribution to democracy and human rights. My aunt and uncle were refugees in the UK, fleeing Apartheid in the 1970s.

From 2011–2015, I worked and volunteered extensively in civil liberties and human rights, including with Liberty as an Advice and Information Volunteer.

### 6. Candidate: John Bonsall

Proposer: Simone Aspis

Seconder: John Hawkins

This December, on my commute home, my face was scanned by live facial recognition cameras deployed by the Metropolitan Police in Brixton. That moment of intrusion, experienced without my consent, crystallized why I joined Liberty in 2022 and why I now want to contribute more actively to its work.

As a Parliamentary Assistant to a progressive Scottish Labour MP, my work provides direct insight into how power operates in Parliament and how civil society organizations can shape legislation and public debate. Previously, I spent over three years in international development and global health advocacy at Results UK and Oxfam GB, working in policy and parliamentary engagement rooted in equality and social justice. My academic background strengthens this practical experience. My first-class law dissertation examined the threat to UK human rights that LFI cameras pose, deepening my understanding of how surveillance technologies threaten fundamental freedoms, particularly for marginalized communities.

My motivation to join the Policy Council is because Liberty's campaigns sit at the intersection of my expertise and convictions. I want to help shape policies that challenge discrimination, resist unjust surveillance, and defend human rights. My legal education, advocacy experience, and parliamentary work equip me to contribute meaningfully to that mission.

**7. Candidate: Simon Crowther**

Proposer: Louise Carmody

Seconder: John Bonsall

I have a long held commitment to human rights and civil liberties, and at this important time for rights in the UK it would be a privilege to join Liberty's Policy Council.

For over seven years I have been working in the Law and Policy Programme at Amnesty International, where I focus on policy development, litigation, and UN advocacy on state abuses of counter terrorism and criminal justice. Most of my work is international, so I am keen to contribute to policy development in the UK context. It feels like the UK is on a precipice, with ever increasing anti-rights rhetoric. I am especially concerned about the rights of those seeking asylum and the diminishment of protest rights.

As someone with a visual impairment, I am also deeply committed to promoting diversity, inclusion, and the rights of people with disabilities.

**8. Candidate: Philip Dayle**

Proposer: David Wybrow Evans

Seconder: Laurence Mann

I have s background in international human rights law, having worked as a lawyer at the Inter American Human Rights Commission in Washington DC and at the International commission of Jurists in Geneva. As a public and regulatory law barrister at 39 Essex Chambers, much of my work involves the application of human rights. I believe we are at a moment in history where there is need for courage in asserting the centrality of human rights in our daily lives and I believe that being a member of the Policy Council of Liberty would be a great opportunity to become a part of that process.

9. Candidate: Ian Driver

Proposer: David Wybrow Evans

Seconder: Thomas Dryer-Beers

A socialist, environmentalist, and Your Party member. A campaigner for human rights, social & environmental justice. A carer for my 2 disabled daughters.

My CV:-

- Elected member Unlock Democracy council (currently)
- Green Party Parliamentary Candidate 2015
- Labour & Green Party councillor 1990-7, 2011-15.
- Manager Thanet citizen advice bureau 2009-13
- Citizen journalist/ blogger on local/ national politics since 2011

<https://www.iandriver.org/>

I'm concerned about the erosion of our rights to protest, strike, seek judicial review, have a jury trial and the undermining of the European Court of Human Rights.

The appalling treatment of refugees and other groups of vulnerable people deeply worries me, as does the growing deployment of face recognition technologies and proposals for electronic identity cards.

As an activist and a campaigner I've gained an understanding of the importance of Human Rights law and would like to put my experience to good use, by standing, for a second term, to be a member of Liberty's Policy Committee .

I will abide by and promote Liberty's values and work constructively with Liberty staff, other elected officers, and supporters to reverse the concerted and dangerous attacks on our human rights which are sadly increasing.

10. Candidate: David Farbey

Proposer: Laurence Mann

Seconder: Katy Watts

I am deeply concerned about the growing attacks by successive governments on the right to protest, and on other attacks on our human rights. I am particularly worried by the rise of right-wing populism which brings with its disturbing echoes of mid-20th century fascism.

I have been an active Green Party member for over a decade, and I was a parliamentary candidate at the July 2024 General Election.

Professionally, I am a semi retired technical communication specialist with over 30 years experience in the technology and financial sectors.

I would like to join Liberty's Policy Council to contribute to the vital work of this organisation in any way I can.

