

EYL Meeting Minutes 21/06/2020

Attendance

Jack Worrall, Thom Campion, Stephanie Holmes, Kian Hearnshaw, Luke Jeffery, Billy Thomas, Chris Small, Alex Howarth, Eleanor Kelly, Sophie Thornton

Sophie Thornton Campaigns Officer

- Digital technology, mental health and race equality will be the main focus of our freshers fair campaign. However, this has yet to be confirmed and folk can still feed into this. Campaigns committee yet to decide. Climate change might also feature. Currently designing the leaflet structure.
- Other campaigns - leave to remain, Istanbul convention, Erasmus are all quite quiet at the moment due to the coronavirus which is our main focus at the moment. Alex Howarth added context to this.
- Discussion on the troubles of a Coronavirus Freshers campaign. Each uni will have to make a decision if they can hold an in person or a virtual one, these decisions are likely to be made quite late.
- Thom Campion suggested that we use surveys, get data and facebook advertise at unis for those who have virtual freshers campaigns. This could come out of the accredited society funds.
- Regional Chairs to feedback to Sophie Thornton/Billy Thomas on anything freshers related.

English Council

- Jack outlined one spicy motion that is likely to come to the English Council. It calls for a full independent review of all bodies in the party including the English Party and the regions.
- Luke Jeffery pointed out that there is an effort to merge the Devon and Cornwall Regional Party with the Western Counties.
- Billy - We need to make sure that our grant is secure.
- Thom - Regional Boundaries make no sense at all, we need to rethink the regions in our party and possibly join up several regions together
- Kian - we need to be careful, how much extra power can we give regions and still be effective? Do we want 11 more seats on Federal Board
- Jack - I think it would be a holistic look at how regions/state/federal all work together. I think it would result in a across the board look at all this rather than a situation where you have several different regions applying to become states.
- Alex - What is the process now?
- Jack - This discussion is to help those on English Council to feed back to the group that is bringing this motion concerns and maybe amend it before the council takes place to secure the interests of YL. At that point the English Council reps will make a decision.

GE Review

- There hasn't really been a response from YL into the GE review
- Broad consensus from Thom Campion's proposal that YL needs to come up with a response and conduct our own review into what we did at the General Election and how we operate
- Broad consensus that YL's campaign was as bad as the federal parties
- **Jack and Billy to go write a proposal to bring to YL exec**

Reports from Regions (Anything folk wanted to share)

- North East - No accredited societies anymore. Several membership events with a good attendance from YL members. Launching a diversity and inclusion survey
- East Mids - Lost Lincoln Society, Notts and Liecester in trouble too. Region conducting a 5 year strategy and YL has contributed towards that
- Devon and Cornwall - Leadership Q&A with hopefully all 3 candidates.with all the uni societies. Regional meetings will take place too.
- ECE - YL added 3 points to this, 3 members coopted onto the exec, most of them are fine. ECC has adopted a policy of Self ID for all candidates. RPC are working through the backlog of disciplinary cases

EYL GM and Constitution

- Alex - The constitution is now readable and several changes have been drafted to clear up a few discrepancies. Anyone in the exec can read the changes and propose new ones before the close date for motions.
- The EYL GM should be "Fast and Painless"
- **All exec members to look at the constitution and feedback to Alex.**

Training for new EYL Regional Chairs

- Alex delivered his training intended to be given to new Regional Chairs in 2021 and asked folk to feed back to him on it.
- **Alex to post the slides in the Slack.**
- **All exec members to feedback to Alex on the slides.**