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Semantic Summary

Amanda Smith, operating as Yorkshire Rose on YouTube with approximately 42,500 subscribers, is — by quantitative measure — the most prolific "migrant hunter" in the UK, having been documented by HOPE not hate making 124 visits to asylum accommodation sites in 2022 alone, a 143% increase on the previous year and the highest individual total recorded. Smith's trajectory through the formal far-right precedes her YouTube career: she was previously an organiser for both the English Defence League and Britain First and is linked to the English Constitution Party and the neo-Nazi group Patriotic Alternative, demonstrating deep institutional roots across the British far-right ecosystem. Her content employs what researchers describe as "cry-bully" tactics — emotional manipulation framing her confrontational hotel visits as citizen journalism — and the Sheffield Tribune reported she "regularly appears at hotels housing refugees to hassle staff and guests." HOPE not hate maintains a dedicated case file on Smith and profiled her in the "Migrant-Hunters" research dossier alongside Alan Leggett (Active Patriot). She has been named in internal hotel industry memos warning staff about auditors, alongside Laudits and AY Audits, and has been documented attempting to access hotel grounds by clambering through woodland to reach cordoned-off areas. Smith's background as a formal far-right organiser transitioning to YouTube content creation exemplifies a broader pattern in which established far-right activists adapt to the platform economy, leveraging organisational skills into monetised content that reaches audiences beyond traditional movement structures.

Platform: YouTube

Yorkshire Rose (Amanda Smith, of Castleford, West Yorkshire) is HOPE not Hate's identified "most prolific migrant hunter in the UK" — visiting asylum accommodation sites on at least 124 occasions in 2022 alone, a 143% increase on the previous year. A former organiser for both the English Defence League and Britain First, and linked to the English Constitution Party, Smith represents the direct lineage between organised far-right street movements and the YouTube auditor format. Her channel (42.5K subscribers, 633+ videos) focuses almost exclusively on auditing hotels housing asylum seekers, using what researchers describe as "cry-bully" tactics — emotional manipulation framed as concerned citizen journalism. She has been documented attempting to access hotel grounds by clambering through woodland, racially abusing hotel staff, and appearing in internal hotel industry memos warning staff about auditors. Smith has posed with Tommy Robinson and shared Patriotic Alternative content, connecting her to the neo-Nazi fringe. Her significance extends

beyond any individual incident: she exemplifies the industrialisation of migrant harassment — transforming what was once sporadic street-level intimidation into a systematic, data-driven campaign of 124+ annual visitations, receiving tips from followers to target new locations, and inspiring a generation of copycat "migrant hunters" documented by HOPE not Hate.

Category: Right-wing / Anti-migrant / Auditor

Status: Active

Real Name: Amanda Smith

Subscribers: ~42.5K

Videos: ~633

Location: Castleford, West Yorkshire

X (Twitter) Handle: @YorksRose_84

Affiliated Groups: English Defence League (former organiser), Britain First (former organiser), English Constitution Party (linked)

Overview

Yorkshire Rose is the YouTube channel of Amanda Smith, a UK-based far-right activist and self-described "Citizen Journalist & Activist." Smith is a former organizer for the English Defence League (EDL) and Britain First who now focuses on auditing asylum hotels and migrant accommodation. She has been identified by HOPE not hate as **the most prolific "migrant hunter" in the UK**, visiting asylum accommodation sites on at least **124 occasions in 2022 alone** — a 143% increase on 2021 and by far the highest of any individual.

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@YorkshireRose>

HOPE not hate Case File: <https://hopenothate.org.uk/case-files-amanda-smith/>

X (Twitter): https://twitter.com/YorksRose_84

Background

- From Castleford, West Yorkshire
- Former organizer for the English Defence League (EDL)
- Former organizer for Britain First
- Linked to the English Constitution Party (a hard-right minor party)
- Posed with Tommy Robinson in photographs covered by Scout News
- Transitioned to YouTube content creation focusing on immigration issues
- Active on both YouTube and X (Twitter)
- Has been active at asylum hotel protests since at least 2022 (e.g., Ibis Hotel Rotherham, July 2022)
- Described by HOPE not hate as "among the most prolific asylum hotel visitors"