11. Candidate: Bob Fletcher

Proposer: Chris Purnell

Seconder: David Farbey

27 years of Social Work has afforded me the opportunity to work in partnership with individuals, families, and significant others. Between us we have co-produced meaningful solutions, often in the face of adversity. I am proud to have worked with disenfranchised communities that have little, or no, voice. Together, we have challenged injustice, and defended freedom.

12. Candidate: Pete Fussey

Proposer: Clive Baldwin

Seconder: Simon Crowther

I am a professor specialising in the human rights impacts of AI and other emerging technologies. My work has focused on law enforcement and security uses of these technologies, while also covering the preservation of rights to protest and, separately, the impact of counterterrorism strategies. I recently authored a book entitled 'Facial Recognition Surveillance: Policing and Human Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence', based on the only independent academic study of live operational uses of this technology, and have over 75 relevant academic publications. Other work involved co-drafting UN human rights standards on police uses of technology at protests, work with UNHCR on the surveillance of refugees, directing research on biometric surveillance across Europe for the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency, and leading the independent academic review of the London Metropolitan Police trials of facial recognition technology.

I have worked with Liberty (e.g. on the Policing by Machine and facial recognition advocacy), and other human rights organisations for years. My hope is to support Liberty's advocacy in the areas of technology, surveillance, policing, and human rights by drawing on my professional resources and networks to help access empirical evidence, provide technical guidance, and offer editorial support and feedback where valuable.

13. Candidate: John Hawkins

Proposer: Ian Driver

Seconder: Leigh Hudson

I am horrified the country where I grew up, has a prime minister who is giving in to the repressive forces of corporate entities, tech. billionaires and megalomaniac foreign leaders all determined to limit the power of the people and roll back our hard-won freedoms.

Humanity is trying to fight back but is losing the battle, thanks to the connivance of media barons and the myopic selfishness of the majority of voters.

I have attended numerous demonstrations organised by PSC, Defend Our Juries, Just Stop Oil and others, and witnessed people being arrested for expressing opinions in peaceful protests (long before the proscription of Pal-Action); I have seen false statements by the police and politicians, about events I have witnessed; I have seen jury-fixing, and hunger strikers ignored by the media.

Despite achieving significant wins in court, Liberty is failing to reach its audience; as an organisation it is not well known, as a publiciser of causes it is not reaching its public or motivating a significant group; consequently the actions it takes have limited impact.

I would like to be a critical friend to help Liberty plan an effective campaign to get its messages heard more widely.

14. Candidate: Leigh Hudson

Proposer: David Farbey

Seconder: Ian Driver

I am an immigrant and a lawyer with degrees in politics and public international law from three countries, and 15 years' experience in the legal sector, including working closely with judges. I now work at the intersection of legal research and artificial intelligence, and my role includes reporting on court proceedings across a range of areas, including human rights.

I have been a Liberty member since 2018 and increasingly feel the need, in the current political climate, to contribute more directly. I have first-hand court experience of many of the issues central to Liberty's mission, including protest rights, assisted dying and the erosion of trans rights. I am committed to Liberty's anti-discrimination values and have undertaken training courses such as workplace neurodiversity and mental health awareness and recognising bias in decision-making.

My work requires me to synthesise complex material quickly and communicate it clearly, succinctly and accurately. It has also given me practical insight into how AI may be used in legal and policy settings, and I have experience assessing AI outputs for accuracy, source accountability and bias. I would love to bring that perspective to the council and work with like-minded people to advance Liberty's values and work.

15. Candidate: Arfon Jones

Proposer: Gaynor Pountney

Seconder: Katy Watts

Dear Members,

My name is Arfon Jones and I'm 70 years of age and live in Wrexham. I have supported Liberty and Big Brother Watch for many years including the time when I served as Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales 2016 - 2021. Prior to that I was a County Cllr and Lead Member for Children's Services. I continue to campaign against Facial Recognition and other illiberal proposals and I am regularly invited to comment on policing matters both in Welsh and English and contribute to articles. Policing faces unprecedented changes culminating in centralisation of management of policing services without adequate oversight and I am well versed on the issues.

Thank you for reading this statement and I would be grateful for your support.

