

EC2 Sean Currie: Candidate for Co-Spokesperson

Agenda item: 2. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

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Supporters

Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Marta Bogustova (Protests); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Maxime Pantaleoni (Luxembourg Green); Igor Skórzybót (Ostra Zieleń); Lovisa Claesson (Grön Ungdom)



Member Organisation:
Scottish Young Greens and eco j

MY MOTIVATION



My first prep team. Strasbourg, 2019. Just a few months after the last European election.

It has been the pleasure of a lifetime to serve FYEG for the last year and I am hungry for more. Our impact is growing, and we need to make it count this year like no other.

A year ago, I stood for election arguing that we needed three things:

First, I argued we needed to empower people within FYEG. One year later, I see that this is what we're doing. Our applications for events and prep teams are at record levels, which is evidence of the success of our work to steadily deepen the engagement of our activists. This has also contributed to the unplanned launching of two new working groups - the racial justice taskforce and the Beyond Growth Platform. (Here, a special thanks has to go to Srish, for leading the launch of these projects in tandem with a small number of highly committed activists.) I have personally worked to support the bottom-up projects of member organisations, which bode well for the growth of FYEG's power in the coming years.

Second, I said that we need to have a more visibility active EC, which was the political face of the Federation. I am immensely proud of the progress we have made in this, and the feedback that I get from member organisations leaves me little doubt that this has been an area that we have excelled in as an EC - in collaboration with the office, as always.

Finally, I argued we needed to bring FYEG closer to our MOs. And this is exactly what we've done. I have travelled around Europe visiting member organisations, and I hope the next EC as a whole will visit even more. We organised the Young Greens Decentralised Training, in which expert trainers upskilled our MOs in key fundamentals of their organisations. Next year, I'm keen for us to include more include more antiracism training in this work. In general, I'm proud to see that the organisation has grown in this regard.

In short, I'm proud of what we have achieved.

And now I look to the future. While the Young European Greens grow, civic space is shrinking in much of Europe. While we talk of our dreams, the futures of our comrades in Ukraine are taken. But I do see immense potential for what we can achieve. I see that while the European election has potential for disaster, it also has potential for positive transformation. But that can only happen if organisation like FYEG are organised, strategic, and at the top of our game for the next 13 months.

I know I can help FYEG to be that organisation, and I am excited to help that happen. I hope you will join us along the way.

MY VISION



Ende Gelände civil disobedience action with FYEG, August 2021.

This year, we're going big.

In a time of overlapping crises and an emboldened far-right, there is only one answer: to stand up and fight back. This European election, we plan to do a targeted mobilisation campaign that is bigger than any European organisation has done before for an EU election. At the same time, we will aim for a repeat success of the Young Candidates' Platform - upskilling candidates and helping them to get elected.

But what else?

As a federation that exists to influence European politics (at the European, national and local levels), I am keen for expanding the work of FYEG to influence what happens in the European institutions. We've made a great start this year with initiatives like the Youth Assembly, and we have a strong

connection to both social movements on the one hand and powerful actors like Young Green MEPs on the other. This is exactly the year we need to continue this progress, and work to make tangible gains in the politics of the European institutions.

None of this works without you. Our election and our broader strategy of influence are reliant on our mobilising young activists to take action. We know that we can achieve huge things this year, even bigger than four years ago, and to do so we will need to work hard to engage activists in doing the work that excites them and that they find most impactful. We have already made great real-world progress on this supported by structural work like the development of a CRM software. Now is the time to put it into action.

Our MOs are our greatest strength. That is why, this year, we will once again roll out the successful training for MOs that Cinta and Srish led last year. They have helped us to develop our learnings and this year we will do it even better. In my other life I am also a freelance trainer, so I'm excited to support this work which will once again be focused on our non-EU MOs.

This vision statement can only scratch the surface of what we have planned for this game-changing year in European politics. This GA will be a launchpad for what is to come, and we need you to get involved in what comes next. Our future is at stake, let's fucking win it.

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**Campaigner
Trainer
Writer**

Climate justice campaigner, obsessively curious about how we can do it better.