Notable Content

- Auditing asylum hotels and migrant accommodation across the UK
- Citizen journalism reporting on local and national stories
- Content described as "shining a light on untold issues"
- Live streams and confrontational filming at migrant hotels
- Uses "cry-bully" video titles according to HOPE not hate analysis
- Sheffield Tribune reported she "regularly appears at hotels housing refugees to hassle staff and guests"

Activities and Impact

- **124 documented visits** to asylum accommodation sites in 2022 (HOPE not hate / Byline Times)
- Frequently visits hotels she suspects of housing migrants, often after receiving tips from followers
- Has been documented attempting to access hotel grounds, including clambering through woodland to reach cordoned-off areas
- Has engaged in racial abuse of hotel staff (per Antifascist Research Collective Nitter surveillance)
- Protests she has organised have attracted counter-protests (e.g., Long Eaton Novotel, Derbyshire)
- Featured in HOPE not hate's "Migrant-Hunters" research dossier alongside Alan Leggett (Active Patriot) and others
- Named in internal hotel industry memos warning staff about auditors (alongside Laudits and AY Audits)
- Covered in multiple academic and press analyses of the "migrant hunter" phenomenon

Controversies

- **EDL and Britain First ties:** Documented history as organizer for far-right groups
- **Most prolific "migrant hunter":** Identified as the most frequent visitor to asylum accommodation (Huck Magazine, February 2023; HOPE not hate, 2022 data)
- **Hotel staff warnings:** Named in internal hotel memos warning staff about auditors, alongside Laudits and AY Audits (Facebook post, August 2025)
- **HOPE not hate case file:** Subject of dedicated research file by anti-extremism organization
- **Confrontational tactics:** Uses emotional manipulation and "cry-bully" tactics according to researchers
- **5G conspiracy theories:** Social media accounts feature 5G conspiracy content alongside anti-immigration material
- **Patriotic Alternative links:** Has shared content from the neo-Nazi group Patriotic Alternative

Media Coverage

- HOPE not hate (February 2026): Dedicated case file on Amanda Smith
- HOPE not hate (May 2024): "The Next Generation of Migrant Hunters?"
- HOPE not hate (2022): "Parachuting in and hijacking concerns: The far right come to Linton-on-Ouse"
- HOPE not hate (March 2023): "Far-right harassment of migrant accommodation doubles in 2022"
- Byline Times (February 2023): "Are You Paying for this Room? Three Years of Far-Right Attacks on Migrant Hotels"
- Huck Magazine (February 2023): "Inside the UK's anti-migrant protests"
- The Guardian (August 2024): "The far right has moved online, where its voice is more dangerous than ever"
- UnHerd (August 2025): "The YouTubers shaping anti-migrant politics"
- Channel 4 News (September 2025): Featured in investigation of asylum hotel auditors
- Scout News (Substack): "A sleepy Yorkshire village becomes a far-right flashpoint"
- Sheffield Tribune: "First they fled war. Now they're getting hounded by the far-right"
- Manchester Mill: "Racist abuse, far-right vloggers and the monsterring of refugee hotels"
- openDemocracy (2024): Featured in analysis of far-right race riots
- Antifascist Research Collective: Detailed who's who entry on "migrant hunters"

Political Lean

Smith is explicitly far-right with documented ties to multiple far-right organizations (EDL, Britain First, English Constitution Party). Her content focuses on anti-immigration messaging and opposition to asylum seeker accommodation in the UK. She is also linked to Patriotic Alternative, a neo-Nazi group, and Tommy Robinson's activism.

Links

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@YorkshireRose>
- X (Twitter): https://twitter.com/YorksRose_84
- HOPE not hate case file: <https://hopenothate.org.uk/case-files-amanda-smith/>

Known Associations

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- **English Constitution Party** — 19 mentions · tagged

- **Patriotic Alternative** — 15 mentions · tagged
- **Laudits** — 10 mentions
- **Tommy Robinson** — 9 mentions · tagged
- **AY Audits** — 9 mentions
- **Sam** — 2 mentions

Tags

- activist
- anti-immigration
- auditor
- britain-first
- channel
- commentator
- conspiracy-theorist
- content-creator
- english-constitution-party
- english-defence-league
- far-right
- nationalist
- patriotic-alternative
- person
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