## CS1 Amy Winandy

Agenda item: 1. Candidates for Co-Spokesperson

# Introduction

Dear green friends,

I am Amy (she/her) and I am very excited to be running for Co-Spokes of FYEG!

I have gained an immensely good understanding of coordinating and working as a Co-Spokes in my Luxembourgish young greens for 2 years and now I want to take responsibility on an European level within and with FYEG.

Whilst I love yapping and speaking up, I also love listening and this is what we need to do more. We need to listen to our MO's priorities and communicate on the topics that are close to our hearts (Palestine & Ukraine). This is why we need all of our MO's involved, from all regions so that we gain back our sense of community.

I am ready to bring all my energy into FYEG and to keep pushing boundaries, fight for what WE believe in and keep our voices loud. I do not shy away from uncomfortable discussions and this is what we need FYEG to keep doing. I have so many more aspirations, visions and causes I want us to fight for but let's take them step by step.



<u>Member Organisation:</u> déi jonk gréng - Luxembourg

With lots of love,

Amy Winandy

# Supporters

Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Maxime Pantaleoni (JonkGreng); Karl Reimer (Grüne Jugend Austria); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Cameron Garrett (Scottish Young Greens); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Mika Lolic (Grüne Jugend Germany); Albert Barseghyan (Jeunes Vert·e·x·s Suisse/Junge Grüne Schweiz/Giovani Verdi Svizzera/Giuvens Verds Swizra); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Żgħażagħ EkoXellugin)

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#### **Candidate for Co-Spokesperson**

#### Dear green fairies,

I am excited to run for one of the Co-Spokes positions in FYEG's Executive Committee. Over the past year I already shared some of my experiences, visions and ideas with you, but I don't want it to stop here! It is with great enthusiasm and a deep commitment to the values and goals of the organisation that I present my application.

Being the Co-Spokes of our Luxembourgish young greens, showed me the world of politics and I was confronted with a lot of new information, technicalities and to be honest often thrown in at the deep end. My motivation to have a fair and equal society was always driving me, whatever the circumstances. Being re-elected Co-Spokesperson until this February, showed me that the motivation and energy I bring is seen and valued.

My last year with FYEG was exciting. I attended the youth assembly in Brussels, the GA in Barcelona, the amazing FYEG summer camp, the young candidates platform in December and our beloved Green Rave in Rome. My love for FYEG has grown and now it is time for me to step up.

#### Love conquers all

This is not just a cheesy quote but a reality. My involvement in politics began with anger. Anger towards the inequalities in our society, anger that fascism is gaining popularity, anger that there is too little climate action taken. Through the beginning of my political involvement, anger has been the main force for my motivation, which might be a good start but as you can imagine is not very sustainable in the long run.

From my first FYEG event on and throughout each more event, I noticed the **love and community** that FYEG was offering. Having this shift in my driving force from anger to love is something that brings me even more motivation and energy. Energy that I am already sharing with the world and that I am ready to share actively by being the Co-Spokes of FYEG. Bringing emotions into politics can be challenging as politics have been heavily influenced by patriarchal structures but we are here to challenge and to break old cycles. Feeling emotions and being professional can go hand in hand.

#### Step by Step

Living in a world where so many crises are happening all at once and where we are confronted with them at all times can be draining. As youth green parties I don't need to tell you the urgency of which we need to combat the climate crisis, wars and inequalities but **we together need to tell the world!** As greens we are constantly battling against conspiracy theorists, fascists and in general green hating people. Another battle to fight. But we chose this party because we believe that change is possible, because only together we can be the change. The knowledge, love and support FYEG offers can be the first step towards this change. It is normal to be overwhelmed at times where one crisis haunts the other, but if we tackle them step by step together, we will see change.



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#### Size doesn't matter

Coming from Luxembourg I have grown up in a Europe where borders barely exist. Driving to one country from another has been almost a daily activity due to our small size. But we are all part of the bigger web. Having run in local and national elections last year for Luxembourg, I gained so much knowledge and experience from our campaigning and politicians that I am very excited to share in FYEG. I have had the privilege of representing the Luxembourgish Young Greens and Greens at various international events and meetings, connecting with many European Greens and sharing ideas. These experiences have broadened my understanding of global environmental and social issues and have shown me a sense of global citizenship. Whilst it is good to see the progress of your country, it is important to acknowledge how much we can learn from others. My vision for FYEG is including all MO's from all regions as much as possible and creating even more of a community feeling.

#### For an intersectional feminist future

As a queer feminist, to me equal rights should not be a discussion. When I speak of equal rights and inclusivity I am meaning this for people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, sexualities, social classes, genders and everyone in between. After my bachelors in Communication where my focus points were the climate crisis and feminism, I started my Masters in Gender Studies. Having this intersectional feminist lens can be challenging in a patriarchal capitalistic world, but it also improves situations where more inclusivity is needed.

