

YF Exec Meeting

Monday 5th September, 7:30pm (Zoom Meeting ID: 814 2376 1173;

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Present: Laura Cunliffe-Hall, James Potts, Amber Khan, Tom Laing, Hollie Wickens, Victoria Parrett, Amy Dwyer, Leon Alleyne-Mclaughlin, Sarina Kiayani, Ralph Ali, Owen Michael, Jonny Winbow, Tina Bhartwas

1. Introductions & Apologies
 - a. Apologies from Jimmy Sergi & Holly Smith
2. Approval of [minutes](#)
 - a. June
 - i. Approved
 - b. July
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3. Update on actions from last meeting
 - a. Exec meetings have been moved to Mondays for the rest of the year
 - b. YF election code of practice has been circulated to members
 - c. Campaign underway to promote new concessionary rate of Fabian membership
4. Network and Advocacy Group Officers' Updates

Amy Dwyer

Four different pamphlet pitches in the works, North West Open Day in the works

Ralph Ali, Under 19s

Had a really good month post-exams and uni visits, grown to reach 30-35 members, many contributing to the blog. Had all members' meeting recently and preparing a pitch for Labour Conference event

Ralph looking to step down as Chair due to YL role, will be liaising with Amy

Owen Michael, LGBTQIA+ group

Looking to do a social soon

Education Network

The YF Education Network has been working on improving its ties to the Fabian Education Policy Group. We are holding a joint meeting with them on the last Monday in November to discuss mental health and well-being in education. Other

than that, things have been plodding along in the Education Network as planned events have sadly not gone ahead.

Environment Network

Been quite a quiet month, as per August being a YF rest month of sorts
Pamphlet submissions closed today (Monday) - still chasing up some external contributors, some late submissions possible where conversations have been ongoing

Further to close of submissions, will be organising a meeting of writers and some sort of group chat, and beginning writing process

Other news - event planned for 13th October with accompanying blog series - what councils can do to tackle the climate crisis, Fabians HQ and online

Trying to put together an online event on the energy crisis before end of September, if not possible will happen later

Continuing to explore collaborative events - YF Econ/Fin (Cop27, YF Comms, YF Education - discussions ongoing. Cop15 biodiversity event will be planned closer to the time (December)

Social media strategy to be developed

Amy's email pointing out consultations taken into consideration - if network is sufficiently engaged we will seek to work on responses to appropriate consultations

5. National and Regional Officers' Updates

Tom Laing

North West has lost a Chair again, looking to get South East running again
Hollie suggested Exec needs to help actively with setting up events in regions, Sarina and Tom agree

Action: exec to discuss what events we can hold in each region in a follow-up meeting

Tina Bhartwas

East of England group, struggling for output

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

YF elections kick off soon, Labour conference

One slot confirmed, will kick off pitch process soon, also keen to hold a social

7. Decision: LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Group essay collection - Jonny Winbow

They wanted to do a pamphlet on 'Being Silenced' - marginalised groups, but Dylan who was going to lead on that was elected which has to take up his time

Have instead tailored the idea for a looser essay collection, a smaller scale project but keeping with the theme of being silenced

Robin has quoted £150 for a twelve-page booklet

Rough timeline of post-exec elections for publication

Hollie spoke in support

James echoed Hollie's support, important to boost our output as an organisation

Laura also supportive

Unanimous approval from exec

8. Decision: [Joint pamphlet proposal](#) from Devolution and Local Government & Housing and Infrastructure Networks

Question from Laura, will they be narrowing their focus, ensuring they don't run before they can walk

Concerns from Hollie

James echoed Hollie's points on this coming so late in the year. Also worried this is too transport heavy

Leon, similar concerns to Hollie and James but also worried that it's quite southerner-heavy in terms of contributors. Will they have capacity to do this as well?

Voted by poll and approved

9. [Chair's Update](#)

Laura spoke to the written update she had provided in advance

10. Vice Chair's Update

Been liaising with Econ & Finance Network about their heartlands pamphlet, reached out to Cecilia about old Women's pamphlet

Still working on relaunching embassies programme

Friends of Young Fabians, two mandates cancelled in the past month but with current climate not the right time to plug again

11. Secretary's Update

Nationbuilder training with Networks, YES trip to Albania, event coming up with SPD London on Battle of Cable Street

12. Treasurer's Update

Vic had to leave the meeting before this point due to illness

13. Antics Update

Is done, at the printers - Environment issue, will be out with the next mailing

14. Women's Officer's Update

15. Other Officers' Updates

Sarina, Comms Officer

Happy to help pushing YF election nominations

Leon, Safeguarding

No safeguarding issues have arisen

Jimmy, Blog Editor

We have had 22 blog posts since the last Exec meeting in July. Highlights include a 5-part series from the Economy and Finance Network on the economic impact of the pandemic, updates from Panny and Hollie about the YES Summer Seminar in Albania, and a contribution from the Campaign Against Off Rolling as part of their launch.

Coming up, the Environment Network have said that they are planning a blog series for early October around actions that local councils can take to combat climate change, to go alongside an event from them on the subject. We are always open to pitches from individuals as well as networks.

I will continue to contact potential guest contributors to make sure we have relevant blog posts from across the Labour movement on the blog. If anyone has any ideas of potential guest contributors, please do also feel free to get in touch!

My email address is jimmy.sergi@youngfabians.org.uk.

16. AOB

AGM location, looking at Leeds or Manchester, will also finalise date as soon as