

Chair – Tara Copeland

- The debate in conjunction with the Paddy Ashdown Forum has been now postponed although all the debaters for the event have been selected (Aria Babu, Matt Craven, Cat McDougall, Harry Samuels, Chessie Flack, and Chris Annous)
- We are in the process of trying out our new two tier co-option process
 - If all goes well I'm hoping to formalise the process with changes to the exec regs/constitution
- Everyone who should have Nationbuilder access now has Nationbuilder access and EYL email lists should now be sorted thanks to Chessie
- Met with Terry from the LGA, he is very eager to work with us in supporting young councillors
 - They have events for Young councillors that he has asked when they arise can we advertise, and he has also said that he can help us with our Young & Winning campaigns and advertising
- I scheduled an emergency executive meeting to address the recent changes in circumstances due to COVID-19
 - We discussed changing our strategy and the changes to specific roles, new campaigns ideas, and how to support our members
- On March 26th I attended the Federal Board Meeting
 - The possibility of cancelling Autumn Conference or possibly moving it online was discussed, a decision on this though will be made a bit later as there was no clear consensus but an obvious hesitancy to simply go ahead as currently planned
 - Staff furlough plans were also discussed set to be done on a voluntary basis
 - The Party Bodies Review Group was appointed
 - A decision was made to postpone the leadership election until May 2021
 - This was not a unanimous decision and was made by a process of two votes, the first vote was whether to keep the original time table or to delay. I voted to keep the original time table. The second vote was whether to have an Autumn time table or a May time table. I voted to have an Autumn time table.
 - Reasons given for the long delay were that candidates for leader should be focusing more on their duties to their constituents than on a leadership race, that it would look self-indulgent and inward looking to the public to be holding a leadership race during a crisis, our previous decision on timing around the local elections was taken into consideration, that members are focusing on COVID-19 and the things happening in their personal lives as a result (illness, death, money stresses, etc) and that it would be inappropriate to ask them to divert their attention away from these important issues to focus on a leadership election

Vice Chair – Charlie Murphy

No Report Submitted

Finance Officer – Finn Conway

To Do from 22/02:

1. Publicise Branch Development Fund (**I**)
2. Publicise Access Funds (**C**)
3. Follow up on International Delegate Fund (**D**)
4. Follow up on LYMEC and IFLRY affiliation fee payments (**E**)
5. Agree on ticket prices for Summer Conference (**F**)
6. Publish tickets for Summer Conference (*n/a*)
7. Agree on timeline for Freshers Campaign (**II**)
8. Make a decision on conference leaflet for Spring Conference (*n/a*)
9. Follow up on bank signatories with RBS and NatWest (**III**)
10. Get Online Banking access for RBS (**IV**)

Done since 22/02:

- A. Paid 22/02 travel expenses to those who submitted receipts on time
- B. Called for 28/03 travel expenses proposals (and then cancelled them)
- C. Publicised Spring Conference Access Fund - conference cancelled
- D. Settled on International Delegate Fund system - conferences cancelled
- E. Paid all LYMEC and IFLRY affiliation fees
- F. Agreed on ticket prices for Summer Conference - conference cancelled
- G. Submitted February PPERA Accounting Return
- H. Submitted GE2019 Party Spend Return (hopefully)
- I. Completed 2019 Annual Accounts

To Do before 25/04:

- I. Publicise Branch Development Fund
- II. Agree on timeline for Freshers Campaign
- III. Follow up on bank signatories with RBS and NatWest
- IV. Get Online Banking access for RBS
- V. Make sure everything is cancelled for Summer Conference
- VI. Submit March PPERA Account Return
- VII. Pay outstanding debts to individuals

Communications Officer – Dan Schmeising

Unfortunately due to personal circumstances as well as the outbreak of COVID-19 I have found myself in a situation where I've had to prioritise other areas of my life over YL over the last few weeks. I'd like to apologise for this, and thank the executive for picking up the slack wherever feasible.

My focus over the last few weeks has been getting us to a place where we are communicating more frequently with members via email; it remains the most reliable medium of reaching out to

many Young Liberals. By the time you read this there will have been a follow-up to the mental health webinar, and a more general update as to our plans for changing how we work in the current climate early next week. My goal is to get to the point where we have content to send out via email once a week; if you have something you think members would like to know I'd be happy to have a look.

My aim with social media is to highlight where the government can be doing more. We have a little bit of a balancing act to do - I want to be sure we're putting out content that will interest our internal and external audiences. I'll be ramping this up as my life returns to some semblance of normality - one of the best things you can do is signal boost our content when you see it!

