

Yorkshire Party 2020 Spring Conference Agenda - DRAFT

9:30 - 17:00 Saturday 21 March 2020

The Concorde Suite, The Earl of Doncaster Hotel, Bennethorpe, Doncaster, DN2 6AD

Time	Item	Notes
09:30	Arrivals and registration	
10:00	Welcome	<i>Doncaster Branch Chair, Leon French, will welcome attendees and introduce Chair, Arnie Craven, who will outline the day's theme.</i>
10:15	Policy Process Update	<i>Policy Director Andy Shead will outline an update to how policies will be made following a request for greater member and branch involvement.</i>
10:30	Guest Speaker: TBC	<i>Our first guest speaker, followed by questions from the audience.</i>
11:00	European Free Alliance	<i>A delegate from the European Free Alliance will discuss how the Yorkshire Party can work with other regional parties post-Brexit.</i>
11:15	Break	
11:30	Panel Discussion: Yorkshire Devolution after Brexit	<i>Deputy Chair, Bob Buxon, will host a panel discussion on the future of Yorkshire devolution. Panellists confirmed so far include Cllr Mike Jordan (North Yorkshire County Council), Cllr Andy Walker (East Riding of Yorkshire Council), Simon Duffy (Director of the Centre for Welfare Reform) and a member of the European Free Alliance bureau.</i>
12:30	Lunch	<i>Lunch is included in the ticket price.</i>
13:30	Armchair Discussion: Practical Issues Facing Yorkshire Rail	<i>York Central candidate and Executive Committee member, Andrew Snedden, will host an armchair discussion with a guest on the practical issues facing rail infrastructure in Yorkshire and across the north.</i>
14:00	Local Election Briefing	<i>Yorkshire Party Chair, Arnie Craven, will offer an update on upcoming local elections. Deputy Chair, Bob Buxton, will be holding drop-in sessions throughout the afternoon to offer advice and assistance to candidates.</i>
14:15	Open Forum	<i>Speed dating style session where groups will have the opportunity to discuss ideas and ask questions of members of the Executive Committee.</i>
14:30	Break	
15:00	Transport Policy Debate and Amendments	<i>Amendments to the draft Transport Policy will be debated and voted on. The draft policy will be shared prior to the conference. Members will also be able to submit amendments at the event.</i>
16:00	Raffle Draw	<i>Raffle winners and the fundraising total for the day will be announced..</i>
16:15	Policy Vote	<i>Final vote on the Transport Policy and the Agriculture (and Animal Welfare) policy, amendments for which was debated at the previous conference.</i>
16:30	Leader's Speech	<i>Yorkshire Party Leader, Chris Whitwood will address the conference.</i>
17:00	Close of conference	<i>Thanks to attendees and the conference will draw to a close.</i>
Executive Committee Meeting - closed session, party members may attend as observers		
18:00	Dinner	<i>A table will be reserved at The Earl of Doncaster restaurant for those wishing to stay for a post-conference meal.</i>