

Suggested Rule Changes

1. Give all young members and affiliates the right to vote for Young Labour Chair

The Labour Party Rule Book 2013, Chapter 11(B) Young Labour National Committee, Clause III Chair (page 44), reads as follows:

“Young Labour delegates at Youth Conference shall elect a Chair who must be a woman at least every other term.”

Amendment

Delete: “Young Labour delegates at Youth Conference”

Replace with: “An electoral college made up of one half ballot of affiliates and one half ballot of all Young Labour members.”

Supporting argument

Currently the Chair of Young Labour is elected by delegates at Youth Conference which excludes grassroots young members from having a say. Furthermore, currently affiliated trade unions and socialist societies have no say at all in who the chair of Young Labour is. This rule-change would increase the say of grassroots members in who the chair of young labour is and open up the system away from just the Youth Conference, which often only a privileged few can attend. It would also give a proper say to affiliated trade unions and socialist societies in the election of Young Labour Chair.

2. To allow motions to Young Labour conference

The Labour Party Rule Book 2013 Chapter 11 (B) Young Labour National Committee (page 11), Clause VIII.

Amendment

Insert at end:

2. Each Young Labour Group, affiliate and CLP shall have the right to submit one policy motion to the agenda of Young Labour conference.

Supporting argument

Currently the rules for Young Labour conference are vague and have resulted in it not having a proper procedure for deciding policy. This has meant that Young Labour's policy process has not allowed young members to have a proper voice, with Youth Conference only being host to policy discussions and workshops rather than actually deciding policy as it should. This rule-change will lay out a clearer and more democratic procedure for deciding Young Labour's policy allowing young members to have a voice.

Closing date for constitutional amendments: 21 June 2013