16. Candidate: Jennie Kermode

Proposer: Arfon Jones

Seconder: Ian Driver

As a journalist (currently doing EDI at nonprofit publisher the Bylines Network) I have supported Liberty's work for many years. I have been concerned with human rights issues throughout my life, campaigning to help Cambodian refugees as a child and moving on to anti-racist work (including the campaign to end Apartheid in South Africa) and then to LGBTQ+ work in my teens. I attended the first Scottish Pride and worked with the Equality Network for over two decades, chaired Trans Media Watch for a decade (which included conducting groundbreaking research on trans people's perceptions of media, and contributing to the Leveson Inquiry), and served as an advisor to the SHRC for a decade, as well as doing specialist work on intersex issues for the EU and doing disability rights work with Inclusion Scotland. I'm a member of the NUJ's Equalities Committee (as well as an SEC member and deputy chair of Glasgow branch). I have a master's degree in English and another in Sociology & Research Methods, for which latter I wrote a thesis on how Scottish police understand and interact with trans people. I've also studied International Human Rights Law, by correspondence, at the University of Louvain.

17. Candidate: David King

Proposer: Stefanie Pixner

Seconder: Nicola Beglin

In 2025, there were technological and political developments that threaten a resurgence of eugenics and raise major human rights concerns.

Right-wing Silicon Valley billionaires are openly supporting eugenics, and founding companies to create genetically modified human beings and to test IVF embryos for 'high IQ genes'. In the UK, the government plans to sequence the genome of all newborn babies, and to legalise human genetic modification (HGM) 'by stealth' in the next two years. The sequencing of babies' DNA would establish a national genome database that could be used for criminal justice purposes and genetic surveillance, as is already happening in the USA. These developments should become a focus of Liberty's work.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other human rights treaties aim to prevent eugenic practices. But because 21st century eugenics presents itself in the guise of medical and scientific progress, it can develop insidiously, whilst human rights activists focus on more obvious threats. In the context of far-right populism, the irresponsible development of genetic technologies is extremely dangerous.

Dr. David King (age 65) is a former geneticist and a veteran campaigner on the politics of genetics. He has been an anti-fascist since the 1970s.

18. Candidate: Elaine Maclay

Proposer: Mary Stevens

Seconder: Angela Radice

I am the Co-Chair for the Board of Friends of the Earth International which oversees the work of our 70 plus groups around the world. I have over thirty years' experience in grassroots campaigning and environmental justice work. Currently I lead rights and justice work for Friends of the Earth England Wales and Northern Ireland including work on freedom to campaign and pushing back against growing authoritarianism. I'm passionate about the work of Liberty and always looking for opportunities to align with Liberty and the wider movement to work together to achieve greater impact. We're facing increasing threats to civil society with the rise of the far right around the world as well as right now on our doorstep. I will bring to Liberty my experience, connections and insights from the many battles civil society is facing here in the UK and around the world. I'm very well connected with struggles around the world from the US to the Netherlands to Argentina. We need to learn from the experience of others, and both show the systemic nature of what we're facing as well as the opportunities to act and learn together. In solidarity.

19. Candidate: Laurence Mann

Proposer: Jumani Robbins

Seconder: John Hawkins

I am applying to join Liberty's Policy Committee.

My background is that of a Solicitor (although not in the field of human rights), and I belong to Humanists UK and the LibDems. I have a history of volunteering and committee work, having served as a councillor for 8 years and a school governor for 30 years.

I joined Liberty because of my increasing concerns about the ongoing global attrition of human rights which appears to be gaining general acceptance in our society. The Rule of Law is being aggressively supplanted with principles based on expediency and so called "common sense". This is a disastrous course of action, especially at a time when our world faces other challenges, such as climate change, which are driving people apart physically as well as along political fault-lines.

I believe that pro-human rights organisations need to work together to bring home to everyone that human rights and their implicit and express rejection of prejudice are not just there to defend the edges, or "other people": they are central to all of our lives.

I think I could add value through my technical understanding of legal blather, and my opposition to injustice, howsoever arising.

20. Candidate: Muhammad Mohi-ud-din

Proposer: Abraham Eiluorior

Seconder: John Hawkins

Respect. Policies, practices and procedures all serve to respect and protect an individual's right and freedom. However, when these three "P"s fail to respect what an individual stands for or simply lives as being part of his existence, then Liberty stands up to not only protect it but bestow it respect.

Unfortunately, we can only stand up to power in a group, not individually. Liberty bridges the bar between an individual and a group, making Liberty, the group.

In my - near decade long - relationship with Liberty, it has stood up to power with the amazing human beings behind it. At the heart of the government's legal department, I have worked with the Attorney General Office for the betterment of the Special Advocates Office. On the contrary, I have devised grounds to challenge the government's unfair and racist decisions in my role in a Barrister's chambers.

