

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.