

Your Party Founding Conference amendments and debate points

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These are suggestions and points for discussion from AntiCapitalist Resistance, a revolutionary ecosocialist organisation based in England and Wales that is part of the Fourth International.

Draft Political Statement

The draft Political Statement falls short in key areas:

- The statement is timeless with no sense of urgency about the threat facing humanity. We need to be clearer on the polarisation in society between the far right and the left and why we are in a period of profound crisis that requires a new way forward. As such, it should be more explicit in its anticapitalism. We are not dealing with a few greedy bosses but a system that ruins lives and destroys the planet because of how it functions.
- The climate and ecological crisis are fundamental because it is the most urgent case for why we need economic transformation to ensure sustainability for life on Earth.
- We need a democratically planned economy to create a good life for all within sustainable planetary limits. We also need a new, more democratic kind of state, not the existing undemocratic and bureaucratic capitalist one.

Visit anticapitalistresistance.org/your-partyfounding-conference (or use this QR code) for updates throughout the weekend on major events and what is happening, as well as links to key documents.





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Draft Constitution

- Conference and collective decisions should be at the centre of decision making, not atomised members. Whether or not you think sortition was a necessary stop gap, we need a delegate structure for conference as soon as possible.
- Our constitution should be open to simple majority amendment as we collectively
 work out what is the best way to run things, otherwise it gives the founding conference
 incredible powers over the organisation afterwards when there is bound to be some
 necessary changes.
- The draft constitution gives too much weight to elected office holders in the leadership. MPs and councillors should be included, but our community campaigners and trade unionists are just as much the life blood of any healthy socialist party.
- The draft constitution imposes a Leader. This has not been openly debated we think co-leaders are a better model, blending the qualities and experience of more than one individual strengthens us.
- The constitution needs a body to arbitrate in disputes between members or deal with complaints of harassment. Any political organisation needs such a body to allow for natural justice for members in appeals.
- Conferences, branch meetings and public meetings organised by Your Party need to be hybrid and in accessible venues.
- Cymru/Wales and Scotland YP needs the explicit right to issue their own manifestos.
- The 'loyalty' clauses in the draft constitution are restrictive and undermine freedom of criticism.
- Currently, asylum seekers, who are not classed as residents, would be excluded from membership.
- We do not support the draft constitution requirements about Community Organising. How we organise public facing activities will vary from area to area. Putting detailed proposals about this in the constitution is not appropriate.
- Branches need flexibility about the areas they cover depending both on how many members they have and the political geography they operate in. For instance, council areas and parliamentary constituencies often don't map together exactly.
- We support a democratically elected committee coming out of the conference to lead Your Party until the CEC is in place at the end of March.

For more detailed suggestions on amendments to make YP democratic and inclusive, visit our website:







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