

Frank Sheridan



Our diversity is our strength.

Grandson of coal miners, child of internationalism. My early years were in Yorkshire and the Middle East.

An International Northerner, I've lived and worked in over 20 countries in the past 20 years in education and environment, developing networks, facilitating, managing teams and projects, and working throughout the third sector - flat cap, passion for solutions, and customary wit and manners in tow.

My Masters was 'Global Challenges' (University of Edinburgh), researching social justice and climate change through public health, environment, and politics and economics.

I now split my time between Doncaster and Milan. As one does. My whippet is called 'Fagioli', because he's full of them.

In Network Development for Climate Action Network International - a global network of over 1'300 NGO's – I developed capacity, connected activity, and enhanced network management. I prepared for and attended UNFCCC-COP23, working as interdepartmental liaison, supporting the youth team, developing and leading on events and seminars, representing civil society in negotiations, and developing and distributing media content.

If you want something done, you stand up and crack on. I'd never been able to vote Green in a General Election. Last year, I stood as Parliamentary Candidate for Doncaster Central, my community. Standing two candidates in the borough firmly put us on the political map and built on many years of hard work. I'm excited by the dedication, work and ambitious plans of Doncaster Green Party, and the Yorkshire and Humber family. It is these, and more, local successes that we must web together for international strength.

I want to get stuck in and make things happen, we need to ensure we hear every voice, and there are two vital international issues in particular to work on in the next two years.

First, the Green New Deal. This must make the framework of a post-lockdown recovery. We know there is much public appetite for the kinds of changes we need to see. We will work with our UK, European and Global Green family to share skills, learnings and successes. As someone who has strong network analysis abilities, and regularly develops online sessions, meetings, trainings and tools, I want to invigorate our network.

Second, COP26. Postponed until next year and hosted by the UK, in Glasgow, in partnership with Italy. There will be a pre-COP, and a Youth Event, in Milan, ahead of this.

This COP couldn't be more crucial. After the Paris Agreement, we are now at the deadline for translating intent into action. There were big issues outstanding after COP25 and the UK is literally in the driving seat for this. I will work cross-nationally to build alliances that put pr-essure on governments to make sure they deliver. With my network development and international

conference experience, I will build capacity and ensure we can use our international power to get results. We need an empowered youth movement and strong collaboration for this.

I'm excited for the challenges of the next two years.

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