



ENGLISH YOUNG LIBERALS

Executive Meeting – February 2024 – Reports

English Young Liberals Chair

TL;DR

- Emily Baker was co-opted to fill the vacancy of English Council representative
- Co-option to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chair of Elections and Campaigns will be completed soon
- Attended the YL Exec away day at Lib Dem HQ in London
- General Meeting dates and draft agenda advertised and circulated

EYL's General Meeting will be taking place at 5pm on Friday 9th February at YL Winter Conference in Sheffield and online. You can find the draft agenda here [☰ Winter 2024 GM Agenda](#) , the submitted motions here [☰ Winter 2024 GM Motions](#) , and the timetable for deadlines for emergency motion submission and such here [☰ Winter 2024 GM Timetable](#) .

I am pleased to announce that Emily Baker (YL ADS Officer) was co-opted as our seventh and final representative to English Council for 2024. I look forward to having her on the team for our next English Council meeting! Thank you to everyone who applied - it was brilliant to see the interest in this important role.

On a similar note, I would like to thank everyone who has applied for the co-option for Vice-Chair for Elections and Campaigns. This is due to be completed in the coming week.

I attended YL Exec's away day at Lib Dem HQ in London, which consisted of an exec meeting followed by some brilliant team building exercises, led by YL MDO and former EoE Regional Chair Will Tennison. It was a very productive day, and a brilliant opportunity to improve the relationship and communication between Exec members.

In terms of EYL, I have been focusing on supporting regional chairs and have begun laying the foundations for our campaigning during the rest of the year. The English Party side of things have been quiet, but I am hoping to return to them with a drafted project proposal towards the end of the month.

Joe Norris

Vice-Chair for Elections and Campaigns

Position vacant.

Vice-Chair for Membership Engagement

Recent months have been quiet for the role. This is in part due to the process of settling in and determining the outlook and purpose of this new role. However, my own personal circumstances have limited my capacity to focus fully on the role. As such, this report focuses mostly on my role as EYL's representative on the Campaigns and Communications Committee.

I have ensured that our perspective on campaigns plans is being included. A list of upcoming university and local branch campaigns is coming shortly. If any regional chairs have ideas for campaigns or any input on how campaigns should be run please let me so I can feed this into the committee.

Additionally, as part of this role I am planning a survey of university societies in England who used the Fresher's week campaign pack. To provide feedback on last year's packs and suggestions for next year's packs. Now that initial issues with emails have been resolved and my personal capacity has increased, I am planning on sending a survey later this month. I have received the information of each society that requested a fresher's week pack from Harvey Jones so I have obtained the necessary contact information.

I may ask regional chairs to support this by asking university branches to fill in the survey when it arrives in their inbox.

Rowan Fitton

Policy and Regional Engagement Officer

No report received.

James Bliss

Events Committee Representative

Nothing to report.

Huw James

Devon and Cornwall YL Regional Chair

No report received.

Todd Olive

East Midlands YL Regional Chair

- Could not attend regional exec meeting because of a time zone difference
- There was no EMYL Exec meeting this month I hope to hold one in the future
- I helped organise an Action Day in Hinckley in November, which was not very successful but intend to organise a YL Action Day each month alongside the Local Parties'
- Gave Branch Development Officers help with the status of Branches in the Region. All are being closed down due to no activity
- I am planning a meeting with the BDO's to discuss branch development, particularly at Lincoln University
- There is a YL member interested in joining the EMYL exec as either Campaigns or Comms Officer. I plan to have them on the exec before the next meeting

Josh Nightingale

East of England YL Regional Chair

Main Party Regional Exec

I attended my first Regional Exec meeting on 31/01; it was mostly routine - discussing appointments and reports from the various committees within the Region. However, the Treasurer and I raised the prospect of funding for YL. The Exec agreed to fund an official email for the Regional YL Group and decided that funding was present for YL projects/events. The YL Regional Exec and I will try to brainstorm some ideas to present to the Main Exec's next meeting. I am very open to EYL suggestions for what requires funding.