Other projects in early stages:

- I'll be looking at a more structured format for a YL chat. This will need stringent moderation tools - I'm currently considering Discord and Slack. If you have any other ideas please let me know.
- We'll be launching a weekly Forum discussion thread on a variety of topics in the very near future.
- I've been running a mini Forum recruitment campaign of sorts - if you have YL friends who aren't yet members, please encourage them to join (and fill in the membership questions)!

Comms is going to be a central part of our strategy in the coming months as we adapt to a more socially distant world. Thank you for your patience while I get myself into a position to do this role the justice it deserves and please email me if you have questions!

Campaigns Officer – Vacant

Policy Officer – James Bliss

The FPC meeting at spring conference was obviously cancelled alongside the conference itself, and I unfortunately missed the virtual one this week so I don't have a report for FPC meetings.

With spring conference cancelled, this has meant a lot of the immediate work we were doing on submitting amendments was made null.

With activate cancelled/postponed this has obviously meant what I had been working on, getting ready to start the deadline/policy drafting advice process, has been put on indefinite hold.

So overall everything I've been doing since the last (full) meeting has ended up being cancelled or made redundant.

Immediate things going forward, that I will be working with Policy Committee (and others who offered at the last meeting on particular areas) on are:

- Organising the policy book
- Writing Policy and Conference guides
- Settings up a plan for what we submit to autumn conference, hopefully with member input
- Policy discussions/engagements with the membership during the lockdown/summer.

Events Officer – Michael Chappell

No Report Submitted

Membership Development Officer – Alex Howarth

Unfortunately, my report this time is going to be very short. We have delayed indefinitely the mini-Activates in London and Newcastle, and the Membership Day in Manchester. We have also been forced to delay indefinitely the physical portion of the ERASMUS campaign, though I hope to work with Dan to produce some kind of digital campaign.

Fortunately, some progress has been made re. age range changes. I have contacted Mark Pack and sent him the document agreed at the last physical meeting. Tara, Mark and I will hopefully hold a digital meeting in the coming weeks with a view to obtaining his support for the changes.

Accessibility, Diversity, and Standards – Katharine Macy

No Report Submitted

International Officer – Catriona McDougall

No Report Submitted

Non-Portfolio Officer – Guy Benson

As discussed last weekend the main focus since the last meeting has been in my role of interim campaigns officer - my focus was on setting up and unfortunately then cancelling Y&W! - see outline below:

- * Agreed finalised wording for Y&W application form with Kathy
- * Worked with Chessie and Tara to set up typeform and send Y&W email
- * Organised the set up of Sheffield YL action day on Facebook and agreed to fund them with £300 on account of having three YL candidates running (Had worked with Sheffield first as they proactively contacted me before the Y&W form was officially published as they had three YL candidates running and actively wanted YL help)
- * Had collated the list of other applicants and had been planning on going through that list to work out funding and action day set up the weekend that the local elections were postponed
- * Sent email to all applicants thanking them and explaining the situation regarding Y&W in light of postponement

In terms of agenda - while I don't have anything specific I want to say I'm not sure where we got too on what is going on with the BAME co-option? So could I get an update on that?

Additionally, once we know the leadership timetable on Thursday, it might be good to discuss what the "YL" plan for the leadership election so maybe having this on agenda just as a general discussion point as I know Jack had ideas about a YL hustings and there was an early idea about circulating a list of young person/student questions which I'd like to work on if no one has started - might be good to have a general discussion unless timetable is pushed back on Thursday.

English Chair – Jack Worrall

I cannot remember the last time that I reported to YL so to recap:

- English Council took place where we passed the £4,000 increase, we filled all but one of our delegates. This was cut short due to the tragic loss of David Hughes at the meeting.
- I helped draft a letter to Gerald Vernon-Jackson sending YL/EYL's condolences to the family and friends of David Hughes. This resulted in an invite to watch the webcast of the funeral which was a great celebration of David's life. We sung the land!
- I have followed up to make sure that every YL person there has the contact info of the party's pastoral officer.
- We are having an EYL Meeting on Sunday with both Tara and Alison Rouse (The EP Vice Chair for Regional Development)
- I had a meeting of the ECE at York nonference via Zoom where we mainly discussed the challenges Coronavirus faced as well as filling the various vacancies in the English Party.
- I am pleased to announce that the English Council Executive now has 3 member of YL on it, the English Candidates Committee has 1 member of YL on it and the Regional Parties Committee has one member of YL on it. This is up from just myself last year.

Welsh Chair – Chloe Hutchinson

No updates to report with Wales. Bank statements should be sorted by the meeting and Julius is keeping Finn in the loop.

Scottish Chair – Christopher Wilson & Andrew Reynolds

No Report Submitted