

[Inclusive Campaigning in Merton](#)

Saying hello is not difficult. And that is all you essentially need to do if you want to engage with diverse communities and open doors. I was determined to make sure I did that when I started campaigning in West Barnes, Merton.

I am the first BAME councillor to win in the ward's 60 year history. Our team worked hard and we followed all the advice we were given by ALDC and HQ. But essentially it was won through hard work and the willingness to say hello and listen to your residents.

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[National Inclusion Week](#)

This week is National Inclusion week – a week designed to raise awareness of the importance of diversity and inclusion.

The theme this year is “everyday inclusion” which is looking at the practical ways you can foster inclusion through day to day activities.

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If you also demand better from our country – then come and join us.

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[Why I joined the Liberal Democrats](#)

I'm often asked why I first joined the Liberal Democrats and I have often answered with the word 'Brexit'. But whilst it was true that devastating result of the EU Referendum in 2016 was the catalyst for me joining the party, it really encompasses many wider issues that I wish to make a stand against.

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[Tomi Banwo – My First Ever Party Conference](#)

On Tuesday 18th September 2018, I attended for the first time a party conference in Brighton with the Liberal Democrats. This is all thanks to an initiative set by the Patchwork Foundation which **encourages and funds young Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), politically-minded people to attend party conferences** and encourages them to be engaged in political affairs.

It was amazing to see women in such a high position making an impact.

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