



ENGLISH YOUNG LIBERALS

EYL Executive 2023 Meeting - 6th August 2023 - Minutes

Members Present:

<i>JG</i>	James Green (Chairing)	he/him	Co-EYL Chair
<i>JN</i>	Joe Norris (Minuting)	he/him	Co-EYL Chair
<i>TH</i>	Toby Hawkins	he/him	Western Counties Chair
<i>JNi</i>	Josh Nightingale	he/him	East Midlands Chair
<i>NOW</i>	Nicholas Orford-Williams	he/him	London Chair
<i>JW</i>	Jack Worrall	he/him	Yorkshire and the Humber Co-Chair
<i>TS</i>	Tom Sutton	he/him	North West Chair
<i>MS</i>	Miguel Smith	he/him	Vice-Chair
<i>NE</i>	Nathan Eve	he/him	South Central Chair

Reps Present:

<i>JB</i>	James Bliss	he/they	Policy Rep
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Apologies:

<i>WT</i>	William Tennison	he/him	East of England Chair, Co-Comms Rep
<i>HJ</i>	Huw James	he/him	Events Rep
<i>HC</i>	Helder Costa	he/him	North East Chair
<i>NA</i>	Noah Allerton	he/him	Campaigns Rep
<i>TM</i>	Tim Macy	he/him	West Midlands Chair

Also Present:

N/A

Absent:

<i>PG</i>	Patrick Gilbert	he/him	Yorkshire and the Humber Co-Chair
<i>SB</i>	Sean Bennett	he/him	Co-Comms Rep

Agenda: [August 2023 Agenda](#)

Meeting opened at 5:00pm.

1. Welcome and apologies (JG)

Apologies were received from HJ and WT.

2. Action points and matters arising (JG/JN)

See [appendix 1](#)

JG and JN ran through action points from the previous meeting, giving verbal updates to some. See appendix 1 for the updated progress.

3. Selection of Amendments to Motions for the AGM (JG/JN)

a. Amendments to Business Motions

JB submitted a line vote request in advance for BM1. The effect of which will be one line vote on *Notes 1.* and *Resolves A.*, and one line vote on *Notes 2.* and *Resolves B.*

No amendments were received for either Business Motion.

b. Amendments to Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to the CA1 were received from JB and JW. JG and JN have accepted some as drafting amendments, and have proposed compromises, subject to the agreement of the original submitters.

The Exec voted unanimously to accept the proposed amendments to CA1.

4. Updates from Main Party Regional Executives (JG/JN)

a. Regional Chairs to give updates from their Regional Executives.

Opportunity for Regional Members to feedback from their Main Party Regional Execs.

JB said that South Central frequently expresses their desire for YL to help to create uni branches. Wonders if a chat looking at how we can loop in members from unis with local parties is worthwhile.

Action: JG and JN to talk to Callum and Emily (Federal Co-Branch Development Officers) about this.

TS said that he has a good working relationship with the North West Exec, and is consulted regularly on matters relating to YL. He has had contact

with the Preston local party, who got in touch with him asking for help and guidance with creating a YL branch at UCLAN. TS has agreed to support them with this.

NOW said that he is getting ready for freshers, and has a contact list for the bigger London universities. Also says that the London Exec is good at involving him, and that he has a good working relationship with the regional staff member.

JW states that the YL Chair is still not permitted on the Yorkshire and the Humber Exec.

Action: JG and JN to speak to Alison Rouse (Chair of the English Party) about getting a YLer on Y&H.

TH says that the Western Counties Exec meetings tend to clash with his work hours. JG has been going along to the meetings, both as TH's substitute, and in his own right as an Exec member. Western Counties has a good representation of YLers on the Exec.

JNi went to the East Midlands Exec last week. Found out that the East Midlands Regional Conference is the 28th of October.

Action: Regional chairs to find out when regional conferences are, and if they are doing policy motions.

NE hasn't been to any South Central Exec meetings yet due to clashes, but has been sending apologies and reports.