YL Regional Exec

I have co-opted a five member Exec, 3 of us are carrying over from last year, including the previous Regional Chair. The Exec comprises myself, a Vice-Chair, a branch

representative from CULA and two members without portfolio.
I am planning to hold our first meeting on Sunday after YL Conf.

Regional Conferences

Nothing to Report

Action Days

I attended a local action day for my vice chair last weekend, and it was reasonably successful. I have gathered a list of contacts for the Advance/MF+ seats in the Region. I am sending out emails to them asking when it would be best to organise a YL action day alongside their campaign.

Membership Engagement

We have made strides in terms of Membership Engagement. We sent out an email to all YLers in the Region via the Regional Party email, updating them on our activities and plugging a new WhatsApp community. I have established said WhatsApp community as a way to engage members with opportunities/events, currently, we have over a dozen members, but I suspect most are CULA.

Socials

Nothing to Report

Tom Jordan

London YL Regional Chair

1. EYL Exec

- I unfortunately had to miss the EYL and Regional meetings (3 days apart) due to unforeseen personal circumstances, but I had submitted reports to both to keep them informed about. I have also regularly stayed in touch with relevant exec members, YL and Regional, about plans and queries.

2. Main Party Regional Exec

- I have requested a follow up regarding a @londonlibdems.org.uk email address for us (London YL) which Nicholas, my predecessor, had requested. Conversations are on-going.
- A fellow regional exec member, also part of the Chinese Liberal Democrats, has offered YLers free places (RRP £40-£50) for their Lunar New Year's Dinner on 15th Feb which I promoted on Forum. Four places remain available, members interested should get in touch with me. Full details: <https://events.libdems.org.uk/events/55389/chinese-liberal-democracts-lunar-new-year-dinner>

3. YL Regional Exec

- I have successfully co-opted a campaigns officer and a membership engagement officer, in addition to two ordinary exec members. A fifth application remains pending due to membership eligibility, but I have encouraged the members to join.

4. Regional Conference

- In-person conference will be going ahead on 24th February at the University of Greenwich. We have been conditionally offered a stand and ad space free of charge, dependent on having some YLers to volunteer as stewards. I will be asking for help from members, anyone willing to help with either the stand or stewarding should contact me.

5. Action Days

- We held our first action day on the 27th of January in Carshalton and Wallington, campaigning for Bobby Dean. There seem to be some communication issues with email regarding action day so turnout was not as big as hoped but still decent.
- I have shared the details for the Action Day in Esher and Walton on 3rd Feb on the London YL virtual hub, given it is a relatively close target constituency to London.
- As a result of rail works and YL Conference, our next action day in Wimbledon had to be postponed, it will now be on March 23rd. I am planning to replace the February campaigning efforts by joining Carshalton & Wallington's Action Day on Sunday 25th, a day after regional conference.

6. Membership Engagement

- I have gained access to the Facebook page and was able to reply to old messages, especially those with interest in getting involved. It was from here I managed to co-opt our membership engagement officer.
- I am sending two follow ups to people who have expressed interest in getting involved. I have encouraged both to join the party, as well as Forum, and informed them of upcoming events - campaign-related and social.

7. Branches

- I aided the Branch co-officers with their branch review, providing feedback with updated activity on London's accredited branches, especially those with unknown status.
- Luben Roussev successfully encouraged KCL and UCL Lib Dems to post a statement regarding KCL&UCL's Tories appalling Port and Policy discussion themes. The post was well received on Instagram.

8. Socials

- I have secured a visit to Parliament on the 1st March. There is 15 limited places available at

<https://events.libdems.org.uk/events/56019/london-young-liberals-tour-of-parliament/>

Josh Lucas Mitte

North East YL Regional Chair

January was a busy month in the North East. We have launched the campaigns of our two mayoral candidates, we continue to campaign hard for local elections and we are finalising our last few PPCs.

