

Minutes for London Young Labour committee meeting
Wednesday 16 March 2016

1a) In attendance

Benjamin Butterworth, Jen Davis, Philip Freeman, Ciara Hogan, Sabrina Huck, Edward Jones, Miriam Mirwitch, Rob Newbery, Benjamin O'Connor, Lewis Parker, Anna Phillips, Jack Phipps, Thelma Odoi, Jade Symonds, Will Tucker, Rachael Ward

1b) Apologies

Maria Finnerty, Humaira Garasia, Stephanie Hedges, James McAsh

2) Fundraising report

WT: looking for a date in April for a fundraising dinner. BB suggested it might work best later on in the year.

BB proposed we hold a Eurovision party on May 14 and ask for donations to fundraise. Could ask LGBT Labour if we could hold the event together.

BB: target for the Sadisqo is to raise £300 and WT is to gather raffle prizes for the Sadisqo.

BB: tradition to have a big summer event, possibly a garden party, as well as a pub quiz nearer the end of the year.

3) Treasurer's report

RN: trying to set up loyalty account with Metrobank. Two bills with Community and the Co-operative party are outstanding. BB: noted how important it is we know how much money we have.

RN informed that WT, as fundraising officer, would also need access to the account when it is set up.

4) Officer reports

SH emphasised the need to better promote campaign sessions through social media. Asked if CLPs could circulate details of our campaign days. The first Young Labour committee meeting is to be held on Friday 8 April.

PF: working on buddy system. Raised possibility of using Facebook advertising to promote events.

JP: considering holding weekend phone banks.

MM: worked on planning of new members' events and helping to plan Young Labour conference feedback event.

JS: organised women's phone bank with Kate Green MP for Wednesday 23 March

LP: setting up LYL website

CH: trade union fair post-election

TO: planning to hold phone banks from Oxford

JD: held BAME women's and BAME meet and greet events, noted negative feedback on environment of LYL for members. Requested more support for promoting events on social media. Working with Chuka Umunna MP on BAME representation report.

JS noted role of committee at events is to bring people in. BO raised problems for liberation groups and the importance for such events to be open to all members. WT: concerns about breaching safe space policy. JD: BAME events open to all members to attend.

BB: noted the success of the Holocaust memorial talk and email to be sent out by Region on 7 April.

5) Comms policy

JD noted, as in her proposal, it would be useful for committee members to have Facebook and Twitter access to promote events and suggested we film and upload debates/talks online.

BB raised concern over having so many people using one Twitter account. RW: possible to manage Twitter control.

BB: comms policy amended to grant all committee members Facebook access as agreed by committee.

6) LYL Labour campaign to end homelessness (LCEH) outreach

JS: LYL held successful forum on LCEH, could hold our own outreach sessions after the election

PF: LCEH not short on volunteers but are short on supplies. LYL could have donation boxes at phone banks.

7) LYL women's mentoring network

JS: events should be more inclusive to women, as they are likely to come back if they know others there. Women on committee could mentor fellow LYL members.

PF raises concern about collecting members' data. JP: fine if member voluntarily gives data over. LP: we could discuss with London Region.

LP: a general mentoring program for all members would be good. CH: priority should be for members of liberation groups as main issues are getting members from liberation groups involved.