

Vision

For A Conservative Future



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Creating a succession plan, identifying and developing future talent and how we can be better skilled for the challenges of tomorrow.

Developing the Future

Over the years many young people have been involved with Conservative Future and a lot of good work has been done. However, there is often a lack of consistency and each new team brings new ideals, without building on the work that has gone on before them. We have a tendency to spend too much time trying to rebuild the wheel instead of driving forwards.

I believe our best talent often leave the organisation prematurely, cutting ties with CF taking up new challenges, concentrating on developing career opportunities or to take up different political positions such as with local government. There is little incentive for older activists to remain attached with youth politics and experienced members move on, leaving those who are new and inexperienced to take up positions of responsibility without any handover.

We should encourage those in the upper age bracket to assist with training, passing on skills and expertise and help create a more professional organisation. A long term plan needs developing with a proactive approach to identifying talent to take on important roles. Those whom serve as Branch and Area Chairman, who have been equipped for the task ahead will make the best choice for future National Executives.

As National Chairman I will ensure my team is the first Executive to visit and organise events in every region of England and Wales. We will develop our business plan as a team and work on a best practice guide that we will hand over to our successors. I will create a CF Training College and a Youth Convention, with developments to the membership database, and new opportunities delivered through partnerships with approved organisations.

I want to leave a legacy for future teams to build upon rather than just pass the baton on. Together we can develop a vision for a Conservative Future. An organisation that is equipped not just for the challenges of today but ready for tomorrow.

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How the future of CF will look

An organisation that supports its members in every region of England and Wales

We will raise expectations that future executives will be expected to deliver upon.

For the first time since the creation of Conservative Future, the national team will hold its executive meetings and host functions in all regions of England and Wales. In addition we will hold forums for our members so they can hold us to account. No longer will any member feel disenfranchised by our organisation. I will make the case for a travel fund that will help my team and all future teams with travel and accommodation costs.

A business plan developed by the new team and a best practice guide for our successors

I will develop a business plan with the newly elected team, so we can work on this together.

We will develop a business plan alongside the Youth Development Manager, CCHQ and organisations such as the Northern Board. Over the course of the year we will keep track of our progress and the difficulties we deal with. As well as monitoring our own progress, it will allow us to develop a best practice guide that we will offer future teams to build upon. We will record our aims, how we achieved them and what challenges we had to overcome. Future teams can bring fresh ideas to the table, with the advantage they can build on the work that has gone before them.

Seeking out talent and succession planning

We need to look out for activists with potential and ensure they have the opportunities to get fully involved within our organisation.

We will encourage activists to take on positions of responsibility and seek to help create new branches across the country. One of our main priorities as a national team will be to actively seek to ensure all vacancies for CF Area Chairman are filled. We will train activists and encourage them to stand for Council and better prepare those who aspire to become Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.

There is no fast track to gaining experience and the CF Branch and Area Chairman of today, will make the best choice for the National Executives of tomorrow. We will get experienced members to help train today's activists and guide them towards the future.

The creation of a CF Training College

The CF College is how we will develop today's activists for tomorrow's challenges.

We will develop a database of professionals, councillors, and past activists who are willing to help train members and teach new skills. As well as running workshops I want to work with CCHQ on the possibility of developing a new course. Members who take the course and receive training will be able to work towards a recognised standard.



Campaign Committees

It is time to devolve power and trust members by developing campaign committees across England and Wales.

Each committee chair will become a Regional Campaign Co-ordinator. My aim is for these to become established practice, developing closer co-operation between CF activists, Campaign Co-ordinators, Local Government and Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. We need to develop a strategy for assisting the Party to win. The committees can develop their own model of best practice to hand over for future committees to build upon.

The future for CF and NUS involvement

We need to make a firm decision about our future involvement with the National Union of Students and Students Unions.

The issue of CF and NUS involvement remains a contentious issue. We need to make a clear decision about how we intend to engage with the NUS in the future. CF needs to move away from fielding candidates one year and not the next. I will create a new CF Students Committee that will look at this and many other issues related to student politics.

Communication and the development of a membership database

We need to build a database that allows members to subscribe to different newsletters.

I will develop and improve communications. There will always be a place for a main CF newsletter, but in addition, I want to develop newsletters tailored especially for specific people, for example students, young professionals and young members serving in local government. This database will then be handed over to the future National Executive for them to maintain and develop further.

We will contact approved organisations and seek to build new relationships.

New policy and training opportunities.

We will look to work in partnership with centre right think tanks offering our members greater scope to discuss policy. This will give members a real say on influencing policy as established think tanks publish reports and key findings. I will look for professional organisations to help us with training. We will seek to build lasting friendships that future executives can improve upon and hand over a list of contacts of all the organisations who decide work with us.



Creation of a new Youth Convention

We will host an Annual Youth Convention, bringing together representatives from centre rights organisations and Party affiliated groups.

There are many Conservative and centre right organisations that work with young people. We need to build a network of communication between these groups, look at ways of establishing new partnerships and how we can help each other in supporting our Party. Representatives will be invited from the senior Party, approved organisations and Conservative leaning groups who regularly work with young people. CF Scotland will be amongst those invited to the convention.

A clear direction for the future of CF's involvement with The National Convention

Our relationship with The National Convention is important, which we must take seriously.

I believe we need to approach The National Convention to discuss our future involvement. It was the case that all CF Area Chairman had a place on Convention, with the CF Executive taking up remainder vacancies. This situation changed and I wish to ensure CF is fully engaged with the Convention and we take our obligations to the Party seriously. There needs to be a review and mutual agreement on the way ahead for CF's involvement with this important body within the Party.

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