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Motivation letter Candidate for the Executive Committee of FYEG

Dear readers,

In this letter I will write briefly on my former green adventures and what I want to bring to FYEG.

A green wave

Once a greenpeace volunteer in Brussels, I quickly got in touch with Jong Groen and met a group with whom I felt connected and with whom there was always room for fun and ideals. For two years I spent most of my free time volunteering in the local group and eventually co-coordinated the group as vice-chairman. During that time the green wave hit Brussels very hard and I was lucky enough to be a candidate for Groen twice during two very intense years. It were my first steps in advocating and campaigning green values and bonding with the Brussels green group.

Crossing the border

Enthusiast about crossing borders and European politics, I got in touch with FYEG quickly and got to know the group during the General Assemblies in Utrecht and Istanbul. These GA's had a deep impact on my activism and are experiences I will not quickly forget. It forced me to rethink which values to stand for and opened my eyes to the struggles of others. Involving more members from our MO's, sharing that experience I had and supporting activists to cross their borders (in many senses of the word) is very important. Later I built some experience in FYEG's daily work as co-coordinator of the working group Just Transition and as a prep team member.

What I want to bring

To FYEG I would like to offer my enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and self-discipline developed during many years of volunteering. I would describe myself as a pragmatical person who wants to make sure things actually happen. In my previous roles in volunteer groups, bringing structure might have been my largest contribution. As a relatively new person in the FYEG structures, I might bring an outsider perspective too. And I can bring a lot of crazy ideas, if you want. 😊

This chance to be part of the executive committee would allow me to grow even more, to continue developping diplomatic communication skills, strategic thinking, advocacy but most of all to have a lot fun.

Thank you for your time,
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