

GMB National Young Members Summit (2017) Report

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Election Results:

GMB National Young Members Committee

- Chair - Ruth Pitchford (Northwest & Irish Region)
- Secretary - Rachael Hookway (London Region)
- CEC Observer (1) - Craig Dawson (Northern Region)
- CEC Observer (2) - Beccie Ions (Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region)
- Communications Officer (1) - Jawad Khan (Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region)
- Communications Officer (2) - Alice Pitchford (Northwest & Irish Region)
- TUC Representative (1) - Charlie Gray (Northern Region)
- TUC Representative (2) - Hannah Ruddick (Northern Region)

Endorsements to the Young Labour Party

- Chair - Leigh Drennan (Unison)
- NEC Youth Representative - Laura McNeill (GMB)

Motion Results:

GMB Young Members National Campaign Motion

- *Wages not based on ages*
 - Proposed by: Sam Benham (Birmingham & West Midlands Region)
 - Resolved:
 1. To campaign to end the pay discrimination, and to make employers pay everyone the same hourly rate that workers 25 and over receive
 2. To work with other Trade Unions to campaign on this issue to put pressure on the Government to change this age pay discrimination
 3. To work with MPs on this campaign to get this campaign discussed and voted on in Parliament

GMB Young Members Motion to TUC Young Workers Conference

- *Putting Political Education on School Curricula*
 - Proposed by: Emily Warrillow (Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region)
 - Resolved:
 1. The GMB Young members Network formally commits itself to supporting the introduction of political education in all schools
 2. The Young Members Network campaigns and lobbies the government, specifically the Department for Education, and the Opposition to commit to introducing political education in all schools
 3. The National Network will support the activities of members and regions in raising awareness of the need for political education and any campaign activities aimed at achieving this
 4. The Network will consult and work in conjunction with our fellow trade unionists in the teaching profession on how this will be implemented
 5. The Network will encourage members to support the online petition calling for political education in schools: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200339>

GMB Young Members Standing Order Motions

Only one standing order motion was agreed

- *Two Year Terms*
- Proposed by: Alice Pitchford (North West & Irish Region)
- Resolved:
 1. Summit resolves that changing the term of office of committee members to 2 years will overcome difficulties experienced and enable office holders to develop skills within their terms

Personal Perspective

Overall the summit was a good experience and by far, in my view, the best discussions revolved around the GMB BiFab campaign. It was great to hear a fantastic story about union organisation and campaigning that engaged workers, involved a huge risk, hit an emotional chord with the community and achieved results for the workers in securing the necessary contract for the company and the workers. We also heard from BFAWU members about the McStrike campaign and how they've been able to engage with colleagues and unionise within a number of the restaurants.

As always it is a great experience and opportunity for young members to get more involved and participate in the process.