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Dear readers!

We proudly present to you the documentation of the 2nd Global Young Greens Congress held in Berlin from 8th to 14th of August 2010!

More than 100 participants from over 50 countries spent five days of discussing as well as exchanging opinions and experiences from their homecountries in order to get closer together and fight with “Youth Power for a Global Green Change“.

Workshops, fishbowl discussions and a world café were organised as parts of the congress. The debated topics were endless – reaching from economics and gender issues to social justice, peace and conflicts and - of course - climate change.

After three days of debating, two days of General Assembly followed. In this, new structures were adopted as well as several topical proposals to form a wider political platform.

With this documentation, we are trying to show what the congress was about and what was behind. We hope readers get an idea of all the experiences, results, all the motivation and energy that everybody gave in and received during the time of the congress.

The different ideas, experiences and backgrounds that every single participant brought were immense and we are grateful for that.

Of course, we will not be able to display every detail of the congress, but nevertheless we try an attempt to give an impression on what the Global Young Greens are and how they work.

Hope you enjoy the reading!

Your Local Preparatory Team

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE GLOBAL YOUNG GREENS

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### *Why a Network of Global Young Greens (GYG)?*

The green movement was not – like other political colours – invented by smart men in one place and exported. It grew from a grass-root level in a decentralized way. Therefore, it does not make any sense to claim a center or build hierarchical structures. Greens are everywhere and just like sunflowers, there are times of growing, need for care, beauty and harvest – everywhere. Sunflowers are especially beautiful when they are in groups. Therefore, we need to connect the seeds to improve our policy and create a global network. Just like the sun, which shines for everyone, the green idea is open for all that are striving for a sustainable lifestyle, global and local peace, social justice, a clean environment, a fair economy, diversity of opinions, in equality of all individuals and grass-roots democracy. Think Globally, Go Green!

### *The Global Greens and GYG*

The Global Green Network is our unofficial parent organisation. We are its offspring that has developed to critically support and give new perspectives as well as continue the legacy. Being a network of green parties from all continents, the Global Greens (GG) serve to connect people and distribute ideas. Just like GYG, it is organized in four regional federations (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe) and has a steering body which is only executing the will of the Congress. GG need a youth wing in their struggle for a more sustainable world. Young people have new ideas, serve as starting points for new parties that have not seen the green light yet, and as a personnel back-up, giving critical feedback to their respective greens. Of course, this relationship is not always easy. But the GG members need the GYG since they are

the ones continuing the green legacy. On the other side, GYG is always in strong need of idealistic and material support. The relationship will have to grow further. Only openness to the concerns of the youth on one side and the advice from the “experienced” on the other will help the movement as a whole.

### *Australia, 2001: Canberra Charter*

The division of labor within GG was in many incidents one of “Australia leads, Europe supports.” This is true from the very beginning. In 1996, newly elected Australian Senator Bob Brown released a note, announcing a world green conference in 2001. A nice idea after being in touch with people like German green heroine Petra Kelly dating back to the mid-1980s. The Canberra Conference at the turn of the century marked a milestone in Global Green

achievements. Participants included people like Nobel Peace Laureate Wangari Maathai or Ingrid Betancourt. Together, they passed the “Canberra Charter”, which today still serves as the foundation for the global green structures. One week earlier, over 400 young greens (average age 26) met in Sydney to have the first GYG conference ever. Most people of the organizing collective were volunteers and participants included over 40 people from 20 different countries (for example Slovakia, Brazil, Mexico, Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Papuas, Ukraine, New Zealand and USA). They were supported by the Global Greens. The three days and 35 sessions linked Australian social justice activists to the green movement and accomplished a great deal. There were many panels with a large amount of external speakers, covering a broad range of green issues.

Back in that days, there was only one young green international network, in Europe. People knew they needed to change this. GYG 2001 was a milestone event as it provided the means to establish a cohesive, international youth network. The GG conference held the following week in Canberra was a first opportunity to work together towards key objectives. At the end the aim was to meet at the next GG conference. However, this took a while.

#### Nairobi, 2007: The Start of an Era

When half a decade later, to a great extent new people came up with the idea of forming a GYG Network, even more sunflowers were visible and waited to be connected. The objective of this GYG conference was to bring together the next generation - or as many as possible -

of young green activists and explore the possibility of working together globally. In 2005 members of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG), Campus Greens USA, and many young greens groups and individuals began email discussions on organizing another conference. Soon, Nairobi was chosen as a spot to hold this second meeting. People were sent there in advance to help with preparations and soon, everything was more official. When GYG became an NGO (registered in Belgium), the network needed formalized structures. They were voted upon after a long and deliberate process prior to and at the congress: The GYG conference, held from January 16th to 20th in 2007, was attended by 133 voting participants, all under the age of 35. Despite efforts of the organizers, the gender balance was still 2:1 male to female. People from outside Kenya included 49 Africans, five Americans, 26 Europeans and 31 young greens from Asia Pacific. Accommodation was at a leafy property on the outskirts of Nairobi. Tents were rented, mattresses and blankets bought. These were later donated to two local facilities in Nairobi, caring for orphans suffering from HIV/AIDS and other terminal diseases. The conference was held at a nearby university and mainly dealt with the formal establishment of the organisation.

#### São Paulo, 2008: A Meeting

After a long break, GG managed to hold their Second Congress in the Brazilian mega-city of São Paulo in early 2008. When this happened, GYG had already been prepared. A year earlier, at the global youth exchange in Germany (in the context of the G8 summit) you could wit-

ness young people brainstorming for a large side-event at the GG Congress. Just ten months later, the network managed to repeat what had happened in 2001: a large amount of young people were members of their parties' delegation. The Meeting was held in the five days prior to the GG Congress in central venues of the city and included different kinds of debates on various issues as well as workshops and seminars on methods for knowledge exchange. Around 60 young greens participated in this side-event, making it a huge success, especially given the short time and the little resources available to the small, mainly Brazilian-German PrepTeam.

#### How it went on

It was an intense time and just two years after the first Congress, one year after the meeting in Brazil, the second Congress was scheduled to take place in the beautiful town of Graz (Austria). However, young greens had to wait until the Copenhagen Climate Summit to meet again in very few numbers, since the Graz Congress had to be cancelled. It was then, that the new GYG generation – the third by now – had to learn that one needs at least one year and strong partners to stem an event like this. It was a depressive time in summer 2009: little activity on the eList, no resources and the sense of falling asleep. But then we woke up...

2001:  
**GYG CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY AND  
FIRST GG CONGRESS IN CANBERRA  
(AUSTRALIA)**



Logo of the Global Greens Network

2008:  
**GYG MEETING AND SECOND GG  
CONGRESS IN SÃO PAULO (BRAZIL)**



Official Logo since 2007

2007:  
**FIRST GYG CONGRESS IN NAIROBI  
(KENYA)**



Logo from the Logo-Competition 2006

2010:  
**SECOND GYG CONGRESS IN BERLIN  
(GERMANY)**



Logo designed for the Website and the Berlin Congress

# THE MAKING - OF OF THE 2ND CONGRESS

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Nobody knows anymore when and how exactly the idea came up to organise a second Global Young Greens Congress. It seems that during the GYG meeting in 2008 in Sao Paolo there was the wish to let it take place somewhere in Europe.

