

EC3 Sean Currie : Candidate for co-spokesperson

Proposer: FYEG

Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

I love FYEG, so I want to see it grow. I went to my first event in January 2019, and saw so much potential that I went to every event that year except one. My roles in FYEG have included prep team member, GA presidency, adviser on how to change the electoral system, working group member, representative of FYEG at COP26 and the European Ideas Lab, writer for Ecosprinter, and delegate at numerous GAs and MO forums. I have been Co-spokesperson of my MO, and represented it on the board of our mother party. I am a transnational social movement organiser, having been active in France, Germany, the UK, and Belgium.

I also have a vision. Despite our strengths, FYEG suffers from an EC that is overburdened and therefore not visible. We are too white, too privileged, and the EC is too distant from our MOs. If elected, I will enact a three pillar vision for taking FYEG to the next level, through empowering people in the organisation, and making the EC both more visibly active and closer to MOs.

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Member Organisation:
Scottish Young Greens
(Scotland)

MY MOTIVATION



My first prep team. Strasbourg, 2019.

It is an immense pleasure to put myself forward to be the next Co-spokesperson of FYEG. This is a decision that has been shaped by 3 and a half years of activism with the organisation. It's a decision made thanks to countless coffees, beers, and Zoom calls with past and present FYEGers. Most of all, it's a decision shaped by what FYEG has given me. From crying happy tears on a dancefloor in Strasbourg to marching with antifascists in Bologna, this organisation has given me so many emotions, so many lessons, and so many friendships.

I'm running because I believe in the power and beauty of this organisation, but that there are several things we can do a lot better on. I believe I have the vision to take FYEG to the next level, combined with the right diversity of skills and experience to execute this. But first, let me tell you **why** I want to do this.

FYEG has shaped me as an activist

FYEG has changed how I organise. I have done just about everything there is to do in FYEG without being on the EC or in the office. I've represented my MO (the Scottish Young Greens) at General Assemblies (GAs) and Young Green Forums, and I have represented FYEG in various roles from being part of the GA presidency to taking part in a German fossil fuel blockade.

I'm proud that in my time as Scottish Young Greens Co-spokesperson, I helped to build the organisation from being non-existent to being the most active and powerful political youth organisation in the country. This success would not have been possible without learning what I learnt at FYEG, and so I want to give back to the organisation.

We have so much potential to force change, most of all through our MOs

Since fuelling the 'Green Wave' of the 2019 EU election, FYEG has grown into being the most well-organised political youth organisation at the European level. This strength is founded partly upon the highly skilled office we have, but more than that it is our incredible network of member organisations. Now, as we build towards a European election in two years, there is an immense opportunity for FYEG to grow in capacity, to help grow the capacity of our MOs, and therefore to grow the power of Young Greens around Europe. But potential isn't enough. We need to harness it.

Despite this, we are held back by fundamental weaknesses

At the same time as FYEG has increased its office capacity, we have stagnated in other ways. I see four key weaknesses:

1. **The EC is not visibly active**, particularly over the last year. People in the EC put *so much* time into our organisation, but the results don't do that justice. For example, only five political statements have been released over the last year, and the absence of a visible EC means our federation continues to feel difficult to relate to and politically inactive. In turn, this makes it difficult to hold the EC to account.
2. **We don't empower people to do stuff**. The EC isn't invisible because of a lack of work, but because of an overburden of work. Right now, a group of 8 people act as a bottle-neck for a federation of 40,000 people, which limits the organisation's capacity, thereby forcing us to move events online and take other steps that reduce the strength of our organisation.
3. **We're too white, and too privileged**. I don't need to explain this one - we see it around us. Although we are much better than many organisations at empowering queer folk and people

of marginalised genders, we are still too white, too urban, too middle-class, and too Western European. FYEG has made progress on this since I got involved, but there's a lot more to do.

4. **The EC is too distant from our Member Organisations.** Most people in our member organisations don't understand what FYEG is and why it is so valuable. As a federation, this is a fundamental weakness that comes down to the fact FYEG EC is too far from the needs and desires of MOs.

I have the skills and experience to help bring FYEG to the next level

This organisation means so much to me, both personally and politically. Like anyone, I am not the perfect candidate. But I have what it takes. Over eight years of activism, I have come to specialise in building organisations in the way I will describe in my vision - so much that it has become a part of my dayjob with Campaign Accelerator.

