

Claire Hoang joins Councillor Mentoring Scheme

A reception at the House of Commons saw the launch of the Operation Black Vote Mentoring scheme for black and ethnic minority female councillors.

There were more than a dozen aspiring BME women present who are all keen to stand as Liberal Democrat councillors. Amongst them is Claire Hoang, the only candidate of Chinese ethnicity to be selected for the shadowing scheme.

Claire Hoang said:

"I am thrilled to be chosen for this scheme and look forward to learning more about representing people in local government and how I can get more involved in Manchester where I live."

Merlene Emerson, Chair of Chinese Liberal Democrats said:

"Claire is a very talented young lady with experience working in both the public and private sector. I am pleased that she has chosen to be mentored by Liberal Democrat Councillors such as the Chinese Liberal Democrat vice-chair, councillor Linda Chung of Camden Council. The Liberal Democrats continue to be the political party of choice for many young people whose idealism and hopes for a fairer and open society have led them to join our ranks."

Commenting, Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg said:

"I am delighted that Claire Hoang is joining such an important scheme. The Liberal Democrats believe it is crucial that as a party we are as representative as the country we seek to serve."

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A photograph is available from www.chineselibdems.org.uk

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