

YI Council Meeting 1.11.2015

Present:

Jamie McKenzie, Chris Wood, Dan Evans, Jack Smith, Michael Barge, Darren Meacher & Kieran Warren

1) Apologies

Joe Jenkins, Charlie Leys, Calum Walker, Lee Harris, Liam Vernon, Oliver Corbishley, Warren Swan, Sarah Curtis, Matthew Mackinnon, Thomas Hoof.

2) Reports

Chairman's Report

- Upcoming Oldham By-election
- Social Media Video(s) to be created. Funding has been secured.
- 'Purple Revolution' as a social media tool is being created by Joe Jenkins alongside members of HQ.
- Free speech campaign & YI involvement in the EU Referendum to be progressed next year.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account: £4582.93

Paypal Account: £394.14

Paypal is in a limited state due to EU Money Laundering

National Coordinator's Report

Patrons up to date.

Currently 14 members of the club which is double the number we had when this council was first elected.

Membership Numbers passed on to Regional Chairmen who have been asked to chase those who have not renewed.

Membership numbers remain in line with those as advertised on the YI website.

Discussion:

All new members should receive a welcome e-mail from their regional chairman, points made by in support of this by Dan Evans and Jamie McKenzie

Media and Communications' Report

Facebook – our Engagement is 5 higher than the Young Greens who are in second place and our Likes are now nearly 6,000.

Twitter has 5,500 followers

Dan Evans' article did well, we had a huge peak in engagements on that day.

New articles required to keep engagement high and increase our reach.

Questions over position of the article competition? Posted by Joe on Faculty but no follow up email?

Motion

To hold an Article writing competition, entitled 'The top 10 reasons young people should vote to leave the EU'. A £50 prize to be awarded to the best researched entry.

Proposed by: Dan Evans

Seconded by: Jack Smith

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Chairman

Discussion around Facebook/Twitter paid advertising. To be discussed further.

Michael Barge – Yorkshire & North Lincolnshire's Report

Will be visiting the York Society soon
Huddersfield Society to be set up

Darren Meacher – North West's Report

Manchester Socials have taken place
Manchester University debate on 'Is UKIP a force for good in UK Politics?' was won by YI.
Oldham By-election.

Dan Evans – South West's Report

2% growth, 8 new members.
Gloucester event on the 9th of November.
Exeter University society going well & trying to start one in Plymouth
New Wiltshire County Chairman
Dan Evans to speak at next Regional Conference

Jamie McKenzie – London's Report

Successful Hallowe'en Social.
JRM to resign as London Regional Chairman
Would have resigned earlier due to him moving out of the area but wanted to try to fill the county chairman places first.

If email to go out on Monday then:

Nominations to open on Tuesday at 8am.
Nominations to close on Wednesday at 12pm
Campaigning starts from Wednesday at 8pm
Voting opens on Friday at 12pm
Voting closes on Sunday at 12pm
Result announced Sunday 8pm
Email to go out tomorrow (Monday)
(Dates to be shifted accordingly if email goes out later than Monday)

3) Oldham By-Election

Discussion over YI Funding for by-election
Possible Travel/Accommodation Bursary.
Joe Jenkins to come up with a fully costed plan.

4) OAB

Christmas Dinner/Party

This is on the 11th December in Canvey Island
A YI Patrons Reception is required for it, suggested that this be a free champagne reception with some additional free drinks.

5) Next Meeting

6th December