

EC7 Lone Sandvik Kristiansen: Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: Lone S. Kristiansen (Grønn Ungdom)

Agenda item: 2. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Hello! My name is Lone (she/her), I am 24 years old and i'm from Norway. I grew up on a relatively small island off the norwegian west-coast, and last year after finishing my bachelor degree in political science I moved back. I became active in the norwegian young greens in 2015, and there has never been any doubt I choose the correct party. Over the years I have been active I have had a lot of fun, gotten to get to know so many interesting people, and learnt so many things. But at the same time it is getting even clearer how important and urgent it is getting young peoples voices heard, getting young greens elected, and having greens be represented at all levels of politics. In addition to my background from the young greens and my education in political science and international relations, I have experience from theatre, stage production and photography.



Member Organisation:
Grønn Ungdom

Supporters

Liina Reimann (MTÜ Noored Rohelised); Theo Lecarpentier (écolo j); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Konsta Lindi (Vihreät nuoret); Tove Ljungberg Haasum (Grön Ungdom)

Letter of motivation

Dear green friends,

One of the biggest reasons for me running for another mandate is really the same reason I started my journey in the greens all together back in 2015. And it is the fact that being around so many amazing people who share so many of the same values, and the understanding of the urgency of the situation we currently are in gives me hope that it might actually be okay. And getting to put so much of my time and energy into the very same movement that gives me motivation and hope is not only giving me even more motivation, I see it as a responsibility as well as a massive privilege. And in addition to having the motivation and drive for another mandate, I also have the time to invest, energy and flexibility. As well as being in a position where FYEG can be a priority for me.

When I started my journey within the Norwegian Young Greens in 2015 I was definitely not expecting to be completely dragged into the political sphere. But quickly after joining I was taking part in campaigning and being trusted with responsibilities within the local branch. Not long after I was elected into the regional board in the role of secretary. I was responsible for members and enlisting-campaigns, most of the technical stuff like our archives, minutes and calls, even social media to an extent. I have moved around in Norway a fair bit, and therefore I have been active in multiple different regions. I became the leader of a different regional branch pretty much exactly a year after finishing my previous mandate. Over the years I have been active and gotten insight to all the levels of the organisation, as well as multiple regions which provides quite different contexts when being active in norwegian youth politics. I am currently still in the international committee, for my second year.

Most of my time has been spent on the young greens, but I have also been active in every level of the Norwegian Green Party. From running in local elections, to being the youth representative at the regional level, to being a step-in for the youth position

in the international committee. Right now my main involvement in the party is working full time as an election campaign advisor for a regional branch, where I will be working until the elections in September. Being able to combine my educational background from political science and international relations, with my experience from being active in the young greens both in the national and international level has already been a massive learning experience. And is something that makes me even more motivated and capable to be a good member of the executive committee.

I am a team player, and I believe one of the most important qualities of the members of the executive committee is being able to work well together. I am flexible and take my responsibilities seriously. I am not afraid of a challenge, and I handle pressure well. In addition to the requirements posted in the call, I am a calm person, and I have the ability to keep an eye on the big picture while working more specifically on a particular topic. And while on the topic, one important thing to me in the next mandate is related to the EU24 elections. There will naturally be a big focus on the EU election, and FYEG is no doubt going to have an incredible campaign. Which is very good, but at the same time I think it is important to keep our non-EU friends in mind as well.

After finishing one mandate in the EC I have a much better understanding of what is expected and possible to achieve with this role. I am overall happy with the work I have done during this mandate, as well as my development. I believe myself to have been a valuable member of the outgoing EC, but I still feel like I have more to contribute to FYEG with. And with the type of experience you only get from actually doing it, I feel better equipped to get the most out of the next mandate. I am motivated, prepared and eager to continue the work I have been doing over the last year, which is why I am asking for the trust to be a part of the executive committee for a second mandate.

Yours sincerely,

Lone Sandvik Kristiansen

My vision for FYEG

Dear green friends,

For the next mandate particularly one of the biggest visions I have for FYEG is to create an amazing campaign for the EU24 elections. Mobilising people from all over Europe, being super visible and getting even more people involved in the green movement. This also ties into another one of my biggest visions for the future, which is better outreach within member organisations. Compared to how many organisations actually are involved in FYEG, my impression is there is a relatively big part of each organisation that doesn't really know too much about what is happening, and the opportunities they have within FYEG. This is something I think we need to work on, but it is definitely more difficult to find the exact steps on how to actually do this compared to a great election campaign. It will also not be only one way of doing it, and it will not happen overnight if it is going to be a long term change.

