

# **Minutes: Young Liberals Federal Executive Meeting 13/07/2020 (Virtual)**

## **Apologies**

Charlie Murphy, Vice Chair

Alex Howarth, Membership Development Officer

## **In Attendance**

TC Tara Copeland, Chair

FC Finn Conway, Finance Officer

DS Dan Schmeising, Communications Officer

JB James Bliss, Policy Officer

JP Joshan Parmar, Events Officer

KM Katharine Macy, Diversity and Accessibility Officer

CMcD Catriona McDougall, International Officer

AH Alex Howarth, Membership Development Officer

PD Pushkin Defeyer, BAME Officer

GB Guy Benson, Non-Portfolio Officer

AR Andrew Reynolds, Chair, Scottish Young Liberals

CH Chloe Hutchinson, Chair, Welsh Young Liberals

JW Jack Worrall, Chair, English Young Liberals

CF Chessie Flack, Liberal Democrat Youth and Student Development Officer

## **No Apologies**

## **Minutes taken by:**

KM Katharine Macy, Diversity and Accessibility Officer

- AH leaves with apologies

## Federal Conference Update

### What training?

- Friday - Setting up a YL Branch (Tara and Alex)
- Fundraising (Hannah and the fundraising team ft. Alex)
- Chessie will also be doing training but hopefully won't clash so can step in

### Fringe sessions

- TC - ALDES hope to work with us
- Ideas not been discussed much - social sessions probably need a brainstorm
  - DS - Graduates fringe - in line with increasing age range group
  - Networking sessions may be set up
    - Concerns on safeguarding both for under 18s and over raised by KM & CH
    - JB stats federal were aware of this
- Can use the zoom to continue sessions etc. (avoiding paying for fringes when we can

### Stall

- Videos - what we as YL do, exec members doing videos etc.
- JP leaves with apologies

### Access fund

- We will be offering an access fund for federal conference

### Action points:

- Continue to organise training and advertise (Alex)
- Work out fringe sessions (Joshua)
- Develop video idea for stall (Joshua)
- Clarification on young person concession for (Chessie)
- Advertise both early bird prices and the access fund (Finn)

## Freshers

### Introduction

- Contingency planning occurring due to lack of communication from campaigns officer
- TC - Type form to be sent out asking how unis will be conducting freshers fair
- TC - Pens, bottle openers etc. much more popular than leaflets
- JW - petitions work well

### Online freshers work

- CH - work with Lib Dem Image to provide party branded stuff for in person freshers if not YL
- DS - Ask HQ to run ads
- FC we can run ads in targeted areas for free due to covid

### Resources

- FC - Booster packs were popular

- GB - how would we pack boxes?
- TC - worst case scenario a socially distanced Tara and Chessie
- Wales campaign - music venues/climate emergency
  - Will be using discord etc. and trying to make WYL a community
- Scotland brainstorming
- TC - states to only have 1 extra campaign

### Action points:

- Continue contingency plan (All exec - Tara, Chessie)
- Attempt to get in to contact with campaigns officer (Tara)
- Send typeform out to societies (Tara)
- States to sort campaigns by 26/07/2020 (CH, AR)

## Indefinite leave to remain campaign

- GB - had a meeting with ST, PD, & MK (Meraj Khan)
- Contacting Christie to find an MP to write an early day motion
- GB emailed DS for website page/petition/how to write to your MP
- DS hesitant on copy and pasted letters - often blocked by MPs
- GB points out numbers required for this
- KM suggests two templates, one to be completely copied and pasted and one encouraging personalised/different writing
- TC has emailed PA - wants evidence of what we've been doing

### Action points

- DS to email back and organise page/find your MP etc (Dan)
- Something to be done to show Christine (Pushkin & Guy)
- Proposal to have the chairs of groups sign it (Pushkin)
- Potential petition (on hold)

## Istanbul Convention

- Re-task people as it's fallen through the cracks
- Scotland and Wales supportive but needs federal support

### Action points

- Charlie and Katharine to pick it up - same style as indefinite leave to remain
- Potential petition (on hold)

# EURASMUS

- Fallen through cracks due to covid
- This is important still but covid is meaning international travel and years abroad are not a big concern

No action points - put on hiatus

# YL Phone Bank

- JW - we need to action someone who was the permissions to make a list for YL phone banking
- Volunteers not approached yet - exec and regional chairs will be approached
- We will need to find out how big lists are and how many new people join when we get the list together

## Action points

- Create list for phone banking (Tara, Dan and Chessie)
- Draft a script (Tara, Dan and Chessie)
- Find volunteers (Jack)

# Slack

## Action points (for all elected positions)

- Use slack - has an app and a desktop function
- Please use threads
- All important documents should be emailed to be saved - not slack
- All important discussions should be emailed, not slacked

# Facebook groups

- We have a lot and we need to delete and clear them out
- KM suggests a linked website page or something to advertise all the official groups

## Action points

- Create links and round up all YL/Young Liberals groups - Tara, Katharine, Chessie