

1. **Applicant information**

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For the following three questions you should make reference to the first page of this document, which outlines some details of the Steering Committee role and also some of the required skills.

2. **Experience**

I currently sit as the Co-Chair of the Young Greens of Canada (YGC), but also sitting on GPC governance as youth representative. During my term as the Co-Chair of YGC, I worked towards reforming our organization to build stronger youth engagement and build more connections between the Greens in Canada. As the youth representative, I pushed and pressured GPC into committing higher funding and resources for the youth movement. Under my recommendation and proposal, YGC established a youth committee with the provincial and territorial Green Parties. This youth committee brought the region young green leaders together from our nation, but also help us engage youths on a grassroots level within each region of Canada. I advocated youth engagement to be a top priority within GPC and that resources are readily available for YGC to engage Canadian youths. From my advocacy, YGC had the biggest budget since its formation in 2006.

As the youth representative in Canada, I was active in the federal party's governance discussion and decisions. Due to my fellow Co-Chair's resignation, I acted as Chair of the executive meeting of YGC for the past year. From my previous professional experiences, I have a strong background in administration and governance management. Outside of the administrative reform of YGC, I worked to engage Canadian youths on variety of policy issues. From electoral reform to climate change to nuclear disarmament, I led YGC to advocate and engage Canadians youths on these issues. YGC held various policy advocacy campaigns to encourage and engage Canadians on current policy issues. YGC organized rallies and were active in challenging the government's decision on electoral reform.

3. Motivation to join the SC

There is much work ahead of the Global Young Green movement, we need strong leadership to keep up with the growth of the Green movement. Though SC's duties are still yet to be determined at Global Green Congress, I believe I can adapt to the variety of challenges presented. GYG needs to grow with the global momentum of Green politics. At the same time, GYG should be the hub of all young greens with regional and equal representation.

I have a love for diversity and cultures around the world, but also the people of the world. As a global citizen, I see GYG with the opportunity to advocate and organize youth issues. More importantly, I want to help push forth diversity in the global context. As a youth leader in Canada, I advocated and created many opportunities with more resources for young greens to engage in Canada. In Liverpool, I see a great opportunity for GYG to build more connections between Green organizations. I will bring my experience, knowledge, and passion to rebuilding our global youth movement. I believe I have the experience and knowledge to lead GYG into a brighter future.

4. How do you want to help develop GYG?

From my experience and knowledge, I want to develop the GYG as an internationally acknowledged organization. If selected to the Steering Committee, my personal goal is to help Global Young Greens become the biggest youth political movement on Earth!

GYG needs to be a organization that connects all the youth organizations across the globe, where we share a passion and commitment for global engagement. SC should be a platform where young greens from across the world can discuss issues of their region and develop campaigns to help advocacy and engagement. I want to connect young green groups across country lines, to develop deeper relationships, and to share our experiences. Other than the need to reach out all Youth Wings of the Green Parties, we also need to reach out to Greens who have a smaller or those do not have a youth wing. GYG needs to take action in building and supporting the Young Greens movement across the world.

Other than the international development, I believe we need to take action within the organization to restore structure and connections. GYG should follow the structure of similar organizations within the Global Greens. From rebuilding SC's duties and functions to creating sub-committees to focus on specific issues, SC needs to focus on administrative tasks ahead in order to build concrete foundation to grow the Young Greens movement. I believe I have the skills and experience to join the Steering Committee and advocate for the development of GYG!