First plans were to organise the congress in 2009 in Graz, Austria. Due to a lack of funds and open questions towards the reform, the local preparatory team of Young Greens of Graz (GAJ) preferred to delay the Congress.

The SC sent out another call to which the German Young Greens then applied. Being one of the biggest green youth organisations in the world some members felt responsible for the global young green movement and therefore convinced the national board of their vision. They were lucky – not only did the SC decide that the next GYG congress should take place in Germany, also the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation (HBF), the green foundation in Germany, ensured its support. In July 2009 the HBF already gave its confirmation to the project. This was the first step to realise in what only few people believed at the beginning.

GAJ made a preparatory meeting possible where GYG members from all regions could take part in. Thanks to this meeting nearly all major decisions could be discussed in an international group. These fifteen people did a first brainstorm on how to change the structures, which topics for workshops would be interesting or how to put up the programme. Already then was discussed that it would be fine to serve vegan food during the congress.

With these decisions as a basis the local preparatory team went on slowly organising the big event. Every now and then there was a meeting with the HBF to clarify on the coop-

eration. Applications were sent out to the Green European Foundation (GEF) and to the EU Youth Programme (Youth in Action). Fortunately both decided to support the project. There were many conversations with lots of people to convince them of the importance of strengthening the global young green movement and most of these were fruitful. But not only the local prep team worked. There were lots of other GYG members or supporters who talked to their parties and organisations and hence managed to raise desperately needed money.

Step by step the cloudy shapes of the second congress became clearer. First flights could be promised to GYG members of the Global South and first speakers could be convinced to come to the congress. About then a real obstacle occurred: Most of the German embassies presented themselves as very uncooperative and pointed out that young people were not worth to be as respected as older ones with reputation. We fought several fights – some we lost and some we won. We are very sorry for all the activists who wanted to come to the congress and whose visa application was rejected!

But even though not everything went perfect in every case, all involved gave their best to make the congress happen. When it finally took place the local prep team was still nearly hypnotized. They were just not being able to realise that this project they had been working on for over a year was finally happening. It was great to see so many people that made it to Berlin!

Thank you all! Thank you for supporting the preparation, for raising funds, for participating and for giving your energy to a greener world!

TIME AGENDA ITEM

## Sunday, 8th of August:

the whole day	Arrival
4.00 pm	Registration, getting to know each other and dinner
8.00 pm	Check-in at hostel

## Monday, 9th of August:

10.00 am	Welcome History of the Global Young Greens Introduction into procedures of the congress
1.00 am	Lunch
2.00 pm	Workshops: <i>Gender in a Post-modern World</i> <i>Restructuring of GYG</i> <i>Working Agenda of the new SC</i> <i>Youth Policies</i> <i>Forum Theatre</i>
4.00 pm	Getting to know each other
6.00 pm	Dinner
8.00 pm	Reception by German Greens

## Tuesday, 10th of August:

10.00 am	Morning Meeting
11.00 am	Regional Meetings (Africa, Asia Pacific, Americas, Europe)
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Regional Meetings
4.00 pm	Open Space (workshops by participants)
6.00 pm	Snacks
7.00 pm	Fishbowl Discussion: Possibilities of sustainable production and living of small scale farmers (open to the public; organized by Heinrich Böll Foundation)
8.30 pm	Reception by Heinrich Böll Foundation

## Wednesday, 11th of August:

10.00 am	Morning meeting
11.00 am	Workshops: <i>Queer Theory</i> <i>Global Energy Markets</i> <i>Global Trade</i> <i>Practical Campaign Training</i> <i>What Does "Development" Mean?</i> <i>Another Ageing is possible</i> <i>Fundraising Training</i> <i>Global Young Greens and Post COP15: Key Lessons and Recommendations</i>
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	City tour
6.00 pm	Dinner
8.00 pm	World Café on Economics

## Thursday, 12th of August:

10.00 am	Morning Meeting
11.00 am	General Assembly
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	General Assembly
6.00 pm	Dinner
8.00 pm	Fishbowl Discussion: <i>Green New Deal – A Concept for a Global Economic Change?</i> (with the Green Group in the European Parliament)

## Friday, 13th of August:

10.00 am	Morning Meeting (with Ska Keller, MEP and Jan Philipp Albrecht, MEP)
11.00 am	General Assembly (election of the Steering Committee)
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Action in Berlin City: Planting trees for a green future
6.00 pm	Dinner
9:00 pm	Party at Zur Glühlampe

# REGIONAL MEETINGS

## ASIA-PACIFIC

Yen Han Wang

Around 30 to 35 people attended the Asia Pacific Regional Meeting. Most of the participants were aged between 25 to 33. We had several agreements about Asia Pacific Young Green Networks, and then concentrated on the nomination of candidates for the Steering Committee (SC). I would like to write more about the running for SC in my region. First, seven men volunteered to compete while no woman had the will. I heard people say this phenomenon showed the normality of Asian women's political power disadvantage. However, that was a biased comment. This is GREEN and YOUTH. Why do we have congresses? To gather opinions, to exchange information and to figure out possible solutions for green issues all over the world. Why do we have a SC? To help coordinate regions, organize campaigns and obtain supports. Why are we called YOUTH? Because we are more creative, energetic and most importantly a (political) position is NOT our aim at all, though it could be one of our methods. Women participating in this Regional Meeting simply thought a seat in the SC was not that of a practical assistance with the green issues they were working on. Undoubtedly, women also considered the SC vital, they were just not

eager. I don't know about other regions, but perhaps it's time for the Asia Pacifics to rethink the true value of Young Greens and the Steering Committee. I think most women attending in the Congress showed perfectly spirit of confidence and independence. The Ladies' Lunch was well accepted among Asia Pacific women. We shared regional green issues and offered suggestions as possible improvements. The only doubt is that we did not have time to discuss HOW we are going to put our ideas into practice.

## EUROPE

Delfina Rossi

The meeting was big, democratic and powerful. In total there were more or less about 40 or 50 delegates. Most of them were members of FYEG's member organizations (MO) but there were also some individual members as well as the Israeli Young Greens delegate.

The meeting was chaired by the two spokespersons of Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG), Delfina Rossi and Sebastian Power. First there was a presentation of the main topic of discussion: the statutes of GYG proposal. The group decided not to split into working groups and debate everything all to-

gether. Fortunately, there were members of the GYG SC and of the GYG Structure Working Group, such as Georg Kössler who were able to clarify questions and misunderstandings. The decision-making process was done by consensus as it was suggested in the plenary but there was some voting on specific amendments. However, most of the amendments to the text were carried out as an agreement for the whole region, except for two contributions of ViNO and one of FYEG.

The election on the SC candidates was well organized and democratic. After a coffee-break, the procedure was explained and adopted. The decision was adopted with consensus and the group of people was presented to the Congress, where they became members of the current GYG SC. They are Mareike Rehl from Germany, Anna Kavalenka from Belarus, Clarence Chollet from Switzerland and Lukas Beiglböck from Austria. All of them strongly agreed to keeping a good coordination with FYEG mainly and the other delegates from the region, as well as coordinating with the others regions.

