



EYP Switzerland

Extraordinary Board election 2017 - Candidate Manifesto

Name, age, occupation, hobbies, ...

Eléonore Bleeker, 19 years old, law student at the University of Geneva, who likes sailing, running, reading and travelling

Position preferences

1. National Events & Regional Coordination

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

Attending university as much as possible, travelling and getting involved in as many diverse projects as I can

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've been a delegate several times in EYP since 2014. I experienced being an official when I was a journalist in Geneva 2017 and joined the core team of Lausanne 2017's organising team in July 2016. This has probably been my biggest involvement in a project so far and allowed me to develop incredible various skills which will for sure be useful in my life.

Other than that, I'm used to organising and coordinating events since I joined the Parlement des Jeunes Genevois in 2014. I had the occasion to run a commission for two years, which taught me how to coordinate people. I know it is no easy task but I'm determined to do it the best way possible if I join the Board of EYP Switzerland, in order to allow every member to experience EYP besides being a delegate as good as I did.

The Board of EYP Switzerland 2015 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.

Regional Coordination implies supervising the smooth running of the four regional sessions of EYP Switzerland. These sessions are in my opinion the most important ones of our network. They may be the



smallest ones in term of duration and participants but they are the first encounters young students have with our organisation. It is therefore very important to give them a concise yet full overview of what EYP Switzerland has to offer. Regional Sessions may be important to new delegates but also to new officials in EYP Switzerland. In general, it is the best place for our members to discover EYP from a different perspective, being either a head organiser, organiser, chairperson or journalist. I see Regional Coordination as a way to ensure everyone of the four organising teams develops useful skills. As a coordinator of regional teams, I would like to give them as much autonomy as possible while remaining available for any advice and question. I want every team to shape its session independently from my expectations because what I learned so far in organising within EYP is that one can only be surprised by each one! Giving the Regional Coordinators and their teams freedom is also the best way to let them develop skills quickly and give them confidence, which is essential in EYP. I would of course check that each step of the organising process is secured but trusting them would be the most efficient way to make them want to stay involved in EYP.

The other focus area of this portfolio, National Events, is I think the way to help develop academic and social skills of our members. Social events are already enough displayed through the year at the Christmas party, Easter brunch or summer BBQ. As a board member in charge of this portfolio, I would like to implement at least one 'academic day' a year. It would aim at providing our members useful infos on either European Institutions, policies and other areas related to the European Parliament and its functioning or more general topics. The goal of this event would be to offer our members facts and skills that they can further use in their EYP journey and life in a friendly atmosphere with other EYPers. We have in Switzerland enough think tanks, institutes and foundations which would be happy to collaborate with us in this project.

Please send your manifesto until 6 October 2017, 23:59 CEST as a .pdf file to 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.