

Young Fabian Exec – minutes

Present: Ellie Groves, Ria Bernard, Kuba Stawiski, Charlotte Norton, Ben West, Jack Phipps, Nathaneal Amos-Sansam, Jade Symonds, Rebecca Meredith (arrived during meeting).

Non-exec members present: Tristan Grove, Deeba Syed, Alex Georgiou, Nadia Islam (arrived during meeting)

Action points in bold.

I. Minutes from last meeting

1. **The minutes of the last exec were taken as read.**

II. The Chair's report

1. Ellie Groves informed the exec the amendments to the Fabian constitution had been passed.
2. Ellie informed the exec that the Fabian Society would be testing a cut-off period for elections with the Young Fabians.
3. Ellie noted the website change and CBCRM would happen in the summer.
4. **Ellie and the exec agreed, after a discussion, that Ellie, Kyalo Burt-Fulcher and Kuba Stawiski would meet with Andy Harrop about the switch to CBCRM.**
5. Ellie informed the exec that the Fabian Society would be issuing an email to inform members paying the student rate, having already graduated, that their rates would be automatically switched.
6. Ellie noted local Fabian Society rules were discussed at the Fabian Society executive meeting.
7. Ellie thanked Kuba Stawiski and Ria Bernard for our work on emails and network emails. Ria Bernard noted BAME and Devolution and Local Government emails were outstanding.
8. Ellie Groves informed the exec about the progress of the Brexit pamphlet. 14 pitches to write articles were received. Georgina Howard, a Chatham House employee (with no overlap with Ellie) and not a YF member, would be the independent assessor.

She would receive the pitches anonymised, but with the gender of the applicant highlighted.

9. Applicants would hear back on Sunday and multiple candidates could be chosen to write one chapter, Ellie informed the exec.

10. **A Tweet with the names of the successful applicants was agreed.**

III. Secretary report

1. Kuba Stawiski informed the exec that all members and networks now had email addresses and the issue with emails had been resolved. Any YF exec member who could not log in should contact him directly.
2. Kuba noted the progress of the nationbuilder training for Network Steering Committee Officers.
3. Following Kuba's presentation, the exec discussed nationbuilder permissions for Network Steering Committee Officers. **It was agreed Network Steering Committee Officers would be able to issue email blasts, having first cleared these with Kuba Stawiski of a constitutional officer.**
4. Kuba noted the statistics of the bulletin and the success it had had. **Jack Phipps asked if the "events" section could be higher up. Kuba agreed.**
5. Kuba informed the exec of the progress of constructing a section of the website to publish minutes.
6. **Ellie Groves asked if the photos of Network Chairs could be put on the website. Kuba agreed.**
7. **An email to members to sign up for the various Network distribution lists was discussed and agreed.**
8. **After a discussion, it was agreed Network Chairs would become admins of the Facebook page to be able to create events.**

IV. Accounts

1. Kyalo Burt-Fulcher informed the exec the accounts had been passed to him and he would be able to make payments once he received the cardreader.
2. The Nationbuilder invoice, with a deadline of the 19th of April, was discussed.
3. Kyalo informed the exec of his provisional regional budgets of £200 pounds a year per local Young Fabian groups.

4. Kyalo informed the exec of the state of the accounts: he thought there was around £7000 pounds in the accounts and around £200 on PayPal. He also noted there were about £800 of expenses to be paid when internet banking was set up.
5. **The sign-off procedure for expenses, involving asking Kyalo as Treasurer if the expense was reasonable, was agreed.**
6. **Following a discussion on Network budgets, with contributions from the Network Officers present at the meeting, a formal approval procedure for Network expenses, following the standard procedures, was agreed. This would be based on the procedure for London Young Labour expenses, to be provided by one of the members of the YF exec who were at the time or had been in the past members of the London Young Labour executive.**
7. **In addition, a baseline figure of £100 per Network for the next five months was agreed.**
8. Ellie Groves and Kyalo informed the Network Officers present that Networks are able to separately fundraise.

V. Anticipations update

1. **Charlotte Norton informed the exec of Antics discussions, including providing access for Ben Gartside, Contributing Editor, to Nationbuilder. This was agreed.**
2. Charlotte informed the exec of her work to provide a steady stream of blog contributions.
3. Charlotte asked the executive to ask female members to pitch for Anticipations and the Antics blog.
4. Charlotte informed the exec that the blog would be themed around the 1997 election at the beginning of May.

