



ENGLISH YOUNG LIBERALS

EYL Executive 2024 Meeting - 3rd December 2023 - Minutes

Members Present:

<i>JN</i>	Joe Norris	he/him	EYL Chair
<i>RF</i>	Rowan Fitton	he/him	Vice-Chair for Membership Engagement
<i>JB</i>	James Bliss	he/they	Policy and Regional Engagement Officer
<i>HJ</i>	Huw James	he/him	Events Committee Representative
<i>TO</i>	Todd Olive	he/him	Devon and Cornwall Regional Chair
<i>TJ</i>	Tom Jordan	he/him	East of England Regional Chair
<i>JLM</i>	Josh Lucas Mitte	he/him	London Regional Chair (From item 3)
<i>TN</i>	Tom Nevill	he/him	South East Regional Chair
<i>TM</i>	Tim Macy	he/him	West Midlands Regional Chair
<i>ZM</i>	Zeb Mackintosh	he/him	Western Counties Regional Chair
<i>GS</i>	George Sykes	he/him	Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Chair

Apologies:

<i>NA</i>	Noah Allerton	he/him	Vice-Chair for Elections and Campaigns
<i>TS</i>	Tom Sutton	he/him	North West Regional Chair
<i>NE</i>	Nathan Eve	he/him	South Central Regional Chair

Absent:

<i>JMN</i>	Josh Nightingale	he/him	East Midlands Regional Chair
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Also present:

<i>FK</i>	Fergus Kirman	he/him	Federal Co-Branch Development Officer
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Agenda: [December 2023 Agenda](#)

Meeting opened at 5:00pm.

1. Welcome and apologies

JN welcomes the EYL Executive and took apologies.

2. Action points and matters arising

JN gave a status update about Actions Arising From Previous Minutes as in [appendix 1](#). Items ongoing included:

Action Point	Date Set	Person(s)	Status
Write a report from English Council <i>Outstanding reports from June and December English Councils.</i>	2.7.23	JN	Not started ▾
Investigate ALDC diversity programmes relating to young people <i>RF to ask at ALDC's away day tomorrow.</i>	5.11.23	RF	In progress ▾

Questions and Comments included:

- RF updated EYL on their Action Points around student societies that aren't aware or sure of the digital imprint rules - highlighting that it might be good for regional chairs to follow up with that and check on student socs in their regions.

Action: Regional chairs to let Lucas North and Harvey Jones know of any branches or societies failing to add the required imprint on their social media

3. Federal Branch Development Officers

- Plans for the year** - the BDOs are working on updating the branch list with branches that have gone defunct or inactive, those that have renewed, and new branches. They will be getting in touch with regional chairs and various state chairs to try and reach out to the 90(ish) branches that they are aware of. There will be a cautious approach to not discredit societies that do exist and are active. FK and JP will be working with the regional and state chairs to try and re-activate and energise branches, especially those within target seat areas.

- b. Working together** - please email at first instance if you've been in touch with branches and what branches are active within the region. Please let Lucas North know about any non-compliant websites and socials.
- i. These webpages can also then be updated:
 1. <https://www.youngliberals.uk/get-involved/branches-and-societies/list-of-branches-and-societies>
 2. [https://www.youngliberals.uk/get-involved/branches-and-societieslistof-branches-and-societieshttps://www.youngliberals.uk/get-involved/branches-and-societies/list-of-branches-and-societies](https://www.youngliberals.uk/get-involved/branches-and-societies/list-of-branches-and-societieshttps://www.youngliberals.uk/get-involved/branches-and-societies/list-of-branches-and-societies)
 3. HJ raised that this website link was broken
<https://www.youngliberals.uk/branchdev>
 - ii. **Action:** forward on names of active and inactive branches to BDO looking at the YL website list of branches that exist and comparing them with your regional knowledge. Email information to:
 1. Fergus.Kirman@youngliberals.uk
 2. Joshua.Parmar@youngliberals.uk
 - iii. **FK & JP** to work on a branch development guide.
 - iv. **FK** confirmed that the Branch Development Fund (BDF) would be continued and that the YL Executive would be minded to prioritise this for reviving and starting branches - the current budget proposal is to have a large BDF for branches, regions and states to all apply for.

4. Regional conferences

a. Feedback from the Regional Conferences of:

- i. **Yorkshire and the Humber** - a successful conference including a substantial donation being processed by Lucas North, YL registered treasurer. Y&H YL's motion on Housing passed unanimously, Y&H YL's motion on Transport was not selected.
- ii. **West Midlands** - a less successful regional conference for EYL, but still had a stall and gave out some leaflets.
- iii. **Devon and Cornwall and Western Counties** - a good talk from Richard Foord MP and an 'ideation session' on what it means to be a Liberal Democrat.
- iv. **South Central** - SC conf was a great success from a YL perspective (even without having the stall stuff!). A good number of YLer for a regional conf, Janey's speech was great and had amazing feedback, great success!

