

YF Exec Meeting

Wednesday 13th April, 7:30pm (Zoom Meeting ID: 882 2725 5981;

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Present: Jimmy Sergi, Laura Cunliffe-Hall, James Potts, Victoria Parrett, Holly Smith, Leon Alleyne-McLaughlin, Amy Dwyer, Tom Laing, Nicki Adeleke, Sarina Kiayani, Daniel Jones, Ralph Ali, Dominic Shaw, Owen Michael, Clark Beken

1. Introductions & Apologies

Apologies: Hollie Wickens, Cathleen Clarke, Amber Khan
(Others submitted to Hollie)

Attendees reminded to put pronouns in your Zoom name.

Laura thanked everyone for their work over the last month.

2. Approval of [minutes](#)

Approved by exec.

3. Update on actions from last meeting

- a. Exec members were due to vote on 'YES scary future conference' proposal Panny brought forward, however due to Panny's commitments running for office and apologies tonight, we will move this decision forward to May's meeting

4. Network and Advocacy Group Officers' Updates

Amy Dwyer - Networks Coordinator

Great events across networks and advocacy group. Has been keeping up with admin and code of conduct forms. Preliminary dates for skills sessions.

Dom Shaw (Chair - Economy & Finance)

Held event on the economic consequences of the situation in Ukraine, success of hybrid model. Followed up by blog posts from Chris. Also blog and podcast on Spring Statement. Pamphlet coming soon, and MPs have written a foreword for each section. Hybrid meetings to come in future.

Ralph Ali (Co-Chair - Under 19s Advocacy Group)

Hilary Benn event was a success, lots of attendees and ran smoothly by Poppy and Yotam. Blog piece from Ethan to summarise the event for those who were not there. All Members' Meeting went well, and new members attended. Preliminary chat about campaigning to get more MPs into schools. Likely to be

on temporary pause until after exams, but Jimmy suggested a blog series from U19 members during this time.

Clark Beken (Environment Network & Devolution Network)
Environment group still in process of getting group going. Looking for more exec members to launch events and policy ideas.
Devolution group setting date for meeting to get network moving this month.

Nicki Adeleke (Health Network)
Fabian Health Network want to help getting in touch with shadow cabinet members, such as Wes Streeting. Idea of newsletter to update on health policy. Feryal Clark MP has been invited to be part of an event, likely to be after locals.

Panny Antoniou (Housing & Infrastructure Network & International Network)
International held an event on Ukraine with a speaker from SD Platform. International pamphlet editing being chased up, to then be sent to David Lammy for foreword.
Housing and Infrastructure group looking at a pamphlet on levelling up from a left-wing perspective with Devolution, and an event with Welsh Fabians on levelling up for Wales.

Holly Smith (LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Group)
Event on homophobia and transphobia in sport alongside Arts & Culture, hosted by Holly and arranged by others. Dylan leading on updating last year's pamphlet to be more broader, but currently focusing on local election campaign. Laura and Owen Bell in process of uploading sport event to Youtube.

5. National and Regional Officers' Updates

Tom Laing - National Coordinator
Needs to chase up NationBuilder access for national and regional groups, but for now Tom will send out emails. Numbers for a Welsh group, to be discussed with Daniel. South East also likely has numbers for group, so will be established after local elections.

Daniel Jones - Welsh Officer
Event last week with Welsh Fabians on economy. Agrees that numbers are there, about 400 members in Wales on mailing list so an informal event after May elections to gauge interest will be arranged.

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

a. Local Elections 2022

Roundtable with candidates hosted and phonebank planned for young disabled members standing for election. Panny is looking to arrange events with Labour Doorstep. Plan is to hold phoning when there is not

much else happening. Some candidates don't want phone bank but others will.

7. Update: Fabian Society Away Day (Laura)

Laura presented a quarterly report from YF at away day with Fabians committee. Positive response on work from YF, which is setting the standards across the Fabian Society. Fabians are heavily involved with the shadow cabinet so there are lots of opportunities to work closely with the shadow cabinet and LOTO.

8. Discussion: How to increase attendance at events online and in person (Laura)

Some online events struggle for attendance. Ralph Ali suggested that constant twitter advertisement can work, as well as Instagram and emailing as well as blog pieces in lead up. Important for groups to give Laura and Sarina advance notice to promote event.

