



# ENGLISH YOUNG LIBERALS

## EYL Executive 2023 Meeting - 5th February 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>MS</i>	Miguel Smith	he/him	Vice-Chair
<i>JR</i>	Joshua Ruddy	he/him	Devon and Cornwall Chair
<i>WT</i>	William Tennison	he/him	East of England Chair, Co-Comms Rep
<i>HC</i>	Helder Costa	he/him	North East Chair
<i>TS</i>	Tom Sutton	he/him	North West Chair
<i>TH</i>	Toby Hawkins	he/him	Western Counties Chair
<i>JW</i>	Jack Worrall	he/him	Yorkshire and the Humber Co-Chair

### Reps Present:

<i>SB</i>	Sean Bennett	he/him	Co-Comms Rep (left during item 7)
<i>JB</i>	James Bliss	he/him	Policy Rep
<i>NA</i>	Noah Allerton	he/him	Campaigns Rep (joined during item 4)

### Apologies:

<i>NOW</i>	Nicholas Orford-Williams	he/him	London Chair
<i>NE</i>	Nathan Eve	he/him	South Central Chair
<i>PG</i>	Patrick Gilbert	he/him	Yorkshire and the Humber Co-Chair

### Also Present:

<i>LN</i>	Lucas North	they/them	Federal YL Finance Officer
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### Absent:

<i>HJ</i>	Huw James	he/him	Events Rep
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Agenda: [📅 Agenda Feb 23](#)

Meeting opened at 5:00pm.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies (JG)**

Apologies received from Nicholas Orford-Williams, Nathan Eve and Patrick Gilbert.

JG welcomes new members HC and JR to the executive.

The EYL Executive expresses their thanks to Roben Franklin and Charlie Moore for their hard work as Regional Chairs of the South East and the West Midlands, respectively.

### **2. Action Points (JN)**

JN runs through action points from the January Executive meeting.

Outstanding action points (carried over):

- JG to anonymise and share the consultation results with the executive.
- [FoEYL] to prepare to undertake further consultation at Winter Conference.
- JN to explore potential speakers.
- Regional Chairs to complete the regional checklist.

### **3. Co-option of RCs (JG)**

Exec voted unanimously to open the co-option for the vacant regions (East Midlands, South East and West Midlands) along the following schedule:

- Open Co-options - 12pm 20th February
- Close Co-options - 12pm 27th February
- Consideration Meeting - TBC via Doodle Poll

### **4. Selection of motions for EYL GM (JG)**

#### Winter 2023 Submissions

JG runs through each of the submitted motions for the EYL GM.

The Exec decided to take a drafting motion on CA2 and CA3, with the consent of the motions' submittor.

The Exec voted unanimously to accept the motions, and for them to be debated at the GM in the following order:

1. CA1 - Standing Orders
2. BM1 - Celebrating EYL Members' Successes
3. CA2 - Co-options and By-elections
4. CA3 - Representatives
5. BM2 - Election of an Honorary President

## **5. Election of Honorary Officers (JG)**

### **a. Procedure**

To elect an Honorary President, the Exec decided that it will put a motion to the GM naming their desired candidate for Honorary President. The motion will be voted upon by the membership as a business motion, and will require a simple majority to pass.

### **b. Candidates for Honorary President**

JG says that Lousie Harris was approached and was interested in the role of Honorary President. The Exec agreed that Louise Harris would be a good fit for the various responsibilities that the Honorary President would ideally take on.

### **c. Summary**

The Exec shall submit a business motion to the GM proposing Louise Harris for Honorary President.

## **6. Executive Scrutiny**

JG gives the Exec the opportunity to ask questions about the Executive Scrutiny session that will happen at the GM.

TS asks about attending scrutiny at Reading if members are not attending conference. A written report will be required in advance, and there will be the option to attend online to partake in scrutiny. The deadline for these reports is Thursday 16th February at 9am.

