

Harvey for Policy Committee



Experience

Policy Committee 2023-24

Served on PolCom for a year, attending regular meetings, drafting minutes and helping select policy motions.

Diversity Committee 2023-24

Served as LGBA+ Rep, attending our meetings.

Newcastle Conf 2023

I drafted and successfully passed a motion on Maternal Discrimination

Reading Conf 2023

I helped draft an amendment to our emergency motion on Section 35 to the Gender Recognition Reform Bill, and then defended the motion in the debate .

Policy Interests

Equality issues, from the gender pay gap to LGBTQ+ rights to racism

Northern Ireland, the peace process and the wider Union

Foreign policy, that's the international relations student in me!

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My achievements

- Attended regular policy committee meetings, supporting the policy officer in selecting high quality policy motions for YL Conference
- Supported YL in selecting our motions for Federal Conference, which has been a real success for the organisation in recent years

What more needs to be done?

YL still has a diversity problem, especially in policy making. I want to help support the policy committee in setting achievable targets in diversifying policy. This means a more diverse set of policy, but more importantly, a more diverse set of policy proposers. In particular, from women and ethnic minorities in our organisation.

To achieve this, we need to make this actively part of our policy selecting process. We need to consider the background of the proposers, as well as the policy itself. But, we also need to develop more accessible ways to learn the policy writing process. This means trying hard to get a writing session in before YL Conf, and simplified explanations documents of policy making. As well as actively engaging with policy areas which minority groups care about.

We should be working directly with diversity committee, and the wider executive on how we can make the policy making process more diverse.