I have been Co-spokesperson of my member organisation, and helped oversee an enormous growth in our capacity and power. I've been on the Executive Committee of my mother party, lobbying for the needs of young people and helping make strategic decisions en route to us becoming a government party. I have organised and participated with diverse movements in the UK, France, Germany, and Belgium, learning the strengths and weaknesses of our movement, and how to build powerful organisations.

In my many roles, I've had the opportunity to make mistakes and learn from them, though I'll probably make more. What I will not do, if elected, is to allow our EC to appear inactive, or our MOs to feel distant from us. This is my promise, and I invite you to hold me to account.

MY VISION



Ende Gelände civil disobedience action with FYEG, August 2021.

Since becoming active in FYEG in January 2019, I have seen us grow our office capacity, our budget, and our communications reach. At the same time, our federation has remained distant from MOs while our EC has - despite putting in such hard work - become increasingly less visible.

In this statement, I will lay out a three pillar vision for the growth of our organisation. Each one tackles a particular weakness in the organisation while playing to our strengths. Importantly, I detail how all three pillars can be shaped to make FYEG a truly intersectional organisation, particularly in relation to antiracism. Although I have some experience with working in antiracism, and although my identity as a queer person who grew up in rural poverty means I have *some* relevant lived experience, I would offer this as an invitation for people with other lived experience to critique my ideas in conversation.

This vision is not simply *my* vision. Since I believe FYEG EC should be more visibly active and closer to MOs, I am reaching out to as many member organisation as possible to get their input on my ideas.

This means that this document will be a working draft until the week of the election ([latest version available here](#)).

I try to practice what I preach. If elected as Co-spokesperson, I promise to continue this work.

Pillar 1

Empowering people in FYEG

Powerful progressive organisations are built by empowering people within the organisation to work on things they care about. Right now, it's difficult for individuals to get involved in FYEG, and we can do a lot better. I have the skill to execute on this, since helping organisations to build structures that empower supporters is my day job. So here is my vision for how we do it:

- **Create an engagement pathway.** A basic modern organising strategy is to offer members increasingly high commitment ways to be involved in the organisation. Our work to implement this process was a central part of the enormous growth of the Scottish Young Greens, from non-existent to Scotland's most active political youth organisation in five years.
- **Build around FYEG's needs and desires.** The biggest challenge with these things is keeping people engaged - as shown by mixed results from previous FYEG working groups. The key is to (1) build things around the individuals' needs, and (2) offer them so much value for staying engaged that they will continue being involved. A key part of this is offering training to people in skills that are useful for their wider life.
- **Focus on intersectionality.** Taking an approach more focused on empowering people within the organisation is necessary for making the organisation more intersectionally anti-oppressive. Still, it is not sufficient. Clearly, we need to work hard to empower more working-class people, rural people, disabled people, and people from racialised groups.
- **The EC should be organisers, not bottlenecks.** By making EC more of an organising committee than a do everything for an organisation of 35,000 people committee, these processes provide the necessary framework of accountability so that more people can actively contribute to FYEG's overall strategy. To make FYEG more agile and strategic, we should harness the incredible network we have. For example, at COP26 we struggled to be prepared or to be strategic because of a lack of capacity. For COP27, we should offer interested people the opportunity to support our delegation. This could include valuable experience like lobbying big EU & national politicians, for example.

This model of empowering people would not only make FYEG more connected to the people and organisations that make up the federation, it would also drastically increase the capacity of FYEG, thereby making us more politically powerful. **With the European elections happening in two years, we need to start building this movement now**, while doing everything to make sure it benefits non-EU MOs too.

Pillar 2

Organising a visibly active EC

Right now, the work of the EC is not visible, which is why most people in our MOs do not see the value of FYEG.

Communication

Member organisations' communication with EC members is largely limited to regional chats (though the activity of these is a notable improvement). In more informal channels, such as the recently active Telegram channels, the invisibility of EC members has been unfortunate.

This feeds into a fundamental problem. **Our EC has no human face, which make FYEG difficult to relate to both internally and externally.** Here, we can learn from member organisations like the Polish Young Greens, whose Co-spokespeople used live videos to update members on what they're doing. Given the diversity of our organisation, I'd argue for such communication to include all EC members who are comfortable talking about the issues that are most relevant to them.