JR asks about the hybrid capability for the GM, how voting will be done (individually vs as a group), and if only people from each Chair's region will be able to ask questions. Hybrid capability will be provided for the GM, votes are done on the individual level (or together for job shares), and any EYL member can scrutinise any member of the EYL Exec.

JW asks about whether verbal amendments to reports will be allowed. JG and JN will not permit verbal amendments to reports, primarily in the interest of time.

JG asks for suggestions of who shall chair the scrutiny of himself and JN. JW offers to chair the scrutiny of the EYL Chairs, and SB offers to aide.

## **7. Fleet/Mailjet/Connect Update (LN)**

LN delivers updates and a general overview of the technology changes within the party.

Emails will be done through Mailjet. LN and Harvey Jones (Federal Co-Comms) have access to Mailjet, which will be used to send emails to YL members. They cannot give access to Regional Chairs, but they can facilitate sending emails on the Regional Chairs' behalf. Regional Chairs to give email content to JG and JN to

pass on. Harvey Jones is looking at providing unique emails for members depending on the region they are in.

YL's lack of Connect access means online petitions cannot be simply run. LN is trying to gain access to Connect for YL. LN has requested on behalf of JG and JN that they get Connect access at the English level, or for each Regional Chair to get membership data at the regional level. LN encourages RCs to ask their region for Connect access to run initiatives on membership engagement and retention. WT asks for him and SB to have Mailjet access as EYL Comms Reps. LN will speak to Harvey Jones about getting this access.

#### **8. Update on FoEYL (Future of EYL) Consultation (JG)**

JG gives a general overview of the membership and the structure of the working group.

Further consultation is planned at Winter Conference to discuss ideas that come from the working group following discussions that will take place between now and then.

#### **9. Update on Action Day Guide (JN)**

JN provides an update on the Action Day How-To Guide.

JG and JN have drafted a text version of the guide which will be shared with the Exec.

WT offers art working support for the final guide.

#### **10. Update on Style Guide (JN and JG)**

JN shares progress on the EYL Style Guide, which is in the works.


JG shares the draft versions of the rebrand from Federal YL Comms. The Exec provided feedback for WT and SB to relay back to YL Comms Committee.

#### **11. Updates from Campaigns Briefing (NA)**

NA explained the monthly HQ campaigns briefing for regional chairs and campaigns managers that he and JG attended last month.

JG explained that he believes EYL now has a standing invite to attend.

#### **12. Matters arising from Reports**

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No matters raised.

### **13. AOB**

#### **a. Cornwall motion**

Relating to the motion being brought to YL Winter Conference titled "Cornwall: The Fifth Nation."

JR, as Chair of Devon and Cornwall, asks if there would be a problem taking a stance personally and as a region.

It was decided that the EYL Exec would have no stance officially, but that it was appropriate for individuals (such as JR) and for the Devon and Cornwall region to take their own stances.

#### **b. Regional lists of members**

JR requests a list of members in his region. LN can give the number of members in the region, but due to the lack of Connect access, cannot provide more information. LN recommends going to the region for information.

## **Action Points**

- JG to anonymise and share the consultation results with the executive.
- [FoEYL] to prepare to undertake further consultation at Winter Conference.
- JN to explore potential speakers.
- Regional Chairs to complete the regional checklist.
- JG and JN to run co-options for the vacant regions according to the approved schedule.
- JG to produce and publish the agenda for the GM.
- Exec to draft a motion appointing Louise Harris to Honorary President, to bring to the GM.
- Exec members to write reports for the GM by 9am Thursday 16th February.
- RCs to ask their regions for Connect access.
- LN to consult Harvey Jones about giving Mailjet access to WT and SB.
- JG and JN to share documents from FoEYL.
- JG and JN to share the text version of the Action Day How-To Guide.
- JN and WT to artwork the Action Day How-To Guide.
- JN to create the EYL Style Guide following finalisation of the YL rebrand.
- WT and SB to relay feedback from the Exec to YL Comms Committee on the rebrand.

Next meeting will be the 5th March at 5:00pm.

Meeting closed at 6:23pm.

**E&OE**