



Executive Reports

JULY 2023

DEADLINE: 19/07/23, 12 Noon

Chair (Janey Little – she/her):

REDL, NPO, & Events Committee: Unfortunately, this month, Aaminah Saleem resigned as Racial Equity, Diversity, and Liberation Officer; Liv Walker resigned as Non-Portfolio Officer; and Adam Belcher resigned from Events Committee. I would like to thank each of them for their contributions to the Young Liberals, this term and priorly, and wish them all the best moving forward. We will be holding co-options to fill these roles.

Somerton & Frome: I've been campaigning a few times in Somerton & Frome, including attending the launch where myself, Felix, and Elsie were filmed canvassing and featured on ITV West Country. I would particularly like to give a shout out to Felix, who has worked super hard campaigning in Somerton & Frome.

General election preparations: A lot of the work around general election preparations has been halted due to the current by-elections, and between focusing on by-elections and members of the group being away or busy, we have decided not to go ahead with submitting a strategy motion to Newcastle. We will be meeting again soon to resume our discussions, next time looking at communications and how we work internally.

Young Liberals Representatives to Party Committees constitutional amendment: The executive have submitted, and successfully gotten selected, a constitutional amendment for Bournemouth, which would add a Young Liberals seat to both FCC and FPC. In the latter case, the Policy Officer is currently co-opted, but that is not a permanent or a guaranteed seat, and so this amendment would make that a guaranteed, permanent seat. I intend to propose the amendment, and a summator will be decided in due course.

Federal Board: This month, I have been on interview panels in the process of filling roles appointed by Federal Board, and I have encouraged Young Liberals to put their names forward for roles elected or appointed by the board. The next Federal Board meeting is on the 24th, which I will be attending.

Federal People and Development Committee: The next meeting the Federal People and Development Committee is on the 26th, which I will be attending.

Vice-Chair (Nathan Hunt - he/him):

I haven't been up to anything out of the ordinary this month, with my main work being on the day to day secretarial stuff - if you've got any questions about what I'm up to please just get in touch.

Finance Officer (Lucas North - they/them):

This month has been relatively quiet for finance, with no major requests for spending and no large donations.

I've continued to comply with LDHQ requirements on donation reporting, and have kept our bookkeeping up to date.

We held the first FRC meeting since the committee was created at Reading, and minutes were provided to the chair and vice chair shortly after the meeting.

There is an ongoing issue impacting our ability to send emails as an organisation, and I am working with the LDHQ data protection team to resolve this.

Co-Communications Officers (Harvey Jones and Caitlin Richardson - he/him, she/her):

Nothing to report: TikTok is our next priority and members' blog should be launching soon!

Campaigns Officer (Felix Andrew - he/him):

No Report Received

Membership Development Officer (Joshua Parmar - he/him):

This month I've been focused on sorting the plans for training for both Federal and YL conferences, alongside writing the new framework for new member days.

For a large portion of this month, I've been camping various random fields in Norfolk and Somerset as part of some university outreach work, so I've had only intermittent internet connection. This means I may have missed some messages – so please do let me if I've forgotten to reply to you about anything.

Things (that will be) done by Exec Meeting on Saturday

Federal Conference Training

- Created PowerPoints for the Training
- Created Training Feedback Forms (Paper copies so we can get people to fill them out before leaving)
- Written draft “script” for training

YL Conference Training

- Proposed a few different options for training sessions to be selected from at the Executive Meeting

New Member Day Framework

- Written a “First Draft” of a new member days “plan” (presented for discussion at the Exec Meeting)

Co-Branch Development Officers (Emily Baker and Callum Clark – she/her, he/him):

Hi all! Not much to report from a branch development aspect, however Callum has worked to maintain and uphold YL's safeguarding policies and liaise with relevant stakeholders.

We're both looking forward to the summer conference in Newcastle and seeing some of the membership there!