Regional Chair Nathan Eve sent in the following ahead of the meeting: *“Regarding the agenda item concerning regional conferences, we had a good turnout of South Central YLers and it was useful to meet in person, and looks like we’re going to start with some action days in the new year. “We also spoke to various local parties at our stall about setting up YL branches/engaging young people. The main advice was to focus first on getting a YLer on Exec and not expecting to have a YL branch immediately.”*

- v. **London:** London’s conference organisation fell through, so they just did an online AGM with a view to do something in-person in spring.

b. Inventory check

i. Conference Kits:

1. JN - 1 conference kit
2. TJ - 1 conference kit
3. TS - 1 conference kit
4. GS - 1 conference kit
5. Janey Little - 1 conference kit

ii. Leaflets:

1. Saffa Rais (North East) - some leaflets
2. TO - some leaflets


- c. **Next year’s shopping list** - suggestions included business cards (linking to the YL page - generic), standing order forms and QR codes for the YL merch shop.

- d. **Advice on making an impact within the Regional Conference?** - Go on the Regional Conference Committee if there is one, Tom Jordan (East of England) and James Bliss (South Central) currently do this.

5. Updates for Regional Chairs

a. Regional branch regulations and regional exec co-option regulations.

JN has invited each regional chair to regional channels within Slack. JN gave regional chairs a link to [the constitution](#) for guidance. At the minimum regional executives should have a rep from each active branch in the region, a co-opted Campaigns Officer, and a co-opted Membership Engagement Officer. Chairs can use the short co-option procedure within this constitution to form an Executive. Do contact JN for any advice, questions, concerns, queries etc.


- b. Emails and Communication:** To email your members you can message or email Harvey Jones, the Federal YL Communications Officer **OR** contact your main regional party secretary/communications officer (nicely, building a relation with them) who may be able to assist you. Harvey Jones is bringing back the monthly newsletter which will have regional content included if regional chairs wish.
- c. Goals grid -**  Goal Grid - Regional Chairs - JN introduced the 'Goal Grid' as a way for Regional Chair to reflect on the health and activity of their region and know how to structure and grow their regions. JN said that EYL can come back to this in the future to reflect on their activity. EYL agreed to reflect on this document and go through it in 1-1s with the chair. JN was commended on this document by members.

6. Executive Regulations

- a. Drafting of Exec Regs -**  Draft: EYL Executive Regulations

7. Policy discussion

- a. Motion on the IHRA definition of antisemitism** - there was a discussion about the historic role that anti-semitism has played within the party and agreement that this was a good idea for a policy motion. Members asked for guidance to be provided on antisemitism, and Janey Little agreed on this. There was also a discussion about the scope and the possible inclusion of islamophobia. The motion as it is here:

-  Recommitting to the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

- i.** Liberal Democrat definition of Antisemitism
<https://www.libdems.org.uk/code-of-conduct/antisemitism>
 - ii.** Liberal Democrat definition of Islamophobia
<https://www.libdems.org.uk/code-of-conduct/islamophobia>

8. AOB

- a. ALDC Membership** - The Young Liberals are likely to remove their membership from ALDC, Tom Nevill asked about remaining membership. RF highlighted that ALDC Membership was a donation in kind from ALDC rather than an expense that can be cut.

9. EYL voted to move to Closed Business

Date of Next Meeting - Sunday 7th January 2024.

Meeting closed at 6:30 pm.

Appendix 1: Action Points from Last Meeting

Action Point	Date Set	Person(s)	Status
Update the artworked action day guide.	5.3.23	JN	Not started ▾
Sort out dormant/locked social media accounts.	11.6.23	JN	In progress ▾
Write a report from English Council	2.7.23	JN	In progress ▾
Speak to Alison Rouse (Chair of the English Party) about getting YL RC on Y&H Exec.	6.8.23	JN	In progress ▾
Ask Regions to set up regional YL emails	5.11.23	RCs	Not started ▾
Investigate ALDC diversity programmes relating to young people	5.11.23	RF	In progress ▾
Role holders to get in touch to work on their job responsibilities, checking in with JN on these	5.11.23	All	In progress ▾
Ask YL Membership Development Officer about ALDC memberships	5.11.23	TN	Completed ▾
Compliance with new social media digital imprint guidance	5.11.23	All	Completed ▾
Reach out to potential candidates for North East co-option	5.11.23	JN and RF	Completed ▾
Add Executive members to new Trello workspace	7.11.23	JN	In progress ▾
Add Executive members to new Google Drive	7.11.23	JN	Completed ▾

Appendix 2: Action Points from This Meeting

Action Point	Date Set	Person(s)	Status
Let Lucas North and Harvey Jones know of any branches or societies failing to add the required imprint on their social media	3.12.23	All	Not started ▾
Forward on names of active and inactive branches to BDO	3.12.23	RCs	Not started ▾
Recruit reps from branches and societies in the region to the regional executive.	3.12.23	RCs	Not started ▾
Co-opt a Campaigns Officer and Membership Engagement Officer to the regional executive.	3.12.23	RCs	Not started ▾
Review and finalise executive regulations.	3.12.23	All	Not started ▾
Open vote on the interim policy motion.	3.12.23	JN	Not started ▾
Clarify the situation around ALDC group membership.	3.12.23	JN, RF and TN	Not started ▾
Open vote on North East Chair Co-option	3.12.23	JN	Not started ▾