



Thinking of standing for the EYL executive?

Being on the English Young Liberals executive is a hugely rewarding experience - you will learn new skills, meet new people, and achieve exciting things. It's hard work but definitely worth it.

If you haven't been involved before, don't let that put you off. New people are always welcome, and you will find the English Young Liberals to be a supportive and inclusive environment.

The election process is run entirely online, and you will have the opportunity to put together a manifesto that showcases your skills, experience, and vision, to win members over and get yourself elected. We have a Facebook group for discussing the elections, where members will ask questions of candidates to help them decide who to support [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1561429224079412/>]. You can also use this group to share and discuss your ideas about the year ahead for the English Young Liberals. You can also push your campaign on social media, for example by creating a Facebook page or Twitter account.

Before deciding to stand, think about whether you have the time to carry out the role for the next year. If you have many other commitments, it might be worth considering a job-share, or standing for one of the committees instead.

You absolutely don't have to stand for a role to participate fully with the English Young Liberals. If you attend YL conferences, you can still shape our policy, and hold our executive to account.

If you want to be actively involved in other projects, you can always contact the executive members coordinating them via firstname.lastname@youngliberals.uk throughout the year.

Who should I contact with questions?

The current Federal Executive are more than happy to answer any of your questions on what we do; you can find our contact details on our website [<http://www.youngliberals.uk/exec>]

Elections are coordinated by our Returning Officer, who this year is Neil Fawcett. Any questions about the election process should be directed to Neil on elections@youngliberals.uk. Please remember that Neil is volunteering to be our Returning Officer and has other pressures on his time - you may not get an immediate response to your questions but please do be patient.

What should a manifesto include?

Your election manifesto is your chance to set out why members should vote for you. It could include information such as:

- **Goals**
What are your key priorities in the role? Which are most important to you? How will you do things differently to your predecessor? Are there any ambitious new projects that you would like to suggest? How can members judge whether you have been successful?
- **Qualifications**
Why are you best placed to achieve these goals? Do you have any relevant experience? Or do you have personal, professional, or volunteering successes that our members ought to know about?
- **Motivation**
Why do you want to stand for the role?
- **Background**
A few basic facts about yourself e.g. What are you studying, if you're a student? Where are you from? Are you an energetic new member or an experienced hand? How do you spend your free time?

What roles are available?

The roles available are set out here: http://www.youngliberals.uk/eyl_elects

Below we have outlined the usual responsibilities of the various roles; you have the ability to shape your role and prioritise different goals. One of the things candidates will set out in election manifestos should be exactly *what* you hope to achieve in your role - and this manifesto will be what your voters can measure your success against. Regardless of your role, we expect all executive members to be friendly and supportive of our members, to put forwards a good impression of the English Young Liberals, and to pitch in and volunteer when other exec members have difficulties.

How does a job-share work?

You can stand as a job-share for any role, where two people carry out the role together. This can be a good way to spread the workload especially for demanding roles like Events officer, and may be a sensible way to manage your time to allow for other commitments. For example, if you are a student, a job share can be handy at exam time. It may be worth considering a job share with someone who has complementary skill sets: for example, one is very detail-oriented, while the other is a good public speaker.

In a job share you will have to rely on one another, so make sure you stand with someone who you can work well with. You will share one vote on the executive with the other half of your job share, and have the role *specifically* as the two of you; this means that if one of you leaves office, you both leave office; although if one resigns the other may remain in a temporary capacity until the vacancy is filled.

English Young Liberals Executive

Chair

- Organise and chair executive meetings.
- Be the voice of Regional Chairs to the Federal YL Exec and raise their concerns.
- Take the initiative to make sure things happen, including supporting the rest of the exec.
- Represent EYL to the rest of the party, English Council, the English Council Executive and to our own members.
- Ensure that EYL remains compliant with their own and the YL constitution.
- Coordinate with the YL Executive to ensure EYL elections are held promptly and within their constitutional timeframes.
- Work with Regional Chairs to support and sponsor events/activities in their areas.

Regional Chairs

- Coordinate, run and support events and activities within their respective areas.
- Work with the English Chair to develop the membership and societies within their areas.
- Ensure that the concerns of local groups and societies are communicated to the English Executive so they can be raised on a Federal level.
- Help develop Campaigns and Freshers topics so they can take into account of local considerations and concerns.

English Council Reps (x9)

- Represent the interests of EYL to the English Council and support the Chair in pushing for greater support for YL from the Council.