



YOUNG LIBERALS

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Chair's Report

This Month

Everything is running smoothly on the executive and we are all working effectively together as a team. We are definitely on the right track to have a really positive year and make strong impact during the general election year.

This month, some of my priorities have included the following:

- **Federal People Development Committee (FPDC):** I have dedicated a lot of time to work related to my role on the Federal People Development Committee (FPDC) and the various projects I have been working on
- **Party relationships:** Following on from conversations I had last month, I have continued to explore how we can better collaborate with other groups within the party and stay in good communication with key stakeholders
- **Antisemitism training and resources:** After consulting with Emily, I have been trying to find out if there is any antisemitism training the party has that I can distribute with the executive. I have so far been unsuccessful, but I will continue to seek suitable resources

Internal Meetings

- **Dan Schmeising, 30th November:** Dan, one of our new Honorary Vice Presidents, and I had a catch-up to chat about the next year in the Young Liberals
- **Elections Committee, 8th December:** Elections Committee met for the first time this month, discussing our strategy when it comes to campaigning between now and the general election
- **Erasmus+, 13th December:** Sean, Kai, Harvey, and I met to discuss initial ideas around a campaign on Erasmus+

External Meetings, Events, and Activities

- **Mark Pack, 27th November:** I met with Mark to have a catch up now we've entered the new YL term and looking ahead to the general election
- **Young Yesh Atid, 27th November:** I joined Kai and members of the International Committee in a meeting with Young Yesh Atid, our sister party in Israel
- **Chelmsford Action Day, 2nd December:** I went along to an action day in Chelmsford along with a few other Young Liberals to campaign for Marie Goldman, the Chelmsford PPC. We got to catch up with and support Stephen Robinson and Mary Regnier-Wilson, and we saw new

development in the constituency thanks to the brilliant work of Chelmsford City Council!

- **FPDC Diversity Sub-Committee, 7th December:** As a member of the Federal People Development Committee (FPDC) sub-committee, I attended this meeting of the sub-committee and talked about YL priorities relating to diversity
- **Newbury Action Day, 9th December:** Arthur Wu hosted a fantastic action day and Christmas party in Newbury, which I attended, where we campaigned for the PPC, Lee Dillon, and got a super positive response on the doorstep!

Coming Up

As we move into the new year, I will be encouraging the executive to consider our goals and priorities for 2024, focusing on what we want to achieve in the general election year and how we can take practical steps to get there.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do feel free to get in touch with me via my email address, janey.little@youngliberals.uk.

Secretary's Report

This time of year is busy and I am currently incredibly close to finishing my thesis, with the intention to try and finish before a GE so I can dedicate more time to party issues in the short campaign.

Committee meetings held since last exec that I have been sent minutes for:

- Policy Committee
- Communications and Campaigns Committee

The committee section of the website is being worked on predominantly by Harvey and should hopefully be ready soon to allow for all committee minutes to be viewable. There are specific sections being created for this and I have the google folder ready to go to be added when this is done.

Forum Mod applications were missed out of the last email, delaying this process, but Harvey has promised to make sure they will be included in the next email, and advertise them via the YL page to increase notice.

As well as ensuring minutes were circulated promptly, I emailed specific action points to specific members and put more broad action points in the slack channel. As well as this, I'm including a short agenda point where we check in on action points from the previous meeting.

Events Officer's Report

Young Liberals Winter Conference 2024 will be held in Sheffield on the 9th-11th February 2024.

As members might expect, that's what I've spent most of my time on this month, including a site visit to Sheffield on 23/12/2023.

I'd like to thank Harvey for the amazing work Comms have been doing to support the launch of Conference.

At the time of writing, tickets are due to go on sale in the next couple of days. Focus has now switched to organising speakers for Conference, logistics, and working on the AudioVisual elements of the production.

Co-Election Officers' Report

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- We have started our first round of Young and Winning. We only have 3 bids so far so we really encourage members to place a bid
- Janey chaired the first Elections Committee:
 - Engaged with English and Welsh committee members to learn of their plans and how they are going to use their State roles.
 - Established our general approach as laid out in our manifesto if targeting federal level action days sparingly to where we have a strong narrative and where that seat is targeted

Communication Officer's Report

This is a brief report for this month as I have been busy with work commitments. I have now passed over the Conference comms plan to Lucas North, Events Officer, and we are amending this together with Events Committee and Policy Committee. An outline diversity calendar for Comms Committee to create resources for has been drafted and passed to Emily Baker, Accessibility, Diversity & Standards Officer and Diversity Committee for amendment. These will be added to the new bank of branch and campaign resources. I am hoping to have a draft set of resources for branches to use on social media done by the end of the month, alongside some example campaigns to launch in the new year. The next meeting of Comms and Campaigns Committee will look at these, and I will also get started on setting up more regular tasks for the elected members. As ever, please do use the Comms request form (<https://digitallibdem.typeform.com/YLCommsRequests>) to draw something to my attention and I will share as soon as possible.

Policy Officer's Report

On the whole, lots of the work outlined in the previous report has continued, so a shorter report this time.

YL Conference

Alongside Lucas (Events officer) and EvCom, YL Conference planning has begun, and the Policy Committee has begun to gently advertise policy submissions. All the policy deadlines have been sorted, and Harvey (Comms officer), will be helping to advertise those soon. Also, a policy drafting advice session should be happening soon (as of the writing of this report, no fully confirmed dates)

Federal Conference

On behalf of YL, I have submitted four motions to FCC for drafting advice: Avoiding Gridlock: Supporting Nuclear Energy, Black British Rights: Inequality in the UK, Mental Health Provision and Reforming Sunday Trading Laws. PolCom have also begun reaching out to AOs and individuals who may be able to support these motions. Those include ALDES, LDCRE and the London Liberal Democrats.

