

YF Exec Meeting

Wednesday 9th February, 7:30pm (Zoom Meeting ID: 882 2725 5981;

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Present: Hollie Wickens, Laura Cunliffe-Hall, Jimmy Sergi, Elly Savva, Leon AM, Holly Smith, Panny Antoniou, James Potts, Vic Parrett, Tom Laing, Ralph Ali, Owen Bell, Amy Dwyer, Daniel Jones, Amber Khan, Ardeel Hussain, Tina Bhartwas, Sarina Kiayani, Owen Michael, Luke Viner, Nicki Adeleke

1. Introductions & Apologies

Apologies from Cathleen

Welcome from Laura to new network, advocacy group and regional group officers, round of introductions

2. Approval of [minutes](#)

Approved by exec

3. Update on actions from last meeting

Mainly AGM focused, so will hear more from Amy D and Tom L later on

4. Network and Advocacy Group Officers' Updates

Amy Dwyer, Networks Coordinator

Busy month for AGMs, got through almost all AGMs now but a couple had to be rescheduled - Environment and Housing & Infrastructure. All AGMs have gone well with new members coming through. After last AGMs Amy will run some skill sessions to help Networks run events, help on output methods (pamphlets, policy papers, blog posts). Massive thank you to Amy for all of her work on these from the exec!

Elly, LGBTQIA+

Had new exec, Elly is co-chair with Jonny

Joint event with Arts & Culture coming up, discussing more ideas for future events, blog takeover, potentially pamphlet

Will also hold an AMM soon

Owen Bell, Comms

Main focus between now and May will be local elections, want to work with regional groups on turnout-focused events, also some other events planned

May also have an event with Labour's National Campaign Team, skill sessions

Arts and Culture (Owen again)

Mentioned joint event with LGBTQIA+, also looking at homophobia in football

Ralph Ali, under 19s

Had first meeting of new exec, co-opted two new members
Going to do an event soon with Hilary Benn!

Sabrina, Health

Looking into an event with Wes Streeting, blog posts in the pipeline

Leon, BAME

Had AGM last night so not had time for concrete plans yet
Looked at studying racial inequalities in various sectors, also getting speakers to return who we've had in the past, some work on internal Labour Party culture

5. National and Regional Officers' Updates

Tom L - National officer

Had to postpone some of the AGMs but making good progress,
South West has disintegrated sadly. He'll run training sessions post-AGMs,
do membership survey to find out where members are

East Midlands update from Tom

They have a social coming up and want to do a pamphlet

Sarina - London

Focusing on events programme

Tina - East of England

Looking at increasing membership, more social media outreach

Daniel - Wales

Made contact with Welsh Fabians, they're planning a fringe at Welsh Conference in Llandudno with Vaughan Gething and would like someone from Econ & Finance YF to join, plan then is to re-establish Welsh Fabians as a group

6. Discussion: [Calendar](#) for the next two months

a) International Women's Day 2022

Want to meet with Anneliese, other queer female MPs to work with such as Angela Eagle, Holly will send further update written to me

Want to focus on platforming our female members as well as 'big names'

Panny also contributed some thoughts

Discussion on engaging more women to write for the blog

7. Decision: Renewal of existing policies - HW

a) Safeguarding Policy - LAM

- i) Leon and Laura reviewed changes with Andy, so won't be submitting new version for approval - existing policy therefore to be voted on today
 - b) Platforming Policy
 - c) Safe Space Policy
 - d) Ethical Sponsorship Policy
 - A few concerns raised here re Airbus, and TDAC network
 - Voted to postpone keeping this one and have a working group to look at further, HW to take forward
- 8. Discussion: Young Fabians involvement in local authority elections - LC/HW
 - Laura - want to support all of our members standing for election. Last year we held a roundtable to support members standing, we organised phonebanks too, we want to ensure fairness
 - Senior section want us to ensure we don't promote some candidates over others
 - Laura wants to make sure we don't use YF channels to advertise specific candidates, canvassing sessions, so on
 - Hollie reiterated Laura's points, about collective effort rather than individual boosting
 - Tina spoke about benefits of YF support based on experience last year, and policy discussion rather than active canvassing
 - Tom wants to ensure we support people in regions
 - Jimmy on how we can use the blog - maybe meet the candidates?
 - Sarina would like to promote all candidates once we've asked them all to come forward
 - Vic - wary of campaigning overwhelming our policy events, important to support but we don't want to be another Young Labour
 - Vote on making sure YF channels aren't used for individual candidates
- 9. Discussion: Boat Party 2022 initial plans - VP
 - Vic - it's a while away so no major plans yet, but would like to get a date to start booking boat
 - Looking to hold last Saturday before recess, hopefully when Parliament is still in session - end of July rather than late August
- 10. Discussion: Future YF Open Days
 - Laura outline plans, a number of us are now starting to plan future open days, want some in-person open days, a London day, a social and potentially a Manchester/North West open day
- 11. [Chair's Update](#)
 - Summarised written report
- 12. Vice Chair's Update
 - Talking about YF Academy event soon, also thinking about a briefing on policing to send to MPs

Also attended Programme & Impact earlier this evening, Future Candidates discussed, supporting front bench, increased media strategy, impact of NY Conference

13. Secretary's Update

See notes in work notebook

14. Treasurer's Update

Now has access to bank account, look more at membership boosting and offering more reasons to be a member

15. Antics Update

Thanks to Nicki and Laura for help with callout for next issue, shaping up to be an exciting issue

16. Women's Officer's Update

FWN will be inviting Nicki and Holly to their EC meetings as observers from now on

17. Other Officers' Updates

Sarina, Communications

Working on promo for AGMs

Blog Editor - Jimmy

Over the last month we have published around 4 blog pieces each week, largely from YF members as well as a few from outside contributors. Different formats have been published, such as event summaries, traditional articles and even a book preview.

Coming up we have two articles to commemorate LGBT+ History Month, a collaboration with Centre Think Tank and a potential guest contribution from Paul Sweeney MSP on drug policy in the near future. I am also working on a short Q&A similar to our Meet the Exec series for YF Council candidates who wish to share their experience to encourage other young members to stand in the future.

With International Women's Day coming up, I will make sure to work with Nicki and Holly to make sure we platform a diverse range of women on the blog, and looking at how we can increase diversity on the blog all year round. I'm also keen to tie in blog content with other events and activities within and outside of the Young Fabians.

We are always keen to publish new things on the blog, so if you know a group or individual we could reach out to about an article, have a pitch yourself or any other ideas for how we can increase the impact of the blog in general, please do get in touch!

Panny gave his update

Leon added to his safeguarding update earlier, would also like to look at updating safe space policy

18. AOB

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