Politics & Partnerships

If elected as Co-spokesperson, I would make sure we do more than the 5 political statements released in the last year. But **more important than statements, I would make sure we are running political campaigns.** To make this possible, we should not only empower people within FYEG, but we should also work with groups working on social justice and issues important to young people. Having been active with various of these types of movements, I have the network to make this possible.

Indeed, building relations with other groups is a key way that the EC can grow its capacity and therefore be more visibly active. Another way to do this is by inviting them to events. As Co-spokesperson of the Scottish Young Greens and prep team member of FYEG, I have organised events with exactly this goal, and seen not only how it can increase our capacity but also diversify our organisations. If elected, I would particularly focus this work on anti-oppression, for example through working with antiracist organisations.

Knowledge

If elected as FYEG Co-spokesperson, I would help FYEG establish itself as the first base of knowledge for Young Greens around Europe on what is happening in European politics. Learning from CDN's 'Election Vision', this space could be facilitated with relatively low capacity by FYEG EC if members of MOs were given the space to learn from each other. **This simple idea, if well executed, could (a) provide value to people in MOs who care about what's happening, (b) increase pan-European solidarity among**

MOs, and (c) develop relationships between MOs. All of these benefits would grow engagement in - and therefore the capacity of - FYEG.

Pillar 3

Bringing FYEG EC closer to MOs

Right now, FYEG feels distant and difficult to relate to for members of our MOs. This is a fundamental threat to our federation. Pillar 3 is my vision for how we better harness FYEG's greater strength - its member organisations.

Improve regional coordination

Over the last year, regional coordination *has* improved, but MOs still report that meetings and regional groupchats should be more organised, more beneficial, and with more direction. If elected as Co-spokesperson, I will push for EC members to make sure *all* groupchats are active - which is not currently the case. But this has to go deeper. **Instead of always talking about how we get MOs interested in FYEG, we have to think about this the other way round. How can FYEG move closer to MOs?** This subtle change of framing could radically alter FYEG-MO relations.

Invest more resources

If elected as Co-spokesperson, I will push for more time and money to be given to FYEG-MO relations. With FYEG's budget likely to grow significantly in 2023 and then (hopefully) again after the European election in 2024, I will argue for a significant portion of this money to go into building member organisations. How this looks will change over the coming year, but I have two concrete proposals that we should consider. Firstly, **we should strongly consider hiring a membership officer in 2023.** If EC is to improve its regional coordination efforts, I would argue this is most sustainable if it is also supported by someone from the office. The second idea has so much potential as to deserve its own heading.

Scale up the capacity building

Capacity building is the best way for FYEG to serve its member organisations. The planned budget for this project is a small fraction of the organisation's budget when we consider how powerful this work can be. Indeed, Campaign Accelerator has indicated that it is willing to do the heavy lifting when it comes to fundraising for this project. This means that even without the planned budget increase, FYEG could scale up this mission if the EC is willing to allow such an investment into our MOs.

Focus training on organisational foundations and antiracism

These two areas of training are particularly powerful for supporting MOs. By organisational foundations, I mean areas that contribute to sustaining the foundations of an organisation - such as fundraising, membership engagement, and strategy. On the other side, making FYEG and our MOs more antiracist requires training and the creation of resources - for example, on how to bring more racialised people into our organisation. To be clear, I'm not the person to do training in antiracism but if elected I will push for it to be prioritised.

Make smaller funds available. When I became co-spokesperson of the Scottish Young Greens, we had an annual budget of 500€ before we managed to negotiate it up. This meant getting a FYEG project grant of 7,000€ was transformational, and helped build us into the largest and most active youth wing in Scotland. However, the problem for smaller MOs who rely on FYEG is that these are huge amounts of money that require months of planning and a long application process. **FYEG should seriously look into the possibility of making a pool of funding that can be released quickly to MOs,** such as when poorer MOs have an opportunity to build a transformative campaign in response to political change.

A forum of elected Young Greens. **Useful for member organisations with elected politicians would be for FYEG to operate a space for young elected greens to network and learn from each other.** This already exists within the European Greens (EGP) for local politicians, for example. This can also solidify the existing alumni network into a tangible service that benefits FYEG and its people.

