

YF Exec Meeting

Wednesday 20th July 2022, 7:30pm

Present: Laura Cunliffe-Hall, Leon Alleyne-McLaughlin, Victoria Parrett, James Potts, Milo Barnett, Clark Berken, Emma Bericovic, Hamzah Sheikh, Owen Bell, Maddy Dhesi, Amy Dwyer, Tom Laing, Jimmy Sergi

1. Introductions & Apologies
Apologies: Hollie Wickens, Panny Antoniou, Sarina Kiayani
2. Approval of minutes
Minutes from June were deferred to the next meeting as Exec was not quorate
3. Update on actions from last meeting
Laura reported she has rescued the Zoom account after there was incidents of "Zoombombers" in recent weeks
YF has only one slot at party conference as things stand
4. Network and Advocacy Group Officers' Updates

Comms Network

Hosted an event with Polly Toynbee

Also hosted a skills event on graphic design and can share the info from that event to other networks

Planning another "Labour in the News" event with Aletha Adu next week

Looking at hosting a joint event with the E&F Network in autumn

Environment Network

Currently recruiting writers for the Land pamphlet

However struggling to get speakers for an event

Planning an event with the Education Network in the autumn

Devolution & Local Government

Currently inactive but Clark as Secretary hopes to get a steering meeting organised soon

Networks Co-Ordinator

Community Wealth Building event

A list of the currently open Government consultations has been circulated to the networks if they want to respond

Tech & Defence

Trying to hold a discussion on Ukraine but speakers are in short supply
Hamzah is also in discussions with the senior Fabians Tech group
He has also been speaking with Liam Byrne MP and hopes to speak with Labour Digital about working together
Also planning a trip to Bletchley Park

International

Planning events on Poland, Co-Ops and the Arab Spring

Disability Advocacy Group

Planning an online social for Disability Pride Month
Event on neurodiversity postponed

5. National and Regional Officers' Updates

Scottish YF

Scottish YF are looking at starting a pamphlet
Some officers still don't have access to Nationbuilder - They were advised to contact the Secretary

North East

Struggling to recruit members as they're the smallest region by population

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

Parliament going into Recess

No August Exec Meeting

7. Discussion: YF Exec Election Rules and Timetable

Laura circulated a paper outlining the timetable and rules for the election

Notification of elections due to be sent at the end of August

Looking to change the Pre-Election Period to allow the names of members who are not running in the elections to be used

The final timetable is still being formalised

Members are encouraged to run and also encourage others to run

Voting period has been reduced to two weeks

Voting will be reverted back to First Past the Post

8. Boat Party Feedback

Vic reported the Boat Party has been a big success, raising £1662 profit plus £316 from the raffle which will be donated to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Aletha Adu was the guest speaker
Photos are being published this week

9. [Chair's Update](#)

Laura Spoke to the written report she provided in advance

10. Vice Chair's Update

James fed back from Fabian Programme & Impact Committee reporting on the recent and future project the society is working on plus James reported on the status of YF's pamphlets

Discussions with the Japanese Embassy regarding a possible event

Planning a tour of New City Hall for the autumn

11. Secretary's Update

Hollie has started on plans to look at Network output, having initial discussions with Laura, Amy and James and then will open it up to wider exec discussion

Also hoping to hold an exec day in HQ, if those at the meeting can discuss if they'd like to go ahead with this in August Hollie can send a Doodle poll around

Will be emailing the exec about changing our exec meeting dates in due course, due to changed responsibilities from some exec members

12. Treasurer's Update

Fabians are looking at a membership price discount for new under-25s to bolster numbers - Effective from next week

13. Antics Update

Laura has spoken to Amber, the next issue is aiming for a September publication

14. Women's Officer's Update

None

15. Other Officers' Updates

Blog Editor - Jimmy

Since the last Exec meeting, we have had 13 articles on the blog. Highlights include a contribution from our Ukrainian sister youth-wing SD Platform, an update from Panny on the YES Bureau Meeting in Zagreb, and coverage of current events like Roe v Wade being overturned, the Wakefield by-election and the fall of Boris Johnson.

We are particularly interested in covering current events on the blog, such as the Conservative leadership election and the current heat wave, so get in touch if you would be able to come in on either of these or any other topic!

Over the next month I would also love to see more networks, advocacy groups and regional groups take advantage of the blog. This is already starting with the Coronavirus Economics series from the Economy & Finance network which will be starting on August 3rd. We also have an

interview from Ethan Penny with Professor Guy Standing, and this is a format it would be great to see more of.

If you have any pitches or suggestions for the blog, please do not hesitate to contact me at
jimmy.sergi@youngfabians.org.uk!

[Outreach Officer - Panny](#)

Welsh Officer - Maddy

Maddy spoke about possible event on Devolution
Also planning to contact the Welsh Fabians

16. AOB

None

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