

# **Labour International Executive Committee (LIEC)**

## **Youth Officer**

### **Job Role**

#### **Who are we?**

Labour International (LI) is the constituency party for UK Labour Party members living abroad.

LI has seen considerable changes in the last 5 years: a massive increase of membership from 700 to over 3,000 members and an increase of branches from 7 to 25 branches. The structure of LIEC has also changed from a small executive of 6 members to one of 14 members and also co-opted non-voting members. This has resulted in an explosion of member and branch activism. Youth members have been at the forefront of fighting for Labour policies. The youth officer role is important in helping to support a new generation of young Labour activists.

The LIEC is the administrative body of LIEC. The officers act in a voluntary capacity and are elected by LI members every two years. The principle role of the LIEC is to ensure that LI runs smoothly and effectively.

We also have a delegate-based General Committee (GC) that is responsible for determining LI policy.

#### **What will be your role?**

This is a key volunteer role and offers an opportunity to be at centre stage of transforming LI into an active and connected CLP, campaigning to promote Labour Party policies and a Labour Party victory in General Elections.

LI Young Labour have agreed to elect their own youth officer. You will be the key representative of youth members within LI, working to ensure that members are fully involved in the work of LI. More than ever, we need young leaders in every local Labour Party – recruiting new talent, running campaigns, and bringing fresh energy and ideas to local meetings. Youth members represent the future of the Labour Party.

#### **Your main aims are:**

- Contributing to LI becoming an outward looking CLP by ensuring that LI members are up-to-date with LI and LP business, so that they can work together for a Labour Victory
- Taking the lead in recruiting and engaging young people and ensuring that young members get as much as they possibly can out of their membership, and are heard within LI and the Labour Party
- Making sure that youth members in LI are supported, involved and engaged
- Campaigning with youth members, making sure that LI campaigns continue to win youth votes.
- Together with LI equality officers taking steps to ensure that young, women,

- BAME, LGBT and disabled members are adequately represented and supported.
- With the LIEC, working to ensure that members of LI are not subjected to harassment or abuse within LI and the LP, including at branch and group meetings and online.
- Ensuring that LI members are aware of the [guidelines and code of conduct](#).

## **Some ideas of what your role could include:**

Working with other LIEC officers, and talking to LI members, you can decide the priorities of how this role should be developed and what is needed for the smooth running of LI. Here are some ideas of what this might involve:

- Welcoming young members into the local Labour Party, helping them feel engaged and turning them into active members who campaign for change in their communities and to get Labour elected.
- Taking the lead on recruiting and engaging young people, ensuring that young members get as much as they possibly can out of their membership and have their say.
- Ensuring that youth meetings are accessible, interesting and welcoming, and represent and promote the views of all young members.
- Bringing youth members together to empower and support each other and gain the knowledge and skills they need get involved.
- Leading campaigns on matters affecting young people in the CLP.
- Maintaining and developing the current informal Young LI Facebook group
- Attending the Labour Party National Youth and national conferences.
- Coordinating with other sections of the party on youth issues.
- Ensuring that youth issues are reflected in LI and the Labour's policy making.
- Reporting to LIEC and members on your activities and campaigns.
- Reporting any safeguarding concerns to the LIEC.
- Organising events for young members and other local young people.

## **It could also include:**

- Running a survey for youth members on issues that are important to them and the support they would need to get active.
- Working with European LI youth members to explore the main issues that may affect them since Brexit.
- Encouraging youth members to support campaigns that affects youth in their local area
- Working alongside the LIEC education, training and information officer to develop resources to support youth members.
- "Buddying" new young members to help them get to grips with LI and LP party processes, including e.g. jargon busting sheets, and briefing papers for canvassing and campaigning.
- Encouraging young LI members to write articles for the LI newsletter.

For more information on your role visit: <https://www.labourinternational.net/the-licc/job-role-youth-officer/>

## **What skills/knowledge should you have?**

- You will need regular personal access to the internet.
- A working knowledge of the party organisation at branch, CLP and national level, and the LP and LI Rules and Standing Orders
- Able to use, or are willing to learn how to use LI communication tools such as email, word documents, Slack and social media.
- Knowledge, or willing to learn of safeguarding risks for young people and how to identify them
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of issues that affect youth in the Labour Party and in communities.

## **What you can bring to the job**

- Friendly and approachable
- Enjoy working collaboratively as part of a team including information-sharing.
- A willingness to learn from others and also take the initiative
- An ability to change, adapt and work proactively.
- The ability to motivate and persuade
- Have enthusiasm and commitment
- Organised
- Committed to work hard to ensure that youth members have a real voice within LI

## **Lines of Communication**

You will be a voting member of the Labour International Executive Committee (LIEC) and will work closely with the LIEC and General Committee. You will also work alongside volunteer LI members, making sure you work together as a team.

## **How much time will all this take?**

You will need to be available at weekends to attend LIEC, GC and some All Members Meeting meetings.

You are likely to be extra busy during local and general election times.

## **How to apply**

Elections for all LIEC roles take place in odd-numbered years. By-elections may be held at other times if there are vacancies.

Labour international members are notified when nominations are open, and provided with instructions and a nominations form to fill in and submit.

To apply as a candidate you need to write a personal statement of up to 200 words stating the skills you can bring and pointing out how you would develop this role.

You also need to be nominated by two other LI members or one branch.

**This post is open to job share.**

**Useful links:**

Labour International website <https://www.labourinternational.net/>

GLU - [legal\\_queries@labour.org.uk](mailto:legal_queries@labour.org.uk)

Rulebook - <https://labour.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/rulebook-2020.pdf>

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