

FYEG ACTIVITY REPORT 2021-2022

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FYEG's 2021-2022 Activity Report outlines all the activities organised and hosted by FYEG sometimes with the support of its partners. This report details the topics and results of each event, in line with FYEG's Activity Plan and aims as an organisation.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Brave New Europe Work Plan

Following the decision to cancel all international activities for the year 2021, FYEG restructured the format and flow of the Work Plan events: firstly, the first phase was moved fully online, organising MO-MO trainings which are described in the dedicated paragraph below. Then, FYEG put out a call for MOs to apply to host their own summer camp centering on the topics of youth participation and the role of youth in democracy. FYEG received 9 applications and successfully granted 5, selecting them on the basis of pertinence with the call, relevance of the activity proposed, quality of the application elements and finally the funds available.

The Be Brave summer camps took place from August to September in 5 locations (Catalonia, Scotland, Georgia, Greece and Ukraine), involving 105 young people, 28 Local Prep Team members and 4 Coordination Team members. Two of them were regional (the one in Ukraine involving 4 MOs and the one in Scotland involving two) and three were national (Greece, Georgia and Catalonia). All of them readapted the 5-day template programme to fit the local context and either created tangible outputs or organised an activity for civic dialogue or campaign during or after the event itself.

In October, a follow-up training was organised and held by 2 professional trainers from the collective Campaign Accelerator. It directly involved 17 trainees from 6 FYEG Member Organisations that had also been host of one of the summer camps. This training allowed FYEG to gather important data which was used to develop a training programme for MOs, planned to start in September 2022.

On 11th December, the international activity Pizza & Write-a-thon was organised as a hybrid 1-day event co-hosted by FYEG and the Activist Handbook and held both in-real-life in 8 local hubs in 6 countries and online. The activity involved 74 young people, 8 hub coordinators and 5 Prep Team members and produced 10 articles ranging from the themes of organising, theory of activism and wellbeing of activists and touching topics such as the lifecycle of organisations, lack of diversity in movement, stress and anxiety and more.

The EGP also supported the implementation of four activities under the umbrella of the Be Brave Summer Camps. The events '10 years of democracy and participation' (in collaboration the French Young Greens, in Poitiers); 'Por Un Futuro' (in collaboration with the Spanish Young Greens, in Madrid); 'Agenda 2030 changemaker' (in collaboration with the Young Greens of Norway, Finland and Sweden, in the Åland Islands); and 'Ecosocialism to Win and Live' (in collaboration with the Catalan Young Greens, in Osona) counted with the participation of EGP speakers, who brought a European perspective to the different activities. With these four events, the FYEG and EGP reached out to 136 people in total.



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Road to COP26

Ende Gelände

The EGP promoted the participation of young activists to the Ende Gelände blockade action. EGP and FYEG encouraged like-minded young activists from all across Europe to join the action, that took place in Brunsbüttel (Schleswig-Holstein, Germany). This activity allowed Young Greens from FYEG and other young climate activists to create and enrich their international network, and learn more about grass-roots non-violent actions that can be adapted in their local communities to reclaim climate action. The EGP counted with FYEG's Member Organisations and network to reach a diverse group of activists interested in joining the action.

In total, 21 young activists from 5 different countries attended the action thanks to the collaboration between the EGP and FYEG. This activity allowed FYEG to set up political proposals on climate priorities and policies towards COP26.

European Ideas Lab

The European Ideas Lab (EIL) is an international event co-organised by the Green Family that brings together Green politicians, activists and changemakers. FYEG participated in the 2021 edition of the EIL by bringing a group of Young Greens and collaborating in the organisation of three of the workshops of the seminar. The EIL was an hybrid event that took place online and in Milan, Italy, in parallel to the celebration of the Youth Event of the preCOP summit of the UNFCCC. Taking this context in consideration, the FYEG prioritised the participation of activists of its Italian candidate MO, Giovani Europeisti Verdi (GEV), in order to ensure the connection between the Italian Green activists and the local climate movements with the European Green Family. FYEG also promoted the participation of three members of the FYEG COP26 delegation (two live and one online).

