

LY International Plan - 2011/2012 w/ Deadlines

Our aims for the upcoming year are to reintegrate with LYMEC and IFLRY, widen engagement with the membership, increase the flow of information about the international role of LY to the membership, form partnerships with other parties, and report to the International Relations Committee about LY's international involvement.

1. **Reintegrate with LYMEC and IFLRY, and widen participation:**

Our two main aims for the term are to reintegrate with LYMEC and IFLRY, and also to widen the participation of our members in the international scene. We hope to open international events and opportunities up to as many people as possible. We think that these two aims should progress simultaneously, as our participation in IFLRY/LYMEC relies on our having active members internationally. We have divided our portfolio so that Sam will lead our reintegration with LYMEC and Harriet will lead the reintegration with IFLRY.

1. **Social Media** – Website and Twitter continue to be an effective way of communicating with members of Liberal Youth, IFLRY and LYMEC. **Deadline Met: 100 twitter followers by last exec. Next Deadline: 200 by end of term**
2. **Open up events** – Belarus Forum provided chance for any member of Liberal Youth to become active in International Issues. A good turnout of members was encouraging. Bobby Dean to attend LYMEC seminar on Communications in Estonia. Liberal Youth to have a delegate at IFLRY's seminar on Local Government. **Deadline Met: Mailing list and non-exec members signed up to events completed. Deadline Met: Ensure presentation ready for LY autumn conference. Next Deadline: Double mailing list by end of term and ensure good participation of Spring Congress for LYMEC and IFLRY**
3. **Partnerships** – Healthy partnerships now exist with both IFLRY and LYMEC, as well as Liberal International British Group. 100% attendance of International Relations Committee allowing us to work with them and the resources members have. Harriet Ainscough was hosted by RU (Danish social liberal youth) in December, visiting their national headquarters, attending a meeting of their international committee, visiting the Danish parliament to attend a foreign policy meeting of their mother party and met their Minister for International Development, Christian Friis Bach. Sam Fisk to meet with Jeunes Centriste this month to discuss Liberal Youth working in France for the Presidential Campaign. **Deadline Met: Partnerships ongoing throughout term Next Deadline: Inform exec and members of progress of campaigning exchange with Jeunes Centriste.**
4. **Co-ordinated Campaigns** – Continue to work alongside IFLRY, LYMEC and other international youth organisations on campaigns such as political prisoner postcards. Section now on the website however slight rethink needed as our prisoner was freed, as the plan was to extend to Belarusian political prisoners after conference we will do this sooner. **Next Deadline: Have postcards campaign set up ready for Liberal Youth Conference and engage other organisations.**
5. **Programmes** – There has been limited activity on this programme however a conference call is due to take place this month. We are hoping for some progress to be made then. **Deadline**

Met: Join IFLRY Belarus Programme by next exec meeting. Next Deadline: Have full report on working with Belarus programme ready for Liberal Youth Spring Conference.

2. Increasing Information

1. **Reports** – All members who attend an international event will be required to fill out a report form so that we know what went on and can follow up on anything that arises. We are still waiting for reports from Tom Wood, on the LYMEC young leaders meeting, and Bobby Dean, from the IFLRY seminar on freedom of expression. **Deadline: Action completed, ensure reports kept up to date throughout term.**
2. **Website** – We will keep the website updated with anything of importance, and respond to international events when relevant (e.g. our response to the secession of South Sudan). **Deadline met: International section on website has been created and kept up to date.**
3. **Discussion** – We aim to increase internal discussion and debate on international issues by responding to events and perhaps holding talks (in partnership with other organisations or individuals), and through the use of social media. **Deadline Met: Autumn Liberal Youth had an International theme, continue discussions throughout term and Belarus Forum Held. Next Deadline: Hold another forum by end of term.**

3. Events:

3.1 IFLRY (Harriet lead)

Date	Event	Location
18-23 July 2011	Seminar: Migration - Enriching Societies	Timisoara, Romania
23-25 July 2011	Executive Committee	Timisoara, Romania
25-30 November 2011	Seminar: Freedom of Expression	Turkey
1-2 December 2011	Executive Committee	Turkey
2-4 December 2011	General Assembly	Turkey
1-7 April 2012	Study Session: Local Politics	Budapest, Hungary
May 2012	Seminar: Democratic challenges	Sweden (unconfirmed)
June/July 2012	Executive Committee	-

3.2 LYMEC (Sam lead)

Date	Event	Location
23-25 September 2011	Young Leaders Meet	Vilnius, Lithuania
6-9 October 2011	Flexicurity Event with ELF	Porec, Croatia
2-6 November 2011	Seminar and Congress	Barcelona, Spain
March 2012	Training	-
May 2012	Seminar and Congress on Digital Civil Liberties	Copenhagen, Denmark
June 2012	Seminar on Freedom of the Media	Belgrade, Serbia

Deadline: Over 60% of events attended by end of term. Update: 88% of events attended so far.