

APPLICATION FOR FYEG MEMBERSHIP

Are you applying for candidate membership, observer membership or full membership (you need to be a candidate member to apply for full membership)? Candidate membership
Name of the organisation (in native language): Grüne Jugend – Grünalternative Jugend
Name of the organisation (in English): Green Youth Austria – Green Alternative Youth Austria
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Website: www.gruene-jugend.at
Organisation's contact email: info@gruene-jugend.at
Main social media channels (links): Facebook: fb.com/gruenejugendat Twitter: twitter.com/gruenejugendat Instagram: instagram.com/gj_gaj Other:
Is your organisation officially registered? (if yes, indicate the legal act and attach the proof) registered association at the Zentrales Vereinsregister of Austria: https://citizen.bmi.gv.at/at.gv.bmi.fnsweb-p/zvn/public/Registerauszug (ZVR: 1136479855)
Date of founding of the organisation: 4.6.2019
Geographical region (e.g region, country) where your organisation is active: Austria
Is your organisation, officially or unofficially, the youth wing of a political party, of an NGO or is it an independent organisation? (please elaborate) Official youth wing organisation of the austrian green party (Die Grünen – Die Grüne Alternative)
Is your organisation based on direct membership of individuals or an association of organisations? membership of individuals
How many members does your organisation have? If applicable, how many groups or member organisations does it have? 3092

What is the average age of your members? Does your organisation have an official age limit?
Age limit is 30, our average age is between 17 and 24 years.

What are the conditions (if any) in order to become a member of your organisation?
„Members of the federal association may become natural or legal persons who identify with the goals of the association and wish to participate in the activities of the association. In addition to the federal memberships, memberships exist in the state organisations, which are handled independently of this statute“ -> §4 in our statutes

Do you have employed staff? If yes, how many?
1 employee

What was your annual budget last year and what is your planned budget for this year (in €)?
No budget last year, 160 000 Euro this year.

Is your organisation a member of other national or international structures (e.g. CDNEE, Youth Councils, Political Coalition, etc..)? If yes, which ones?
no

Have members of your organisations taken part to FYEG Activities in the past or been members of an FYEG structure?
2 activists were guest at the General Assembly in Istanbul 2019

Can you tell the history of your organisation, indicating its mission, its political priorities and main goals? (max. 1 page)

We, the Green Youth - Green Alternative Youth, are a political youth organisation working towards a fundamentally better society. We believe that the world we live in can be radically changed and reshaped to be humane. We fight for a different, new society that focuses on human needs instead of profit.

We see ourselves as part of the green alternative movement. Political parties play a vital role in our fight for a fairer world. That is why we have established ourselves as a youth organisation of the party "The Greens".

We are a nationwide collection of organised groups that meet regularly. During our meetings, we discuss various political issues, formulate political demands, and try to convey them to the world through actions and campaigns. Anyone under 30 is welcome at our meetings, regardless of political background knowledge.

We try to establish discussion platforms for critical thinking and independent formation of opinions by arranging various educational events and seminars. Once a year, we meet at a national general assembly. Additionally, we host a "Green Alternative Summer Camp" in the summer.

We want to empower as many young people as possible to become politically active and fundamentally transform societal conditions. We want to radically change society, making it social and ecological. We want to live in a world where all people are able to lead a free life and enjoy an unspoiled environment.

Our plan for the next few years is to inspire many young people, rebuild the Green party, and to work on creating a solidary and ecological society in the long run.

OUR STORY

Green youth organisations have been around since 1992. Back then, the first "Green Alternative Youth" organisation was founded in Vienna. After a re-foundation in 2003, the Green Alternative Youth was replaced by the "Young Greens" in 2011. After a disagreement between them and the Greens, we founded a new "Greens and Green Alternative Youth" in 2017. Since 2017, the Greens have also been undergoing changes. This creates many challenges for us, as well as opportunities. The next few years will be crucial for us as well as for the Greens.

Topics:

- A GOOD LIFE FOR EVERYONE
- CRITIQUE OF CAPITALISM
- ANTIFASCISM
- CLIMATE PROTECTION
- FEMINISM

Can you describe your activities in the last few years and give an outlook of your upcoming activities? (max 1 page)

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Our young organisation has already managed to do lots of things in the past year, e.g. we did two campaigns and gained new activists and members.