With this activity, FYEG could not only participate in this seminar, but also join the actions and mobilisations organised by the local climate movement asking for real climate ambition in COP. The workshops organised by FYEG helped the Federation to promote and defend its political and strategic positions towards COP, network with social movements and experts, and prepare the launch of the campaign 'Polluters Out, People In!'. Between live and online attendees, the workshops co-organised by FYEG reached around 60 people in total:

- "Polluters Out, People In": with Pascoe Sabido (researcher and campaigner - Corporate Europe Observatory); Cat Scothorne (activist - Glasgow Calls Polluters Out); Morgan Henley (campaigner - Bankwatch Europe); Michael Bloss, MEP (Greens/EFA); moderated by Özgecan Kara (FYEG Secretary General)
- "Youth Perspectives on Politics and Activism", in collaboration with DWARS (Dutch Young Greens), with Srishagon Abraham (International Secretary of DWARS), Benedetta Scuderi (FYEG EC - GEV); Sean Currie (Member of the FYEG COP26 delegation, Scottish Young Greens); moderated by Delfine Rood (DWARS) and Cristiana Cerri Gambarelli (FYEG - Fantapolitica)
- "Pre-COP Strategies: How to ensure ambition at COP26", with Bas Eickhout, MEP (Vice-chair of the



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Greens/EFA); Pär Holmgren, MEP (Greens/EFA); Zsolt Bauer (Climate Reality project); Dylan Hamilton (climate activist, Youth Summit delegate and climate activist); Clara Winkler (FYEG EC and FYEG COP26 delegation)

Alter - COP26

FYEG coordinated the implementation of a seminar in parallel to the Climate Summit COP26 in Glasgow. With this activity, FYEG engaged young activists in educational activities, workshops and training sessions around international climate policy-making with a special focus on its priorities, as well as civil society movements and mobilisations. The activity strengthened the understanding of participants of the UNFCCC and other international bodies' processes when it comes to climate and international policy-making. The final number of participants, including FYEG EC and staff, was 52.

This activity was organised in collaboration with the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament and hosted Thomas Waitz (Greens/EFA MEP), who brought interesting insights on the COP negotiations. FYEG also collaborated with Equinox - Initiative For Racial Justice, which offered a workshop on racial justice and promoted the call amongst the participants of its leadership program for BIPOC activists.

The COVID pandemic partially affected the original program, but it was eventually adapted thanks to online tools and the flexibility of all FYEG's partners and the kind cooperation of the participants. The program included the participation of all the attendees in the mobilisations organised by the local climate movements as well as sessions to learn more about COP and its negotiations, community-organising and campaign-planning, resilience and mental health, and the connections between climate justice and racial justice. The session took place in the Auchengillan Centre, a scout centre in the outskirts of Glasgow where participants stayed, and in the Green Hub, a space where all the Green Family and other like-minded partners could network and mingle in parallel to the COP. The participants also attended sessions of the People's Summit organised by the COP Coalition.

COP26 Young Greens delegation

The COP Delegation started working in April 2021. They prepared for COP by liaising with different organisations like the COP26 coalition and YOUNGO. Furthermore some delegates attended the European Ideas Lab which happened at the same time as the Pre-COP in Milan. There FYEG kicked off its "Polluters Out" Campaign, calling out the massive presence of the fossil fuel industry at the global climate negotiations. At COP the delegation attended as many sessions as possible, participated in workshops of the Green Hub and also in events from allies. The delegation liaised a lot with different green politicians from EGP and even more with fellow young greens from Global Young Greens. As FYEG was one of the only organisations that made it possible for their delegates to stay until the end of the extended negotiations, the role of the FYEG delegation was crucial when the decision was published, as there were almost no activists left in the space to call out this massive failure. FYEG managed to do this by giving interviews to the press and by having one delegate storming the stage seconds before the results were to be announced to the press - the action made it to the headlines globally. Overall FYEG gained valuable connections with other activist organisations during this COP and voiced their demands loudly in order to pressure world leaders towards more ambitious outcomes.