People from the region of Europe had seen the Congress as a really well organized event, which is really useful. Most of them understand GYG as a strong network, where we can find differences but also similarities. Moreo-





ver, there is a majority in Europe that sees the necessity of prioritising political youth organizations and give less power to individuals, but there is a consensus on the importance of keeping the possibility of being individual member for specific situations and countries, as well as a measure of information for strange situations of some MO. Europeans also put attention to the financial organization of the network as well as the legal status of the NGOs register as GYG under the Belgium law. Clarify those two topics for the next Congress should be a goal for the current SC.

Finally, regarding the perspective of the region, GYG Congress was also useful to strengthen some contacts between European MOs and work in some bilateral level. Generally, people feel confident to participate in formal, informal and social activities and were happy of get to know young greens from all the world.

Regarding the Women's self organization, there are some differences between some organizations inside the region, in fact inside the FYEG, because there are MOs or delegates acting and believing in the concept of „gender balance“, when most of them considered gender inequality a consequence of the patriarchal system that has to be destroyed also applying measures of positive action, such us quotas



for women. FYEG is happy that women realize their situation and empower themselves; for FYEG it was really nice to see the power of women during the Congress. We have to clarify, that women were only one third of the total delegates there, so we were in an unequal position, still women were able to break the regional structure and work together for the same goal, a simple one, but a symbolic one: a quota only for women, not for men.

AMERICAS  
Mariana Perin

Americas was represented by few but strong people. This phrase is the resume of Americas meeting, that took place during the 2nd Global Young Greens Congress in Berlin.

Nowadays, the Federation of Green Parties of the Americas is an important arm inside the Global Greens, but still misses a youth wing organization as NGOs are not allowed inside America's cenary.

Thinking about that, Pablo Peñaloza (Chile), Jesus López (Venezuela), Sandra Luna (México), Thulio Pompeu (Brazil), Roberta Moreno (Brazil), Mariana Perin (Brazil) and Adam Matthew (Canada) decided together to change this, and keep the name of Global Young Greens to start a new young movement with all Green organisations on America's Level.

By a consensus, Mariana Perin left her chair inside the Steering Committee of the Global Young Greens and now four people are going to represent America inside the GYG: Sandra Guzmán, a very Green activist from a NGO in Mexico, Jesus López, who is a teacher and

Green activist in Venezuela, Roberta Moreno, who is working with Foreign Relations inside Brazilian's Green Party and Adam Matthew, a member of Canadian Greens and very active with communication and organization. They all are representing the Americas inside the GYG board.

For the next year, The American Young Greens plan to organise a regional meeting and start a web campaign on Climate Change. Mariana Perin also joined the Gender Work Group and will work on the local level on those issues.

AFRICA

Nma Emeruwah

23 young people (13 male, 10 female) from Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda, and Zambia attended the African Regional meeting during the 2nd GYG congress.

Gender Issues

The lunchtime meeting on Thursday 12th August was a wonderful initiative. Over lunch, about thirty young women from Asia Pacific, Africa, Americas and Europe bonded in a unique sisterhood as they shared experiences of their many common challenges. Discussions were on issues of gender and leadership, reproductive health (maternal health, STI, HIV/AIDS, FGM, etc), gender violence, gender and Climate Change, etc. By the end of the lunch, the women had resolved to work as a team and encourage each other in the struggle for gender rights and equity within GYG and beyond. They agreed to do studies in their various countries to come up with reports on National Gender Responsive Budgets, to conduct reproductive health rights campaigns and submit individual country reports to the GYG Gender Working Group to influence how they deal with their various projects. They also agreed on incorporating LGBTI issues as they are part of gender rights. This experience provided an opportunity for the African participants to learn other mechanisms of managing gender issues in different cultures and how best to adapt these to the situations in their region.

TOPIC	DISCUSSIONS	AGREEMENTS	ISSUES FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
Country reports	Country activity reports from young Green representatives of the countries present.	The reports will be incorporated into the regional reports to be presented to the GYG Congress.	
Federation of Young African Greens (FYAG)	-Restructuring FYAG to make it more active and vibrant. -Expand membership and make it more inclusive. -relationship between FYAG and the African Greens Federation (AGF).	-A new structure to be constituted to incorporate the old structures of Benin (2006) and Nairobi (2007) -Membership would be country based. -FYAG is an affiliate of AGF.	-FYAG members should be part of the existing Green structures in their countries. -FYAG is the official youth wing of AGF.
Steering Committee	-Representation on the GYG Steering Committee.	-African representatives on the Steering Committee should take into account sub-regional and gender balance. -2 men and 2 women were nominated from West, East, North and Southern African sub regions.	-Getting a 4th SC member following the failure of the Tunisian nominee to be elected by the congress. -Ensuring that the new Steering Committee members effectively represent FYAG.



## WORKSHOPS

### Rhino – Near to Extinction in Nepal (Open Space)

The workshop was divided into two parts; the first one was about an endangered species in Nepal: the one-horned Asian Rhinoceros. The participants shared different experiences from their own countries and we agreed that strict wildlife friendly policies must be implemented by the government. The second part of the workshop dealt with the conflict between humans and nature which has grown to become a social issue. The main focus was set on elephant conservation in Sri Lanka. We discussed the project „Ritigala-Resource Kit“ and finding funding possibilities for it.

### Restructuring the Global Young Greens

This workshop was focused on the current debates concerning the structure of GYG which led to participants working more thoroughly on amendments to the statutes. Many partici-

pants shared experiences from their national organizations. For example individual membership and the rights of individual members was advocated by a participant because for him a membership in a green party in his country is not an option.

### Forum Theatre

The main topic of this workshop was the Theatre of the Oppressed. Firstly drama warm ups were introduced and then we discussed using theatre as a way to brainstorm solutions for conflicts. For many participants this was a new idea of approaching a problem and some could share their experiences with this concept.

### Global Trade

We mainly discussed how the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the General Agree-

ment on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) influence trade, agriculture, food production, and the rights of countries. The participants named examples from their own countries like New Zealand’s free trade agreement.

### Fundraising Training

The main topic of this workshop was to find strategies on fundraising for projects and organisations. We shared experiences and realized that fundraising can be more difficult in developing countries such as Indonesia.

### Happy Ageing – Another Ageing is possible (ENGS)

The main topic was ageing and how personal, social, and political conditions play a role. The participants worked on green policies on ageing and planned suggesting them in their home countries. It was held by the Green Seniors.



#### *Climate Proposal*

The main topic was the GYG statement regarding the Copenhagen accord. Many found the accord was a failure because it is not legally binding. The participants then drafted a new official statement that was accepted during the General Assembly.

#### *Climate Crisis Solution*

The participants discussed that everyone should be part of the solution to Climate Change and that one can learn from peoples that live in harmony with nature. They talked about „21 Hours“ published by the New Economics Foundation which could be used as a basis for a climate strategy.

#### *What does „Development“ mean?*

The participants identified the different forms of development such as political, historical, sustainable, and mental. They discussed whether developed countries such as Japan and EU member states are „over-developed“ or not and in which sense.

#### *Food Rights of Youth*

The main topic of this workshop was contribution to food security and sovereignty as a young person. The participants discussed how multinational companies influence the food industry and the environment. They talked about freedom and equal profits for farmers and raising awareness for the subject.

