



APPLICATION FORM

Your application details:

What is your name?	William Denston Powell
Which role are you applying for?	Representative to the Federal International Relations Committee

Please tell us more about yourself:

Why did you join the Liberal Democrats?	2001 I joined the Liberal Democrats because the party is committed to internationalism, to the European Union, to fair votes and to giving a fair chance to all, regardless of background, creed, ethnicity or social background. It is also committed to localism and to creating a federal Britain, within a federal Europe.
Why are you interested in running the Welsh Liberal Democrats?	As stated above, I joined the Liberal Democrats due to the party's commitment to internationalism, to the European Union, to fair votes and to giving a fair chance to all, regardless of background, creed, ethnicity or social background. Alongside this, a commitment to localism and to creating a federal Britain, within a federal Europe. None of these will be realised, at Welsh or federal level, unless individuals step up and volunteer to take responsibility and to do the 'hard yards' of work and representation. I am ready to do that.
Why do you think you are suitable for this role?	In my view, our values and goals will only be realised, at Welsh or federal level, if individuals step up and volunteer to take responsibility and to take on the work of representation. My record as a local activist, County Councillor since 2004; Senedd Member 2011 – 2016 and from 2016 to date as a senior County Councillor – and now Chair of Powys County Council – illustrates my commitment to the work of

	representation. My internationalism predates party membership – and for 17 years I taught French, German and European Studies at secondary and sixth form level. As a Senedd Member, I was an active member of both the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and as an ELDR (ALDE) Council Member. Alongside this, I have also been – and remain – active in the campaign for a free, democratic and secular Iran, participating in events from the UK Parliament, to Tirana and Paris.
What do you aim to achieve if elected to this role?	My achievements as a Senedd Member, my active membership of both the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and ELDR (ALDE) Council have centred around building personal relationships and team building. Alongside this, my active support for the campaign for a free, democratic and secular Iran, in UK Parliament, and as far afield as Tirana and Paris, has involved me in gaining the interest and backing of the latest generation of our Lib Dem MPs - the 'Class of 24' – to embed and take forward the work. If successful in this application, I commit to continuing and building upon this work as a member of the Federal International Relations Committee.
What's your biggest achievement that's relevant to this role?	In terms of relevance to this role, I believe that my key achievements have centred around building personal relationships and team building. I have developed a network of contacts, from throughout Europe and the Middle East, that are relevant to this work. Alongside this, my active support for the campaign for a free, democratic and secular Iran, in UK Parliament, and as far afield as Tirana and Paris, has involved me in gaining the interest and backing of the latest generation of our Lib Dem MPs to embed and take forward the work. As a teacher – and now as a mentor to young parliamentarians

	and candidates – it is vital to ensure that we instil our values not just in domestic politics and fighting for electoral market share, but also to our work and mission in the field of international relations. If successful in this application, I commit to continuing and building upon this work as a member of the Federal International Relations Committee.
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If party members have questions about your application, how can they contact you?

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