5. Lib Dem Voice Article about Local Elections (JN)

a. See [draft](#)

JN shares the draft to the Executive, asking for feedback and if it was ready to submit. No feedback was given, and there was unanimous agreement to submit it.

Action: JN to submit article to Lib Dem Voice.

6. Regional Conference Kits (JG)

a. See [linked document](#)

JG outlines the background of regional conference kits, and the suggested reallocation of funds.

JG explains that the kits will be allocated as such:

1. EYL Centrally Held (Chair)
2. DC/WC/SC
3. EM/WM/EoE
4. NE/NW/YH
5. SE/LDN

The kits to be held by one of the exec members within each region and transported when needed. EYL central to provide funding for postage if required.

The Exec voted unanimously to accept the reallocation of funds.

7. Matters arising from reports (JG/JN)

a. See [reports](#)

TS raised that an upcoming Liverpool City Council by-election may be fought by a YLer. Inquires about if there were funds available to the candidate from YL.

Action: TS to contact Felix Andrew (Federal Campaigns Officer) and Lucas North (Federal Finance Officer) with regards to funds for this.

JB says that a meeting of the Joint Policy Committee is this week, but after the report deadline for the General Meeting.

8. AOB

JN asks JNi about an upcoming Lincoln council by-election, and if progress had been made on an action day. JNi says that he is planning to email a member of the local party shortly.

Action: JNi to contact Lincoln local party about holding a by-election action day.

JB asks about plans for an upcoming Mid Bedfordshire Action Day. JN says that one is scheduled for the 3rd September.

9. Date of Next Meeting - Sunday 3rd September 2023, 5pm

Meeting closed at 5:36pm.

E&OE

Appendix 1: Action Points from Last Meeting

Action Point	Date Set	Person(s)	Status
Complete the regional checklist	Prior to March	RCs	Cancelled ▾
Ask respective regions for Connect access		RCs	In progress ▾
Create the EYL Style Guide following finalisation of the YL rebrand		JN	In progress ▾
Look into publishing diversity stats of EYL for the next EYL report to EC.	5.3.23	JN	In progress ▾
Finalise a date for the EYL Speaker Event.	5.3.23	JG	In progress ▾
Update the artworked action day guide.	5.3.23	JN	Not started ▾
Contact Darryl Smalley (YLER from ALDC) to find out more about ALDC's diversity programmes.	11.6.23	JG/JN	Not started ▾
Chairs to write a blog post detailing EYL's successes over the locals, with pictures of the better action days. Submit to LDV and/or the federal YL members' blog.	11.6.23	JN	In progress ▾
Plan an online comms campaign targeting people interested in the by-elections.	11.6.23	JG, JN, WT	Cancelled ▾
Discuss phone banking for Mid Beds.	11.6.23	JG, WT	Cancelled ▾
Members to request one-on-one meetings with the chairs.	11.6.23	All	In progress ▾
Explore Federal YL pushing for YLers to go for PPC selections.	11.6.23	JG	Not started ▾
Sort out dormant/locked social media accounts.	11.6.23	JN	In progress ▾
Outline a plan for the storage and transport of the conference kits.	2.7.23	JG & JN	In progress ▾
Discuss the reallocation of funds.	2.7.23	Exec	Completed ▾
Write a report from English Council	2.7.23	JG & JN	Blocked ▾

Appendix 2: Action Points from This Meeting

Action Point	Date Set	Person(s)	Status
Talk to Callum and Emily (Federal Co-Branch Development Officers) about engaging uni student members with local parties.	6.8.23	JG & JN	Not started ▾
Speak to Alison Rouse (Chair of the English Party) about getting YL RC on Y&H Exec.	6.8.23	JG & JN	Not started ▾
Find out when their regional conferences are, and if they are doing policy motions.	6.8.23	RCs	Not started ▾
Submit Lib Dem Voice article.	6.8.23	JN	Not started ▾
Contact Felix Andrew (Federal Campaigns Officer) and Lucas North (Federal Finance Officer) with regards to funds for Liverpool by-election for YL candidate.	6.8.23	TS	Not started ▾
Contact Lincoln local party about holding a by-election action day.	6.8.23	JNi	Not started ▾