#### *Kathmandu Cycle City 2020*

This workshop focused on a campaign to make the capital of Nepal a bicycle friendly city by the year 2020 and thereby addressing the problem of traffic pollution. The participants could share the idea of a cycling culture in the city and its connection to health and environment. They discussed the necessity of governmental support such as cycle friendly infrastructures.

#### *UN Youth Delegates: Youth Participation at the International Level*

Clara Leiva Burger and Jens Christoph Parker will accompany the German delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.



Since 1981 the United Nations recommend Member States to include Youth Delegates in their national delegations in order to ensure direct youth participation. Up to now only a few Member States make use of this possibility.

During the workshop they presented the work of youth delegates, introduced briefly the work of the United Nations and started a discussion about general possibilities for youth to participate actively in the international level. The discussion was very vivid, as the different participants contributed different perspectives. Therefore a lot of new ideas for youth participation on the international level could be created.

WORKSHOPS

Summaries of Report Sheets by *Francesca Klein*

DISCUSSION :

## THE PERSPECTIVES OF SMALL SCALE FARMING AND THE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES



The Heinrich-Böll-Foundation (HBF) provided a rich and fruitful debate for the GYG-congress: Perspectives of small scale farming were discussed in a participative way. The event was open to the public, other people came to join the debate and later on discuss with the participants the topic of *Small Scale Farming*.

Maren Kneller, from the German Ministry of Development, and Benedikt Härlin, coming from the Foundation on Future Farming, made introductory statements.

Generally speaking small scale farming might solve problems, both of the disputants admitted. By using small scale farming methods, more nutritional value is produced out of one square meter, compared to current industrial farming.

Companies and large scale farmers are more interested in profit-gaining, not in producing healthy food. They do not take their responsibility of being nurturers, whereas small scale farmers can more efficiently fulfil the duty of feeding the people. Due to the fact that land is priced in reference to the oil price, since fuel grain can be produced on it, it recently became more relevant. Therefore the so-called

“land grabbing” has become a huge difficulty, the world has to cope with. Companies start buying land at the time when it is more cheap to produce energy from it compared to oil - a threatening development, since the barrel gets more and more expensive.

The statement that there will never be enough food to ensure that everybody on the world can be fed is challenged by Härlin. He says that there is already enough food and the problem of famine is an issue of wrongful distribution of food. The current food assets would easily feed the 9 billion human beings expected on earth by the year 2040. Companies like Monsanto don't accept this statement, for them production cannot be kept on the current level. Giving the possibility of earning money from grain, GMO (Genetically Modified Organism)-technologies become more interesting for Trans-National Co-operations. Monsanto is involved in 90 % of the activities in this field. But obviously they are just interested in selling products that even strengthen their own monopoly. By introducing GMOs in the agricultural sector, they ensure the selling of their own weed poisons, as they are promoted to be the only solution for

sustaining mono-cultural farming. Indeed weeds are a problem, but those poisons produce resistances and therefore always need to be substituted after a while and are hence not sustainable. Gene altered plants cannot be the way to follow.

The advantage of small scale farming obviously is sustainable production and the ensurance of food security. But as long as farmers lack resources (salt, water and land), because others lay claims for those in advance, small scale farming is only possible additionally. This perspective is sad as changing this could solve the contamination of water and reduce the impact on the climate.

After this introduction there were questions from the audience that revealed the importance of that topic in regards to development aid. Companies receive the aid instead of small scale farmers, that diminishes the chances for the latter. Future challenges must be to develop ideas of changing the aid-structure and to involve more women.

One sentence sums up the discussion quite well: “Land is there to feed people, nothing else!”

For sure, one of the highlights of the congress was Thursday evening: Reinhard Bütikofer, German politician and strong supporter of the whole GYG Congress came to discuss the concept of the Green New Deal (GND). Jonathan Watts, author of *When a Billion Chinese Jump*, Guardian environmentalist journalist living in China, enriched the discussion from the Chinese perspective on how to tackle the climate crisis.

Starting with a small introduction by facilitator Anna Weber, asking where the 120 people joining the congress were from, we quickly experienced that we had a great audience to discuss this topic:

The Green New Deal, as a concept, had been widely discussed in Europe as an answer to the multiple crisis, and it was therefore interesting to discuss this with people from all over the world.

Having an input from Mr. Watts, showing different views on China, waste, smog but also beautiful, untouched landscape, as well as lots of numbers and facts concerning energy consumption etc. we got an idea on how important the further developments of this country are for the whole world.

This is not only because of the immense size of china but also because they invest a lot – an interesting aspect for the concept of the GND, as it sees the main challenge now in countries investing in the correct, sustainable areas. The idea of the concept is that as the state needs to intervene in economy and invest a lot of money anyway after the financial crisis, this can be done now in renewable energy, education, mobility and other sustainable areas and products that help us to overcome the carbone time.

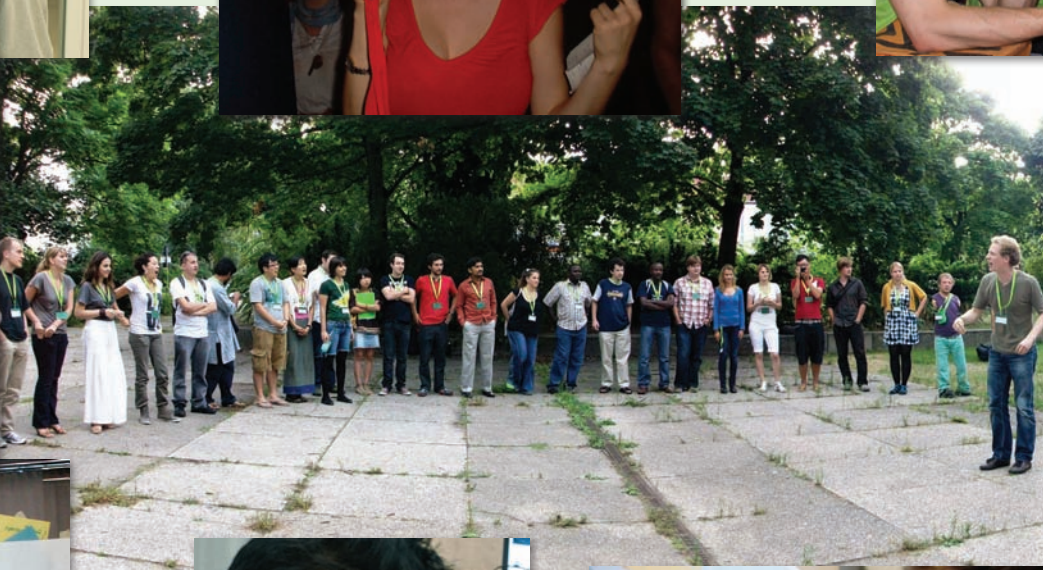
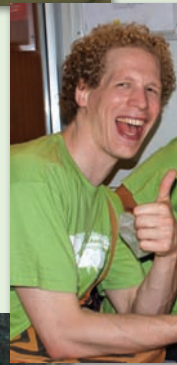
The whole discussion was planned as a fishbowl discussion, allowing the audience to come and join the speakers in the middle of the room, asking their questions and giving their statements. Soon it became obvious that lots of the participants wanted to give an input and provide the speakers as well as the audience with their own ideas and their experiences in their home countries or home regions. It became clear that the GND is a concept for countries that have money to invest and are in general willing to do so.

