

EC9 Lone Sandvik Kristiansen : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: FYEG

Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Lone grew up off the coast of Norway, where she first hand has observed how the insane increase in plastic pollution has affected her hometown the last decades. Having been active in the Norwegian Young Greens since 2015, she has experience from all the levels of the Norwegian Young Greens as well as the Norwegian Green Party. Lone has lived in 5 different areas in the mid, south and east part of Norway, which has sparked an interest and understanding for the fact that different regions have very different political needs. Lone has a diverse background with education in Theatre, Photography, International Relations, and has just finished a Bachelor in Political Science. She loves to read, do crafts, sing, and hike.

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Member Organisation:
Grønn Ungdom (Norway)

Motivation Letter

Dearest friends in FYEG,

I am delighted to be running as EC member and would love to share why and what some of my motivations are with you! 2015 was the year I started to explore the political scene, after learning about government in school. I knew very little in general about politics, and after researching every political party in Norway I decided to join a friend to a meeting with the young greens just to check it out. Later that evening I was officially a member, and so begins my journey within the young greens.

My interest in politics has grown steadily for everything I have learned, the amazing experiences I have had, the events I have had the pleasure of attending, and all the incredible people I have gotten to meet and be inspired by. It has been challenging, confident building, and has always provided me with a sense of meaning. To the degree where this is the field I am hoping of making a career in. Political science, and especially international relations is something I find so incredibly interesting and being active in the young greens has been a big part of shaping the person I have become. I am a big advocate for making politics as understandable, inclusive, and approachable as possible, and I believe this is the perfect way for me to be able to contribute to just that.

During my seven years in the Norwegian Young Greens, I have built knowledge not only in the different levels internally in the Young Greens and the Green Party, but also in different places with very different situations. I have done so many different things, from writing speeches and organizing archives, running social media, planning a variety of different meetings for our members, workshops, demonstrations, campaigning, travelling to different places recruiting people, different types of schooling, camps, seminars, the list could go on and on. The bottom line is I have knowledge and experiences from a wide variety of different settings I believe would be a good edition to FYEG.

The international green movement is in my opinion one of the key factors in getting green policies through in every level, and that it why it is important to have a strong international community to help support and strengthen each other. And something I would love to get to contribute to. Saving our planet is not something we will be able to do on a national level.

I am not the most experienced when it comes to FYEG in itself, but I do have the competence and experience needed. A pair of (relatively) fresh eyes every once in a while, is important for developing a healthy organization, and I do believe I have what it takes to succeed as an EC member. It would be an absolute honour getting to work towards spreading the green message I am such a believer in on an international level!

Wishing you all the very best,

Lone Sandvik Kristiansen

My vision for FYEG

Dearest friends in FYEG,

All of us want a thriving FYEG, but how to achieve this is not as easy to answer. Nor do I think my personal beliefs should affect FYEGs course dramatically should I get the honour of joining the EC. FYEGs future and goals should reflect the green movement and its goals, as well as the member organisations. It is obviously unrealistic to think that we are all going to agree on everything, and I also think that would be damaging in the long run. But by focusing on our common ground, it is all of us as a unified unit who should determine the vision and reality of FYEGs future.

With that said, I do naturally have personal opinions about what I believe to be crucial for a thriving FYEG in the future. The first and maybe even most important part in my eyes, are creating a solid and stable organization. The green movement will only grow bigger for each passing day and having a solid foundation will not only be crucial in the growth of FYEG, but also in maximizing our output and reach, as well as being as effective with our means as possible. Having a solid foundation will also make it a lot easier to be as stable as possible as an organization, which in return will provide us with an image of a strong organization that should be taken very seriously in the international arena. I believe the international arena to be the most important arena for ensuring a green future, and therefore it is important for us to be portrayed in the most beneficial way to achieve our goals.

Another important thing is making FYEG as inclusive and accessible as possible, while also keeping in mind who our members are. Politics is in itself a very demanding field and being a youth organization brings its own joys and challenges. This should be reflected in the way we work, always making sure we are creating a safe, inclusive, educational, and fun space for everyone involved. I believe an understanding, caring and positive organization is at the centre of this. For FYEG to be thriving we need to be united, not only in the goals of our policies, but the very spirit of the green movement. And I believe it is important for the EC to push these values as good examples. A solid organization also needs a united front and thriving culture within, to ensure reaching FYEGs true potential. Making sure everyone in FYEG have a proper voice and ensuring that FYEGs work actually is properly rooted in the member organizations is also something I think is very important.

Lastly, I just wanted to add that I am not saying that FYEG necessarily lacks these things at the moment, but they are qualities I believe should be at the very core of the vision for the future as well. Because everything we are great at today we have the potential to be even better at tomorrow.

Wishing you all the very best,

Lone Sandvik Kristiansen



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She/Her, 23, International committee
Norwegian Young Greens

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Political Science

- 2019-2022
- University of South-Eastern Norway
- With Human Rights and Leadership

Erasmus semester

- Autumn semester 2021
- Faculty of Social Studies
- Masaryk University

International Understanding and Cooperation

- 2018-2019
- University of South-Eastern Norway
- One-year study program in international relations with a focus on cultures and religion

Photography and Backpacking

- 2017-2018
- Agder Folkehøgskole
- One-year practical studies in photography

Music, Dance and Theatre

- 2014-2017
- Charlottenlund Videregående Skole
- High School Program with Theatre

ABOUT ME

I am an ambitious, creative, and hard-working person with interest and experience a bit all over the place. I have been active in the young greens since 2015, and my political experience includes everything from writing/giving speeches, and organizing various events, to schooling in election campaigning. I have also participated in international events like “Participate, Act, Change!” with the Swedish and German Young Greens. My native language is Norwegian, and I understand Swedish and Danish. My English level is A1

WORK EXPERIENCE

Shoe-store

- 2018-2021
- Working alone in the store, therefore needing to know/do everything from fitting baby shoes to making inventory

Kindergarten

- 2018
- Summer-worker
- General childcare

Arranging Theatre Workshops

- 2017
- I made and taught a couple workshops for youth aged 13-17 based on theatre pedagogy

Bookstore

- 2016-2020
- Combined book, toy and candy store

Founding and running a theatre company

- 2016-2017
- Me and some of my classmates made a theatre company, wrote an original show and travelled around to different schools, kindergartens and other events performing it.

