

## Irina von Wiese - #1 for London



I am British, German, European and a **proud Londoner**. I am also the daughter and granddaughter of refugees: my grandmother escaped from Russia, and my father from East Germany. I have lived in London since 1996, joined Liberal Democrats in 1998 and stood in local elections in Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham and Southwark.

In 2019 I was elected to the **European Parliament for London** with most votes of any candidate – a LibDem swing of 20.4%. I served as Vice-Chair of the Human Rights Committee and Governor of the European Endowment for Democracy.

Today I am a **councillor in Southwark** and Vice-Chair of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, holding the Labour administration to account.

I am a passionate environmentalist and internationalist. Apart from politics, I like photography and street art, and extremely proud of my opinionated teenage daughter. I also work as a lawyer and lecturer in EU law.

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## Experienced. Passionate. Outspoken.



As MEP, I represented all Londoners.

I challenged the Tories on climate change. I led a human rights mission to Trump's State Department, and defied Nigel Farage in the European Parliament. I fought – and still fight – for Britain's rightful place in the heart of Europe. Most of all, I listened to constituents' concerns and worked tirelessly to address them.

As a lawyer and Councillor, speaking truth to power is my job.

In Southwark, I can see what happens if one party holds power for too long. A small but strong Liberal Democrat opposition, with only two members in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, we have held the Labour administration to account, calling out their complacency and incompetence. The London Assembly has a similar role, and I will use my experience as Councillor and MEP to hold the mayor to account.



As an experienced campaigner, I connect to voters.



Liberal Democrats stand for an open, inclusive society, for civil rights and the rule of law. So why not talk about it? As your candidate, I will ask Londoners what matters to them. Policies are important, but they are not what inspires people – values are. To engage people and build a new Liberal Democrat platform, I will talk about shared values and how to put them into practice: clean air, access to basic needs and a fairer society where affordable homes, transport, good schools and jobs that are available to all.

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