Another crucial point that many speakers drew attention to was the question whether the GND is a real change in the system. The question is whether we as young greens want a system-change or not. It can be agreed upon that with the changes of the GND, the competitive, market-orientated economy is still existent. For sure it will be positive to invest in renewables, in education, in decentralising the energy market but still this just manifests the capitalistic system. The audience had different opinions on whether this would be the right way or not, some where more critical, others liked the idea and saw possibilities in raising the employment and caring for better and more sustainable living conditions.

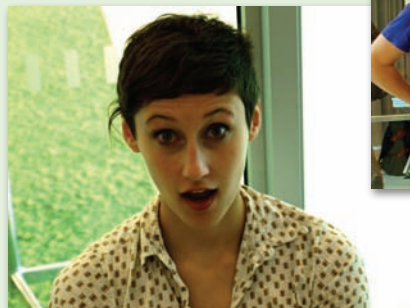
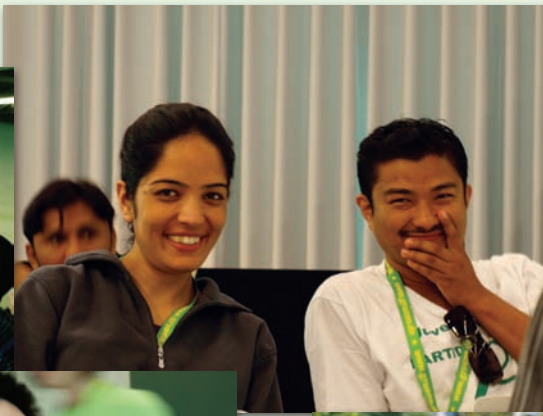
Also ideas like the „Buy nothing day“ for raising awareness how much money is spent and how many things are produced without any real need, were discussed. It was agreed upon that the first step of changing the world to a more sustainable one is to make people aware of their behaviour and for this, smaller actions and campaigns are also a step forward.

After two hours of intensive discussion, it became obvious that the Green New Deal is a possible solution for the crisis' problems. Whether it is the best one could not fully be agreed upon.









## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GYG CONGRESS BERLIN 2010

The General Assembly (GA) took place on the final two days of the Berlin GYG Congress, from Thursday, August 12th, to Friday, August 13th, 2010. The GA was convened under the Organisational Principles adopted at the inaugural GYG Congress Nairobi 2007.

A group including current Steering Committee members (SC) and GYG members with experience of previous GYG meetings were nominated and accepted without disagreement by the Congress to preside as the Chair during the two days of GA. The Chair nominated rules to be used during the GA that were also accepted.

The primary order of business of the GA was the proposed changes to the GYG Organisational Principles. For a period of approximately 12 months a Structural Changes Working Group had been working on proposed changes to those principles. They focussed on the relationship between GYG and the Global Greens (GG), clarifying the differences between Member Organisations (MOs) and Individual membership within GYG (including voting) as well as the role of the SC and whether it should be able to issue political statements on behalf of GYG.

After much discussion and diplomacy, the amended Organisational Principles were

adopted by the GA. They can be read online: [http://www.globalyounggreens.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=98](http://www.globalyounggreens.org/wordpress/?page_id=98).

The GA accepted and passed the Membership Guidelines as an annex to the Organisational Principles that will enable the SC to decide upon membership requests until the next Congress and audit members and member organisations in between congresses.

The Chair ruled that the second day of the GA would be run under the Organisational Principles as adopted in Nairobi in 2007. This ruling was challenged and after due process the Berlin 2010 Congress deemed that if new Organisational principles were accepted by the Congress they should take immediate effect. Therefore the second day of the GA was run under the Organisational Principles adopted on the first day of the Berlin GA.

The second day of the GA commenced with thanking the outgoing SC and the election of new SC members. Each region was entitled to up to four candidates. Europe, the Americas and the Asia Pacific each had four SC members elected. Africa only had a male and female candidate elected and one male candidate deemed elected. The African Federation will need to appoint a female candidate to the SC, as soon as



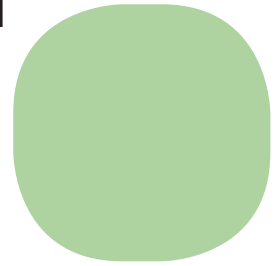
this happens, the African federation will have its full quota of four representatives on the SC.

The final part of the GA was to pass resolutions that had been nominated by members. Even with time constraints, the GA proved constructive in ensuring that all resolutions were thoughtfully assessed on their merits and accepted, withdrawn or changed. The new SC will shortly provide all passed resolutions on the GYG webpage.

Tom Millen



# SUMMARY OF OUR STRUCTURE REFORM



## Reasons for the Reforming Process

The GYG network lives by activity. Without the energy of its members, it would be an empty shell. No input, no synergies; no creativity, no change. While a lot of difficulties arise from the individual level, some are structurally formed. The long periods between congresses, the little resources and thus, the little opportunity to meet face-to-face make it hard to have the network steered by a couple of (mostly student) volunteers. Usually, activists involved already have a burden to carry with their national or regional activities. As the network is mainly about an exchange of ideas and experiences, young people show great interest in GYG after being told about it. However, participation is unclear, abstract and – at best – digital. In the past, the Steering Committee (SC) was largely in no position to do anything or did not know if anybody cares.

The Global Greens had been immensely helpful in the process of restructuring GYG. While going its own way of growing, the net-

work has taken up most of the GG's advice and is thankful for the respect and patience of its unofficial "mother" network.

## Improvements – Using Youth Ambitions for Enhanced Actions

While in the old version of the statutes, it was free for everybody defining him-/herself as "green", this is now done by the SC. Thus, the GYG now has a formal membership application procedure. Thus, the value of network-membership – which remains free of charge – is rising. This has two advantages: (a) The SC has an ongoing and highly important task, making close and continuing communication among its members necessary. (b) We avoid having just anybody who might want to profit from us on the team. While the "green-check" will be done in close cooperation with the Global Greens, the GYG still aims to include a large variety of green activist groups globally.

In order to ensure that GYG is mainly based

on member organizations and to encourage green individuals to merge into the movement, it was decided to change the allocation of votes. Now, in addition to the one-person-one-vote rule as well as the maximum amount of four votes per organization, individuals can possess only up to 40% of a region's assigned votes.

Further, the SC will from now on consist of at least 50% women from each region, as we have introduced the strictest form of a quota. This was made after long discussions on the ground of being a lead example to the world: we need empowered women to go green!

The second big change for the SC's operations (and an increase of its responsibility) derives from the new power to issue political statements. While this is another tool to enhance activity within – and visibility of – the network, it is meant to be a tool used very carefully. Thus, strong provisions of consultation were made, to ensure that only major political events (e.g. COP-17, G-20 Meeting, Tsunami) are used to present the global young green voice.