Exchanges. Certain, wealthier MOs offer exchange programmes with Young Greens in other countries, thereby creating a space for intercultural learning and learning about politics. FYEG could operate as a conduit for this, thereby giving value to MOs who can afford these opportunities while growing the relationships between our MOs.

Please, hold me to account

The overlapping social and environmental crises we're up against require ambitious but meticulously thought-out visions, and they require uncomfortable self-critique. So please, download this vision statement and save it in your safest documents folder. Then, in case I'm elected, print it off and show it to me at GA 2023. What have we achieved?

Sean Currie

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Organiser, communicator & campaigner

to connect the needs of communities to European politics

MOST RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) - GA Presidency, Prep Team Member, Working Group Member, COP26 Delegate, Ecosprinter Author, Event Participant (10+ times)

January 2019 - PRESENT

- Represent FYEG in various organising roles, including in the GA presidency, COP26 delegation, and Strasbourg study session 2019.
- Actively participate in every single type of FYEG event (GA, Young Greens Forum, study session, educational events, summer camp, and so on), as well as with a working group on migration.

Campaign Accelerator - Communications & Community Organising Lead, Junior Trainer

January 2022 - PRESENT

- Support the organisation's work to build people-powered organising models with various types of federations, NGOs, and movements.
- Develop a communications strategy to show our pan-European identity.
- Support in the creation and implementation of capacity building trainings.

Scottish Young Greens (SYG) - Co-Spokesperson, Secretary, Communications Officer, COP26 Campaign Coordinator, International Committee Member

June 2017 - October 2021

- Help re-found SYG and co-build the organisation from non-existent into the most active, powerful, and well-organised political youth wing in Scotland.
- Successfully implement an organising model that intentionally empowers people in the organisation - something I would like to adapt to FYEG.

La Fresque du Climat - COP26 Co-coordinator

November 2020 - March 2021

- Implement a people-powered organising model that recruited 235 volunteers to advocate for climate education at COP26.
- Set out an ambitious strategy and create processes to execute it, such that I felt confident to leave my role in the hands of volunteers.

Scottish Green Party - Executive Committee Member, Council Member, Regional Committee Member, Activist

September 2014 - September 2020

- Sit on the main decision-making body of the Scottish Green Party, representing the needs of the Young Greens and pushing for greater inclusivity, while contributing to strategic decisions that helped build SGP into a party of national government.

EDUCATION

MA European Affairs

Sciences Po Paris

September 2020 - June 2022

Policy Stream: Management & Public Affairs

BA (Hons) Political Science & International Relations

University of Strathclyde

September 2016 - May 2020

Classification: First class {highest grade}

Average over course: 76.8%

Leibniz University Hannover

October 2018 - July 2019

CLASSES

Green Politics

Constitutional Foundations of the EU

Social Innovation

Problems of International Organisations

The Role and Relevance of Knowledge in International Organisations

Gendering International Security

Political Parties

Environmental Security

Public Policy Organisation and Management

Parliaments & National Parties in the EU Decision-Making Process

Art & Practice of EU Decision-Making

LANGUAGES

English: Native

French: B1 - Intermediate

German: B1 - Intermediate

Activist Handbook - Co-Founder, Content Coordinator

June 2019 - September 2020

www.activisthandbook.org

- Conceptualise and develop a unique wikipedia-like website for political activists from scratch in a pan-European team
- Recruit dozens of people to help launch an ambitious website
- Organise the work of the group by creating processes and empowering individuals to execute

European Green Party - Digital Community Member

March 2019 - May 2019

- Communicate and campaign successfully with potential voters on social media in the European Parliament election campaign.

Yes Scotland - Internet Representative

June 2014 - September 2014

- Receive training in digital campaigning and then execute creatively on Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat to several thousand followers.

Other Experience

Green European Journal - Freelance Writer

September 2021 - October 2021

- Methodically research the electoral impacts on Green Parties of going into government ([viewable here](#)).

Green European Foundation - Author, Book on a Just Transition

April 2021 - July 2021

- Independently research and write a book chapter on how the most marginalised are most affected by the climate crisis and how young people are helping to lead the fight for climate justice
- Successfully centre the perspectives of young activists from across Europe and indigenous people.

Cooperation & Development Network Easter Europe (CDN) -

Proofreader

April 2021

- Attentively read through a book on queer activism in Eastern Europe and suggest language improvements.

