

Campaign for Labour Party Democracy (CLPD) Youth Submission Labour's Democracy Review

How often should Young Labour conference occur?

- The current rule book states:

'Chapter 11 (B) Young Labour National Committee

Clause VIII. Conference

1. Young Labour conference shall be held from time to time as determined by the NEC under rules approved by Party conference.'

- Furthermore, there are no NEC guidelines in the Labour Party rulebook concerning Young Labour Conference.

Proposal:

- CLPD Youth propose an annual sovereign Youth Conference, to occur before National Conference in September which will amongst other activities, submit one rule change and one policy motion to be debated at national conference of the same year.
- The guidelines for the implementation of Young Labour conference shall be proposed by Young Labour National Committee (YLNC) in consultation with Young Labour groups, Young Labour members and affiliated young trade unionists and shall be ratified by the NEC. Guidelines will include, amongst others: the proportion of delegates from CLPs, Trade Unions and Labour Students; the duration of the conference and how motions are submitted. These guidelines shall then be published in the Labour Party rulebook.

Supporting argument:

- Young people are an essential part of the Labour vote and essential to Labour succeeding in forming a government. Labour must have policies that are relevant to the lives of young people and the issues that affect them. Young Labour members are best placed to put these forward and an annual sovereign youth conference is the best process to carry this out.
- It can be hard for Young Labour members to pass motions through their own CLPs if the motion concerns an issue that relates solely or mostly to young people or young members. This means that Young Labour members currently rely on the motion or rule change YLNC submit to conference to speak on their behalf. It would be more inclusive of the 110,000 Young Labour members for the motion or rule change to be decided at an annual conference so that young members may speak for themselves.
- Conference guidelines should be published in the rulebook for the sake of transparency. It is important that young members are aware of the protocols of their own conference and can access them easily.