Victoria Parrett suggested planning well in advance, and for in-person events parliament could be a great venue, or other government offices across the country, and James suggested that these events should still be possible to host as hybrid. James proposed that we be more coordinated about events and avoid hosting events without ample planning and promotion, and making sure that topics and speakers are not too niche. Harder to get people along now lockdown has ended, so important to take time to make sure events we host will be successful. Jimmy suggested high profile speakers to boost attendance. Nicki raises that people are tired of Zoom, and it is easy to zone out, while in person events are more likely to keep people interested. However, hybrid does make events much more accessible. Clark Beken asked if there is precedent for hybrid events outside of London. Amy answered that we recently held an in-person event in Leeds with Tracy Brabin and were able to have it on Zoom as well.

9. Update: Date (proposed **Tuesday 26 April**) and content for additional meeting of interested exec members to discuss Young Labour elections - NOTE THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE A QUORUM OF 6 VOTING EXEC MEMBERS TO ATTEND (Laura)

Will use OpaVote, if we nominate, to ballot members. Will cost money and last time this was not covered by the Fabian Society. Jimmy mentioned that only Socialist Societies Rep do we have any binding power. Ralph has asked that members are updated so Exec members who are candidates do not have any unfair advantage.

10. Update: Boat Party 2022 (Vic)

Boat Party date (16th July) has been advertised in the newsletter, and tickets will launch by end of April. Hoping to get a guest and do a raffle to fundraise, as was done last year for Hope Not Hate, for a charity that is relevant for this year. Hoping to sell out as we did last year. Early Bird tickets can be

cheaper, and non-members will have to pay more. Prices are likely to be slightly higher than last year. Can also have an optional higher price for those who want to donate more, which can then allow us to subsidise tickets for others who are struggling.

11. [Chair's Update](#)

Candidates roundtable successful, as was the event with Welsh YF and London open day. Great to meet new members and hold sessions on comms, policy and gender inequalities in policy making. Tracy Brabin event also went well, thanks to Rhiannon. Laura has met with Labour's head of Comms and Digital, and LOTO are open to ideas on digital strategy from us. Events and Pamphlet guidance updated, and event recordings are being uploaded to youtube. Working with Leon on complaints handling and safeguarding, and with James on updates for Friends of Young Fabians.

12. Vice Chair's Update

FOYF has had new signups so we are nearly covering our regular outgoing. MPs and other senior people will be asked to donate. Social Media skills roundtable in the works. Would be good to have smaller publications other than pamphlets such as How To guides.

13. Secretary's Update

Apologies received.

14. Treasurer's Update

Lots of successful events. Has been focusing on boat party. Happy to be chased up if anything needs to be done.

15. Antics Update

Apologies received.

16. Women's Officer's Update

Holly Smith - LGBTQIA+ and Co-Women's Officer

Planning panel on queer women in history. Has exams in May so will likely be more active after this.

17. Other Officers' Updates

Leon Alleyne-McCloughlin. Safeguarding Officer

New safeguarding policy ready to be passed by Exec. Fabian Society are basing their safeguarding protocols on YF work, and Laura will follow up with Andy how we can align with the wider Fabian Society on safeguarding.

Jimmy Sergi - Blog Editor

Over the past month we have published a variety of blog pieces. Highlights include collaborations with Labour Party Irish Society and Society of Labour

Lawyers, the first five installments of our Meet the Candidate series to platform Young Fabians standing for local government, and an article from Tina Bhartwas following International Asexuality Day on her experience of being asexual. As well as this, we have today released a handbook of guidance for blog writing. The idea behind this was to make it easier for people to contribute by making the process clearer, which I hope will mean we see more contributions from people who have not yet written for the blog, particularly from groups that are underrepresented on the blog currently. Looking forward, we should soon be finalising a date for Paul Sweeney's contribution on drug policy reform, and there has been discussion among the Under 19s group of a blog series for our youngest members to be part of policy discussions. As ever, we are open to individual blog contributions or series from networks, regional groups and advocacy groups.

Panny Antoniou - International & Outreach Officer

Event on 1st June with Compass. IWD event postponed. International trips coming up such as YES Summer Seminar, so finding needs to be discussed. Centre for London looking for young people to contribute. Event with Hansard Society in works on parliamentary processes, but no date nailed down. May be in parliament.

Amy also mentioned that founder of I Have A Voice are looking for people in London aged 18 to 30 for 2 weeks of training in PR and Comms. Will be shared in weekly email.

Sarina Kiayani - Communications Officer

Busy week for comms promoting with lots of back to back events, so important to make sure that events are put in the Rota and promoted well.

18. AOB