



# EYP Switzerland

## Extraordinary Board election 2017 - Candidate Manifesto

### **Name, age, occupation, hobbies, ...**

*Patricia Azevedo, 21 years old, student in Psychology. Hobbies are reading, traveling, movies and cooking.*

### **Position preferences**

*1. National Coordination*

### **What are your school, university and life plans from October 2017 until April 2018?**

*I am currently signed up as a psychology student at the University of Geneva, but I will maybe change my career plans for the second semester. Meanwhile, I am still studying and working in Geneva.*

### **Please outline your past experiences within EYP as a delegate, official or within EYP Switzerland? What other experience relevant to your position do you have?**

*I started EYP in 2014 as a delegate at the regional session in Geneva, and then went to the NSC in Fribourg where my delegation was selected to represent EYP Switzerland at the International Forum in Cork. I then focused on the organising part of a session within EYP Switzerland. I had the chance to be part of the organising committee of RS Geneva 2015 and RS Lausanne 2016, while working on NSC Geneva 2016 at the same time. It was then in 2016, that I decided to adventure myself outside of our National Committee. I had various opportunities to go abroad as a journalist in different National Committees and even had already the chance to take on an Editress role. These experiences revealed a second field of passion for me within EYP, which is the Media aspect. Meanwhile I was gaining experience in media, I was working for NSC Lausanne 2017 as Head of Logistics, Infrastructure, Venues and Events (LIVE). In March 2017, I joined the National Coordination department, in order to help the current Board Member in his portfolio and give him the necessary help as a Teacher's support which allowed me to have a first insight on this portfolio, its needs, aspects and helped me in creating new approaches and creative ideas.*

**The Board of EYP Switzerland has, amongst other, tried to set an increased focus on the long-term and on strategic work. Should you be elected, what aims will you pursue in your new position? Which are the key elements you would help develop and implement, for your portfolio in particular but also for EYP Switzerland as a whole? Please suggest something for a planned measure that falls under your portfolio.**

*One of our long-term goal in EYP Switzerland is to involve each year more students in our organisation. For them to know exactly what they are engaging themselves into, they need to be fully aware of what the European Youth Parliament is and does. Thus, we need to figure out new ways of reaching young citizens in order to give them all necessary information beforehand. This can be done through presentations in schools*



*and organising sorts of meetings with students where we could answer their questions. I had the opportunity to do this in my past high school and in another school in Lausanne. Getting close to the students and listening to their interrogations while presenting EYP to them is the best way to get them involved. This would be a way for them to get in touch with EYP before even becoming members. It would also be an opportunity to get closer with teachers and letting them know how they can truly contribute in our organisation and bring EYP into their classrooms.*

*Knowing this goal, I would like to pursue with this new session concept that was successfully implemented by the current Board Member; in-school sessions. This concept allows students to have a first insight in what is a session about and what is expected from them as a delegate. It is also a chance for our alumni to experience an official position for the first time. Those informative meetings and in-school sessions could be combined. Indeed, a quick presentation and Q&A could easily be arranged at the end of the session day to answer every future delegate fears and interrogations.*

*This concept would not only contribute in getting students involved, but teachers as well. Having a partnership with a few schools each year and organising those in-school sessions would allow us to inform our new members and to collaborate closer with the teachers. This would also be an opportunity to let the teachers be more engaged in the organisational process and ask them for advices. I also would like to involve teachers more in our network by various workshops given during our sessions, newsletters and giving them all needed information about EYP. Not only about our various sessions, what we do and how we do it, but also give them a real insight regarding the backstage of our organisation and how a session is truly implemented and organised. The teachers' participation is also important as they are the main link with the delegates and, in most of the cases, they are the ones getting their students involved in EYP first. In my opinion, it is also important to not only focus in high schools, but also other types of academic formations, such as professional schools or university students, thanks to university forums that we could implement.*

*This portfolio aims at working closely with our alumni. That is why I would like to make sure that all our members are aware of the multiple opportunities that EYP has to offer and of how they can contribute to our organisation, at a national and international level, by being an active member. However, in my opinion, it is also important to be aware of their wishes and ideas. Indeed, I think that we can also learn a lot from new members as they bring new points of view and strategies with them. Thus, feedbacks from them as well as engaging them in our events, long-term strategy and giving them the opportunity to be heard is important. Each new generation comes with new ideas that everyone should embrace and learn from.*

*Finally, this position involves a lot of administrative tasks, archives and follow ups that have to be improved, supervised and structured in order to keep track of all information and data that could be lost in the organisational process. Thus, the system and techniques that we use need to be updated and adjusted every time by using new technologies and methods of archiving in order to improve our strategies, way of working and communication.*

*I am aware this portfolio has a lot of different tasks to work on, but I am motivated and determined to find new strategies and ideas, and implement them in order to improve every day our organisation and national committee.*

**Please send your manifesto until 6 October 2017, 23:59 CEST as a .pdf file to [anna.zellweger@eyp.ch](mailto:anna.zellweger@eyp.ch).**

**Your manifesto will be sent to the members of EYP Switzerland who will elect the new Board Members at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 29 October 2017. We therefore encourage you to be present there.**