

## YF Exec Meeting

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

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Present: Laura Cunliffe-Hall, Jimmy Sergi, Leon Alleyne-Mclaughlin, James Potts, Tom Laing, Nicki Adeleke, Holly Smith, Sarina Kiayani, Cathleen Clarke, Amber Khan, Panny Antoniou, Amy Dwyer, Hamzah Sheikh, Angus Walker Stewart, Dominic Shaw, Dominic McCarron, Emma Becirovic, Clark Beken, Livy Mayne, Brandon Green, Ardeel Hussain, Dhruv Kadam, Jonny Winbow, Henry Mendoza, Sharne Wood, Owen Michael

### 1. Introductions & Apologies

Apologies from Hollie Wickens, Victoria Parrett, Dan Jones

Welcome from Laura to the 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

HW was meant to organise a group on the ethical sponsorship policy but has been busy with work commitments so this has been pushed back for now

### 4. Network and Advocacy Group Officers' Updates

Amy Dwyer, Networks Coordinator - All AGMs done. Code of conduct forms to be sent out next week. Will be sending out a document with contact details for network officers, so it is important for networks to keep this up to date with co-opted members. Support pack for new officers coming in the next few days. Skills sessions are also coming up which will be circulated by email.

Dominic Shaw (Economy & Finance) - Event next week on consequences of Ukraine crisis and one in April on Cost of Living crisis with Welsh Fabians. Blog series coming up and ideas welcome for macroeconomic update. Pamphlet due to be published in coming months.

Emma Becirovic (Comms) - Hoping to collaborate with networks to host joint events about communicating policy. Focusing on upskilling within YF

and wider Labour movement, starting with graphics and photography, followed by social media, and a series called Labour in the News about how the party's policies are landing in the press, with journalists.

Henry Mendoza (BAME Advocacy Group) - AGM recently. Looking forward to events with young people and activists, as well as continuing work with elected representatives. More collaboration through Priscilla with the Law network. Future event with Ayesha Hazarika being discussed through YF Academy.

Jonny Winbow (LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Group) - Watch party with Arts & Culture network watching Olly Alexander video. Looking to continue this format in future for informal social events. Homophobia in Football event in pipeline for mid-April, and one on Trans Culture Wars in Labour towards the end of March. Plymouth campaign day with South West YF for Dylan Tippetts with Luke Pollard MP on March 20th.

Clark Beken (Devolution & Local Gov/ Environment) - Environment AGM not well attended so still assembling a full executive.

Brandon Green (Education) - Lots of blog posts out since AGM about issues such as tuition fees reform. Productive AMM, pooling ideas about network's plans. Events on lessons learned from pandemic and mental health in schools as well as adult education.

Panny Antoniou (International Network) - Roundtable event on Ukraine earlier today. Pamphlet coming out soon and more events coming up including on Ukraine and with education network on the impact on values in the curriculum depending on political situation.

George Fairhurst (International Network) - Two events coming up, including one on the politics of UN. George and Louie launching podcast series on Ukraine with links to fundraisers, linking in with work of YES.

Hamzah Sheikh (Technology, Defence and Cybersecurity) - Event on 28th March on Labour and foreign policy. Cyber security workshop. Planning visit to cyber security firm.

Ardeel Hussain (Under 19s Advocacy Group) - Event tomorrow at 6pm with Hilary Benn MP. Shoutout to Yotam, Events Officer, who is hosting the event, and thanks to Hollie Wickens for support setting up emailing. Blog post out introducing group. AMM towards end of month with discussion and debate.

Jimmy Sergi (Under 19s Advocacy Group) - Made point about making sure U19 members can be brought into other parts of YF as well as the U19s group.

Panny Antoniou (Housing & Infrastructure) - Pamphlet on Levelling Up being considered as well as an event on Levelling Up in Wales. Want to hold events in different parts of the country.

Dhruv Kadam (Health) - Collaboration event with Dr Rosena, likely after local elections, and Health Policy 101 events. Potential event on mental health with YF U19s Advocacy Group.

## 5. National and Regional Officers' Updates

Tom Laing, National Coordinator - AGMs done and waiting back for forms. Will work with Amy on training. Members survey to find where everyone is and which universities people are at. Issue of North West group's chair being uncontactable, so suggestion to take that as a resignation to find new Chair to continue work of NW group, which no one objected to.

Submitted update from Daniel Jones, Welsh Officer - Joint event with E&F and Welsh Fabians, hopefully with Vaughan Gething. Hoping to hold informal meeting in early April of Welsh YF.

Dominic McCarron (Scotland) - New committee getting to work. Looking to send out monthly newsletter and to revive podcasts. Looking to open up devolution group with other regional and national groups, and with universities through Vice Chair Sol.

Ardeel Hussain (West Midlands) - Lots of canvassers in Birmingham Erdington by-election. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Sarina Kiayani (London) - Events coming up such as 'In Conversation' which are open to everyone. First canvassing event on Sunday in Pinner South, which is a Tory seat but affected by boundary changes. St Patrick's Day drinks at Irish Bar in Soho.

Livy Mayne (North West) - Thank you to everyone for resolving NW issue. Will get better once chair is elected

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

IWD- Nicki - 5 panellists for next Wednesday's event. Hoping to do an event with Hoping to get other young women in politics, especially in Scotland. Next stage will be promo. Blog still open for output.

Campaigning for candidates in May also on agenda for next few months.

7. Proposal: [YES 'scary future' conference](#) - PA

To be voted on at next EC meeting. Online conference hosted by YF with YES, themed on concerns over the future, but with hopeful message on how these can be combatted. Will probably cost around £500 to host, but hopefully ticket prices will mean we fundraise from it and could look at YF branches abroad if there is interest, as well as raising our reputation across Europe.

