# Rules for Young Labour Local Branches

## Name

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## Aims and values

### To help young Party members play a full and active role within the Party.

### To organise local social activities for young Party members and for young people within the community.

### To train and politically educate young Party members.

### To change the culture, particularly the meeting culture, of the Party at branch and constituency level and to organise more social activities.

### To persuade more young people to vote Labour at all elections.

### To recruit and retain many more young people into Party membership.

### To campaign against all forms of discrimination and prejudice, especially those based upon race, colour, religion, disability, gender, age, gender identity or sexual orientation.

### To increase the number of young people who are registered to vote.

### To maximise the number of postal votes from young people.

## Membership

### All individual members of the Party aged between14 and 26 years inclusive, who live within the geographical boundary of the Young Labour branch, shall automatically be members of the group.

## Establishing a Branch

### A branch shall only be established once an inaugural meeting has taken place. The CLP Secretary(ies) and/or Youth Officers shall ensure that all young members in the CLP(s) are notified at least 14 days prior to the inaugural meeting

### Once an inaugural meeting has taken place, the Branch may be registered by applying to the Young Labour National Committee via the national Youth Officer. The member(s) shall also contact the CLP Secretaries, relevant RD/GS and any Youth Officers within all CLPs covered by the proposed Young Labour Branch informing them of the establishment of the Branch, and notifying them of any delegates.

### Once registered the Secretary of a Young Labour Branch shall have the right to contact young members within the Branch at least five times a year, by a method to be defined by the NEC

## Meetings

### Young Labour Branches should avoid bureaucracy at their meetings. Only the activities planned, the division of duties and responsibilities between members of the group, or a programme of action need be officially recorded.

### Political education discussions, speakers, campaigns and elections, social activities should be the main items on the agenda of meetings with any other of the objectives and aims of Young Labour.

### Guidelines on running Young Labour Branch meetings may be issued by the Young Labour National Committee from time to time.

### All individual members of the Party between the ages of 14 and 26 inclusive and that live in the area covered by the Young Labour Branch should be invited to meetings of the Branch.

### The national Youth Officer and the appropriate RD/GS shall be given at least seven days written notice of any meeting at which it is intended to elect officers of the Young Labour Branch.

## Officers

### An annual meeting of the Young Labour Branch shall be held which shall elect a chair, a secretary, a membership and campaigns officer, and a women’s officer. If the Young Labour Branch holds a bank account, they must also elect a Treasurer. These shall form the formal officer group. At least 50% of officers shall be women. Other ‘functional’ officers, including TULO officer may be elected at the annual meeting. Any Youth Officers from CLPs covered by the Branch shall also be members of the executive. The names and addresses of the officers of the Young Labour Branch and any subsequent changes shall be notified to Party Head Office.

## Finance

### The Young Labour Branch may raise and spend its own funds if the expenditure is to further the objectives of Young Labour as determined in these rules and by the NEC.

### The Young Labour branch shall submit its accounts to the appropriate RD(GS) or on request to the national Youth Officer

### An arrangement may be made between the Young Labour Branch and appropriate CLPs for a proportion of young Party members’ subscriptions to be paid to the group.

### In the event of the dissolution of a Young Labour group all funds and properties shall belong to the CLPs within the boundaries of the Young Labour Branch..

### The Party’s financial scheme recognises the assets and financial transactions of this Young Labour Branch as the assets and financial transactions of the Party region or nation in which it is organised. It shall be the duty of this Young Labour Branch to co-operate with the regional or national office in respect of its obligations under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. Should this Young Labour Branch fail to co-operate with the regional or national office, the NEC will take appropriate disciplinary action against individual members, suspend this Young Labour Branch or both.

## Relationship with constituency parties

### Young Labour Branches shall maintain good relations with CLPs within their geographical boundary. In particular, the Young Labour Branch shall inform the CLPs within their geographical boundary of any campaigns, activities or events they are running, organising or assisting with. Young Labour Branches shall also receive the co-operation, encouragement and assistance of branches and CLPs and their officers.

### Young Labour Branches shall be entitled to send delegates to CLPs on a basis consistent with Appendix 7 of this Rule Book.

## General relations

### The Young Labour Branch shall set up links with local young trade unionists and other single-issue groups whose aims and objectives are compatible with those of the Party as decided by the NEC. The NEC’s decision in such matters shall be final and binding.

### Young Labour Branches shall give reports annually on their activities and any problems and difficulties they are experiencing to the National Committee of Young Labour through the national Youth Officer.

## Dissolution

### The NEC shall have the authority to suspend, dissolve, reconstitute or change the geographical boundary of a Young Labour Branch.