

# **Branch Young Members Contact** **(BYMC)**

## **Job Description**

### **Overview**

BYMCs liaise with their Young Branch Members, their Branch Committee (the Membership Secretary and Social Secretary in particular) and their Regional Young Members Co-ordinator (RYMC), if the Region has one. If not, the BYMC should liaise with their Branch Committee and the Young Members Group Committee (YMGC). This Job Description is written under the assumption that the Region has a RYMC, except where specified.

BYMCs should have campaigning aims and promotion of issues affecting Young CAMRA Members (18-30 year olds), and other young people at the forefront. It is desirable for the BYMC to be under 30 years old, a member of the Branch Committee and have e-mail access. However these desires will not always be possible.

It is not unknown for Branch positions to have two or more people carrying out the same role using the prefix 'Joint'. Having Joint BYMCs in those Branches that require them is not problematic. However having Branches with BYMCs who are not prepared to encompass the duties of looking after the four groups of; Young Members (YMs), young non-members, students and student Real Ale Societies would be.

### **Duties**

This list of duties is what the YMGCC see the role of the BYMC to incorporate. The list is by no means exhaustive and many may find other things to add to it:

- I. Attempt to recruit and retain young people in your Branch area, while educating them about the quality of Real Ale and CAMRA.
- II. Work with your Branch Committee and RYMC to increase the number of Young Members.
- III. Organise at least four social events per year for young people and Young Members in your Branch area. For suggestions, advice and information, please visit the 'Advice' section on the Young Members web page.
- IV. If your Branch has a Beer Festival try to organise a 'working social' [for info regarding this consult the 'Advice' section on the YM web page]. Try and work with your RYMC on this, if possible.
- V. Ensure that Young Branch Members are considered and not overlooked in other Branch activities, such as; newsletter articles, Branch web-sites, organisation of and staffing at beer festivals, etc.
- VI. When realistically possible attend the two face-to-face 'feed back' meetings with your fellow BYMCs and your RYMC, to discuss what has

been achieved and what more can be done [relating to the duties above].  
Send a report if you're unable to attend.

- VII. Send a report to the Chair of the YMGC if your Region is without a RYMC.
- VIII. Attend the YMGC Meeting if it is being held in your region. If it is within your Branch area, work with the YMGC to organise an event after the Meeting, usually a pub crawl. NOTE: your Branch will reimburse your travel expenses.
- IX. Support Young Members and potential members, with problems they, or you, may have relating to CAMRA membership. Enlist the help of your Branch Committee, other BYMCs, your RYMC, the YMGC, or the Membership team at CAMRA HQ if need be.
- X. [An obvious one!] Liaise with Young Branch Members, your Branch Committee and your RYMC.
- XI. Send regular reports to your Branch Committee and attend your Branch Committee Meetings. If the Branch Committee says you are not able to attend notify your RYMC or the Chair of the YMGC if your Region does not have one. A BYMC should have every right to attend. Also try to send your reports to your RYMC or Chair of YMGC if your Region does not have one.
- XII. If it is already not the case, ask the member who puts together the Branch meeting Agenda to include a specific section for Young Members. Here is a great chance for you to tell your Branch what is going on and if they have any feedback and/or advice.
- XIII. Disseminate best practice and when at events always act responsible.
- XIV. Understand and use the support network in place. Do not be embarrassed by asking for help and advice. We're all here to help and succeed.

Signed by,

The Young Members Group Committee

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