

Hello, thank you for taking the time to read my motivation letter for the role of FYEG Executive Committee member. For those that have not worked with me my name is Liam, I am 32 years old, queer and nonbinary.

My entire life is a fight for social justice; being in school during Section 28, not having the same rights that others enjoyed so freely till 2010, being disabled and reliant on welfare benefits, having my HIV status criminalised in some parts of the U.K. For me ecofeminism is a fight about my own existence.

I am a native English speaker, educated to undergraduate degree level in Philosophy and Theology. Through my degree I have developed excellent literacy and English language skills. Being able to research and argue environmental and social justice topics within my coursework. I continue to enjoy learning new knowledge and skills.

I joined the Green Party of England and Wales on the 1st January 2015. I have been a member of both the Young Greens of England and Wales Executive Committee as their Co-Spokesperson and on their Structures and Procedures Committee.

I have been through our the 30 under 30 training program where I picked up skills on policy writing, campaigning and social media management. Working with a team to manage projects and campaigns across England and Wales, either from the office or travelling to support on site. This work required me to listen and understand the opinions and experiences of others whilst remaining true to my core philosophies.

I believe that all work done to support vulnerable communities must centre people from those communities. To best support marginalised communities, we must provide everyone, according to their need, with what they require to be successful.

Currently I am working less than 16 hours a week, meaning I can easily schedule in the hours needed to support FYEG's political platform. I am actively working within the Social Europe Working Group, involved with two of their subcommittees on mental health and refugee rights.

I was due to be a participant learning about youth in rural and urban areas for the "It's Not Just a Transition." I have actively taken part in FYEGs Strategic Planning Meeting and General Assembly, as well as representing FYEG and the European Green Foundation at a the Ecopolis Generation Hope conference in 2019.

I have also had the fantastic opportunities to run workshops at the German Young Greens BuKo (Bundeskongress) around Social Policy after Brexit, LGBTIQ+ Rights with the North Macedonian Young Greens and contributed to a piece with the Swedish Young Greens on the Impact of Brexit. I have contributed an article to EcoSprinter about HIV prevention and feminism.

I have an in-date passport and highspeed fibre optic broadband enabling me to support and attend FYEG meetings and events either in person or online. My experience with the Young Greens of England and Wales Executive Committee has prepared me for communicating mainly online with colleagues. My vision for the role of a European political youth organisation, especially one that focuses on

environmental and social justice, is to hold our elected officials to account ensuring that those who are marginalised are included in our policies.

FYEG EcoSprinter: The Fight for PrEP is a Feminist Fight - <https://fyeg.org/sites/fyeg.org/files/uploads/ecosprinter%202020.pdf>

Metro: Section 28 (homophobic legislation directed at schools) - <https://metro.co.uk/2018/11/17/section-28-was-repealed-15-years-ago-but-i-cant-forget-the-impact-it-had-on-me-so-easily-8149708/>

BBC Radio Nottingham: HIV and Covid19 <https://www.facebook.com/313752532013173/posts/2768546943200374/?vh=e&d=n>

Notts TV: Local TV Show discussing LGBTIQ+ History Month - https://nottstv.com/programme/ey-up-notts-tuesday-21st-january-2/?fbclid=IwAR17GENsPGJfN_AeSc_QEzhqa6ZMj0ZM2zNJ0wIZxVZLDNXPRRDeHeaZRwo