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Study Session

In October 2021, CDN hosted a joint study session with FYEG on the topic of work which gathered 40 young people at the European Youth Centre in Budapest, Hungary. The activity looked at gig economy and barriers and challenges of young people to enter the job market and created a manifesto outlining the green positions of the future of work.

Online Trainings

FYEG held two types of online training for Member Organisations in 2021: MO-MO training and general training.

MO-MO trainings were online training facilitated by the FYEG to enhance the interregional learning between the Member Organisations. Three such events were organised. On 21st of May, Protests and Young Greens of England and Wales held a training on social media strategy and analysis, looking at social media outreach methods and digital mobilisation. On 16th of June, Georgian Young Greens, Finnish Young Greens and CDN held a workshop on political maturity and organisation culture, touching upon organisational structure and development, membership management, leadership capacity and refined Green ideology of Young Green organisations. Finally, on 15th January 2022, the Green Youth of Serbia held a training of democratic participation and facilitation, touching upon decision-making methods, the facilitation of space for discussion, and tools for democratic decision-making.

FYEG then organised 3 other general trainings. On 8th July FYEG hosted an Extinction Rebellion activist and psychologist to talk about mental health and the wellbeing of activists from a political point of view. On 9th May 2021 and on 7th February 2022, FYEG Project Manager and Project Intern held two fundraising training on how to apply for International and Pilot Activities with the European Youth Foundation.

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Young Greens Forum

On March 5th and 6th, FYEG held the annual FYEG Young Greens Forum online. The YG Forum is the main space where FYEG and its Member Organisations are able to have political discussions and discuss strategy, in preparation of the General Assembly and Spring Conference happening later in 2022. Therefore, the discussions during the YG forum ranged from exchanges between MOs to input on training, FYEG's strategy and possible resolutions or IRP changes or resolutions at the next General Assembly. There was a public session on the different voluntary roles open within the FYEG to inform people interested in running for these positions. FYEG organised more political discussions on the future of Green parties in government and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. And FYEG also invited EGP co-chair Thomas Waitz, Deputy Federal Chairwoman



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of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen Pegah Edalatian and Serbian activist Pedrag Momcilovic to discuss the Greens role in politics and activism, and to look ahead towards the 2024 European elections.

General Assembly 2021

The General Assembly took place online due to COVID-19 restrictions. The main focus of the GA alongside statutory updates was to adopt a new political platform, drafted by the Political Platform Committee with input from Member Organisations and the Executive Committee. The Political platform is an updated document defining FYEG's positions on political topics. As well as the Political Platform, the GA also elected the new bodies of the organisation and adopted plans to outline FYEG's work for the next year under the priorities of a democratic, antiracist and inclusive Europe; climate and social justice, and a feminist and intersectional Europe.

Internal Meetings

FYEG's Executive Committee met on a weekly basis online. They also met in hybrid format a total of four times throughout the year through weekend retreats to steer FYEG in its strategic work and to set in motion new visions and goals for the future. In addition, the Executive Committee met with the Advisory Committee once during their meeting.

FYEG's Financial Control and Advisory Committee met twice with the Secretary General, Treasurer and Office Manager. They met once in January to introduce the newly elected members to the mandate and FYEG's finances and once in April to review FYEG's financial management.

Organisational Change Workshops

The organisational change process started at the end of 2020 continued throughout the 2021-2022 period, aiming mainly at improving FYEG's internal processes and strategic planning. To this end, an Executive Committee onboarding guide was created, the FYEG Secretariat and Executive Committee implemented a delegation order to organise their coordination more effectively and created individual plans to better define and monitor their tasks, in line with the Strategic framework.

