

What did the YDC do in its 2015-17 term?

At the start of the last Committee's term, the YDC set out its strategy for 2015-17, which covered areas from community and communications, clinical confidence and patient care, careers advice and mentoring. Over its three year term, the committee worked to implement this strategy.



Engaging with young dentists

- YDC members have been involved with the BDA's programme of dental school visits and talks, sharing their experiences with dental students.
- The YDC held a joint meeting with Young Dentist Groups at the BDA's Branches and Training Day in 2015.
- The YDC held sessions for young dentists at BDA conference in 2016 and 2017.
- The YDC held networking sessions at the BDA conference in 2016 and 2017.
- Committee members were involved in the planning of BDA Careers Day 2017 and chairing sessions on the day.



Engaging with the profession

- Received a presentation from the Chief Dental Officer Sara Hurley.
- Invited Chair of LDC Conference 2016 Nick Stolls to address the committee.
- Hosted Nicholas Taylor (Chair of the Committee of Postgraduate Dental Deans and Directors) at a meeting to hear about developments in dental undergraduate and postgraduate education and to grill him on COPDEND's policies and proposals.
- The YDC Chair raised issues around complex care and 'tier two dentistry' at a meeting of the General Dental Practice Committee in 2015.
- The Chair attended the Council of European Dentists' General Meeting in May 2016 the Netherlands.



Shaping the BDA

- Established monthly young dentist newsletter.
- Establishing the Joy Harrild Award for Young Dentists
- Online information to promote BDA services offered to young members
- The Committee advocated for training opportunities in relation to minor oral surgery and as a result the BDA gave free access to an iLearn on oral surgery.
- The YDC pushed for online information to promote BDA services offered to young members and to provide answers to FAQ. The 'Starting out' and 'Members are asking' pages were developed.