

YF Exec Meeting

Wednesday 14 July, 7pm (Zoom Meeting ID: 876 6747 3875; Passcode: 225965;

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Present: Nicki Adeleke, Laura Cunliffe-Hall, Tobi Dada, Owen Michael, Jack Parker, Victoria Parrett, Emma Stevenson, Mark Whittaker, Hollie Wickens, Cameron Beavan-King, Elly Savva

1. Introductions & Apologies
Apologies: Amber Khan, James Potts, Albie Mills
2. Approval of [minutes](#)
Minutes approved
3. Update on actions from last meeting
No actions from last meeting that need updates
4. Network and Advocacy Group Officers' Updates

Economy & Finance

Pamphlet is making good progress, awaiting re-drafts from contributors for review and editing

The E&F network would not be placing a bid for an event in Conference, 2021. However, we intend to do so once the pamphlet is finished. The network aims to circulate a hard copy of the pamphlet for members to then raise awareness for an event in September, 2022

Intergenerational Foundation:

Two articles have been written by Chris and Matt, which Mark Whittaker has reviewed and forwarded

Housing pamphlet:

In final stages in review and Chris Wongsosaputro is one of the contributors to that pamphlet

If there is appetite I can conduct another Python lesson on how to do lovely visualisations within Python? - will check with E&F network

Nick Trickett is in conversation with International Network to have a potential event in 2021, Q3-Q4. The event is on energy transitioning, fused with an angle on security, emerging markets. An aspiration is to get Adam Tooze on the panel

Robyn Arthey is in convo with the International Network to have a potential event in 2021, Q3-Q4

Communications

Laura said that capacity pressures and some members having to step back had limited them, but they have been discussing future events

LGBTQIA+

Owen said that Dylan has stepped down, so they have a vacancy on their exec, and some events are coming soon

Devolution & Local Government

They are planning an event with the Labour Metro Mayors who were newly elected in May as they hit their first 100 days

Arts & Culture

They want to launch their pamphlet this weekend as it's finally completed, with some events for it in future

They also have a semi-planned theatre trip for the network for mid-August, which they will be promoting soon

Technology

They are continuing with their podcast and may try to do something around their AI campaign at Labour Conference

Education

They've been doing quite a few events, would like to do more to coincide with their current pamphlet. It's slightly behind schedule but all articles have now been submitted for review and they built this in to their timings

Jack, Networks Officer

The housing pamphlet is nearly there and ready for launch, then they'll start planning a time and events

5. National and Regional Officers' Updates

West Midlands

They're holding an event with Birmingham Council, and look at a social after summer

Owen, National Officer

The East Midlands group has now been established, and Warwick may set up a university group

6. Discussion: [Calendar](#) for the next two months

22nd July is the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in Norway on young socialists. There is a commemorative event and Mark W said we're hoping to have YF representation there

7. Decision: Date, location and format for YF AGM, November.
 - a. Overall Fabians AGM will be Sat 13 Nov in Leeds, hybrid format (details tbc)
 - b. Proposal from Mark for YF AGM: Sat 20 Nov in Birmingham, hybrid format (aligning with Fabians' hybrid arrangements if possible). Constitutional amendments etc to be submitted by end Mon 1 Nov, papers (inc. new YF Exec membership) to be shared Mon 8 Nov
 Mark explained that the proposed timing of the YF AGM would give the newly elected exec three weeks to discuss their roles.
 Birmingham was suggested as the location because it's quite central and relatively easy to get to from across the country
 We're hoping this can be in a hybrid format, and will see how the Fabian Society manages theirs
 No objections were raised, and **Mark, Hollie and James will discuss venues and booking**
8. Discussion: [YF Exec Election rules and timeline](#) (to be aligned with Fabians EC and FWN elections)
 These are based on last year's rules. The main point is that it has to be aligned with Fabian and FWN elections this year, so will need to give notice in early August, nominations to close early September
 Voting period has to run for a month as per Fabian rules
 No negative campaigning, no slates, no factions, no use of official YF channels or any YF data for candidate promotion, no campaigning for a particular role
 Mark will need to restrict email access doing purdah
 Mark has no conflict of interest as outgoing chair, he and Adam Allnutt will be returning officers
 Group photos are fine for social channels, just can't use network twitter to promote candidates
 Candidates for the elections can still be on panels but their personal social media handles should not be used in promoting the event
9. Decision: YF participants at Labour Party Conference, 25-29 Sept
 We have two slots that we will be offering to Networks, who will bid for these positions - the exec will then rank them and vote
 We may also do a reception, but we could do with having a sponsor
10. Decision: Selection of 2x YES Virtual Congress observer delegates (must be gender balanced). Congress runs 1-3 Oct.
 - a. Main objective: get YF approved as YES full members.
 - b. Recommendation from Mark: Hunter and Cecilia.
 Hunter has been working on getting YES approval for YF to become full members. YES conference will be hybrid in Malta, with YF delegates calling in, and our two delegates must be gender balanced

Hunter as a member who holds good relationships with YES and Cecilia as the lead on international were recommended by Mark W, and the exec voted in favour

11. Discussion: Planning for major events in mid-September through early November: YF open day/s, (London, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Bristol?), and a Friends of the Young Fabians reception

The exec discussed the difficulties of generating interest in online meetings while still not being able to hold fully in-person events yet. There was talk of starting open days around the country from mid-September onwards, to combine with a membership push and supporting regional groups

12. Decision: Whether to go ahead with an August Exec meeting?

Agreed not to go ahead, as Labour tends to go on holiday and any actions could be dealt with away from an exec meeting

13. [Chair's Update](#)

14. Secretary's Update

Hollie suggested establishing a periodic new members' email, to welcome people to YF and give some more information about how people can get involved

15. Treasurer's Update

Boat party ticket sales have meant our finances are very healthy pending the payment for the boat. We are already profitable and any additional sales are pure profit.

The Fabians financial year has started which means we have a new grant plus the ~£1200 which we carried over from last year.

Next Wednesday I will be attending the Fabians Finance & General Purposes Committee

I anticipate more in person events now restrictions are loosening. If you have any payment requests, please let me know.

Reminder that upcoming Pamphlets will have their £100 design costs covered by YF

FOYF - aiming to email Fabians soon to get more regular donations

16. Antics Update

Because the next issue of Antics is a liberation issue and Amber has been struggling to get a contributor from one group, it will not go out in the next mailout until that group can be included - we should expect to see it in September

17. [Women's Officer's Update](#)

18. Other Officers' Updates

Laura

Been busy, worked closely with Vic on launching boat party

Uni of Bristol launch went really well

Andy Burnham event yesterday had good attendance too

Labour in Comms partnership going well

Weekly newsletter going fortnightly for the summer as things quieten down for a bit
Been great to have photos with real 3D people for a change!

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Emma

Last month was quiet for blog but starting up again, expecting things to be slightly quieter over summer but pick up in September

19. AOB

None