

Liberal Youth Scotland Annual Plan

After the election, we identified our campaigning priorities through a brainstorming session with the membership. We are currently ordering our fresher's material, which focuses heavily on the campaign for equal marriage, and we will be lobbying MSPs in the autumn. We hope to work with NUS LGBT and the Scottish Youth Parliament, to continue this campaign throughout the year.

We are looking to form new branches where members already exist, and consolidate the existing branches.

As soon as Freshers is over, we will be looking to organise a fundraising scheme. We intend to base this on a £2 minimum donation per month, and it will be targeted at parliamentarians, councillors and party stalwarts. Identifying 25 donors would allow us to fund our own fresher's campaign, independent of the Scottish exec.

At autumn conference (Scottish) we are proposing a motion calling for minimum energy efficiency standards for rented properties, with a view to reducing fuel poverty. We will also be holding a training day the day afterwards, adapted from Activate. We aim to hold meetings or training days as close to party events as possible, in order to encourage turnout at both.

We are also looking at a candidate mentoring program for our members. We focus on training activists, not politicians – but at least 6 LYS members stood as candidates in the last election, and we want to encourage and support this.

In the spring, we will be holding our usual stall and fundraising quiz at conference. We also intend to propose a motion – although not clear what this will be yet, it will follow on from campaigning priorities already identified – equality, mental health, drugs and green issues.

Originally, there was an intention to devolve communications. Unfortunately, this proves too expensive to be workable, and so we will continue to work towards devolved administrative access. Support with getting involved in federal campaigns is desired - though subsidies for individuals occasional travel are out of the question, a minibus scheme for marginal seats may be possible.

Henceforth the Scottish Convener will be by default the LYS President. This will be formalised in constitutional reform.