

Re-elect Tim Macy for Events Committee

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I have been on Events Committee for the last year, helping organise and run an adapted online Conference and one of our most successful Conferences ever in Cambridge. Despite this, I believe lot more work is still to be done on the Committee. I hope you can lend me your #1 vote – Conference is in many ways the lifeblood of YL and I want to make it more accessible and transparent. While we have been trending in the right direction, there is still a lot more work to do to make first-timers and underrepresented groups feel even more welcome at Conference.

Accessible Conferences, Accessible Organisation

- Grow the success of organised evening socials which, rightly, help to tackle the drinking culture. I will also look into the viability of organised lunches, making it easier to meet other attendees and hopefully new friends!
- By continuing to grow the fringe availability, we can increase optionality on the agenda and make Conference more enjoyable for all.
- I also want to see Events Committee proactively seeking feedback during, not just after, Conference and reacting to it in real-time where able. I made an active effort to speak to as many attendees as possible, especially seeking feedback from first-timers, who need to be made to feel as included as possible.
- The events process needs to become less opaque to members, with minutes of meetings being published again and pushing the Events Officer to make full use of the Committee.

A story of immense personal sacrifice in the line of duty

At the beginning of Cambridge Conference in August, I was asked to provide transport into the city centre to collect the microphones, a crucial component to the hybrid element of Conference. Alas, the powers of the universe conspired to force me, a car owner of only four days, into a bus lane. The villainous local council pounced upon the opportunity to punish me for this by raiding my bank account.

My wallet may be £35 (if paid within 14 days) lighter, but my commitment to YL Conference will never waver.

Photo of me holding the fine