VI. Young Fabian Boat Party.

1. Jade Symonds informed the exec of her progress organising the Young Fabian Boat Party. The boat hired last year would cost £1300 pounds. A larger boat was available for £1400 pounds.
2. **The hiring of the larger boat, *Aventure*, was agreed.**
3. **The date of the Young Fabian Boat Party, the 29th of July, was agreed.**

4. **A minimum raise target of £1500 was also agreed.**
5. **A tickbox for a charitable donation to the Young Fabian Aspiration fund was agreed.**
6. **Jade presented the exec with the option of a free drink included in the ticket. The additional cost for a free drink included in the ticket was discussed and rejected.**
7. A provisional launch date of the 9th of May, after the local elections, was discussed.
8. Jade and the exec agreed a better ticketing system needed to be devised.
9. Inviting guests, and the necessity in that case of stopping the boat, was discussed.
10. Jade presented her plan for the first social event, Pizza & Policy on sex education, and the joint Fabian Women's Network social.

VII. Membership Officer's update

1. Nathaneal Amos-Sansam delivered his report on the breakdown of the membership. Nathaneal can provide figures, as long as it remains within data protection laws, on request. Kyalo Burt-Fulcher suggested this data could be analysed alongside general Fabian membership.
2. **Nathaneal informed the exec of his plan to introduce a feedback form for events. This was agreed.**

VIII. Executive Members' Updates

1. Rebecca Meredith noted she and Emma Booth do not have a named role on the executive and asked for a discussion on an appropriate role.
2. Rebecca characterised her proposed role on the Executive as Officer responsible for promoting Fabian policy with MPs and journalists.
3. Rebecca suggested she could help organise pamphlet launches. Other exec members noted pamphlets are required to organise their launch events and suggested different projects.
4. A provisional title of Policy and Research Liaison Officer was suggested for Rebecca and Emma's roles.
5. Rebecca noted her role would not conflict with the communications responsibilities of the Secretary.
6. Rebecca expressed a wish for her role to be supplementary and that she would not

seek to take control of output produced by members.

7. Rebecca noted the Young Fabians had been criticised in the past for not being involved in the Labour Party enough.
8. Jade Symonds raised the issue of not conflicting events with canvassing sessions organised by local CLPs.
9. Network Steering Committee members present raised concerns about the Young Fabians becoming too involved with the Labour Party as an organisation, rather than as individual members. The proud independence of the Young Fabians was noted by Tristan Grove and Deeba Syed, Comms and Law Network Chairs.
10. Tristan Grove further highlighted the need to get members involved in local Labour campaigns, rather than the Young Fabians as an institution.
11. Ria Bernard further pointed to the prohibition on campaigning outside General Elections, derived from the Fabian constitution and the importance of preserving the policy role of the Fabians. Rebecca denied her plan was to transform the Young Fabians into a campaigning organisation within the Labour Party. Jack Phipps highlighted the importance of campaigning to the perceptions of the Young Fabians.
12. Ellie Groves instructed Rebecca to provide a more detailed outline of her proposed role.
13. Jack Phipps outlined his plan for an event on becoming involved in various socialist societies and the Labour Party, with an all-female panel.
14. Ria Bernard informed the exec of her work with Networks.
15. Ria told the exec of the joint calendar and room booking form for networks.
16. Ria read out Luke John Davies' report on regional activity, which included his work with local Fabian societies. LJ's report also focused on the need for local societies to receive emails.
17. LJ's report also included mention of the local Fabian conference in Oxford, for which a Young Fabian fringe was suggested.

IX. Brexit Pamphlet - already discussed.

X. Proposal - Slydon Lungu

1. Ellie Groves discussed her conversations with Slydon Lungu regarding his pamphlet proposal.

XI. Proposal - Nadia Islam - moved to next meeting.

XII. Proposal - Isaac Turner

1. Ria Bernard informed the exec of Isaac Turner's pleasure that his project had been accepted. An email and selection process for the project would follow.

XIII. Networks

1. Network Officers present, Deeba Syed, Tristan Grove and Nadia Islam, informed the exec of upcoming events.

XIV. A.O.B.

1. Ellie Groves noted the need to discuss the two Young Fabian fringe sessions for the Labour Party conference.