LAUNCH EVENT

2026 / 2027

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What is the York Think Tank?

We are the think tank at the University of York

We are the 2nd highest rated student think tank in the UK! [1]

We do the research that influences policy-makers

We publish students in an academic journal!

It's only £5 to publish with us!

We host a lot of (often free) events inviting politicians, academics and government officials.

1 = On Think Tanks (official page for Think Tanks)

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Introducing ... the 26/27 committee

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What will we cover in this event?

We will cover all the events and projects that we are working on this semester

Make a note of which projects interest you, so that you can sign up!

Come say hi to committee afterwards :)

↪ Especially as we have some under-18 members!

We will be heading to Courtyard afterwards!

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Policy Project 26/27

Should the UK regulate AI use in schools?

The Context

New York City has introduced a one-year moratorium banning AI in primary/middle schools and limiting AI use in secondary schools.

Should England follow suite?
Would it even work here?

Project Overview

- Work in a group to conduct research and write a published report.
- **Timeline:** October 26 – Feb/March 27
- **Why join:** Gain hands-on experience doing exactly what real-life civil servants and policy makers do!

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How to take part

Join the policy project channel on WhatsApp to receive updates!

What is Civitas?

Civitas is our in-house journal.

Civitas Journals

Our semesterial academic journal publishing articles on policy, economics, and related subjects. Follows a theme.

Civitas Papers

Papers that we present directly to policy makers in government.

Civitas Forums

Blog-style articles about policy and related subjects.

Civitas Reports

Somewhat shorter papers presenting our own research.

Civitas News

Bi-weekly short-form news summaries on Instagram and YouTube.

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Civitas Journal Semester 1

‘Power in Flux’

The Theme

In local communities, within nations and between nations, power is changing across the world. In the journal you are free to talk about anything related to power, from geopolitics, grassroots campaigning, energy policy, military policy and anything else you feel is related.

Project Overview

- Write a 1500 - 3000 word article
- **Timeline:** First draft will be due December 2026. Will be published Jan 2027
- **Why write:** Get published in an academic journal – looks AMAZING on a CV! You will also get trained and get feedback from us, to help improve your academic writing.

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How to take part

Submit your title, topic and short (<100 words) abstract.
The form is on our website

To edit – join the Editors channel on WhatsApp

Civitas Paper

International AI regulation

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Civitas Reports

Student Healthcare

The Context

‘Don’t Leave Your Health at Home’
is the Student Union’s new campaign.

They are campaigning for students to have dual GP’s.

Project Overview

- Write a short report summarising our questionnaire results, alongside a bit of context.
- **Timeline:** October 26
- **Why join:** This report will be used directly by the Student Union when presenting the campaign to the government/other universities!

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How to take part

DM me (Shahama) on WhatsApp or email qzn509@york.ac.uk by 12pm 11th October 2026

Civitas Forums

What we're looking for:

Blog-style articles by you

on policy, economics, environment, politics, news etc.

These can be any length and any topic!

This is all year round!

How to take part:

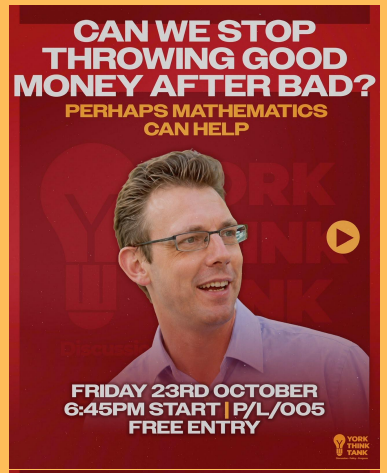
- Writers: Join the WhatsApp writers group chat
  - We will occasionally put topics on there
- Editors: Join the editors Group Chat
- Send over your Google Docs to Asa (thw518@york.ac.uk) **and** Ethan (pml539@york.ac.uk) **and** thinktank@yorksu.org
  - Make sure you use Google Docs
  - When you share it with us, make sure make sure it's set to **'anyone with the link can EDIT'**
  - We will edit your document using comments and/or red text before publishing on the website

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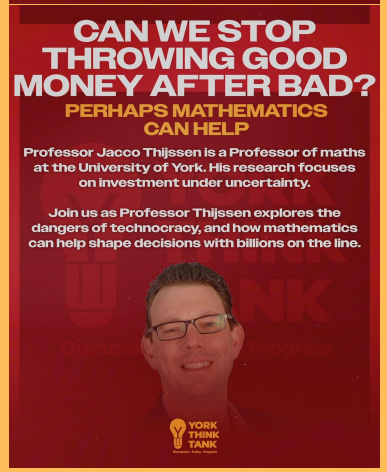
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Events coming up:









A surprise event:



Your Campaign Your Parliament

Why and how the UK government should take campaigners seriously.

12th October

D/L/006 7 – 8:30pm

Winter Formal !!!

With all the policy societies

Date, time, location: TBC

And many more to be announced this semester!

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Keep in Touch!

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Also

- If you are a post-grad student doing research in policy
- Or know any module leaders teaching Think Tank related modules

Please let us know!

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WhatsApp community

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