

Johan Prinsloo for Under-18s Representative



**Serving Under-18s these past 12 months
Looking to serve for 12 more!**

My past year as Under-18s representative:

I would view my past year as Under-18s rep in YL as very much a learning experience. The year I was elected as U-18s rep was my first year in YL and it has been great getting involved at all levels. I have been fighting for Under-18 representation at all levels, and have been developing programs I hope will be able to be implemented on a wider scale in the future. I believe a great showing of my progress has been the number of Under-18 candidates running this election for different positions, as well as the presence of Under-18s at London conference. I can proudly say that at London, everyone gave Under-18s much more respect and appreciation than at Sheffield, my first YL conference. Also, the numbers of U-18s attending the YL conference in London was 3 more people than in Sheffield, going from 8 to 11 people!

My plans if I get re-elected:

If I get re-elected I will implement programs which I have been trialling and testing this past year. These will include an official Under-18s forum, which can be an event held online twice a year before the YL conference. These meetings will be a way for us to try and jointly write U-18 focused policies to submit to conference, as well as get to know each other so that everyone doesn't feel lonely at YL conference as from personal experience as an Under-18 I know it can be hard.

I also plan to expand a U-18 support scheme I have been trialling with candidates this election. This would involve connecting U-18s with experienced people in the organisation to get advice on running, as well as connecting them with U-18s who want experience designing posters. This scheme would give experience to all people involved, and would get more U-18s running for posts and therefore engaging with the organisation.



Mackenzie Gregory:

"Johan has done an outstanding job as the Under-18s Representative over the past year. He has consistently gone above and beyond in every aspect of the role, whether it's election support, engaging young members, or representing Under-18s. His dedication has been remarkable, and I'm excited to see the great things he'll accomplish in the coming year if he is elected!"



Joshua Tompsett:

"I support Johan for Under-18s representative because no-one else could do the job as well as him. As an Under-18 himself, he understands what it is really like for us who aren't 18. He has also worked so hard to make it more equal for us, for example when he ensured that people couldn't discuss their elections on the whatsapp chat since we can't be on there due to GDPR laws and he has also been helping us with running our campaigns which has been so helpful. Also, he is an inspiration as one of the only U-18 members of the Young Liberals actually in an elected position. Which is why there is no-one else who could be the Under-18's officer!"