University of Strathclyde - Research Assistant on IPCC

June 2020 - July 2020

- Carry out research for a proposal on the politicisation of the IPCC.

University of Strathclyde Alumni Fund - Telethon Caller

February 2018 - March 2018

- Persuade university alumni to donate to support university initiatives.

Dornoch Eco Tours - Co-Founder, Manager, Tourguide.

July 2015 - September 2015

- Set up a business from scratch providing guided tours on a rickshaw.
- Present self-written rickshaw tours to tourists.

NOTABLE WORK

'We've Already Won': Analysing Extinction Rebellion's Strategic Logic [Thesis]

Digital Feminist Organising: Is It Any Different? [Research Paper]

Campaign strategy for Sciences Po divestment campaign [role play]

Presentation of dissertation chapter at Political Studies Association Conference

Hamburg MUN 2019: Representative of Malta on the European Council

Harvard World MUN 2019: Representative of South Sudan

OTHER ACTIVISM

👉 **University of Strathclyde Green society** (*President, Treasurer*)

👉 **Ende Gelände** - German climate movement using civil disobedience

👉 **Living Rent** - Scottish tenants union organising for housing rights

👉 **Students for Future** (*founding member, Leibniz University*) - Student wing of Fridays for Future Germany

👉 **Common Weal Youth** (*founding member*) - Scottish social justice group

👉 **Le Front Justice Climatique** - Belgian climate justice group using civil disobedience

👉 **Alternatiba** - French climate movement

👉 **Youth For Climate Belgium** (*new member*) - Highly successful campaign against a UK oil field

NOTABLE TRAININGS

Spokesperson Training (COP26 Coalition)

Campaign Strategy (Campaign Accelerator)

Activist Legal Training (SCALP)

Regenerative Activism: Building & Sustaining Our Movements (Ulex)

References available on request.



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14.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

On behalf of the Scottish Young Greens, I am glad to support Sean Currie's nomination as co-spokesperson of FYEG.

As a former co-spokesperson and council member of SYG, Sean has been a key part in the organisational change of SYG and helped to lead us to be the organisation we are now. Sean has developed the skills to lead political organisations whilst also encouraging others to take on roles of responsibility.

In the last few years, Sean has been supporting SYG's international work taking part in numerous FYEG events and representing us as a delegate at the FYEG General Assembly and MO Forum. He has a wide range of knowledge of FYEG's projects, processes and politics.

Sean's vision for FYEG is ambitious and with his dedication to the Green movement he will make an incredibly positive impact on the future of FYEG.

The Scottish Young Greens are delighted to support Sean's candidacy as he has the experience, expertise and ambition for this role.

All the best,

Amy Smith
Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens



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LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports

Sean Currie

for the Federation of Young European Greens
FYEG's Co-Spokeperson.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

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April 27, 2022

Support Letter for Sean Currie

Dear fellow young Greens,

The French young Greens, *Les Jeunes Écologistes*, are expressing our full support for Sean Currie's candidacy to become a co-spokesperson for the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). We are more than confident that Sean is very well suited for the position he is applying for and that he will make FYEG even stronger.

Sean is an active member of FYEG for over 3 years. He contributed to FYEG on different positions, ranging from being an author for the Ecosprinter to presiding a General Assembly. This allowed him to get insights into different aspects of our Federation, ranging from more political roles to positions where every detail counts. Thanks to this previous voluntary work for FYEG, Sean knows our Federation by heart and is aware of the different challenges FYEG as an organization faces. This allowed him to develop a bold vision for FYEG we fully support. In particular, we agree with the need that the Executive Committee should become more visible. This is not only a just counterpart for all the work its members invest in it, but its also vital to ensure that the voice of the Green youth is heard across our continent.

Sean has not only been an active member of FYEG, but he also defines himself rightfully as an activist. He has been involved in very different organizations, fighting for a multitude of issues in different contexts. To name but two examples, he has been a co-founder of the Activist Handbook and has been a COP26 coordinator for *La Fresque du Climat*. This allowed him to learn a wide range of techniques and methods which will be useful to further develop and enrich FYEG's activist work. His past experience will be essential to allow FYEG to play a double role: demand change in institutions and build up capacities for Green activism across the continent.