I have the requisite mindset to support the Council in standing up to the authoritarian power and false promises. Rights are rights, we must care for and protect them all, not just with those that we agree with, or like. I am standing with Liberty in its new three-year strategy, leading with bravery.

**21. Candidate: Qudsia Mirza**

Proposer: Patricia Tuitt

Seconder: Aidan Geary

After qualifying as a solicitor with Eversheds Sutherland, I turned to academic life and have held posts at universities in the UK and the US, including Birkbeck, University of London, Harvard, UC Berkeley, University of Cincinnati, Washington and Law University, and Albany Law School. I am currently Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of East London and Co-Director of the Centre for Law, Justice and Society. My teaching and research interests include Public Law, Human Rights Law, Discrimination Law, and Islamic Law and. I have been appointed to various board and advisory positions and these range from the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants to academic boards in the USA. Most recently, I was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Law and Society Association for a three year term in 2024. I am frequently asked to advise and present to trade unions and organisations in the third sector.

I have been a member of Liberty's Executive Committee and the Policy Council since 2020 and have served on a variety of sub-committees. I currently serve on the Governance sub-committee. Being part of Liberty's work is enormously important to me.

**22. Candidate: Gaynor Pountney**

Proposer: Leigh Hudson

Seconder: Bob Fletcher

My perspective is grounded in vivid, practical experience of engaging with systems intended to protect civil liberties, including where safeguards work and where they fail quietly but repeatedly. This experience is not ideological. It has involved careful observation, independent analysis, and sustained engagement with procedures, disclosure, and accountability processes. Through this, I have seen how cumulative procedural failures, inaccessible systems, and weak enforcement can disproportionately harm people who lack representation, resources, or institutional familiarity. I am not seeking Liberty's involvement in my personal matters, nor am I asking for advocacy or investigation. My motivation is to contribute constructive insight into systemic patterns that affect many people, particularly those at the margins, so that harm can be identified earlier and addressed more effectively. I would bring to Policy Council a calm, disciplined, human-centred approach focused on prevention, clarity, and realistic, enforceable policy development that strengthens Liberty's credibility and impact.

**23. Candidate: Chris Purnell**

Proposer: SL Philipps

Seconder: Gaynor Pountney

I believe that my experience as a barrister working for Law Centres in the past gives me insights into human rights issues which may help the work of the Policy Council. Latterly until 2022 I served as a Tribunal Judge in the social entitlement chamber which gives me insights into the rights of those people afflicted by poverty. This -the rights of the poor- must be a priority for Liberty in the desperate times in which we live,

**24. Candidate: Angela Radice**

Proposer: Bob Fletcher

Seconder: Chris Purnell

I am a retired policy analyst who has worked in the public sectors - Central and Local Government, and the NHS.  
I have had a lifelong involvement at grassroots level in the voluntary sector from full time volunteering with CSV ( the UK arm of VSO), assisting life prisoners to return to the community, advocacy and form filling for marginalised groups such as Muslim women in the UK I have in my younger days always been active in my community to identify ways in which I could promote and develop human rights, liberties and responsibilities whilst protecting myself and others from abuse or suppression.  
I have a fervent belief that everyone deserves to be free to self determine; many people do not have a voice in this process. They need people and organisations to defend them and protect them from oppressive authorities and others who mean them harm. Elected representation is not enough. Public policies and laws need reasoned scrutiny and to be challenged and explained. I see the Policy Council as an appropriate channel for me to put my skill set to good use. I would work hard for the Policy Council to help it achieve its mission.

**25. Candidate: Jumani Robbins**

Proposer: Simon Crowther

Seconder: Clive Browne

I was fortunate enough to spend a period of time on secondment to Liberty's strategic litigation team whilst a trainee solicitor, almost a decade ago. That experience – of helping to hold power to account, alongside a team of phenomenal individuals – is something I found deeply enriching. I still vividly recall the responsibility of manning the telephones on the advice line each week, and it is a source of both pride and amusement that a photograph of me doing so remains on the Liberty website all these years later!  
I became a member immediately upon finishing my secondment, and have remained a supporter of the organisation ever since. In a time of creeping injustice and restrictions on freedom unlike anything I have seen in my lifetime, Liberty's work is more vital than ever. Through my legal career and work in the equality space, I have accrued some useful insights that I hope could meaningfully contribute to Liberty's mission – and it would be a real privilege to do so as a member of the Policy Council.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**26. Candidate: Carina Tertsakian**

Proposer: Alison Lea

Seconder: Jesse Roberts

I am standing for a second term on the Policy Council as I would like to continue supporting and shaping Liberty's vital work.

