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Vision text Candidate for the Executive Committee of FYEG

Dear readers,

In this letter I will elaborate on my vision for FYEG, on what I want to emphasize on if you give me the chance of joining the Executive Committee.

Your European, green family

Progressive movements have an interesting duality in their mission. At the one side, a lot of effort is still needed in empowering marginalized groups. On the other hand, we should not stop at the individual level: young people in Europe are in need of strong community feelings, as they always have been.

I believe progressive youth movements in Europe have a key role to play in building that warm community, transcending borders and language divides. In my opinion this is particularly relevant for FYEG, which brings together people with so many different backgrounds and struggles. FYEG should be the green family that young people need: a family that supports engaged activists and young politicians, varying from climate strikers and equal rights demonstrators to elected city councillors and MP's.

Decreasing the distance

In order to strengthen a cross-border sense of community it is important to maximize encounters of green activists and share experiences. I firmly believe the best way to bond is to stand together on the barricades against injustice, to demonstrate together against fossil fuel, to meet each other even when living 1000's of km's away and speaking another language. Mobilizing activists for the struggles going on in other countries is key.

In this context our mission is to bring members of different MO's and working groups in contact with each other, but also to take the initiative for alliances with other activist movements who share our values.

With FYEG, let us

- Organize exchange possibilities for activists between MO's
- Mobilize internationally for events of new young green initiatives
- Have live working group activities
- Share more about the achievements of green politicians and activists in other countries
- Communicate strongly on what we owe to the European project and how it can improve even more

Thank you for your time,
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