

GLOBAL YOUNG GREENS

Annual Progress Report 2017-2018



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This report covers the period from the election of the Steering Committee in April 2017 till summer 2018.



1. Introduction and Objectives

Global Young Greens (GYG) is a youth organisation that has significant potential in the growing global green movement. In the past year, the new Steering Committee has made progression in a number of areas. This report will map out the particular areas in which the SC has progressed, and also the challenges that it has faced. It will reflect upon the objectives set in May 2017 and examine the ways in which GYG has met them. It will conclude by identifying areas which require further concentration.

Objectives

The below objectives were set out by the SC following our last Congress in Liverpool (2017):

1. **EXPANDING THE NETWORK** — Increasing membership, especially where the Green movement growing —Planning different types of events and on a more frequent basis
2. **COMMUNICATION** — Improving communication with members via the publication of a newsletter on a monthly basis —Utilise social media and the GYG website in more effective and engaging ways — Promote the campaigns of Young Greens around the world WORKING
3. **GROUPS** — Supporting the creation of working groups to carry out particular tasks on specific issues — Carrying out the mandate agreed at congress to investigate the structures and procedures of GYG
4. **STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES** The Steering Committee will guide the reform of the structures and procedures of GYG to ensure stable foundations upon which to build a stronger and wider reaching network of international Young Greens. This includes areas such as clarifying the roles and tasks of SC members, introducing further organisational bodies such as committees and working groups, and building a comprehensive database of Young Green member organisations.
5. **INCLUSIVITY AND TRANSPARENCY** — Integrating the ideas and participation of Young Greens — Conducting regular surveys to gauge the opinions and insights of GYG members

The following section will specifically map out how we have achieved our objectives and what further development needs to take place.



2. Progress

Objective	Progress	Future development
Expanding the network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Congress was held in Liverpool in March/April 2017 – see Congress Report Liverpool 2017 (also attached here) ● Each region is in the process of being reviewed to establish official MO contact lists and other possible MOs. ● Face to Face meeting in Taipei together with Global Greens ● Networked with and attended events organised by International Union of Socialist Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More events ● Better regional networking (especially in Africa and Asia Pacific) to help support and strengthen Young Greens networks.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly newsletter ● Regular communication on Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and via email. ● Introduced GYG Instagram channel ● Updates on website ● Email response always within 3 days(max) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Website redesign (in progress) ● Using the website as a place to promote YG projects and campaigns
Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Structures and Procedures Working Group introduced in September 2017. ● Oversight Committee introduced in January 2018. ● Capacity Building Working Group introduced in August 2018. ● Timeline established to introduce more Working Groups and Committees over the next 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of more Committees and Working Groups to expand the work of GYG. ● Face-to-face meeting of Steering Committee in November 2018
Structures and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Structures and Procedures Working Group introduced in month 2017. ● Structures and Procedures Working Group Report 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General reforms and clarifications of GYG procedures e.g. individual membership process.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the process of examining and redrafting GYG Organisational Principles. • Oversight Committee in place to oversee electoral procedures and work of GYG SC. 	
Inclusivity and Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Report June 2017 (highlights the importance of GYG functioning as a news network). • Open and inclusive of Young Green proposals/ideas to include in our newsletter, publish on our Facebook page or website. • GYG has been doing as much as it can with respect to inclusivity- every effort is made to include regional representation for each working group/committee, and all MOs are contacted on a regular basis. Our meeting minutes are posted immediately and available upon request to any MOs, and transparency is highlighted through accuracy. There has been some disagreement about MOs who are not formally linked with their local federations, but every effort has been made to include them, regardless. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey 2018

Key Achievements:

- [Survey report](#)

A membership survey was conducted and a report was published.

- [SPWG](#)

A Structures and Procedures Working Group was formed and started working on an update of the Organisational Principles of GYG.

- [Membership database](#)



The membership database has been updated in for the regions of Asia-Pacific and Americas.

- Regular and transparent communication (e.g. newsletter, more content on website and active fb page)

The newsletter with information from the regions and on GYG activities has been published and sent out every month. The Facebook page and website got more regular updates.

- Young Greens Standing Up Series

A series of articles as examples for young greens standing in elections was started on the website and in the newsletter.

- Plan of action to expand committees and working group structures (see [SPWG report](#)).

The Structures and Procedures Working Group and Capacity Building Working Group were formed.

- Oversight Committee

The Oversight Committee was formed in January 2018 following the amendment of the Organisational Principles at the Congress in 2017. It has 5 members (one from each region + a chair) and helped in conflict resolution and questions regarding the Organisational Principles.

3. Challenges

Challenges	How we have addressed them
Loss of Steering Committee member	We held elections online to replace the Steering Committee member who had resigned.
Updating Member Organisation contacts on a global scale	Internet-based research, using personal contacts, reaching out to Green Parties to get youth organisation contacts,
Participation and coordination of voluntary work across five different time zones.	An activity sheet for Steering Committee members was introduced to keep track of each SC member's work for GYG.



4. Supporting Documents

[Congress Report Liverpool 2017](#) (also see attachment)

[Survey Report June 2017](#)

[Structures and Procedures Working Group Report 2017](#)

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Asia Pacific <https://www.facebook.com/apygn/>

Europe <https://www.facebook.com/federationofyoungeuropeangreens/>