James Potts asked how many attendees are expected and whether there is appetite for this in YES, and what the £500 will be spent on. Nothing in plan in terms of what will be discussed, so that will need to be thought through. Vic not present but suggested that half of the cost could be covered through other fundraising.

Panny responded that he does not have a detailed breakdown for cost. Members should be able to showcase what their priorities are so it could be better to keep the theme open. Join YF YES event shows appetite.

Laura suggested that issue of timing, as we would be in the middle of exec handover and at a point in the year where there is not as much energy. Collective event could be combined with something already existing to use existing resources.

Leon suggests there is not enough substance to vote on tonight, and that proposals should be sounded out with networks and exec member before being decided on. Leon asks how many people were at other YF/YES events.

Panny responds that involving all YES member organisations should help engage people across Europe, as well as having a focus on issues that affect all of Europe.

Amy suggested in chat that a working group be formed to explore further how we could run events through networks with YES, rather than having one big and more expensive conference.

8. Decision: Current limit on number of pamphlets for 2021-22 (currently 8).  
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E&F looking for someone to proofread last 7 articles, which Sarina, James and Amy offered to help with.

Pamphlets from last year that have ready been approved do not count towards limit. Some pamphlets on hold and may not come to fruition.

James mentioned funding and energy as important considerations. Important to allow 3 pamphlets that are nearly done to go out, then perhaps give this year's officers opportunity for 8 more. Could turn unfinished pamphlets into blog post/series to ensure it is not wasted.

Jimmy suggested that we do not over exert ourselves and remember 'less is more' in some ways, so we do not see the limit we set as a number we have to reach and make sure to consider the impact of pieces.

Amy suggests that more pamphlets can dilute the impact of the content, and while we should not limit what kind of content can be published we make sure to take on a manageable amount of work.

Law pamphlet has reached stumbling block so may happen but may not.

Agreed to keep the limit at 8 not including the 3 already approved pamphlets which are looking likely to be published soon (international, economy & finance and gendered impact)

9. Discussion: Date for additional meeting to discuss Young Labour elections (Laura)

Laura feels it is best to discuss in different forum as there are differing perspectives on whether to nominate. Laura suggested meeting in late April.

Tom mentioned that we only have power to nominate for one position of Socialist Societies rep.

Leon asks what the turnaround time is to have a ballot, as we will need to make sure that nominations are completed in time to submit them. Tom suggests that keeping ballot open for 2 weeks should be sufficient.

James suggested that there would not be cost implications and that 2 weeks would be in line with our rules.

Agreed to hold meeting in late April, coordinate through a doodle poll and potentially a Whatsapp chat.

10. [Chair's Update](#)

Working on adapting and updating existing guides which Amy will be sharing with networks. Shoutout to Holly, Nicki and Cecilia for IWD, and to Panny and International Network for action over Ukraine. Spoke to 1

Million Group getting underrepresented people into politics. Meeting with Labour's head of social media next week, so will promote YF.

11. Vice Chair's Update

YF Academy, event on polling and data. 3 more in pipeline, one with Health network introducing to Health Policy briefing, working in politics, and media skills with former staff member of Carwyn Jones who now runs consultancy firm. Also policing in austerity briefing lead by Will Barber-Taylor. YF History Project printing and launch event upcoming.

12. Secretary's Update

Laura gave quick update. Hollie has been working hard to support U19s Group and has been busy with work, so thank you to Hollie for all her work.

13. [Treasurer's Update](#)

Written report submitted.

14. Antics Update

Amber had to leave meeting but has been busy with exams and has been receiving pitches for Antics Environment issue.

15. Women's Officer's Update

Holly had to go so Nicki gave update. Potential podcast in pipeline, blog piece on Women in Sport coming. IWD gone but March is still Women's history month, so can use this to promote more activity to promote gender equality within YF.

16. Other Officers' Updates

Safeguarding Officer - Leon

No huge update, continuing with process to sort safeguarding policies. Meeting coming up with Laura and Leon and wider Fabian safeguarding group.

International/Outreach Officer - Panny

Working closely with international groups in YES, particularly over Ukraine. Reached out to Compass to jointly host event on UBI. 7000 Euros raised across YES, and Polish group have housed 500 refugees from Ukraine.

Comms Officer - Sarina Kiayani

Encourages networks to send events to her in good time to make sure they can be properly promoted. Importance of YF calendar to prevent clashes.

Blog Editor - Jimmy

A big focus this month has been our IWD output which is currently ongoing. An article from Laura celebrating women within and beyond YF, an interview from Livy Mayne with Alison McGovern MP

and an article from Lauren Howells about accent misogyny are already out, and the plan is to publish three more pieces. Hopefully, this week of only women contributing to the blog will help address the gender balance issues we have had in the past, which Nicki and I have discussed other ways of tackling.

With St Patrick's Day coming up, Labour Party Irish Society's Treasurer Kane Emerson has agreed to contribute. We also have Chris W writing on sanctions and a series of pieces about student finance from James Flynn on the horizon. Also working on blog post from Society of Labour Lawyers on their response to Human Rights Act reform.

Between now and May Jimmy will also be posting 'Meet the Candidate' blog interviews with YF candidates for local election, starting with Liam Martin-Lane on March 15th. Paul Sweeney MSP has agreed to a piece on drug reform but it is not yet clear when that will be coming out.

#### 17. AOB

Over 18 Exec member needed for tomorrow's U19s group event with Hilary Benn. Laura and Leon attending.