Events Officer (Katharine Macy – they/them):

TLDR

- See you all in Newcastle - there's still time to buy a ticket!
- Bournemouth should be fun too!
- Diverse Future Cllrs went ahead - notes for next year to be provided in handover document

Apologies for a slightly slow month (especially given the run up to conference) - my laptop has broken [again], my mental health hit an all time low & I've had to step up as Vice Chair of LDDA (Liberal Democrat Disability Association) and am currently Acting Chair. I'm determined to make sure this does not impact the smooth running of Summer Conference :)

Newcastle

- 8 rooms left - a room list has been sent to the venue as their request & I've asked for the deadline on when the last 8 names can be sent
- 6 in person tickets and 6 online tickets have been sold
- Access Funds have all been decided in a meeting with myself, Lucas North (Finance Officer) and Lucy Tonge (Accessibility, Diversity & Standards Officer). Results should have been communicated to everyone.
 - We were unable to provide everyone with their requested amount, but ensured to support everyone to some extent. We relied on the information provided us that we requested, and tried to make sure we helped people fairly, taking into account as much information as we had. For example, I highlighted first time attenders & women or marginalised genders, as two groups we want to nourish and support.
- Timetable is being confirmed, I'm emailing guests to confirm the timings for everything.
 - Christine Jardine's Team have confirmed her attendance
 - Sorcha from Ireland has confirmed her attendance
 - Rasmus from Denmark has confirmed his attendance
- Results on the socials communicated, fun but appropriate debate questions will be selected, and exec and events committee have been invited to volunteer to write a round on a topic
- I've been spending most of July ensuring the feedback from Reading is acted on - I've designed both a full timetable and a day per day timetable posts for social media, we have a registration desk rota (who will also be responsible for listening in to the online version), and a tech desk rota, and I've created a "YL Conference 101" which was suggested to help encourage newer attendees.
- Discussed safeguarding with Callum as DSO including the lanyards/passes, who he wants as safeguarding contacts for Newcastle & mentioning safeguarding in the 101
- Lucy Tonge completed & distributed the Travel Guide - huge thanks to her & the ever brilliant comms team!
- Permission forms for under 18 are being chased up (having checked with Callum)
- Communicating with individual members approaching me with issues/concerns/questions around Newcastle

Events Committee

- Held a meeting on 26th June - minutes sent to chair and can be [viewed here](#).
- I believe the minutes for May's meeting weren't complete for my last report, for those interested they can be [found here](#).

Bournemouth

- Application for an Access Fund for Bournemouth is due to be launched any time soon. This is a limited amount but we hope to make a small difference to individuals going.
 - In a similar vein, I was approached by the stewards team to ask how they could make stewarding more inviting to young people. We've been advertising this as they help with financial costs of conference in exchange for volunteering to steward. Harvey Jones (Co-Communications Officer) has been ensuring the advertise this via our social media.
- Our stall has been successfully booked, Lucas North has the invoice, and they, along with Lucy Tonge and Janey Little (Chair) will be getting the Exhibition passes.
 - I'll be returning from Rome at 10pm the Friday before the conference, resulting in me getting to Bournemouth at either 2am or 9:30am (the latter being more likely) so a huge thank you to these three for saving my poorly timed present arranging!
 - Plus have successfully booked the stall next to us, ensuring we can support each throughout the conference.
- Fringe with Lib Dem Education Association on Mental Health In Education - Young Students & Teachers, working with Lee Dargue to ensure YL have a strong voice on the panel

Misc

- I have gone through the slides Callum Clark as DSO provided us to re-familiarise myself with safeguarding, as per his request
- Worked with Alex Hartley (Staff Member) and Lucy Tonge to organise and run the Diverse Future Councillor sessions. These were set up in response to the lack of diversity in the Future Councillors Scheme with ALDC.
 - They had poor attendance, probably due to a mix of their rushed nature & difficulties in advertising
 - The attendance we did get was incredibly grateful and gave verbal feedback that it provided them with knowledge and they felt able to approach us in the future
 - This is something that I'd like to see in the future, putting it on the annual events calendar would give it more awareness - potentially running one "generic" one, to allow it to develop from there also

Policy Officer (Rebecca Jones - she/her):

Report Received Late

It's been a busy month in policy here at YL. We've had a lot of drafting submissions and conference submissions but will be meeting on Thursday to

decide which motions will be selected. We've had some success at the Lib Dems conference with our joint submission with Lambeth Lib Dems on period poverty has been selected! Can't wait for some good debates at conference and to see you all there.

Co-International Officers (Seàn Bennett and Kai Pischke – he/him, he/him):

Unge Venstre Summer Camp

We both attended the UV summer camp together with Preben. The event was a really good opportunity to discuss and network with our sister parties, with international attendees from Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, Argentina, Peru (among other countries). There was a particularly interesting session on the Western Sarah region, which we are planning on using as a basis for future YL policy.