Although we have no advance seats in the region, I'm working with the teams in Harrogate and Knaresborough and Westmorland & Lonsdale to set up advance seat action days. I will shortly be reaching out to the YL chairs of NW and Y&H to see if we can coordinate these.

Email issues in the NE region have stopped co-option emails for our exec going out but I'm assured these will be resolved soon.

I currently have a list of all young target candidates within the region who are standing for election in May and I am working with them to get support in the run-up. This has recently been through working with ALDC on their Local Election Appeal grant that supports candidates from under-represented groups who may be in a position to gain a seat at the upcoming elections.

In other news, I look forward to the upcoming EYL GM at Sheffield and although I can't be there in person, I look forward to joining you all digitally.

I hope this gives an idea of what I've been up to and what I hope to be able to achieve going forward.

If any members from across England have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thom Campion

North West YL Regional Chair

The main things to report this month are:

- I am being relieved of presentation duties at Regional Conference by Cllr Rebecca Turner who is doing a presentation on being a young councillor in Liverpool. I have offered my support to Becca with whom I have worked closely before.
- After learning of the creation of a University of Manchester society, I was elated to learn that plans had been drawn up for a society at the University of Liverpool where the previous iteration became dormant and disaffiliated from the student guild. As an employee of The University of Liverpool, they have received the “premium service” of receiving my support in person. I have supported them in completing the guild paperwork to affiliate and will continue to support them in the run up to freshers.
- I am currently trying to get regional lighthouse access and discussions with the regional office are ongoing on this.

Tom Sutton

South Central YL Regional Chair

As we look towards a General Election this year, we hit the ground running with two Action Days in the region so far in January, one in Winchester and another in Swaythling, part of the Romsey and Southampton North constituency. Building on the successes last year including holding a stall at the regional conference in Winchester, there will be a focus on campaigning this year, in part for locals but with a focus on target seats within the region.

Now in the process of working towards some further action days in February, including in Eastleigh, Winchester and Wokingham, with a group chat of some regional members to help discuss these events, as well as utilising our social media accounts.

Planned also for the Spring is the co-option of a Campaigns Officer and a Membership Engagement Officer for the Regional Young Liberals, and engaging with Branch Chairs going forward.

Nathan Eve

South East YL Regional Chair

1. EYL Exec

I have met Elvis from University of Sussex and Jack Morrell who both are interested in starting a group at the University, I will be approaching them to be on my exec.

2. Main Party Regional Exec

I have made contact with the regional exec to get the list of contacts/ contact all young liberals to reach out to me.

3. YL Regional Exec

I will continue the process to recruit members into the regional exec, including the Campaigns Officer and Membership Engagement Officer.

4. Action Days

I held an Eastbourne Youth Talk Series meeting on 11th January. With a general election just around the corner I will be working cautiously.

5. Membership Engagement

I have requested regional to provide me with a connect (lighthouse) list with South East Young Liberals so I have access to a list of members. I have also emailed societies and Sussex University and Surrey University.

6. Branches

I will be working to meet with Medway and Kent University branches. Simultaneously, addressing the spreadsheet with correct details. I have also taken up the opportunity to become the Young Liberals membership officer for Eastbourne Liberals to engage young folk in my town too.

7. Socials

- a. I have prepared Eastbourne Exclusive Social Gatherings.
- b. I will continue to prepare South East Young Liberals Socials and be active in the region.

Tom Nevill

West Midlands YL Regional Chair

Since the last meeting I have:

- Organised two action days in Kenilworth and Southam and attended the candidate's campaign launch
- Organised a regional social to be held on February 20
- continued to develop the Warwick society with numerous successes
- Had many constructive conversations with the Coventry party, among other things organising potentially five YLers to stand in the May locals
- Contacted the Keele branch to confirm their status as completely inactive
- See you all next weekend!

Tim Macy

Western Counties YL Regional Chair

No report received.

Zeb Mackintosh

Yorkshire and the Humber YL Regional Chair

No report received.

George Sykes