Being aware of privileges is also a step towards equality. I am aware of the privileges I have and am here to use them for more equal rights. This can look like using a platform or privilege to amplify the voices of those who are often unheard or overlooked. Advocating for policies and legislation that promote equality and address systemic disparities. Crises are emotional, genocides are. That's why we need to talk about them.

We shouldn't shy away from uncomfortable discussions about privilege, discrimination, and inequality. Engaging in dialogue can help raise awareness and change mindsets.

Pushing boundaries can be hard, stepping out of your comfort zone, asking difficult questions. But this is what we need if we want change. This is what I bring.



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#### Balance over burnout

My vision on the role of a European political youth organisation is what FYEG already is trying. It is supporting each other through differences. It is acknowledging the progress that has been made and being grateful for all the work that has been done. Creating a community of people who have the same aspirations and goals for a better future. What we want as political youth organisations is **systematic change**, and this change IS possible if we work together. All MO's have such a diverse range of experiences and knowledge that it is time to connect and share this with other MO's. Accessibility and communication are key and I will bridge this connections.

Last but not least, what we need is fun. Politics is a very serious field where difficult topics need to be discussed, but what we can't forget is to have a balance, to have fun and to enjoy being the YOUTH political organisation. Having this great mixture and balance of progressive work and fun with amazing people, is something that I want FYEG to continue to be. It is only with balance that we can keep up our mental health and continue our fight for a greener future.

I have a million more aspirations, visions and causes I want us to fight for but for now, this shall be my resume. I am excited about the opportunity to become the next FYEG Co-Spokesperson and also to collaboratively meet with even more like-minded individuals across Europe to further our shared vision of a sustainable, inclusive, and green future.

#### Let's choose love, let's fight for joy.

Sincerely, Amy Winandy

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# My visions for FYEG in 5 points for people who don't have the time to read my motivation

- Involving more MO's and create even more of a community feeling
- Talk together with MO's what topics FYEG should communicate more on (E.g. Palestine, Ukraine, climate justice)
- Stay visible, loud and keep volunteers engaged
- MO's share experiences and offer help to others (E.g. Events, elections)
- Acknowledge the progress that has been made and vocalise gratefulness

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### EXPERIENCE

03/2024 - TODAY

International officer of déi jonk gréng Political Youth Party Luxembourg

03 / 2022 – 02/2024 🚂

**Co - Spokesperson of déi jonk gréng** Political Youth Party Luxembourg

2021 - 2022

General Secretary of déi jonk gréng Political Youth Party Luxembourg

08/2023 – 10/2023 飅

**Green Party Communication Team** Political Party Luxembourg

08/2022 - 01/2023

Kitchen Leader and Chef Red Cross Luxembourg

06 / 23 & 10 /23 Candidate in local and national elections Luxembourg Green Party Luxembourg



### EDUCATION

03/2022 - 08/2024

Master of Arts in Gender Studies University of Vienna

04/2024 - 06/2024

ANDI editiorial office apprenticeship Radio Orange

10/2018 - 02/2022

**Bachelor of Arts in Publicity and Communication** University of Vienna

#### LANGUAGES

Luxembourgish	-	Native
German	-	C2
English	-	C2
French	-	C1
Spanish	-	A1





# RÉUNION DU COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF

Dear Federation of Young European Green,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Amy Winandys application as Co-Spokesperson for FYEG 2024/2025.

Amy has been the co-speaker of the Luxembourg Young Greens for two years. In this significant role, she has been responsible for representing the youth's environmental concerns, coordinating with other members, and spearheading various green initiatives that aim to foster a sustainable future for Luxembourg. Her dedication and leadership skills have played a crucial role in amplifying the voice of the younger generation in environmental matters.

Amy has pursued a comprehensive academic background in gender studies, equipping her with in-depth knowledge and a profound understanding of gender dynamics, issues, and their implications in various socio-cultural contexts. This rigorous academic foundation has not only fostered her analytical skills but also fueled her passion for promoting gender equality. Amy has been actively involved in discussions, policymaking, and initiatives aimed at fostering gender equity. Her experience and dedication make her a valuable asset, and her insights would greatly contribute to any endeavor that seeks to address and champion gender-related issues.

Amy is deeply dedicated to Green values and has shown significant support for FYEG initiatives. She has consistently displayed exceptional organizational skills and has the capability to manage multiple responsibilities effectively. Her proactive approach, optimistic mindset, and meticulous work ethic will undeniably enhance future FYEG projects. We are confident that she possesses the drive, passion, and zeal to further the mission of FYEG in the upcoming year, positively impacting the organization's future endeavors.

With her skills and personal qualities, her knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, and her past engagement and experiences with FYEG, we wholeheartedly support Amy's application as Co-Spokes for FYEG.





If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to <u>maxime.pantaleoni@gmail.com</u>

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