## GYG IN ACTION

At our last day of the GYG congress we were in action. It was Mareike's responsibility to organise a tree planting action. After a few weeks of calling people in Berlin she found a person in Tegel who was interested to support us. He organised a place in front of a school where we could plant trees. Trees as a symbol of democracy and against the climate change seemed a good signal for us.

After a long morning session in the HBS we left for Berlin Tegel. Paul from The Netherlands and Mareike decided to organise a flash mob in the metro on our way to Tegel. One station before we had to get out, everyone of the group started to clap with their hands in a specific African rhythm. We filmed the whole session and raised the GYG flag.

When we arrived at the school the mayor of Tegel welcomed us. Everything was well prepared, we had ten large trees, soil, water, watering cans and spades. In every international group ten participants planted one tree. We took pictures and every group gave its tree a special name, like peace tree, or global young greens tree, or special names from India, Africa and so on.

Simon, member of the board of German Young Greens gave a speech to us and we all happily went back to the HBE.

It was a successful action where the press of Berlin was present and the participants could demonstrate that they can be active as well.





## PASSED PROPOSALS

The congress passed the following resolutions which, due to constraints of time and budget, are by no means representative of all the issues discussed and developed throughout the five days.

### SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL TRAVEL POLICIES Introduced by: ViNo (Finnish Young Greens)

**Summary:** The GYG want to rethink the global traffic solutions which globalisation brought. Flight traffic is currently favored in many ways. But this situation should immediately be changed with the ultimate goal being a decision to tax the flight fuel. The budget coming from this tax would be used for mitigation of the damage caused on the environment solely. To make a real shift from air to rail tracks, the railway sector should be subsidised. Also the development of electric cars should be speeded up and promoted efficiently. However, the most important factor in traffic policies is to diminish the need to travel. Global organs like EU or UN should seriously start using the wide range of possibilities provided by the Internet, for example web conferences, and carefully consider the necessity of live meetings. The necessary live meetings should be concentrated in places with good railway connections. There will always be a need for flying between the continents, but otherwise changing the traffic culture can substantially diminish the need to fly.

### GLOBAL YOUNG GREENS CANCÚN PAPER Introduced by: FYEG (Federation of Young European Greens)

**Summary:** The GYG are deeply disappointed, dissatisfied and frustrated by COP15. The Copenhagen Accord is one of the weakest climate agreements. All parties must recognize the

need for real action. Annex 1 must reaffirm their political and legal commitment and global partnership made under the Kyoto Protocol and further reduce their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 40% by 2020 and by 95% by 2050 based on 1990 levels. They must also acknowledge that their share is the largest of historical global emissions.

We call upon industrialised countries to ensure atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations are rapidly reduced to 350ppm and stay below this level in the long term. They must strictly limit the use of offsetting, agree not to bank surplus AAUs, and agree to rules on how to account for emissions from LULUCF that ensure environmental integrity of targets. GYG supports a generous and binding regime of technology transfers. Such transfers should not include nuclear technology, CCS or other technologies which harm people or the environment. Adequate financial support must be based on the principles of additionality, sufficiency, predictability and equity. GYG calls upon industrialised countries to commit to the recommended \$600bn. The financial resources from developed countries for REDD+ must be financed by a UN managed fund and not a market mechanism and must also consider economic, social, indigenous, cultural and environmental needs of local peoples.

GYG are in favor of a progressive and equitable tax and dividend system. Governments must also discontinue all subsidies to carbon and nuclear industries. Although GYG are opposed to carbon markets, if they remain the only politically feasible mechanism for rapid mitigation, we must demand a fair cap-and-

dividend model, where they must have ambitious targets, no offsetting and a linked redistribution system.

We demand that governments include youth in their delegations and allow youth to meaningfully participate in the decision making processes. GYG will continue to fight for a fair, ambitious and legally binding deal.

### GO FOR GREEN ENERGY – NO MORE NUCLEAR POWER ENERGY

Introduced by: Japanese Young Greens

We, GYG recommend that our members promote the sharing of information concerning nuclear power in each country and strengthen the network with a view to stopping all existing and proposed nuclear power plants, uranium mining and nuclear waste disposal in the world.

We oppose nuclear plants because nuclear power plants are not GREEN.

Nuclear power plants are not a solution to climate change. It is specially dangerous to have nuclear power plants in regions with significant risk of earthquakes. There is no realistic solution to the disposal of spent nuclear fuel. The nuclear fuel cycle of uranium digging, reprocessing to derive plutonium and high level nuclear waste disposal affects human health in communities and to workers by the risk of radio active exposure. The expansion of nuclear power plants **MUST BE STOPPED NOW** and the introduction of GREEN Energy expedited.



**GYG SUPPORTS THE ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT**  
 Introduced by: *Japanese Young Greens*

GYG supports the anti-nuclear movement in every country, especially the upcoming events in Germany, Japan and Taiwan. We support the „Anti Atom Demo“ in Berlin on 18 Sep. 2010 which will protest government’s postponing of the phase-out of nuclear power, [the] „STOP KAMINOSEKI“ in which many local residents have been opposing the construction of a nuclear power plant for 27 years in Japan. And „NO NUKE 2010“ action in Taiwan, which protests government’s speeding up the construction of a 4th nuclear power plant to celebrate the 100th National Day.

**SUPPORTING YOUNG POLITICIANS**  
 Introduced by: *Taiwan Young Greens*

To ensure grassroots democracy and justice between generations, it is important for young people to take part in policy decision, especially in local politics.  
 We call on our respective governments to cancel or lower the age limits for candidature, and we appeal the governments to consider the system of public fund for election so that young people won’t lose their opportunity because of poverty.

**SHIFT IN PARADIGMS AND SYSTEMS THAT GOVERN SOCIETIES**  
 Introduced by: *FCYG (Federation of Ceylonese Young Greens)*

The GYG demands mechanisms that take into account indigenous and local knowledge, sciences, ideologies and concepts and identify the ill impacts of domination of sciences originated in the west. This would include conducting research of the causes and impacts of climate change and to create impact models at regional, national and global levels. We also support localized adaptation and mitigation techniques to address climate change and pressure all parties at all levels to facilitate indigenous and local solutions.

**AFFIRMATION OF THE VALUE OF AGRICULTURE NOWADAYS**  
 Introduced by: *Taiwan Young Greens*

We, the GYG, affirm the value of agriculture in our economy, culture, food security and for environmental protection. We refuse to sacrifice agriculture, including the rural villages and the farmers. We call for all governments to immediately stop and acquisition of agricultural land for industrial purposes, and to start a comprehensive reformation of policy towards an environmentally friendly and sustainable form.

The experience of belonging to the same world was reinforced in me after seeing that no matter how distant we are we still share the same vision of a better world. After the GYG Congress I could understand that far ahead of its time the Green Party is a global party. Encouraging the young greens with events like this they are preparing a new generation of politicians that will understand how to work with no national barriers for just one purpose: one better world. The exchange of experiences between different political youth from different countries is extremely valid as a personal perfecting and that surely can generate satisfactory results of policy implementation in their respective regions.

Thulio Pompeu, Brazil

The 2<sup>nd</sup> GYG Congress was great, amazing and awesome. I was so happy for the trust the participants put in me by offering me an opportunity to join the GYG SC. My major objective as an African representative is to try my best to institutionalise green youth movements in the region.