Funding

Progress has been made working with peers on securing extra funding for YL international. This has been a slow process, but the outlook is positive. One of the international officers will likely be headed to Westminster in the near future to meet with interested parties in person. More details will be circulated to the executive when available.

LYMEC

A number of LYMEC events have been announced and we have made every effort to pass them on to the membership. An event aimed at young, elected officials was put on forum on July 17th (with an admittedly tight turnaround), and a further event aimed at digital skills, taking place in Berlin, will be advertised to members at a later date, with registration open until mid-August.

The annual LYMEC digital congress has also been announced, and will provide us with an opportunity to introduce new people to the organisation, as the event does not carry the same financial burden as some others. We hope to register a delegation of as many first-time participants as we can, and will make an effort to provide comprehensive support and training ahead of the event, as requested and required.

Additionally, just days before this executive meeting, registration has been opened for the next LYMEC Congress, taking place in Riga, Latvia. The call for delegation applicants will go out well in advance of the deadline, as we feel this process has been left quite late in the past, often with good reason. We hope to give members ample time to apply, and ourselves plenty of time to provide information and support to interested members before actually confirming the delegation.

IFLRY

IFLRY is running a tolerance seminar. The details have been posted on YL forum. The other update is that the next IFLRY GA is likely going to be taking place in Lebanon (the other possibility being Finland). Both are relatively expensive to travel to, and so I'm planning a reasonably tight turnaround between the announcement of the conference and our selection of a delegation in order to minimise travel costs.

Social Liberal Cooperation at LYMEC

In light of the growing strength of classical liberal parties and positions in LYMEC, plans have been put in motion by a small group of more socially liberal groups, of which we are one, to facilitate greater cooperation between likeminded parties in LYMEC going forwards.

The intention is to form a caucus of social liberal parties who may coordinate to a greater or lesser extent before and during congresses, with the aim of supporting socially liberal policies and projects, while opposing the more right-wing offerings of some sister parties.

This is not a formal arrangement, nor is it an effort to unduly control the actions of LYMEC, but rather it has simply become apparent that the social liberal parties in the organisation need to better coordinate if radical, social liberal policies are to remain at the forefront of the work done in LYMEC.

Cooperation between YL, OOF, and AY

Joint working between the liberal youth parties of Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland continues, with a particular focus on joint efforts to get Windsor Framework policy passed at an international level. This is vital for the standing of all of our parties internationally, as it demonstrates acceptance of the new state of affairs and provided a solid foundation on which we can continue to build international cooperation with sister parties, even in the aftermath of Brexit.

Meetings between the international officers of all three parties will hopefully take place soon, and facilitate further cooperation on this matter and others going forward.

Conversation with YG international officer

I (Kai) had a call with the international officer of the young greens who suggested the possibility of organising a cross-party international themed event in the UK. We can discuss how we feel about this further in the exec meeting.

Accessibility, Diversity and Standards Officer (Lucy Tonge - she/her):

Report Received Late

- Along with our Policy Officer (RJ), James Bliss & Brendan Roberts, I attended the manifesto meeting with Lord Dick Newby to advocate for issues particularly

important to YLers to be front and centre in our upcoming manifesto. We decided to focus primarily on housing, LGBTQ+ rights, accessibility in education and workplace inequality.

- Myself, the Events Officer (KM) & the Finance Officer (LN) met to go through access fund applications. While we were unable to fully find everyone, we have tried to allocate the funds available as equitably as possible based on the information we have been provided by applicants. Those who applied should have all been contacted by the Finance Officer.

- I will be attending a Diversity Officers meeting at LDHQ on Friday 21st July and plan to share any important information from that evening with the rest of the exec at our next meeting.

- The travel guide for Newcastle Conference is now available to members here: youngliberals.uk/summer-conf-23/travel

Please feel free to email me if you have any other questions or concerns regarding travel arrangements to conference and I will do my best to help!

Racial Equity, Diversity and Liberation Officer (Vacant):

Role Vacant

Co-English Chairs (James Green and Joe Norris - he/him, he/him):

Since the last federal Executive we've been busy beginning preparations for our AGM. Our AGM will be held at 9am on the Saturday of Summer Conference in Newcastle (12th August). If you're an EYL member make sure to come along and take part in shaping what we do and how we do it and even if you can't be there in person make sure to come along online!

You still have time to submit motions and constitutional amendments to be debated!