The Secretariat and Executive Committee also worked with a consultant, the European Activism Incubator (EAI), to develop a more actionable and reasonable Strategic Plan for 2022-2025. First the FYEG Secretariat reviewed previous strategic processes and plans, evaluated the resources available, as well as the successes and downfalls of previous activity plans. Then the EAI held two workshops with members of the Executive Committee, Advisory Committee and Secretariat in order to brainstorm possible strategic pathways and define the research questions for a member organisation survey. Finally an MO survey was designed by the EAI in cooperation with the FYEG Secretariat to better understand the needs of the membership and identify strategic priorities for the coming year. The results of this survey, as well as previous research and analysis was used by the Executive Committee and Secretariat as the basis for the creation of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.



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MEMBERSHIP

In 2021, FYEG welcomed Youth Forum URA (Montenegro) as a candidate member organisation and the newly structured Georgian Young Greens back as a full member organisation. Throughout the year, possible collaboration with organisations in Lithuania and Estonia have been explored.

Regular regional calls have been held with most of the member organisations regions. The aim of these calls have been to give the possibility for the MOs to update both the EC and each other about things happening politically and organisationally at the national level, as well as connecting with each other. The individual MO strategies have been updated for most member organisations and country specific strategies have been developed for countries where FYEG does not currently have a member.

After a year without study visits, due to COVID 19 related travel restrictions, FYEG was able to organise a study visit to its candidate member organisation Youth Forum URA in Montenegro. Furthermore, FYEG was also able to visit some MOs and attend their activities (for example the Dwars Winter Congress, GEV in connection to the European Ideas Lab, Scottish & Irish Young Greens' Summer Camp, the Albanian Young Greens' general assembly and meetings with local branches of MODOM in Skopje and Shtip).

Partners

European Green Party

FYEG Executive Committee members attended the EGP Council in December 2021 as delegates. While it was originally to be in Budapest, Hungary, it was moved online for COVID safety reasons. For the Council, FYEG followed the resolutions tabled and submitted amendments on resolutions covering Afghanistan, Lebanon, a fortress Europe and energy poverty.

FYEG Executive Committee members attended the EGP Council in June 2021 as delegates. The council was held online. FYEG tabled "Consent is sexy!" resolution and submitted amendments on other resolutions tabled by EGP member organisations.

FYEG was represented in EGP committee meetings by the co-spokespersons and Secretary General. At the start of the Executive Committee mandate, FYEG also held a joint meeting between the entire EC and EGP Committee to present FYEG's new political platform and plans for the year.

In addition, FYEG advocated to EGP successfully to take action and support their member parties in becoming more trans-inclusive. FYEG and EGP also started cooperation on a trans rights campaign.

Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

FYEG was represented in the Greens/EFA Group meetings by the FYEG secretariat. FYEG supported the Green Group campaign on banning unpaid internships through the sharing of the petition and social media materials, in cooperation with member organisations, with the European Youth Forum and other Party Political Youth Organisations. FYEG also worked with the office of MEP Kim Van Sparrentak to give input on the European Parliament resolution on 'Empowering European Youth' which called for better working conditions and social protections for young workers.



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Green European Foundation

FYEG participated in the GEF General Assembly and Strategic Planning meetings. FYEG also continued the partnership with GEF at its educational activities.

European Youth Forum

FYEG participated in the YFJ Conference of Members in a hybrid format in November 2021. In this conference the new policy programme was adopted, in which FYEG successfully called for positions on climate neutrality and inclusion in politics. FYEG also regularly attended members' meetings of YFJ.

Council of Europe's Advisory Council on Youth

FYEG was represented to the Council of Europe's Advisory Council on Youth by Zuzana Pavelkova. In 2021, a new election was held where Henry Winckle was elected to the AC. However, due to political and internal issues within the Council of Europe the start of the mandate was delayed and is currently still in gridlock. FYEG has liaised with Zuzana to push for a democratic transition and followed the process.

Global Young Greens

FYEG continued to maintain regular contact with the Global Young Greens. FYEG attended the GYG conference which was held online, and signed their joint statement on Ukraine along with European young green organisations.

