



Summer Annual General Meeting 2024 Written Responses to Questions

Question to the Devon and Cornwall Regional Chair - Todd Olive

Question submittor: Brandon Masih

Q: Hi Todd, since the Honiton action day was sprung on you during the GE, and I appreciate you being open on forum about not having prior knowledge about the action day, have relations with Election Officers improved/been mended since then, and what do you, as a regional chair, think should occur, during a campaign, to avoid an action day happening without proper consultation and organisation between regional chair and YL exec?

A: As far as I'm concerned, there wasn't anything to mend. It was clearly just an error in process during what was a hectic time for everyone; several YL Exec officers reached out to apologise at the time and afterwards. As far as process improvements go, I don't think it really warrants a substantial fuss being made about a formal "tick box" for consultation with the relevant regional chair - from a purely practical perspective, it's common sense for federal or state officers arranging something locally to be in touch with regional chairs who will know the area and the people involved better. If anything, the oversight is emblematic of the improvement in relationships and/or joint working that is needed between federal and lower-tier parts of the organisation - how, for example, did the event get all the way to being published without anyone thinking to check in with the RC to get the lay of the land? - which is a much broader question, and substantially above my pay grade!

Question to the South Central Regional Chair - Nathan Eve

Question submitter: Brandon Masih

Q: Hi Nathan, great to see the results we've had in the region, and look forward to playing a part in supporting yourself and SC going forward! Would you be able to elaborate on what local branches are on your radar to further develop or kickstart in the region moving forward, and how you see that transitioning to supporting the big county council elections in Hampshire and Oxfordshire, and Buckinghamshire council elections, including trying to get more potential YL councillors in those counties?"

A: Thanks for your questions! Currently we have four accredited branches, but to my most recent knowledge only Winchester and Oxfordshire branches are active. However I believe there is some potential for Berkshire Young Liberals to relaunch, especially with it including Maidenhead. I am also currently in discussions about working with several potential Hampshire branches and was very pleased to recently hold an event with 15 attendees. I'm also hoping to have discussions with those in areas with elections next year to identify easy places for YLs to attend for action days, as well as planning on contacting LP chairs both to ask about their situation, any help they might need, and if they're aware of any candidates who fall under Young Liberals. Whilst I'm unable to attend conference this weekend, I look forward to having a chat about this, and I'm happy to support any potential branches.

Question to the North West Regional Chair - Tom Sutton

Question submitter: Chang Liu

Q: What have you done to recruit a regional exec? Are there any steps you have taken to encourage more women to be on regional exec?

A: Thank you for your question, Chang. Frustratingly, my efforts to try and recruit a regional exec were thwarted by the General Election. I had been in discussions with branch chairs to convene a meeting to start this process. I completely recognise the need to include women on the exec where possible. I have unfortunately seen execs and branches with more men called Tom than women until they have worked to change that. Fortunately the new society in Liverpool has a majority female exec and I look forward to working with them in the coming months. I have briefly discussed the regional exec with them and will look to do so now the election is over.