

Barnet Young Labour Constitution

The logo for Barnet Young Labour, featuring the text "Barnet Young Labour" in white on a red rectangular background.

1. Name

Barnet Young Labour

2. Membership

All members of the Labour Party aged under 27 within the group's geographic boundaries

3. Geographic Boundaries

The London Borough of Barnet

4. Aims and Values

- a) To enable members to play a full and active role within their local Labour parties
- b) To organise local campaigning, educational, and social activities for members
- c) To train and politically educate members
- d) To feed back to CLPs on issues concerning local young people
- e) To encourage young people to support the Labour Party in all elections
- f) To recruit and retain many more young people into the Labour Party membership locally
- g) To change the meeting culture of CLPs and BLPs, to create a more inclusive environment that is attractive and inclusive to young members
- h) To campaign against all forms of discrimination and prejudice

5. Annual General Meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting should be held in March every year.
- b) All members shall be notified of an AGM by email at least seven days in advance.
- c) The Young Labour Office at Head Office, and the Regional Director of the Labour Party shall be given written notice of the AGM at least seven days in advance.
- d) Each incumbent officer shall deliver an officer's report of their work over the past year.
- e) At each meeting members shall vote on whether to adopt any changes to this constitution.
- f) When changes to this constitution or the Labour Party Rule Book are made that results in an incompatibility of the two documents, the rules of the Labour Party Rule Book shall be held supreme.
- g) Following the vote on constitutional changes, elections of officers shall take place.
- h) The Executive Committee may restrict attendance to the meeting to any persons who are not a current member of Barnet Young Labour or who arrive after the start time of the meeting.

6. Elections

- a) Nominations for Officer positions (limited to two nominations per person) shall be open for a period of at least seven days, during the month prior to the AGM, with nominations submitted to the Secretary.
- b) Elections shall be free and fair with a secret ballot of all members.
 - a. In the case of a single candidate for an Officer position, votes will be cast by a show of hands.
 - b. In the case of two candidates, votes will use a simple plurality voting system (One Member One Vote)
 - c. In the case of three or more candidates, votes will use the Single Transferrable Vote system.
- c) All candidates may observe the vote counting by the Secretary, who shall be the returning officer.
- d) If no nominations are received for an officer position prior to the meeting, nominations for that role may be re-opened and followed by an election during that meeting at the discretion of the Chair
- e) The list of officers elected and any changes to this constitution shall be recorded in the minutes.
- f) The Chair shall notify Head Office of the names and membership numbers of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Women's Officer within seven days of the meeting, at which point power shall be transferred from the previous Executive Committee to that which was elected at the AGM.

7. Executive Committee

- a) The membership of the Executive Committee shall be set out in Appendix A of this document.
- b) This executive committee shall be the sovereign body of Barnet Young Labour between AGMs.
- c) A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held every month, at the discretion of the Chair.
- d) The Executive Committee may not dismiss or elect officers, nor amend this constitution.
- e) The Executive Committee shall vote on issues using a simple plurality voting system.

8. Finances

- a) Barnet Young Labour may raise and spend its own finances, in accordance with the Labour Party Rule Book.
- b) The Treasurer, and Secretary as Deputy Treasurer, shall be responsible for the finances of Barnet Young Labour.
- c) The Treasurer and Secretary shall keep a financial account of all income and expenditure, or delegate this task to a third party within a Labour Party organisation, who shall make this available to the Secretary.

- d) In the event of the dissolution of Barnet Young Labour, all its assets shall belong to the National Committee of Young Labour.

9. Dissolution

- a) The Regional Director of London Region Labour Party shall have the authority to dissolve, reconstitute, or amend the geographic boundaries of Barnet Young Labour.
- b) If no AGM is held in any given calendar year, Barnet Young Labour shall be automatically dissolved.

10. Complaints

- a) If this constitution or the Labour Party Rule Book is breached by a member of the Executive Committee, any member of Barnet Young Labour may complain to the Region Director of London Region Labour Party.
- b) Members may appeal the decision of the Regional Director to the National Committee of Young Labour.

Appendix A – Executive Committee Roles

Chair

Chairs the meetings of Barnet Young Labour and oversees communications by Barnet Young Labour.

Secretary

Responsible for the general administration of Barnet Young Labour, including the taking of minutes, counting of votes at AGMs, and managing communications between Barnet Young Labour, its members, and other Labour organisations.

Vice Chair (Treasurer)

Manages the finances of Barnet Young Labour, and in the absence of the chair or secretary, may stand in for them.

Vice Chair (Women's Officer)

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is inclusive to women, for organising women's events, and in the absence of the chair or secretary, may stand in for them.

Campaigns & Membership Officer

Responsible for managing Barnet Young Labour's campaigns towards its aims, and for keeping track of the group's membership.

BAME Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is inclusive to BAME members.

LGBT Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is inclusive to LGBT+ members.

Disabled Members Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is inclusive to disabled members.

Under 19's Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is inclusive to young members aged 14-19.

Trade Union Liaison Officer (TULO)

Responsible for liaising with local Trade Union groups.

Hendon Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is active in the Hendon constituency and includes members from the CLP.

Finchley & Golders Green Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is active in the Finchley & Golders Green constituency and includes members from the CLP.

Chipping Barnet Officer

Responsible for ensuring that Barnet Young Labour is active in the Chipping Barnet constituency and includes members from the CLP.