FYEG should be a place to get motivation, share ideas and have healthy discussions. Being open for discussion and challenging your beliefs are an important part of getting to the core of what you believe. And even though we are an organisation where so many of our views are so similar it is important to be open for discussion, and to be able to disagree without this changing the fact that we are still all on the same team. This also ties into the idea of safer space, and how this is something we need to be constantly working on to keep improving. And if we want to keep growing as an organisation it is super important to think about how this will change our spaces before it is already happening.

Working to create safer spaces for everyone in the green movement, and making sure we are capable of doing the changes and adaptations needed to make our events and organisational bodies as accessible and inclusive as possible should be one of our biggest priorities. Of course there will always be room for improvement, but especially in a growing organisation with events that are growing bigger and the

amount of people constantly growing I think this is one of the most important things to keep in mind if we want the most sustainable FYEG possible. Which hopefully only will build on the foundation and make us stronger and have even more impact over time.

And maybe the most important vision I have for FYEG is simply to be as healthy as an organisation can be. Having transparency in all levels, Supporting all of our MOs, and having an office where the employees are happy and treated well. The list goes on and on, but overall an organisation where everyone feels welcome, and where those who contribute with anything feel like it worth the effort they put in.

FYEG has a bright future ahead!

**All the best,
Lone Sandvik Kristiansen**



LONE SANDVIK KRISTIANSSEN

WORK EXPERIENCE

Election campaign advisor

Norwegian Green Party, 2023 - Currently employed

Pharmacy

Apotek1 Frøya, 2022 - 2023

Shoe-store

Ecco Tønsberg, 2018 - 2021

Book/Toy-store

Frøya bok og leker, 2016 - 2020

Workshop-leader

Frøya kulturskole, 2017

Performer

Kystmuseet i Sør-Trøndelag, 2013-2019

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Lone S. Kristiansen

EDUCATION

2019 - 2022

Universitet i Sørøst-Norge

Bachelor degree in Political Science

2021

Masarykova Univerzita

Erasmus+ exchange semester

2018- 2019

Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge

One year study program in international relations

2017-2018

Agder Folkehøgskole

Fotography and Backpacking

2014-2017

Charlottenlund VGS

Upper secondary school, theatre department

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Executive committee member

Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG),
2022 - 2023

International committee

Norwegian Young Greens, 2022 and 2023

Leader

Norwegian YG Vestfold, 2018-2019

Assistant Director

Holmen Hjertaas Productions, 2017

Concert organiser

Trass U18, Olavshallen, 2016-2017

Founding member of theatre company

Teaterkompa789, 2016-2017

Stage technician

Trondheim lyd, Teaterhuset Avantgarden, 2016-2017

Youth representative

Norwegian Greens Sør-Trøndelag, 2016-2017

Secretary

Norwegian YG Sør-Trøndelag, 2016-2017



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

March 30TH, 2023

Dear member organizations of FYEG,

On behalf of the Norwegian Young greens, I have the pleasure of expressing out support for the candidacy of Lone Sandvik Kristiansen to the FYEG GA. We are confident that she will make a great contribution to FYEG the next year as she has for the past year.

Lone has been an enthusiastic member of the green movement and the Norwegian Young Greens since 2015, actively participating at local, regional, and national levels. She served as a member of our international committee in 2022 and now in 2023, bringing her extensive experience from both the Youth party and the mother party to promote better collaboration with the European Green Party.

For the last year Lone has been an executive committee member with the responsibility for the North Region. She has done an incredible job, with planning and hosting meetings and making sure we are up to date on all the things that FYEG is doing.

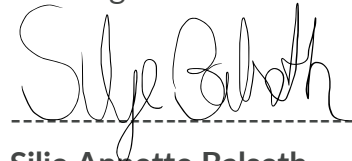
Lone's work experience in both the public and private sectors, including paid and unpaid work in the creative sector, gives her a diverse perspective on crucial political issues. This broad knowledge, combined with her practical education in photography, her year-unit in international relations, and her current bachelor's degree in political science, equips her with formal knowledge in political communication and international cooperation. We are confident that her diverse skill set will be an asset to all FYEG member organizations.

Lone's personal characteristics are that she is a good listener and always meets you with respect and understanding. She is diligent in preparing for meetings, reliable in completing her tasks, and possessing exceptional analytical skills. These qualities make her an excellent colleague for other EC members and a valuable contact point for MOS

representatives wishing to communicate with an EC member. She is not afraid to take on new responsibilities and offers fresh perspectives and ideas for meetings.

In conclusion, we strongly endorse Lone's candidacy for the FYEG EC member position. She possesses a unique combination of organizational and creative skills that is rare to find. Although she comes from the North, we are confident that she will serve all MOS with dedication and enthusiasm if re-elected to the EC. Therefore, we wholeheartedly recommend voting for Lone in the upcoming elections.

Best regards from

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Silje Annette Balseth". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

Silje Annette Balseth

International secretary of the Norwegian YGs,
On behalf of the Norwegian YGs