Having had the chance to work with Sean in the past proved to be a very enriching experience, since he can defend revolutionary ideas and actively listen to the proposals of others. We believe this capacity is essential to make FYEG an organization where all member organizations find their home, while it defends bold visions for Europe.

We believe Sean is best suited for the demanding role of being a co-spokesperson for FYEG thanks to his rich past experience and his comprehensive vision that would allow our Federation to prepare for the challenges ahead, including the elections to the European Parliament in 2024. For all these

reasons, we fully endorse his candidacy and call other member organizations to support him as well. We would be more than happy to respond to any questions from other delegates about Sean's candidacy.

Green cheers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'REH', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Robin Ehl
– International Secretary –
Les Jeunes Écologistes

Letter of support for the candidacy of Sean Currie as Co-Spokesperson of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Sean Currie in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. At the moment of writing this letter, we have already expressed our support to two candidates who indicated their desire to run for the position of Co-Spokesperson, but when Sean sent us his request for support we could not simply let it go!

We deeply admire Sean's political and activist approaches and we strongly believe that, if he is elected as a Co-Spokesperson, he will provide a significant boost towards developing an organized methodology that can help empower FYEG's Member Organizations so they can advocate for a Greener future in their countries and push for real political change! Having said this, we have decided to write this letter of support for Sean's candidacy and trust in the MO delegates that they will choose the best candidates for the positions of FYEG's two Co-spokespersons!

We consider Sean to be one of the most kick-ass activists within FYEG's Green family and we would love to see him in action from the position of one of FYEG's Co-spokespersons. He can be described as a highly organized person with a kind heart who always strives for the greater good and who always makes sure to leave no one feeling left out. We feel inspired by his courage to act no matter the difficulties he may face and we strongly believe that, among other important tasks, he can play a pivotal role in addressing the menacing threat that the rapid rise of the far-right poses for the future of the European Union.

In the last few years the world has been experiencing one crisis after the other and we really need leaders who can stand brave, but also ensure a democratic and inclusive political approach in order to fight for a future that is feminist, sustainable, social, welcoming, inclusive and just for all. One of these leaders can certainly be Sean who we consider more than ready to take on the role FYEG's Co-spokesperson.

Please consider supporting Sean's candidacy as well,
The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



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Dear General Assembly,

We would like to offer our support for Sean Currie's candidacy as Co-Spokesperson for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Sean has been involved in activism, environmental action and Green politics for almost a decade. Many of you will have met him previously in his various roles within the Scottish Young Greens and the Scottish Green Party. Since 2019, he has become more involved in FYEG and has both engaged with and represented FYEG in a European context. From representing the Scottish Young Greens at FYEG General Assemblies, to attending FYEG summer camps and study sessions, to representing FYEG itself during the COP26 negotiations. Through attending a variety of these events over the previous number of years, Sean has gotten to know many MOs, activists and political figures and the contexts in which they operate.

He is currently living in Brussels, close to the heart of European politics but also to a variety of partner organisations based in Brussels which will be a really tangible benefit in deepening and strengthening FYEGs networks going forward. Working as a campaigner and communicator directly engaging with European issues is a natural synergy which will bring many benefits, ideas and experience to this role if elected. His experience of community building will be invaluable going forward as we will need to focus on organising in the lead up to the next European elections in 2024.

We agree with the vision outlined in his motivational letter and would like for the suggestions to be explored. As a small Young Green organisation on the North Western fringe of Europe, we often feel disconnected from European politics and organisations. We believe this feeling is often shared by the Scots and as such we believe that Sean's experience allows for a deeper understanding of the Irish Young Greens context. Coupled with the fact that both of our mother parties are currently in government and we both feel the impacts of this within our organisations.

We believe that Sean's positive attitude, pragmatism, personal and professional experience would be a valuable addition to the FYEG EC and therefore we are happy to support his candidacy.

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Ben Ryan,

International Officer

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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that „Ostra Zielon” – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Sean Currie for the Co-Spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

We discussed a lot with Sean about his candidacy and we are very grateful for tackling in his vision the issues and challenges we see in FYEG.

We find his vision for FYEG extremely useful and in line with green values, especially in the point of empowering MOs by making small funds available and increasing the movement-building by creating the engagement pathway.

We are sure that Sean will guarantee that EC work is visible, active and transparent and FYEG will connect with MOs as we need it.