Relevant Experience

Freelance - Campaigner, Trainer & Writer

December 2022 - PRESENT

- Conceptualise and deliver trainings on a range of issues related to social change, such as campaign strategy and supporter engagement
- Methodically research and write accessible articles and book chapters on political issues, such as a recently published book chapter on how young people are helping to lead the fight for climate justice
- Proofread and edit similar publications

Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) - Various, Co-spokesperson (similar to Co-chair)

January 2019 - PRESENT

- Co-lead the most powerful political youth organisation at the European level, organising the setting of the political strategy
- Head of one of the most impactful European youth delegations at COP27
- Develop the membership structures of an organisation of 40,000 people

Benedetta Scuderi - Decentralised Campaign Coordinator

August 2022 - September 2022

- Conceptualise a pan-European campaign to win votes for an Italian candidate running in the 'Italians abroad' constituency
- Build a messaging and engagement structure that mobilised people to campaign in 12 countries across Europe
- Win a remarkable 12,253 votes, smashing our goal with a total that would ordinarily have seen Benedetta elected against all odds

L'Accélérateur de la Mobilisation (Campaign Accelerator) -

Communications & Community Organising Lead, Junior Trainer

January 2022 - December 2022

- Support the organisation's work to build people-powered organising models
- Develop a communications strategy to show our pan-European identity
- Support in the creation and implementation of capacity building trainings

La Fresque du Climat (Climate Fresk) - COP26 Co-coordinator

November 2020 - April 2021

- Recruit 235 volunteers to advocate for climate education at COP26
- Set out an ambitious strategy and create processes to execute it, such that I feel confident to step back and leave the role in the hands of volunteers
- Network with key stakeholders to secure partnerships

Education

MA European Affairs

Sciences Po Paris

September 2020 - June 2022

Policy Stream: Management & Public Affairs

BA (Hons) Political Science and 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

Social Innovation

The Role and Relevance of Knowledge in International Organisations

Constitutional Foundations of the EU

Problems of International Organisations

Gendering International Security

Political Parties

Green Politics

Public Policy Organisation and Management

Art & Practice of EU Decision-Making

Environmental Security

Languages

English: Native

French: B1/B2 - Intermediate+

German: B1 - Intermediate

Italian: A1 - Elementary

Scottish Young Greens (SYG) - Co-Chair, Secretary, Communications Officer, International Committee Member

June 2017 - April 2021

- Lead an organisation of ~3,000 members as part of a cohesive team
- Strategise to maximise growth and political power of the organisation and its members in the run-up to COP26

Activist Handbook - Co-Founder, Content Coordinator

June 2019 - October 2020

www.activisthandbook.org

- Conceptualise and develop a unique wikipedia-like website for political activists from scratch in a pan-European team
- Recruit and organise dozens of people to launch an ambitious website

Scottish Green Party - Executive Committee Member, Council Member, Branch Board Member

September 2014 - September 2020

- Use strategic acumen to help set the direction of the Scottish Green Party, with a particular focus on centring young people and inclusivity
- Co-create the strategy of my local branch to help us meet the needs of local people

University of Strathclyde - Research Assistant on IPCC

June 2020 - July 2020

- Assist research proposal on the politicisation of the IPCC
- Research the background and contact details of all IPCC working group members and their selection process

European Youth Centre - Event Organiser

June 2019 - November 2019

- Organise and facilitate an educational event on political activism with 40 activists from diverse movements across Europe

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 thousands followers

Other Experience

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
- Successfully market the business plan to local investors
- Present self-written rickshaw tours to tourists

Other Activism

👉 **Code Rouge** - Belgium's answer to Ende Gelände (*organising team, new member*)

👉 **Ende Gelände**

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

👉 **Students for Future** (*founding member, Leibniz University*)

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

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

👉 **Alternatiba** - French climate movement

Skills & Achievements

Trained facilitator of Climate Collage educational workshops

Competent user of CRM and email list serves

Highly competent in a range of administrative tools (Office, Google Drive, email, Trello, Slack, Roam Research, Notion)

Highest average grade in Humanities & Social Science Faculty @ Strathclyde University (2016-2017)

Research Examples

"We've Already Won": Analysing Extinction Rebellion's Strategic Logic

From Tahrir Square to George Floyd's Murder: Is there a New Pattern of Organising?

International Organisations and the Promotion of Sustainable Development

Why do People Join Environmental Movements?

Digital Feminist Organising: Is it any Different?

How do we Connect Citizens to European Union Policy? A Community Organising Approach

References available on request.



Dear member organisations of FYEG,

On behalf of écoolo j, (Belgian young greens of French speaking part), I am delighted to provide this nomination letter for the candidacy of Sean Currie to be re-elected as Co-spokesperson of the Young European Greens

In the final race for the European elections and after his first term as co-spokesperson of the European Young Greens, we are confident that Sean will carry the voice of young greens and do everything in his power to encourage young greens to mobilise and commit to the victory of green values and youth in 2024.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our decision to nominate Sean to run for re-election.

See you in Barcelona and in the meantime, keep fighting for Green values!

Ali Niaz

Co-president of écoolo j