Museum

- 2013-2019
- Working in the exhibition doing a monologue for the visiting tourists

VOLUNTEERING

International committee

- 2022-
- Arranging International events and representing Grønn Ungdom in FYEG events, Young Greens Nordics among other

Leader of Grønn Ungdom Vestfold

- 2018-2019
- Basically in charge of everything other than the economy
- Biggest event was a school climate strike where we filled the local square. Approximately 1500 attending, and we got coverage from TV and radio

Assistant director

Holmen/Hjertaas Productions

- 2017
- Creative and practical work in collaboration with the director of the production

Sound/Lighting engineer

- 2017
- I helped multiple companies rig up and down, controlling the light during performances and other technical tasks during a performing arts festival and other events

Concert Organizer for Olavshallen

- 2017
- Planning, organizing, and producing concerts for youths under 18.

Secretary for Grønn Ungdom Sør-Trøndelag

- 2016-2017
- In charge of organizatory tasks like archiving, writing reports, being active on social media and arranging member meetings.
- In charge of recruitments and planning recruit week and school debates

Youth Representative Norwegian Green Party Sør-Trøndelag

- 2016-2017
- I was a part of the county council of the Norwegian Green Party in Sør-Trøndelag being the voice of the young greens



LETTER OF RECCOMENDATION FOR LONE SANDVIK KRISTIANSEN TO THE POSITION AS A FYEG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

April 27nd, 2022

Dear member organizations of FYEG.

On behalf of the Norwegian Young Greens, I have the pleasure of expressing our support for the candidacy of Lone Sandvik Kristiansen to the FYEG GA. We strongly believe that she will make great contributions to FYEG that will benefit all MOs

Lone has been an active member of the green movement and the Norwegian Young Greens since 2015. Since then, she's been active at a local, regional, and national level. She was also a member of our international committee in 2016, and again from 2022. Lone has solid experience from both the Youth party and the mother party, which means she can contribute to a better collaboration with the European Green Party.

Having worked with Lone these past 6 months in the international committee, I know that she is someone that prepares well for meetings, follows through on her tasks, and has great analytical skills. She's not scared to take on new tasks and contributes with new ideas and perspectives in meetings.

In addition to this, she is a good listener, and pays attention to the ideas of others. That's why I think she will be a great colleague to other EC members, and representatives from MOs that wish to reach out to an EC-member. In my experience, she always meets people with respect and understanding, regardless of their background.

Lone also has a very interesting background herself, with varied work experience from the public and private sector, which gives her insight into what its like to be a worker at the forefront of welfare services, and what it's like to work on the floor for a big company. She also has very interesting experience from paid and unpaid work within the creative sector. Her combined experience within these fields, gives her insight into many important political issues that can contribute to a more diverse competence in FYEG.

Her practical education within photography, her year-unit in international relations and her current bachelor's degree in political science, have also given her more formal

knowledge of political communication and international cooperation that we think will be useful to the role as a FYEG EC-member.

We strongly believe that Lone has informal, formal, and personal skills that will be useful to all FYEGs member organizations. It is rare to find someone that is both as creative and organized as Lone.

She comes from the North, but I'm certain that she will embrace all MOs in her day-today work if she's elected to the EC. That's why I can wholeheartedly recommend that you vote for Lone for the position as an EC member the coming year.

Best regards from


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International secretary of the Norwegian YGs,
on behalf of the Norwegian YGs.

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Lone Sandvik Kristiansen's candidacy for the Federation of Young European Greens' Executive Committee.

Lone is a highly motivated and skilled person who can strengthen the stability in FYEG and make the organisation more inclusive. With their knowledge of politics as a subject and experience in grassroots operations, we believe that Lone has the potential to actively engage more people into FYEG's work.

Moreover, we find it important that MOs across the entire European continent are represented in our Federation. With great, as well as long, experiences in Grønn Ungdom we believe that Lone, even though her knowledge in FYEG arenas is still to be developed, will be able to represent the Nordic countries as an Executive Committee member.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Lone will make a meaningful contribution to the Executive Committee and we would like to express our support for their candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom and its International Committee,

Alma Gunnarsson

International Secretary, Grön Ungdom



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LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports
Lone Sandvik Kristiansen
for the Federation of Young European Greens
FYEG's Executive Committee.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

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27.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

I am writing on behalf of the Scottish Young Greens to support Lone Sandvik Kristiansen's nomination as executive committee member of FYEG.

SYG is happy to support Lone in her candidacy. Her experience in the Norwegian Young Greens is admirable and we believe she would be a great member of the Executive Committee, bringing in new ideas.

Lone has the skills and ambition needed for the role. Therefore, we are glad to support her candidacy.

All the best,

Amy Smith

Amy Smith
Co-Convenor