Ann Bulimu, Kenya

I am Kalpana Ambepititya from Sri Lanka, who represented the Federation of Ceylonese Young Greens at the Global Young Greens Congress 2010 in Berlin. I became a Young Green in 2006. Since I know GYG, there was an intention to participate in the next GYG Congress. I knew that this was the place where I could meet all young greens around the world. But I never thought that I would be elected as a GYG Steering Committee member in GYG's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress. I was back to my country with lot of responsibility to work for a better world. That gives me another direction in my life ambition. GYG's 2<sup>nd</sup> congress was a milestone in my life. This is a chance to thank everyone who helped and supported me financially to go to Germany. Heinrich Boll Foundation and the GYG Prep Team thank you very much.

Kalpana Ambepititya, Sri Lanka

Berlin was amazing!

Hiran Kangaraarachchi, Sri Lanka

I was so thankful, that I could go to the Global Young Greens Congress. It was indeed an amazing and inspiring experience. On the fourth day we had a spontaneous women's lunch. The power and international solidarity amongst females was so empowering. Afterwards we felt like we can make everything possible!

Dimitra Kostimpas, Germany

Exciting, fun and brainstorming Congress. Well done Prep Team.

Nnaemego Nkiruka, Nigeria

Everyone who thought the GYG Congress is only a nice way to spend money, was proven wrong. To meet with people from different continents opened our eyes to different problems: we learnt who is being affected when we need a cheap laptop and therefore a far-off region is exploited, we listened to reports first hand on what problems gay people face in Asia, women face in Africa e.g. concerning reproductive health, we heard what it means to live in a coastal region when nobody believes in climate change; reports from flooded Pakistan, how the uncertainty of the next day strikes young people in Afghanistan. The Congress was everything else than a usual conference, it was a true exchange of experiences and a series of workshops, in which we strengthened the bonds between us, and therefore know exactly why and for which cause we are advocating when speaking on behalf of the Global Young Greens and being active on the local level.

Marta Mendec, Poland

For me the 2010 Berlin GYG Congress was an amazing opportunity to meet many like minded young people from all over the world. It was inspirational to hear what other people are doing in their home countries, the issues they face and the progress they are making. It gave me hope for a 'Green' future!

Jessica Zanetti, New Zealand

By each minute somebody is leaving. Global Young Greens – it's so sad – I miss you. I hope I see you soon, soon, soon...

Cengiz Kulac, Austria

Left Berlin. You changed my life for ever. Thanks everyone; what a time I had.

Sanka Chandima Abayawardena, Sri Lanka

The General Assembly of GYG was a mind-blowing experience! Connecting with eager young greens from all over the world was such a rewarding moment. The idea that our visions and our ideas are shared by so many young people around the world is truly amazing. So many people from different backgrounds who share the same green dream about a sustainable and peaceful future.

Philippe Schockweiler, Luxemburg

The Congress was a great chance of meeting other Greens from all over the world. During the congress, the environment was great. Everybody wanted to learn from and get to know each other. In a very constructive setting, I had the possibility to learn a lot. It was a unique opportunity to learn about the Greens and see the movement grow. Therefore, it was a congress I'll always remember.

Rik van der Laan, Netherlands

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Yhu Hen	Herasimenka	Belarus
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Chhetri	Raju	Nepal



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Ssemwogerere	David	Uganda
Kateregga	Dennis	Uganda
Bbaale	Charles Lwanga	Uganda
Greenfield	Harry	UK
Power	Sebastian	UK
López	Jesùs	Venezuela
Kaunda	Kelvin	Zambia

total: 106  
female ca. 38%  
male ca. 62%

# INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW STEERING COMMITTEE

The new SC would like to present themselves as you can see below.

## ASIA / PACIFIC

### Kalpana Ambepitiya, Sri Lanka

It is very interesting to become the 1st Sri Lankan Green women to the world. As a profession, I am a university lecturer in Sri Lanka. I joined Global Young Greens in 2006 and working to make a better world for everyone representing human, animal and nature. I respect the responsibilities of protecting and maintaining the natural environment as a main principle, especially into the biodiversity. I commonly work on campaigns against animal abuse, animal trade, child abuse and child labour. And I support the power of local and regional communities with concerning the gender balance everywhere. I am really against violence and injustice which create the unbalance scenario to the world and its survivors, particularly domestic violence. I trust the motto "women into power" to make the world better and balance. I always encourage people to sustainable use of renewable resources and responsible use of non-renewable resources everywhere I go. With GYG I am encouraged to have more young Greens around the world, especially from Asia, Africa, Mid-least and Americas with the 50% gender balance.

### Masami Muramatsu, Japan

### Chung-Ming Wang, Taiwan

Chung-Ming Wang (Taiwan Young Greens), is a member of Central Executive Committee of Green Party Taiwan. He is gay and held Asia-Pacific Queer Greens 2010. In the 2010 election of Xinbei City, he will be a candidate nominated by Green Party Taiwan for City Councilor. He was also a Wikipedian and organized Wikimedia Taiwan in 2006.

### Alex Surace, Australia

Alex Surace is 25 from Sydney, Australia. He studies Environmental Studies at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and works part time with their student organisation, Arc, developing and implementing their environment policy and environment management plan. He is active with the Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN) - a geographical dispersed and consensus based student activist organisation.

Alex is interested in the U.N. process and was awarded Best Non Government Organisation (NGO) Delegate as Greenpeace at the 2010 Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference for his participation in a model COP16 simulation.

Alex is an active member of the Australian Greens and is working with other young greens to develop the Australian Young Greens. Alex is interested in engaging with policy and governance and building momentum at the grass roots to create lasting change.



## EUROPE



Anna Kavalenka, Belarus

Hello everybody! I am Anna and I am 22 years old. I am originally from Belarus, Minsk. I studied as a teacher of languages in Minsk but after three years got bored and decided to explore the world. Now I'm staying in Sweden and studying International Relations at Malmo University. I love people, books, movies, playing the piano and new experiences. I believe in human good nature and cooperation. I believe in green and more just world. In Belarus I have been involved in Green Party and now I am also a member of Swedish Young Greens. I have been participating in many campaigns and events on green issues and I believe it's possible to have changes if we are together. That's why I am very inspired to be a part of the new SC. Let's stay together and make change!



Lukas Beiglboeck, Austria

Lukas Beiglboeck from Austria, a nice 24 year old guy.

When I was 16 I felt the need to do something against the political extreme right wing parties and change Austria in a green way. The decision to join the young greens changed my life completely. First I found a local group in my hometown Graz, and I was active in several positions in Austria. In 2007 my local group sent me to the Global Young Green Founding Congress. When I was going there I was curious and also skeptical at the same time. During the congress I became more and more convinced about the idea of a Global Young Green Network and about the future prospects of such a network. In 2009 I got involved in the Prep Team for the Congress 2010 in Berlin, and there I became a member of the Global Young Steering Committee.

I am also studying political science and history at the University in Vienna.