Important Dates

Drafting Advice Closes - 9am, 22nd July

Deadline for Motions and CAs - 9am, 29th July

Deadline for Amendments to Motions - 9am, 5th August

Deadline for Emergency Items - 9am, 9th August

Annual General Meeting - 9am, 12th August

Please send all submissions to england@youngliberals.uk

We've also been working to put together materials for Regional Party Conferences, professionalising our stalls and making sure we have a stronger presence. We've developed proposals for EYL to give regional branches "kits", including items such as roller banners, leaflets, tablecloths and campaign signs so our stalls are consistently well put together and make an impression. We're hoping this investment will have long term benefits to the organisation, with more permanent infrastructure allowing us to keep a strong presence for a number of years (with relatively minimal cost when it comes time to update things in years to come).

We've also reserved a username on instagram and threads so that we can develop a social media presence there. We currently haven't any plans to expand to those platforms, however we felt it important to leave those options open to us.

Co-Welsh Chairs (Leena Fahrat and Josh Ruddy - she/they, he/him):

Report Received Late

- Mae ffocws yn parhau ar ymgysylltu â'n haelodau i ddod i ymgyrchu yn sioeau'r haf. Sioe gyntaf y tymor yw Sioe Frenhinol Cymru (Dydd Llun 24ain Gorffennaf-Dydd Iau 27ain Gorffennaf) ac mae gennym o leiaf 8 aelod yn ymgyrchu dros y dyddiau hynny, gan helpu'r WLDs. Ddydd Mawrth mae WYL yn cymryd drosodd y stondin lle byddwn yn gweithio gyda'r WLD ar ymgysylltu â phobl ifanc cefn gwlad. Ar hyn o bryd rydym yn gweithio ar rota'r Eisteddfod.
- Rydym wedi agor y cyfetholiadau ar gyfer rolau gwag yr Is-Gadeirydd a'r NPO gyda cheisiadau'n cau ddydd Llun 24 Gorffennaf.
- Rydym yn gweithio i lansio ein hymgyrch "Stop the cut" ond rydym angen help i gael pethau i fyny ar dudalen we YL. Diolch arbennig i Ianto Evans, Rhys Llewelyn Williams a Preben Vangberg am eu cymorth ar hyn.
- Aeth y diwrnod gweithredu yng Ngheredigion yn dda ac roedd yn llwyddiant. Mae angen i'r gweithrediaeth edrych ar gynllunio un yn B&R. Rydym wedi cael gwybod bod balchder Aberhonddu yn digwydd wythnos gyntaf mis Medi ac felly byddwn yn cynllunio gyda hynny mewn golwg.
- Mae'r Cyd-gadeiryddion yn dal i weithio i gwrdd â'r swyddogion WLD perthnasol ar ein hachos busnes.
- Roedd ein swyddog polisi Brendan Roberts yn canmol yr ymgysylltiad manifesto â Dick Newby ac mae'n gweithio ar yr ongl Gymreig yn ogystal â gweithio gyda ni i lunio cynnig ar gyfer cynhadledd Hydref DIG.
- Rydym yn gweithio ar ein hymgyrchoedd a phhecynnau glas ein hunain.
- Focus remains on engaging with our members to come and campaign at the summer shows. The first show of the season is the Royal Welsh show (Monday 24th July-Thursday 27th July) and we have at least 8 members campaigning across those days, helping the WLDs. Tuesday is the WYL take over of the stall where we will be working with the WLD on engaging with rural young people. We are currently working on the Eisteddfod rota.

- We have opened the co-options for the vacant roles of Vice Chair and NPO with applications closing Monday 24th of July.
- We are working to launch our campaign “Stop the cut” but we need help getting stuff up on the YL webpage. Special thanks to Ianto Evans, Rhys Llewelyn Williams and Preben Vangberg for their help on this.
- The action day in Ceredigion went well and was a success. The exec needs to look at planning one in B&R. We have been told that Brecon pride is happening the first week of September and so will plan with that in mind.
- The Co-chairs are still working to meet with the relevant WLD officers on our business case.
- Our policy officer Brendan Roberts spoke highly of the manifesto engagement with Dick Newby and he is working on the Welsh angle as well as working with us to produce a motion for the WLD Autumn conference.
- We are working on our own freshers campaigns and packs.

Scottish Chair (Leo Dempster – he/him):

No Report Received

Non-Portfolio Officer (Vacant):

Role Vacant