

# NEC report August/September/October 2013

## Bex Bailey

### Labour Students Summer Training, 10 & 11 August

It was fantastic to see so many activists at this year's Summer Training event in Glasgow. The event covered campaign training, public speaking training, Movement for Change training, as well as campaigning in the Govan by-election and much more.



### Youth Officers Training Day, 18 August

We organised a training day in Manchester, which looked at recruitment, event organisation and campaigning. I delivered a session on campaign training and met a number of Youth Officers and activists from across the country.



### Norwich Campaign Weekend, 24 & 25 August

I attended the Young Labour and Labour Students campaign weekend in August for our parliamentary candidate, Jess Asato. We spoke to lots of voters across the weekend and had good fun doing a community clean-up event!



### Young Labour National Committee meeting, 21 August

I attended this meeting, at which we discussed plans for Annual Conference and decided to submit a contemporary motion on zero hours contracts to Annual Conference. You can find the minutes of our meetings online [here](#). We heard feedback on Young Labour's first ever LGBT conference and our latest youth officer training day. We also had a discussion about the Collins Review.

### Progress 'Winning with Women' Conference, 7 September

I spoke at Progress' first women's conference about engaging young women in politics and policies to consider for the next general election.



### Labour Women's Network Northern Political Day, 14 September

I attended the first LWN Northern Political Day in Manchester and contributed ideas around involving more young women in LWN and the wider party.



### Full NEC meeting, 17 September

I attended the pre-conference NEC meeting, in which we heard about conference arrangements, progress in our battleground seats and the work of the National Policy Forum. Ed Miliband's report focused on Labour's work around the cost of living, the upcoming conference and his speech and party reform. We also heard from Arnie Graf, who told us about the work he was doing around community organising. It was great to hear him praise the work of Wirral Young Labour, who did a fantastic job organising 'The Ragged-Trousered Philanthropists' play.

## Annual Conference, 21-25 September

I attended Women's Conference on 21 September. It was great to see so many young women there from across the country.

We hosted our Youth Day on 22 September. We decided to hold it on the Sunday this year to ensure that young workers and students could attend. The day involved a welcome event for young delegates, during which we gave delegates an idea of what to expect from the week and answered any questions that people had. I chaired a 'Dragon's Den' policy event with Angela Eagle MP (Chair of the National Policy Forum), Karin Christiansen (General Secretary of the Co-operative Party) and John Park (Strategy and Policy Director for Community Trade Union). Loads of great ideas were put forward by members! I was also really pleased that we held an event for young women as part of the day as well, which was fantastically organised by Jo Johnson, our Women's Officer. In the evening we held our Young Labour reception, which was attended by Ed Miliband MP, Harriet Harman MP, Jonny Reynolds MP, Justine Thornton and Iain McNicol.

I sat on the panel for an event with our young international visitors to talk to them about how Young Labour works. I also attended the young councillors breakfast, organised by Cllr Rachel Hodson and the LGA Labour Group. I went to the excellent speech-writing workshop put on for young members by Kirsty McNeill.

On Wednesday morning I chaired the 'Stronger, Safer Communities' policy forum, with Hilary Benn MP, Jack Dromey MP and Helen Goodman MP on the panel.

I attended NEC meetings on Saturday and Tuesday afternoon. I also met with a number of Young Labour members, parliamentary candidates and trade union representatives to discuss building up our Young Labour groups and how Young Labour can work more closely with other organisations.

### **LSE SU Labour dinner, 9 October**



### **LYL new members event, 16 October**

It was fantastic to meet lots of new members at this event. I led a group and we talked about getting involved in the party.

### **Meeting with Shaka Sisulu from ANC Youth, 28 October**

We met to talk about what Young Labour and ANC Youth can learn from each other.

### **Young Labour Women's Conference, 26 October**

I was proud to attend our first ever women's conference, in Newcastle. I've been calling for this for a long time and it was a huge success thanks to our Women's Officer, Jo Johnson, and everyone who attended. We heard from Julie Elliott MP, partook in workshops and chose priority campaigns on sex and relationship education & cuts to domestic violence services.



### **Young Labour National Committee meeting 29 October**

We discussed Annual Conference and Young Labour's next conference. We also discussed Young Labour's first ever equalities conferences. Simon and I were keen for these to happen and the first three have been great, thanks to our excellent equalities officers and all the people who have attended! The last one is the Disabled Members Conference on 30 November – do attend if you self-define!

### **Dunfermline by-election, 19-20 October**

I joined 65 Labour Students campaigning in the Scottish Parliament by-election - a seat which we gained from the SNP.



### **LabourList dinner, 30 October**



### **Young Labour reception in Parliament with Lord Kennedy and Baroness McDonagh, 31 October**



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