

STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Your candidate statement should explain your experience as well as motivation and include a description of how you want to participate in developing GYG. You should make reference to the points below which outline some of the skills you need to be an effective SC member.

Please send your statement to info@globalyounggreens.org before April 1st 2017, 10:30 AM BST.

The GYG Steering Committee is in charge of the following:

- The main task is to implement the outcomes of the GYG Congress in Liverpool and implement the GYG Organisational Principles.
- Responsibilities will include fundraising, developing action plans and implementing them, mobilising members and identifying new opportunities for GYG until the next GYG Congress.
- More broadly the SC must take on the development of the GYG movement, managing membership and all communication tools including mailing lists, newsletters, web page as well as being involved in regional and local Young Green activities.

For this role you should:

- Speak fluent English: you should be able to express yourself, read political texts, write e-mails and understand English discussions;
- Be willing to take on a challenge
- Have enough time to dedicate, estimate ~ 4 hours a week;
- Have good organisational skills;
- Have experience in organising Young Green activities;
- Be a good team player;
- Be committed to the goals and principles of GYG;
- Have developed social and intercultural skills;
- Have respect for the opinions and ideas of others;
- Be willing to take on the responsibility to coordinate GYG projects;
- Be interested in Global Green Policy;
- Have internet access on a regular basis;
- Answer your emails regularly and attend online meetings every two to four weeks;

It is an advantage if you have experience in managing and running projects as well as in writing project applications and final reports.

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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

My young green activism started in 2015 as being the treasurer in the board of my (back then) local district organisation. Following to that I was elected as coordinator of the working group of Grüne Jugend on democracy, domestic policies, law and anti-racism. Since March of 2016 I'm member of the International Coordination and became a delegate for the working group of the German Green Party on migration and flight.

After finishing school I started to work in a consultation office for home-seeking refugees in Berlin for six months. From mid of April I'm going to be doing an internship in the public relations office of the Green group in the German parliament. As a member of the International Coordination of Grüne Jugend I was able to build myself a well-functioning network with the relevant actors on the young green European level by organising, coordinating and joining seminars, youth exchanges, or congresses. I was responsible within my committee to pre-organise the GYG congress and in charge of creating a vision for GYG and for writing and editing the German amendments to the Statutes. During that process I came in touch with many (more or less ex-)actors within GYG that shared their knowledge, frustration and ideas for a better organisation with me.

3. Motivation to join the SC

I'm strongly convinced that most of our current political problems need to be solved on a global level. This includes that we must not only think globally but also need to actively support and empower our allies on the whole planet.

As one of the main negotiators of the reform of the GYG Statutes I gained a lot of knowledge about the organisation, where it works and where it doesn't. I think that our ideas and the changes (hopefully) achieved at the Congress have a good potential for founding a solid base for a vivid network with all of the attributes we want

it to have. I want to prevent that the massive progress we accomplished gets erased by a non-motivated or divided SC. Therefore I see my personal task in finding convergence and synergies among the other actors committed to GYG to solve our challenges unitedly.

4. How do you want to help develop GYG?

GYG is facing big challenges with poorly designed structures, demotivated members and irrelevance. To fight for our demand of worldwide justice I'm convinced that comparatively strongly structured MOs such as Grüne Jugend have the responsibility to use their privileges to enable it to members of less structured MOs to get access to an empowering network. This network should be there to provide education, intercontinental activism on global topics and, of course, a platform to exchange ideas, best practice and positions. Unfortunately we are in the position of not having that network yet and it is a huge task for years to build it up. But what we have is the unique occasion of a congress with more than a hundred young greens from all over the planet and by that the possibility of making GYG work once so it can be the base for all the things we want it to be.

My strategy for the upcoming years is visible in the German amendments. The eight-headed SC is responsible for working out a structure for GYG that enables it to work and grow until the end of 2018. At the end of this process stands an active network with educational events at least every three months, a sustainable way of fundraising, a safe, inclusive and identity-proving way of online voting, a proper membership policy, functioning mechanisms to ensure gender as well as regional balance in decision-taking and participation and an efficient and operating communication between the SC and federations, MOs and members. Linking to the last point, the Regional Coordinator for Europe is the position I think would fit best for me, because of my already existing vivid network with young and less young greens from all over Europe. This position for me also includes the task of constantly raising funds for GYG's activities (together with the treasurer).

To answer the question above shortly and precisely to end this application, I'm willing to try my best and devote my time to finally make a working network out of GYG.