Corporation and Development Network

FYEG worked with its sister organisation CDN on a study session around the future of work in autumn 2021, where FYEG participated as part of the prep team and advertised the call for participants. FYEG's Secretariat also increased its administrative support to CDN to mitigate some of the challenges their organisation faces.

Party Political Youth Organisations

FYEG worked with other PPYOs on a joint statement calling to ban unpaid internships, including calling out those who did not support the initiative. Together we published a joint statement on Ukraine.

Movements

In line with FYEG's mission to support grassroots movements, FYEG sought to further contact with movements in 2021. Equinox, a European-level organisation working for racial justice attended FYEG's Alter-COP and invited Secretary General Özgecan Kara to participate in their meeting with European Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans.



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At the European Ideas Lab in November in Italy which was organised by GEF, the Green Group and EGP, FYEG organised to promote the event to climate movements and young climate activists. As a result, the event was highly attended by young climate activists and FYEG also spoke during the event.

Office

Throughout the 2021-2022 activity period, the Secretariat continued to grow and continued to implement and develop the pathway set towards organisational change, together with the Executive Committee.

Since the last General Assembly, the FYEG Secretariat enjoyed an unprecedented period of continuity and stability in its human resources, as all employees remained in their position during the period. Most staff members currently working for FYEG now have at least one year of experience in their position. A new part-time position was also created and Julie Hombroeckx started as Administrative Assistant in August 2021. This stability and increased capacities meant FYEG's Secretariat was able to better prepare the next Strategic Plan and work on diversifying its revenue sources by applying for two big structural grants.

FYEG also continued to host two part-time internships each semester: Milan Zlatanović and Robin Ehl joined the team as Project intern and Christina Keßler and Marco Piana joined the team as Communications Intern. And in the beginning of 2022, Milan Zlatanović's internship was prolonged through a 3 months replacement contract for the Administrative Assistant position.

In addition, after 10 months of improved cooperation, the Projects Coordinator position opened by EGP to work on joint EGP/FYEG activities was positively reviewed and prolonged for another year. This position greatly strengthened the collaboration between FYEG and EGP and allowed more long term planning for joint activities.

Improving working conditions, both for the Secretariat and Executive Committee, was still a central concern and effected FYEG's Strategic Planning and fundraising efforts. Thanks to this successful work FYEG is still on track with its working conditions improvement strategy. In addition, since September 2021, FYEG staff members started informally unionising. They elected a staff representative and started negotiations to update the strategy related to working conditions and broaden its scope, in cooperation with the Secretary General and Executive Committee.

FYEG IN SOCIAL MEDIA

During the 2021-2022 activity period FYEG communicated on various topics, both in an attempt to provide information on important issues and in order to deliver a political message. Some of the topics FYEG covered include: the Pandora Papers, the Common Agricultural Policy, migration, energy prices and young candidates in Italy and Germany.

FYEG's regular communications were complemented by two campaigns. In October 2021, in collaboration with TILT (European Green Party), FYEG launched the "Polluters Out" campaign, calling for delegate passes



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to be removed from fossil fuel executives attending COP26. In January 2022, in collaboration with Kim van Sparrentak, MEP for the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament, FYEG launched the Ban Unpaid Internships campaign, which called on MEPs to back an end of the practice across the EU.

For external communication FYEG primarily used Instagram and Twitter. The newsletter moved to become one of FYEG's primary communication tools.

The current status of FYEG social media, as of April 1st 2022, is as follows:

- On Instagram, 4,516 followers, a 19% increase in a year;
- On Twitter, 13,084 followers, a 2% increase in a year;
- On Facebook, 17,464 followers, a less than 1% increase in a year (with changes in demographics and uncertainty in how the Facebook algorithm handles political content, FYEG decreased its focus on the platform);
- On LinkedIn, 1,068 followers, a 70% increase in a year;
- On TikTok, 535 followers, posting to this platform has been limited this year;
- FYEG newsletter has 4,725 subscribers, a 72% increase in a year.

