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Manifesto of Oliver Jones-Lyons for the Position of Young Liberals Secretary

Voting will be held online between the 16th of October and the 23rd of October

Attendance

Present

Experience writing minutes - For AOs like GLD and state bodies like the RPC

Experience of a process focus - Having spent nearly 2 years serving on the RPC responsible for best practice and discipline in the English Party

Experience on YL exec - Served as EYL chair previously

Apologies

None

Absent

Drama, Infighting and Complacency

Welcome

When I first got involved with the Young Liberals, we were part way through the journey of our professionalisation. From becoming indispensable to the party's campaigning or our policy operation that sets the tone of our conferences and swings key votes, we are seen as a jewel in our growing party's crown. We have come a long way, but progress has stagnated. We need to redouble our efforts to finish the job of professionalising, this will require some major reforms to our procedures and the functioning regulations of our organisation.

Action Points from previous experience

Executive Scrutiny Reform - Reform role of chair, pivot to style similar to federal conference reports, remove censure and commendation from SOs - its a standard business motion if important enough! Consult on the bar for no confidence motions

Membership suspension process - Consult on whether to hand up to federal complaints process retaining interim suspension power pending complaint or allowing executive power to refer to an independent YL complaints panel for edge cases, in any case process needs to change

Committee Minutes - Advertised on forum and website after each "round" of committee meetings/exec meeting, with a "what's happened since last time" summary

Hear from membership during key executive decisions - Be proactive in inviting the membership to exercise their right to attend meetings of the executive when contentious items are on agenda

Designated Safeguarding Lead - To be fully independent of executive, appointed as forum head moderator removing executive influence over forum, careful scrutiny of role's appropriateness given the staff members role

Executive Regulations Reform - Executive Regulations to be rewritten as Exec Committee Standing Orders, higher standards and an executive standards process, tighter regulation of closed business and process reforms following consultation

Conference Standing Order Caretaking - Move to hybrid and the evolution of our organisation means the conference standing orders need some tidying up

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IMPORTANT I am running for secretary with one clear mission: Finish the job, Professionalise YL