

LibDems name parliamentary candidate for Edinburgh East

Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Willie Rennie has today unveiled project manager and former NGO worker Jill Reilly as the party's prospective parliamentary candidate for Edinburgh East.

As a project manager, Jill has worked in both the public and private sector, including healthcare, transport, justice and financial services. Currently she is managing a programme of work at Standard Life Assurance.

Jill has also volunteered with several charities, including working with children from deprived areas, immigrants and employment preparation. She has also carried out voluntary work with orphans affected by AIDS in Uganda, conservation work in Namibia and with an NGO in Cameroon. She holds an MA in applied social science (Glasgow) and an MSc in Information Technology with Business. In her spare time Jill enjoys open water swimming, running and bike touring. She also has recently taken up oil painting, renewing her love of art from school.



Jill Reilly LibDem candidate for Edinburgh East

Jill Reilly said: "In 2018 I have managed to speak to a lot of people in Edinburgh East. Issues that bother us range from traffic, pot holes, the SNP's garden tax, Scottish independence, a lack of integrity in politics and of course Brexit. In 2019 I look forward to playing a part in resolving some of these issues. If you have anything else to report, please tell me.

"While Britain is in crisis over Brexit, my international experience has shown me that we cannot take any good fortune for granted. I am a European at heart and Edinburgh East voted 72% to remain in the EU. At a national level the Liberal Democrats have led the way in ensuring we don't walk away from Europe without a fight."

Willie Rennie said: "A snap general election could be just around the corner so it's important that Liberal Democrats are recruiting talented and dedicated candidates who will demand better for their communities.

"Jill Reilly would be a tenacious MP with a true social conscience. What's more she's a passionate pro-European,

standing up for the overwhelming majority of people in Edinburgh East who voted to remain in the EU.

“Edinburgh East needs an MP who will put the issues that the public care about first, not another SNP politician focused on independence at all costs.”