

Vote Brandon #1 for Policy Committee

I'm Brandon Masih, recent physics graduate and I have previous experience on policy committee as one of its members during 2023, helping provide drafting advice for Newcastle conference that summer. As a scientist, I am someone who is used to falling and picking myself up, and as someone who received the third amount of first preferences last election, I still believe I have something to offer to ensuring policy committee is a real force for ensuring great engagement for Young Liberal Policy.

Experience in Policy:

Passed motions on congestion charging at Newcastle Summer Conference 2023 and drug legalisation at Sheffield Winter Conference 2024

Spoken at Federal Conference across 2023 and 2024 on a variety of issues, from clean energy to single use vapes to supporting musical instrument tuition within schools.

Experience in engaging with Federal Conference committee, successfully submitting an amendment at Bournemouth 2023 and a separate vote at Brighton 2024, alongside insight into motion drafting through a motion not chosen for submission at Brighton.

Refining Policy Drafting Advice

The move to full documents with edit notes by Policy Committee this year has been a great improvement for detailed feedback, and credit to the team for that. Moving forward, taking on experiences from engaging with FCC, that policy drafting advice isn't a one and done thing, that making it clear that those who have received feedback can still leave comments in response to feedback and engage to refine their motion up to submission deadline is a possibility. Whether this would just take the form of comment threads on the returned document for drafting advice or engaging via emails, I want it to be clear that drafting is an evolving process that people can engage with throughout.

Proactive outreach

YL needs to improve on getting policy submitted from a variety of backgrounds, women and newer members in particular. The way forward for making the policy process accessible is twofold. First would be ensuring there is a summary of the policies by area that are currently covered in the YL policy book, and especially the policies due to expire within the next year and a half, ensuring this information is included in forum and via YL emails would allow members to see where there are chances to revise or add to policy, or even get experience in policy writing by renewing expiring policy. The second would be working with regions and state executives to identify young women

and other underrepresented groups and reaching out to them and engaging on what policy they'd like YL to pursue and work with them to get motions written to be chosen for conference.

"Great to see Brandon running for Policy Committee, he's done some excellent work with other policy bodies and is always an insightful voice at conferences, YL or Federal!"

Oliver Jones-Lyons, former English Young Liberals Chair 2022, directly elected member of English Council Executive

"Brandon has had success with making policy for Young Liberals and with more experience interacting with other policy bodies, it would be great to see him back on policy committee for the upcoming year"

Alex Gallagher

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