After we founded this association in February of 2019 at our national congress, there were many things to do. For the elections of the european parliament in may we organized our first big campaign. With our slogan „save your future!“ we went out on the streets, told young people to vote and introduced ourself into the political discussion.

Contemporaneously one of the biggest scandals in austrian history came up. The far right party „FPÖ“ washed out of parliament and the consequences also affected our organisation. When the government unfederated and new elections got declared, we changed our annual plan. We planned another campaign for the elections of the national government, where we had the chance to point out left and democratic alternatives and help the green party to get into parliament again. Within the scope of this campaign we gained lots of new activists and were able to do acts that were well-covered by the media, e.g. when we blocked the street to the petrol depot of austrias biggest oil company and took a stand for the rescue of our future.

Besides we took some time to get our activists connected and also educate them to fully meet the requirements to be a powerful left youth organisation. On a big summer camp in August we spent four days with members from all over Austria and learned a lot from scientists and experts in lectures and discussions.

Right now we are working on two important processes to position our organisation in terms of content and to create a positive setting for constructive and inclusive cooperation. On one hand we have developed a „gender strategy“ last year and voted it through at the national congress this past January, which is the foundation for the fight against societal inequality. On the other hand we are working on a process to define our principles, with which we can define our goals precisely. This process will take two years and is going to involve the work of many of our activists. Even if many of our plans got cancelled because of the covid-19 pandemic, we are planning a national campaign on public space and a camp in autumn.

Who takes decisions in your organisation? Can you describe your internal functioning (board, Assemblies, etc..)? (max ½ page)

The Federal General Assembly is the supreme decisive body of the organisation. Its decisions are binding for all other bodies of the association "GREEN YOUTH - GREEN ALTERNATIVE YOUTH" (with the exception of the Arbitral Tribunal). The Federal General Assembly shall meet at least once a year and shall be convened by the Federal Executive Board.

The Federal Executive Board is the managing body of the association in terms of the VerG 2002 (Federal Act on Associations of 2002). The Federal Executive Board is authorised to make decisions within the framework of the resolutions issued by the Federal General Assembly, and implements the resolutions of the other bodies.

The tasks of the Federal Executive Board are:

- (a) the political coordination of nationwide work (projects, positioning, ...)
- (b) implementation and safeguarding of decisions made by superordinate bodies.
- (c) the coordination and development of the state organisations, as well as the support of and communication with local groups and initiatives
- (d) the preparation of the annual estimate
- (e) ensuring transparent financial management
- (f) preparation of the Federal General Assembly
- (g) the issuing of instructions to the political director
- (h) involving as many members as possible in decision-making processes and other activities.
- (i) the election of delegates in organisations and committees to which the organisation may permanently delegate

The Federal Committee is a permanently established body. The Federal Committee consists of 2 delegates per federal state, who have equal voting rights, and the Federal Executive Board with no voting rights.

The Federal Committee and its members have the following tasks:

- (a) The Federal Committee serves as the point of contact for campaigns and projects between the district groups, the state organisations and the Federal Executive Board. The Federal Committee serves to collect ideas, form opinions, exchange information and provide feedback on current and new projects and campaigns.
- (b) Approval of the amendment of the annual estimate from a revision of EUR 25,000. The proposed amendment must be brought to the members' attention at least one week before the meeting.
- (c) Co-optation in the event of resignation of members of the Federal Executive Board or an auditor.
- (d) In the event of serious breaches of duty, violations of the statute and the fundamental values, the Federal Committee may suspend members of the Federal Executive Board with a two-thirds majority. The motion must be submitted two weeks before the meeting. The suspension shall be placed on the agenda of the following Federal General Assembly. The suspension may be lifted or confirmed by the Federal General Assembly. Upon confirmation, the member of the Federal Executive Board is definitively removed from office; upon lifting, all functions may be exercised again.
- (e) The Federal Committee monitors the on-going work of the Federal Executive Board. The Federal Executive Board is obliged to report to the Federal Committee.
- (f) Employment and expense allowances must be confirmed by the Federal Committee.