

Motivation Letter – IMS Steering Committee Candidate (2026–2028)

I am writing to express my candidacy for the Individual Members Section Steering Committee for the 2026–2028 mandate. As a passionate advocate for liberty, democracy, human rights, European cooperation, and civic engagement, I am eager to contribute my experience, energy, and ideas to strengthen the role of Individual Members within LYMEC and help ensure that our section remains active, influential, and relevant.

I have dedicated much of my political and activist work to advancing liberal values both within the United Kingdom and internationally. As President of the London branch of Young European Federalists, I have actively campaigned for closer European cooperation, stronger democratic institutions, and a more united Europe capable of defending freedom, prosperity, and the rule of law. I firmly believe that the challenges facing our continent, from security to economic competitiveness and democratic resilience, are best addressed through cooperation between European nations and institutions.

My work has also focused extensively on human rights, democracy, and civil liberties. Through my involvement with Students For Liberty, I have campaigned for stronger protections for privacy, freedom of expression, and the right to protest. At a time when civil liberties are increasingly challenged across many democracies, I believe liberals have a responsibility to defend individual rights, free speech, and the ability of citizens to peacefully hold governments to account.

Internationally, I have been involved in several democracy and human rights initiatives. I helped establish a parliamentary campaign focused on the rights of Iranian Kurds through the creation of an All Party Parliamentary Group initiative in the United Kingdom with work with the PDKI. I have also worked alongside democratic activists and partners supporting free and fair elections in Georgia, contributing to advocacy efforts that encouraged the UK Government to publicly raise concerns regarding electoral irregularities and democratic standards. These experiences have strengthened my conviction that liberal democracy requires constant vigilance and active engagement from civil society.

Alongside my human rights work, I am a strong advocate of pro growth, pro technology environmentalism. I believe environmental progress and economic development should reinforce one another through innovation, scientific advancement, clean energy, and market driven solutions. Professionally and academically, I have developed a particular interest in housing and planning policy. Through my work with pro housing organisations and campaign groups, I have advocated for YIMBY policies, planning reform, and measures to increase housing supply across the United Kingdom. I believe access to affordable housing is one of the defining challenges facing younger generations and that liberals should champion reforms that enable more homes to be built while supporting sustainable and prosperous communities.

These experiences have given me practical skills in campaigning, coalition building, event organisation, public affairs, and policy development. More importantly, they have shown me the importance of bringing people together around shared values while ensuring diverse voices are represented and heard.

If elected to the IMS Steering Committee, I would focus on increasing engagement among Individual Members, improving communication and transparency, creating more opportunities for policy discussions and activism, and strengthening links between members across Europe. I want to help build an IMS that is vibrant, welcoming, and capable of developing the next generation of liberal leaders.

Above all, I understand that this role requires commitment and active participation. I am prepared to dedicate the necessary time and effort to support the work of the Steering Committee and ensure that Individual Members remain a strong and valued part of LYMEC.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honoured to serve Individual Members and contribute to strengthening the liberal movement across Europe.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Hare