Clarence Chollet, Switzerland

Clarence Chollet is 26 year old and comes from Switzerland. She lives in Neuchâtel, in the French-speaking part of her country. She completed her Bachelor degree at the University of Lausanne majoring in Environmental Sciences and pursued a Master degree at the University of Michigan in Urban Planning. She joined the Swiss Greens in autumn 2006 and the Young Greens of Neuchâtel in Winter 2007. She currently is the president of the section and is very active in the Greens Party too. She is part of the cantonal Committee and is in charge of the Working Group on agriculture and the Mentoring Program for Young Politician. Clarence speaks French and English as well as a bit of German. She likes to hike in the mountains, to swim anywhere and she is fond of all winter sports (like most Swiss people). She starting to get involved in the Global Young Greens in the 2010 Congress in Berlin and has been very impressed with the commitment of all those young people around the world. She decided to run for the Steering Committee hoping she could contribute to expand this network and increase its reputation. She is now very excited to work with 15 other people from all around the world and loves to be involved in the spreading of « Green ideas » among the young generation.



## AFRICA

Ann Bulimu, Kenya

My names are Bulimu ANN; from KENYA, currently the chairperson of Kenya Young Greens, trained as a pharmacist, biochemistry, my vision is to see the whole world going Green, my future expectations are joining Kenyan parliament and serving the common man through Green ideology.



Roselin Gad Monlogla, Benin

My name is Roselin Gad Monlogla. I am from Benin. I am member of Benin Young Greens, I am the General Secretary of West African Young Greens Network. I am also professional of Psychopedagogy of Education and Training. I also study Economy of Enterprise. Now I am a volunteer and I am working as Secretary in Benin Greens Party Office.



Mareike Rehl, Germany

Hello everybody! Hallo! Dzień dobry! Hoi! Salut! Grüezi! My name is Mareike and I am from Germany as you can see in the last years I lived in several countries in Europe like Switzerland, The Netherlands, Belgium, Poland and finally Germany. Berlin is the city where I am studying but actually I am living in Rotterdam and writing my master thesis. In the last years I was continuously involved in green politics. Seven years ago I became a member of the Young Greens in my hometown since this time I took part in several political actions, demonstrations and so on. Now I am involved in the local Green party in Berlin and in FYEG. Highlights during my volunteer work was the demonstration in Heiligen-damm against G8, to be a part of the election campaign for the European Parliament in 2009 and my internship in the



Kelvin Kaunda, Zambia

I am a Zambian whose interest is in the welfare and development of the environment and willing to do anything to foster its well being.

AMERICAS

Roberta Moreno, Brazil

My name is Roberta Moreno, I'm 26 years and I live in Sao Paulo, Brazil. I graduated in International Relations since 2006 and post graduated in Environment and Society. I have been working in the Green Party for 4 yeras, at International Relations' bureau. I worked in the organization of the Global Greens Congress in Brazil.

Sandra Guzman, Mexico

I'm environmentalist at heart and conviction and meet so many people with the same desire to make things happen better in the world, fills me with joy and great commitment.

Degree in International Relations from the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Management Specialist in Energy and Environmental Policy and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences and a specialist in Environmental Law from the Faculty of Law at the UNAM.

Role as coordinator of the Air and Energy Program of the Mexican Center for Environmental Law (CEMDA), where she works issues such as climate change, energy efficiency, renewable energy, biofuels, sustainable transport, especially in the promotion of legal and public policy analysis .

On behalf of CEMDA has attended various international meetings on climate change material, such as those held by the United Nations among which the COP14 (Poznan, Poland), COP15 (Copenhagen Denmark) and various intermediate meetings in Bonn, Germany, Barcelona, Spain and Bangkok, Thailand.

She is now part of international networks such as Climate Action Network, Climate Justice Now, Internacional youth coalition on climate change, the Latin American Network on climate change, the space in front of the Mexican climate crisis, and other groups for discussion and exchange of information advocacy.

Currently coordinating activities towards the COP16 process and leads on issues such as funding for climate change, sustainable transport and energy transition in Mexico.

Jesús Alberto López Monasterio, Venezuela

My name is Jesús Alberto López Monasterio, I was born in Caracas - Venezuela on July 15, 1982. I am a person that as the years went by I was taking a consciousness that apparently very few people in our only home they have. All started with a great college experience, studying Education Mention Biology and Chemistry. I began being very unsure of what I did, but I finished sure that I had made the right decision. In recent years of my career I was fortunate to run into a teacher capable of making the lives of all students. Your name: María Elena Febres - Cordero, responsible for providing the Chair of Ecology, stuff that did not generate higher expectations but ended up being the most important of my life.

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perspectives creativity is the bridge between heart and mind... and the world needs creative solutions more than ever. i believe that sustainability is above all a question of education and communication. sharing knowledge, thinking longterm, preventing problems and implementing solutions: these actions are inevitably linked to informed and well-thought-out decisions. but it's not merely a question of effectiveness and efficacy... the green movement is one that thinks with its heart. building a sustainable society has just as much to do with will, compassion, love and respect for our collective resources. working together and understanding one another... it's a question of communication.



# WHAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE WORKING ON

## Members

The GYG Steering Committee Members (SCs) will work on encouraging green youth organisations and individuals to become members. They are invited to expand and adapt the network according to the principles of GYG. The main attention lies on Asia, Africa, Middle-eastern countries and on Pacific Islands as well as on representing minority and disadvantaged groups that mainly keep on gender balance.

## Network

There are plans to bring network members closer together through strong, basically electronic communication. All the members will be informed based on campaigns and significant decisions using the GYG mailing list. The required information (to inform about tools, inspiration/motivation and sharing) for new and old members will be distributed using customized mails (this depends on the member requirement).

Capacity building is considered a very important matter in communication. The SC will facilitate members to supply and share information and opportunities among other members

in specific languages according to the requirement at that moment.

The SC will assist the work procedure of working groups to facilitate campaigns and enlarge the number of group activities.

## SCs contribution

A strong communication process will be developed for quick response among the SC with deadlines. Decision making rules for the SC will be developed and approved among the SC to carry out future work beneficial to GYG. The SC will always represent a positive image earthy to minimize the ecological footprint as the largest Young Green network.

## Campaigns

The Steering Committee will facilitate administrative tasks or preparation teams for major activities like the congress or campaigns which require global attention. Campaigns will be based on central positive themes according to GYG principles and implement activities both, globally and regionally.

## International Relation

There will be a working committee for international affairs with involvement of the SC. The SC will insure GYG's presence in international forums, events and conferences. It will collaborate with the Working Committee on International Affairs to assist in international engagement and organise delegations to represent GYG.

## Declarations

The SC will prepare declarations or statements on Climate change, Carbon footprint, Biodiversity, Human Rights, Equity, Food and Water, Democracy, Peace and Security, Sustainable Development, Human Rights and Gender rights. These declarations will be organised to maintain and inform the GYG network. All members will be informed via the mailing list about new declarations.

Kalpana Ambepitiya



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Over 100 youth from 48 nations came together for six days. Together, they had an incredible time. Everybody gained something from this event and all enjoyed contributing their share to a successful congress. The global green movement will continue to grow thanks to this week in Berlin and thanks to all who made it possible: Friendships emerged, ideas spread, understanding grew. In some parts of the world, a green plant might grow a little stronger, in others, strong flowers were strengthened and might turn their heads in a new global direction.

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