

Meeting Minutes: North West Young Members Committee

Date: Saturday, 21st September 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Hybrid- Arena Point and Teams

Attendees (Bold attendees in person):

- Zaihera Chaudhry (Chair)
- Sam Doherty (Officer)
- Holly Harwood
- Owen Michael
- Micaela Tracey-Ramos
- Ollie Mackenzie
- Fenn Horan
- Harry Moorcroft
- George Wilde
- Ian Caulfield
- Annie Cogan-Thomas
- Cameron Garner
- Bradley Arnold
- Nicole Hannah
- Aaron Andrew

Apologies:

- Maya Mahmood
- Georgina Andrews
- Joseph Mills

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Meeting commenced
- Chair (ZC) welcomed attendees.
- Handed over to SD to chair AGM Business

2. Constitution

- SD proposed amended constitution (appendix 1). Spoke to how it is updated to reflect existing structures.
- UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED

3. Committee Reports

- ZC and HH gave co-chairs reports with an overview of the years' activity.
- FH and OM gave reports on National Young Members Forum

4. Elections

- SD noted that himself and ZC had been contacting people to achieve proportionality and avoid contested elections.
- All positions were elected uncontested (appendix 2).
- GW was added as a co-Equalities and Access Officer

5. Budget/ Workplan

- ZC retook the chair.
- The budget agreed at the last committee meeting was amended to increase the amount requested for forum events.
- Passed unanimously as amended (appendix 3)

6. Cuba's Family Law

- MTR gave a talk on Cuba's new progressive family law
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Appendix 1- Constitution

UNISON North West Young Members Forum Constitution

1. Title

1.1. The Organisation will be called the "UNISON North West Young Members Forum" or "NWYMF".

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1. To support and pursue the aims and objectives contained in the UNISON rulebook, and the objectives agreed by UNISON's National Executive Committee annually, and in particular:

2.1.1. To make sure issues of concern to young members in the North West are raised at a regional and national level.

2.1.2. To be a focal point for young members in the North West.

2.1.3. To raise the profile of trade unionism amongst young people in the North West.

2.1.4. To encourage participation of young members across the North West in all levels of the union.

2.2. To set an annual work plan.

3. Meetings

3.1. The UNISON North West Young Members Forum shall meet four times a year and one of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting.

3.2. The AGM should be held between June and September of each year.

3.3 All full members in the region under the age of 31 are eligible to attend forum meetings.

4. Quorum

4.1. The quorum for the AGM shall be people from at least five separate branches.

5. Committee

5.1. The following core positions will be elected at the AGM

5.1.1. Two Co-Chairs (one general and one female)

5.1.2. Two representatives to National Young Members Forum (one general and one female) (Must be elected in accordance with national procedures)

5.1.3. Two delegates to Regional Council (one general and one female) (as per D5.1.3)

5.1.4. One delegate to Regional Committee (general) (as per D5.1.2)

5.1.5 Delegates to all positions allocated to NWYMG on Regional Service Group and Standing Committees.

5.2. Members elected to these positions will form a Committee. The Committee will meet between AGMs to organise forum events and activity.

5.3. The committee may also create and delete additional posts to support those elected to the positions listed in 5.1.

5.3.1 The establishment and the deletion of these posts shall be ratified by the AGM. Posts shall be subject to the same election procedures as the posts in 5.1.

5.4. By-elections and co-options will be held by the committee as and when required. These will be reported to the AGM for scrutiny.

5.5. Candidates must be below the age of 31 for the duration of their term of office.

5.6 The principles of proportionality and fair representation as defined in the Rules shall apply to all the above elections.

6. Conduct and Business

6.1. The UNISON North West Young Member Forum should submit reports to all meetings of Regional Council.

6.2. The UNISON North West Young Members Forum may formulate proposals and motions for submission to Regional Council, Regional Committee, and the National Young Members Forum.

6.3. All business of the UNISON North West Young Members Forum will be conducted in accordance with UNISON rules and other guidelines produced by the National Executive Committee.

7. Amendments to the Constitution

7.1. Amendments to the constitution must be approved by the Young Members Forum AGM and the Regional Organising Committee.

Appendix 2 – Elections

Committee Officers

Co-Chairs- Holly Harwood and Zaihera Chaudhry

Communications Officer – Sian Vadher

Political Officer – Joseph Mills

Membership Officer –Michaela Tracey-Ramos

National Youth Forum Representative (2 Positions) – Fenn Horan and Zaihera Chaudhry

Regional Council Delegate (2 Positions) – Owen Michael and Georgina Andrews

Regional Committee Delegate – Owen Michael

International Officer – Annie Cogan-Thomas

Equalities Officer – Oliver MacKenzie and Sian Vadher

Stewards Network Co-Ordinator – Joint-work

Regional Service Group Executive Delegates

Community Regional Service Group- Vacant

Energy Regional Service Group – Vacant

Local Government Regional Service Group –Bradley Arnold

Health Regional Service Group – Oliver Mackenzie

Higher and Further Education Regional Service Group – Maya Mahmood

Police and Probation Regional Service Group - Harry Moorcroft

Water, Environment and Transport Regional Service Group – Vacant

Regional Sub-Committee Delegates

Campaigns and communications – Cameron Garner

Climate Emergency Group – Vacant

Health and Safety Committee - Vacant

International Committee – Micaela Tracey-Ramos

Learning and Organising Services (LAOS) Committee – Max Tillin

Schools' Forum – Vacant

Welfare Committee – Ceejay Booker

Appendix 3 Budget/Workplan