We fully support Sean and wish him good luck in the elections!

On behalf of „Ostra Zielon” – Polish Young Greens,

Igor Skórcybót

International Secretary and EC Member

Support letter

Sean Currie | Co-spokesperson candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialistes, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Sean Currie** in his candidacy to become one of the co-spokespersons of the Federation of Young European Greens.

We believe that Sean's background as a climate and social activist and his broad network and experiences with grassroots organisations are assets for the Federation. Sean has shown throughout his participation in different FYEG events and bodies a deep understanding of the systemic origins of the inequalities that threatens the very existence of our planet. Besides that, Sean has a genuine interest in the development of all the MOs of our Federation.

For all these reasons, we think that Sean's candidacy shows the organisation's stances on grassroots activism and radical proposals, and his commitment to FYEG helps the organisation to move towards even more ambitious and engaging pathways.

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero
co-spokesperson

Anna Winkelmann Larios
co-spokesperson

Riga, Latvia
4th May 2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

On behalf of “Protests”, I gladly announce our support for Sean Currie as co-spokesperson of the Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens.

We trust Sean Currie to be an experienced and qualified candidate for this position. Our positive experiences with him have shaped our support.

We believe he would be a valuable asset to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,
Dainis Miglāns
Spokesperson of Protests



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Sean Currie as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG in 2022-23

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Sean as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. Sean is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate his activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Sean will do a great job as a Co-Spokesperson. Swiss Young Greens appreciate his experience in organising volunteers on different levels and developing organisations and their structures. Furthermore we like his accurate analysis of current structural challenges in FYEG and his ambitious plans to overcome these and evolve and modernise processes.

We wish him good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with him!

sustainable and warm regards,
On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination
Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegrueene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



Young Greens

27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Sean Currie has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Sean has experience of representing FYEG such as through the GA Presidency and as a COP26 Delegate. Their work in refounding the Scottish Young Greens has provided us with a great deal of support as our organisation has been able to rely on them during our difficult times in our relationship with our parent party. As an eco-socialist party, we are also happy to support him as someone who is also an eco-socialist.

We support Sean's proposals to create a forum for elected Young Greens, working to increase public visibility of the FYEG EC & hiring a membership officer.

Signed:

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Raphael Hill

Position:

International Officer

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April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Sean Currie
FYEG Co-Spokesperson

This is to confirm that Sean Currie is supported by our organisation for the position of Co-Spokesperson of the Young European Greens. We believe Sean will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. His devotion, motivation, responsibility and knowledge are valuable assets for the Federation.

Sean has been active in the FYEG bodies for a long time and managed to prove that he is a key person for the success of the FYEG's aims and activities. We believe that he is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits his profile to make FYEG more inclusive and diverse.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,



Kyriaki Yiannouri

Secretary General

Young Cyprus Greens



Letter of support for the candidacy of Sean Currie for the Executive Committee of FYEG

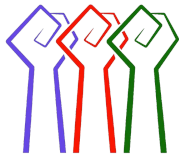
To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, *écolo j* (Belgian Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Sean Currie in the upcoming FYEG General Assembly 2022 as a candidate of FYEG's Co-spokesperson.

We have read Sean's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Sean will be a great addition to the next Committee!

We would be thrilled to collaborate and work with Sean Currie on his mandate to put his vision for FYEG into practice and to develop collaboration between FYEG member organisations in this challenging time for green youth.

The team of *écolo j*



Zelena Omladina Srbije
Dr. Dragoslava Popovića 24, Beograd

Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia is pleased to hereby endorse the candidacy of Sean Curry for the position of Co-spokesperson of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23.

Many of ZOS members had the opportunity to meet Sean in the past years at different events and witness immense skills and knowledge he carries on politics, organisational culture and activism. We believe Sean's proposed approaches and vision are of a great potential for the wellbeing of the whole Federation. With the will to address member organisation's needs and assertive analysis of the Federation's means of action, we are confident he will bring the Green movement to a new level in the upcoming mandate if he gets elected.

Having in mind extensive commitment Sean had demonstrated in the past, we are sure that he can contribute greatly as a Co-spokesperson in FYEG, for which we wholeheartedly support his candidacy at the upcoming General Assembly.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia,
Co-Secretariat

Milan Zlatanovic

Elena Petrovska