

TLDR:

It's been a busy time, I've produced several training documents and have multiple training sessions planned for both London and Brighton conference, I organised and hosted the Thank You party, and continue with my other duties such as Forum Mod and working with other members of the executive and committees.

General Election

Membership Development activities largely paused the short general election campaign.

A few days after the announcement I created a training document that brought together resources from ALDC and HQ into a single source of truth on party training.

I worked with members of diversity committee to review this training guide and make sure it was as accessible as it could be for its first edition.

I look forward to hopefully seeing this develop in the future.

Thank You Party

After an overwhelmingly successful General election, it seemed right to give our members the thank you they deserved.

I worked closely with Kathy to organise our Thank You party.

I felt it was important to make this event the same scale as, or as close to, our election successes. Thankfully Kathy found donations from our wonderful MP's which made this possible.

Verbal feedback on the day was incredibly positive and people seemed to enjoy themselves.

We made an effort to use this as an opportunity to engage new members and give them a reason to come back to YL. We also wanted to make this event as inclusive as possible so provided a quiet room, accessibility information and the space to inform us of specific accessibilities all of which we could accommodate. We also decided to make this a non-drinking event, which although not universally popular, I still consider it the right thing to do.

As part of this I:

Created an initial brief of ideas

Addressed accessibility requirements

Created communications

Designing and ordering medals for awards

Ensuring safeguarding was followed

Advertising the event

Organising refreshments and tableware

Creating registration forms

Creating feedback forms

Created QR codes of ways to get engaged

Created friendly faces signs

Created directional signs

Briefed speakers

Although we could not avoid using single-use tableware and cups, we made sure to only use ethically produced biodegradable products.

I think this created an exciting example of what a membership engagement-type event could look like. I hope that future membership development officers continue to look for opportunities to continue this.

Thank you to Lucas North who also supported with sending comms

Sheffield London Young Liberals Conference

I delivered 3 training sessions at Sheffield called:

Getting Involved with your Local Party

Elections 101

What Happens on Election Day

The training sessions largely went down well. Feedback following this session gave the relevancy of the session a 5/5 and a 4.5/5 for how engaging the session was.

Thank you to Nathan Hunt for his support on training in Sheffield.

After receiving feedback about the lack of inclusive language within sessions, I have made sure to run through training resources with members of the Diversity Committee to improve on this in the future.

York Federal Conference

I delivered 2 training sessions at Federal Conference called:

Winning the Youth Vote

Recruiting Young Members

These sessions had larger attendance than anticipated, and we received good oral feedback following them. Our session, Winning the Youth Vote, also received praise for the trainers.

Thank you to Janey Little for supporting on training in York.

Brighton Federal Conference

I've managed to secure an additional training slot at Federal Conference. This takes our number of sessions to 3. This was only possible thanks to the high quality of sessions put on at previous conferences.

The three sessions are:

Youth Led Policy Campaigning

Engaging Young People on Social Media

Working with Young People of All Levels

I'm especially looking forward to the 'Working with Young People of All Levels' session, as this brings BDO, Regional chairs and University Societies together.

I have explored potential fringe events, but this looks tricky from a financial perspective.

London Young Liberals Conference

I have supported the events committee to help explore different venue options after our first choice became unavailable.

I have organised 4 training sessions called:

Get Approved as a PPC

Professionalise Your Online Presence

So You Want To Be A Councillor?

Working For The Lib Dems

For London, I have tried to open up the planning and delivery of training to the wider membership. I've considered diversity and non-exec members when approaching potential contributors.

Forum Moderating

I have continued to take part in Forum Moderating including approving posts and member requests. I have also made tweaks to the way we approve member's requests to futureproof forum.

I also completed a Forum Spring Clean removing old moderators and pinned posts.

Diversity Committee

I have been working with Diversity committee consistently, asking them to review various things such as training slides, the Thank You party awards and sign ups etc.

Following on from last conference, I also reached out to the Disability Association and have been working with their chair.