I have spent most of my professional life researching and campaigning on human rights at the international level. I have worked for Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the Refugee Council, Global Witness and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, among others. I have carried out investigations, engaged in advocacy, trained human rights defenders and written numerous reports on human rights, mostly on Central Africa. In 2019, I co-founded The Burundi Human Rights Initiative, an independent project which I ran for four years.

I am very concerned about the current political climate in the UK as I see civil liberties coming under attack at an alarming rate. Basic rights, like the right to protest peacefully, are rapidly being eroded. I am deeply disturbed by the government's willingness to disregard its international human rights obligations and by its hostile attitude towards asylum seekers and immigrants. In this context, Liberty's work is more important than ever. It would be a privilege to be able to serve on the Policy Council for another term.

**27. Candidate: Patricia Tuitt**

Proposer: Colean Camp

Seconder: Clive Browne

Patricia Tuitt has been a member of the Policy Council since 2020 and has served as its vice-chair. She joined the Executive Committee in 2021 and currently Chair's its Governance Subcommittee.

Formerly Professor and Executive Dean of the School of Law, Birkbeck, University of London (2009-2017), she now curates an online academic resource ([patriciatuitt.com](http://patriciatuitt.com)), consisting of articles, book reviews and blog posts. Patricia publishes widely within the fields of European Union law, legal education, postcolonial theory and refugee law. She is author of *False Images: Law's Construction of the Refugee* (1996), *Race, Law, Resistance* (2004) and several jointly edited publications including *Critical Beings: Law, Nation and the Global Subject* (2003), *Crime Fiction and the Law* (2016) and *The Long Walk to Freedom: Perspectives on Racial Inequality, Injustice and the Law* (2024). She is book reviews editor of the journal, *Feminist Legal Studies*.

28. Candidate: David Wybrow-Evans

Proposer: Peter Jukes

Seconder: Thomas Dryer-Beers

I feel my knowledge/experience in rights-based work/study/research - often in the context of failed and failing states - could serve the Policy Council: I'm particularly keen to contribute to Liberty's urgent work around Article 11. As Director of The Cockpit Theatre, London, I'm also seeking to improve our politics/current affairs programming through a closer association with Liberty.

The Cockpit often hosts rights-based benefits/events; e.g. for JSO protester Marcus Decker, Medical Aid for Palestinians, Women's Aid UK, Iranian Women's Rights and more.

ADVOCACY

I'm currently arguing for the inclusion of citizenship status, income disparity and class within Cockpit owner UCG's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy alongside protected characteristics. I also work with Walnut Support Group for LGBTQ+ people affected by prostate cancer.

TRAINING/EXPERIENCE

BA Film and Drama (Reading).

MA Human rights (Sussex).

- 1973, Resettlement officer for the British Council for Aid to Refugees
- 1975, Copy writer for Campaign for Re-instatement of Trade Union Rights in Iran.
- 1980s, Hong Kong. Camp Security Officer for UNHCR during the Vietnamese Boat People crisis.
- 1980s/90s UK. Treasurer for a national youth arts organisation
- 2007 - 2009. West Africa. Field researcher/co-author: YOVEX report Kings College.

29. Candidate: Mazin Zeki

Proposer: John Blackburn

Seconder: Edward Smith

Previous member 2001 -2025 with 100 % attendance standing for re-election. Liberty's strength has always been diverse views allowing disagreement and co-operation.

Unequivocally supports Equality Act Critical al of subjective and vague definition of 'hate crime' .

The threats to free speech are accelerating with the active support of some human rights alumni. Online Safety Act, facial recognition and digital ID pose very serious threats

The misuse and overuse of –ist and –words has become absurd and must be faced down.

A vote for me will reflect the membership supporting democratic norms and opposition to policy capture by unrepresentative groups. Supports tolerance of all views which are worthy of respect in a democratic society.

Staunch secularist and opposed to compelled speech or beliefs/ conflation of faith and identity. Opposed to any concessions on the basis of identity alone with vague multicultural sloganeering.

All those who are complicit in crimes against humanity should be tried locally in accordance with the Moscow Declaration of 1943 which paved the way for Nuremburg principles.

The primacy of science must be respected. The distortion of science for ideological purposes must be condemned and confronted.