



**Delegate Meeting
Sat. 10 Nov. 2018**

**InverYess Hub
Inverness**

Meeting chair: Peadar
Meeting minutes: Lorraine
Network secretary: Alison

SEDERUNT – 19 delegates

Caithness: Ian Sinclair

Forres: Brian Hill, Jim Farquharson

InverYess: Alastair Macdonald, Alison Fraser, Dave Thompson, Irene Stacey, Janet Baker, Stuart Macdonald

Lochaber Aye2Aye: Iain MacEchern

Loch Yes: Marjorie Wilson

Nairn: *apology*

Ross & Sutherland: Anne Searles, Erik Sullivan, Ian Vallely, Julie Gamble, Lorraine Carson, Peadar Morgan

Skye & Lochalsh: Duncan Clark, Hector Macleod

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Approved on the proposal of Alison, seconded by Anne.

- WhatsApp reps: Yes Caithness and Yes Elgin to submit names of two representatives.
- BfS Highland tour: Eddie Coyle organising.
- Postal voting: Nothing to report.
- Gathering notes: YRS Gathering summary notes have been circulated.
- IndyApp: Potential for Yes Highland on IndyApp has been explored.

Action: Secretary to write to Jason Baird thanking him for the National Yes Registry training session on IndyApp 2.0, held in the Hub before the meeting.

GROUP REPORTS

Caithness: Led by Ian

- A meeting has been held in Thurso and another planned for Wick with 20 expected.
- Yes Caithness Facebook page has been set up.

Forres: Led by Jim

- 16,000 leaflets to be delivered.
- Discussions on a range of topics held.

InverYess: Led by Stuart

- Stall at UHI Freshers Fair, street stall 1st Saturday of each month and 20,000 leaflets out.
- A series of talks, including one by Drew Hendry on Universal Benefit.

Lochaber Aye2Aye: Led by Iain

- Weekly distribution of Power Grab and Pensions leaflets.
- A talk with Craig Dalziel organised.

Loch Yes: Led by Marjorie

- Have an active Facebook page.
- Possible support from Yes Highland because struggling for activists.

Ross & Sutherland: Led by Ian

- Completed delivery of Power Grab leaflet across all towns.
- Web domain name has changed to yrs.scot.

Skye & Lochalsh: Led by Hector

- Have a pop up cafe and screening of the Lesley Riddoch Nation films.
- A St Andrew's night "EU citizens for an independent Scotland" and Ian Blackford (tbc).

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE CONVENTION (SIC)

Report by Alastair – Yes Highland representative

- Alastair wrote a piece for the *National* as an example of what Yes Highland, as a regional group, are doing.
- Fundraiser has in a short time raised £90,000 so far.
- SIC has requested members go to the focus groups by commissioned graphic design company Tangent to discuss door to door experiences and identify soft Nos.
- Youth are important and attempts should be made to get 16+ age group signed up to vote and encourage them to be involved.
- A professional survey will be carried out on soft nos to identify what will resonate with them, including visuals.

Report by Dave – vice-chair of SIC

- SIC have created a memorandum of understanding, outlining rights and responsibilities of member groups and how to work together.
- Individuals have been appointed as co-opted (non-voting) members, such as Paul Kavanagh (Wee Ginger Dug) and Aamer Anwar.
- A company (Tangent) have been employed to work on branding for SIC: £30,000 will be spent on this.
- A limited company will be formed as the campaigning and fundraising arm of SIC.
- Two staff will be employed at the moment, aiming for five if funds allow.
- There have been enquiries from Glasgow and West, Fife and the North East to form regional groups with representatives, using Yes Highland as the model.

Action: Set up a line of communication for sharing information between Alastair and the member groups for feedback to SIC.

Action: Set up meeting to report on SIC and Gathering #2.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION

- Report of discussion on the Commission report by InverYess, the local Commonweal group and others has been circulated.

LEAFLETING THROUGHOUT HIGHLAND

- A new leaflet should be simple and eye catching.
- Possibly something on the NHS, without a Yes logo, to encourage more people to read it.
- More of Colin Dunn's leaflets on the economy, included in the Indykit, could be printed.
- A contact email/website should be added to leaflets.
- Activists could travel to different areas to leaflet as Yes Highland, for a bigger impact and to help the smaller groups.
- Involve the Press – press releases for meetings and events, readers letters, etc.

Action: WhatsApp group to decide on leaflets and keep groups in touch to order.

Action: Erik to report on the Gathering #2.

NEXT MEETING

Provisionally 9th February 2019