

## Delegate Report AAD 2018

Our branch sent up 4 items to AAD this year. 3 were passed, quite resoundingly so it must be said, while one was noted by the AAD. That motion was relating to disabled access to railway stations and was only noted due to a slight problem with the wording rather than any issue with the substance of it. I'm sure the EC will continue to campaign for improved access and will work with the TUC and the Labour Party to that end.

Our motion on young members in particular reflected the mood of the AAD and it went hand in glove with rule changes from the EC. There will now be a Young Members Representative Committee in line with the other Representative Committees and they will be able to send a delegate to AAD. It should be a great way for young members to get involved in the union.

A lot was discussed and the minutes will be available soon. I think the best aspect of the AAD for me was that as well as important bread and butter issues for train drivers, delegates weren't in a bubble and debate was not restricted to those items but there was engagement with issues affecting the wider trade union movement and international issues. I think that I represented the branch well at this year's AAD and certainly hope to do so again in the future.

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