Policy Committee

The committee has continued with the projects outlined in the previous report, and have in particular completed the updating of the policy book, which, at the time of release of this report, should be available on the website.

FPC/Outreach

The work at FPC has continued, largely on the manifesto (where more chapters have been covered), and also on policy papers being submitted to the Spring Conference. The Policy Committee has begun thinking about potential amendments to the policy paper, if needed (but in all candour, the paper looks reasonable and strong).

Other news:

Alongside Janey (Chair), I will have a meeting with the Duke of Edinburgh award soon after the exec meeting, to discuss cooperation.

Fundraising Officer's Report

No report received

Membership Development Officer's Report

Report received late

This month I have:

- Finished working on a membership skill survey, ready to be sent in the new year
- Investigating ALDC group membership
- Proposing new ALDC group membership

Priorities for the month ahead:

- Prepare away day
- Circulate skills survey
- Continue Chase Lighthouse access

Co-Branch Development Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

Accessibility, Diversity & Standard's Officer's Report

As mentioned in my previous report, my personal schedule is rather hectic up until the New Year so I am planning to action most of my plans for the role then. However in the meantime I have been mostly just keeping on top of the basics including:

- Scheduled optional 1:1 sessions with Diversity Committee members to discuss plans for the upcoming term (So far this includes the under 18's rep and disability rep).
- Beginning to develop an accessibility guide for the upcoming winter conference.
- Updated the diversity calendar ( YLDivCal24).
- Contacted the Sheffield local party regarding campaigning for an LGBTQ+ friendly domestic violence charity that is due to shut due to lack of funding in the new year.

Again - I have a lot more planned to start in January but in the meantime if anybody wants anything specific to be actioned or has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

International Officer's Report

International Officer's report to the Executive Meeting on 16/12/23

TLDR:

We attended an Erasmus Event in London.

LYMEC will be in Brussels March 22-24th and LYMEC Digital Assembly is happening on Feb 3rd.

IFLRY will be in Finland or Ivory Coast. Cost is estimated to be €200 per participant.

Erasmus+ Event in London

We attended an event at Westminster on youth mobility and Erasmus. The event was organised by YEM (Young European Movement) and brought together a variety of groups interested in Erasmus. The hope is to strengthen these connections going forward, particularly with the British Youth Council which is also interested in lobbying for more political youth funding in the UK.

Erasmus+ Campaign Update

We have started working on the Erasmus+ campaign. We are particularly interested in running an event targeting the wider party and putting together some nice policy papers to submit at a Federal Conference.

LYMEC Update

LYMEC spring congress is already confirmed and will be taking place in Brussels from March 22nd-24th. Sean is standing in the board elections, so we are currently working on his campaign. Prior to that, there will be an online digital assembly with the theme of LGBT+ rights in Italy which is scheduled for 3rd Feb. We will be releasing more information on that shortly.

IFLRY Update

After speaking with some of the IFLRY Bureau and reading the latest meeting minutes, it seems IFLRY is going to be held in Finland or the Ivory Coast and will

take place in late March or early April. The estimated registration cost is €200 per person, which is on the higher end of what it has been in recent years.

International Guests at YL Conference

Bram (President of IFLRY) has expressed interest in attending YL conference. We are also planning on sending out invites to the international colleagues we work the most with.

Non-portfolio Officer's Report

- Worked with The Exec to have YL endorse our voice matters
- Helped with knowledge on spreadsheets
- offered help to other officers on data organisation
- Worked with policy officer and data organisation from when I was policy officer

Racial Equity, Diversity and Liberation Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

England Chair's Report

Report received late

TL;DR

- New regional chairs
- English Council happened
- Goals grid for regional chairs produced
- New Executive regulations being drafted
- Co-option for English Council rep upcoming

New members of the Exec

We've once again had new changes to the Executive! I would like to give a warm welcome to:

- Zeb Mackintosh, as the new Western Counties YL Regional Chair
- Thom Campion, as the newly co-opted North East YL Regional Chair

Additionally, we owe a big thanks to Toby Hawkins and Helder Costa for their time as Chairs of their respective regions!

English Council

English Council once again met on 2nd of December. I'd like to thank all YL members who attended as a rep for EYL or for their own region. I'll be writing and publishing a full report for this meeting in due course!

Goals Grid

Currently being drafted is a Goals Grid for regional chairs. This is a grid covering different aspects of the role, and gives suggestions of what regional chairs 'shall', 'should', and 'could' do in each respect. This should hopefully go some way to defining what is a fairly nebulous role, give some direction to chairs, and be a useful tool for progress tracking and self reflection! This is being written in conjunction with former regional chairs and other members of the federal executive, whose portfolios potentially overlap with the work of regional chairs.

New Executive Regulations

We are currently also drafting new Executive regulations as an executive, that I expect to come to January exec for ratification. These are based on the federal YL exec's regs, and the responsibilities of regional chairs are being informed by the goals grid.

English Council rep vacancy

There is a vacancy among our 2024 English Council reps, so the Executive will be voting to open co-options to fill this role soon! Please reach out to me at england@youngliberals.uk if you have any queries about this role, or are interested in joining our team!

Co-Welsh Chairs' Report

No report received

Scottish Chair's Report

Report received late.

Nothing to report.

