

Weekly Reports Week Commencing 2nd December

Chairs:

Things we've done:

- Finalised arrangements for the budget and strategy meeting.
- Had two conversations with Sal Brinton and have arranged both an in person meeting with her and her attendance at the next meeting.
- Spoke to Head of Membership about the issues identifying young members and made some progress to a long term solution.
- Arranged a "Policy Forum" online call with former policy officers to help advise on a plan to get YL policy accepted for Federal Conference. This will be followed up by an in person meeting in the new year.
- Set up the English Executive-elects YL emails.
- Had further discussions with Party Directors at HQ about ways to improve cooperation with the Federal Party.
- Have been in contact with the Pastoral Officer at HQ to arrange training for the new year.
- Received a response from Lord Newby (our leader in the Lords) about the Lord Lester suspension vote and have resolved to try and organise an in person meeting in the new year.
- Sent letters to send to all of our MPs ahead of the upcoming Brexit vote with responses from 5/12 received so far.
- Had a conference call with Alex and Kathy to discuss plans for upcoming training and to clarify who's managing what.
- Have drawn up a list of YL SAO and Party Reps - to be discussed and appointed at next meeting.
- Have continued to work with Digital Department at HQ to migrate all the State Domains onto the Young Liberals G-Suite and move websites to correct domains.
- Am working with HQ to resolve issues around YL email accounts not sending emails.
- Had talks with FFS and Hope Not Hate about future collaboration.
- Had a conference call with Harry and Charlie to discuss our Brexit campaign and actions to be taken over coming weeks.

Vice Chair: Nothing to report

Finance:

Done

- Spoken to banks to get the right forms
- Reimbursements for 03/11/18 meeting
- Travel expenses proposals for 15/12/18 meeting

To Do

- Get budget proposals for 15/12/18 meeting
- Print out forms and bring them to 15/12/18 meeting for signing

- Sort out the PayPal

Communications:

This fortnight I have been continuing to put material out on the Facebook and Twitter accounts, which have received a good range of interactions.

In addition, I have been working with the Campaigns Officer and the Co-Chairs on a new Brexit campaign in the run up to the meaningful vote, details of which you will see shortly.

I am still working on my budget proposal and strategy proposal for the Exec meeting on 15th December.

There is another vacancy on Communications Committee due to the resignation of Tara Hussain, and co-options for this along with the unfilled one will be opening in due course.

Campaigns:

Policy:

Done:

Housing working group met

To do:

Begin going through lapsing policies to prep for next conference
Organise criminal records group

Events:

I've been very behind with things however I have Conference to Organise. I need to contact FCC to find out more about the logistics of York given current staffing issues. I've been learning up about GDPR for event management. Much to do, little done. Hopefully next report will be more productive.

Membership Development:

Contacted Harry and Charlie to begin work on a set of online resources for comms, campaigns and branch growth

- Contacted Hermione to set a specific location for the women and non-binary members' day (though it will be in Birmingham no matter what)
- Begun work on an itinerary for the women and non-binary members' day
- Begun speaking with regional chairs-elect re. training and members' days for their regions

To do:

- Contact all regional chairs-elect and state chairs to discuss what they want from federal MemDev
- Finalise date, location and training for the women and non-binary members' day

Welfare and Accessibility:

Have begun organising the Student Pride stall for February
Made contact with a BAME rep to help with a membership day and passed the email along to Alex
Gone over the document for conference proposals and changed some wording (with Huw) to ensure the quiet room and a few other accessibility needs are met
Had a meeting with Alex and Callum to go over the first few events we have planned

International:

Done:

Attended IFLRY General Assembly in Barcelona
Emailed Harry about website
Set up LYMEC London Fundraising meeting
Spoken to International Office about Liberal International organisations
Attended FRIC meeting

To do:

Draft Budget
Attend fundraising meeting
General admin for LYMEC London

IFLRY Report:

From the 23-25 November I took a small delegation of YL members to Barcelona. This was the first time YL has been able to attend an IFLRY General Assembly since 2016, as such we did not submit any policy as I was unfamiliar with the process. We did however support some policies submitted by our partners in JNC.

It is clear that IFLRY is a very different organisation to LYMEC, which both I and YL have greater experience of working with. As such I believe we need to adopt a different approach to our relationship with IFLRY. I believe that YL should be supporting our other young liberals across the world and that IFLRY provides a way for us to do that and would be the perfect medium to offer training in areas which we and the Liberal Democrats have significant experience which our sister parties do not. I am currently considering how we can best engage with our sister parties through IFLRY.

Non Portfolio:

Nothing much to report. Meeting to discuss the age change proposal has been arranged and I'm prepped for that so just waiting until then to move forward. Should discuss a bit with the chairs before. Plan to begin work on some of my other manifesto pledges in the meantime if I have time over the next two weeks.

English Chair:

Preparing handover notes for Jack & will be contacting EC reps about the English Council meeting on Saturday which is taking place in Birmingham. Next week will report back on that.

Welsh Chair:

Nothing to report

Scottish Chair:

Nothing to report