T2 Lovisa Claesson

Agenda item: 2. Candidates for Treasurer

Introduction

Hi there! I am Lovisa (she/her) and I have been active in climate justice activism since I was 13 and went to my first meeting of the Swedish Young Greens. After leaving Scandinavia for continental Europe, I now call FYEG my political home. I have so much love for FYEG and want to contribute to strenghtening the organization as much as possible. I believe that my best way to do that is in the form of treasurer. Although I see FYEG as a source of joy, creativity, and activism, I also see our problems with budget constraints and uneven financial opportunities for our member organizations. I want to creative a dynamic federation that accounts for the different financial challenges of our member organizations. With my enthusiasm for organizational and strategic work, I believe that I am the right person for this job. This role sounds oh so fun and I would be honored for the chance to take it on (:



Member Organisation: Grön Ungdom - Sweden

Supporters

Tilde Isaksson (Grön Ungdom); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Egle Olesk (Noored Rohelised); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Nora Axberg (Grön Ungdom); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine)

LOVISA CLAESSON CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Dear FYEG,

My name is Lovisa Claesson (she/her) and I am a Swedish climate justice and human rights activist from Sweden, currently based in the Netherlands. In this letter, I will explain why I am delighted at the prospect of becoming your next treasurer.

My experience in Green politics started in 2016, when I, as a nervous, but motivated, 13year old, entered my first meeting of Grön Ungdom. Despite my age, I quickly felt at home in this movement, assuming numerous roles in the organization throughout the years. My fondest memories include being the spokesperson of Grön Ungdom in Stockholm and a member of our international committee.

In recent years, I've left Sweden for Germany and the Netherlands. There, I found new homes in both Grüne Jugend and DWARS. Moreover, it has given me the motivation to finally become active in an organization I have heard about ever since my first encounters with Grön Ungdom - FYEG. After attending my first FYEG event as a Swedish delegate at the General Assembly in 2022, I instantly fell in love with the organization. Since then, I have participated in numerous events and actions, both online and in person. For the past year, I have been a member of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board, a position that has given me valuable experience of pan-European organizing and a deep understanding of FYEG as an organization.

FYEG has given me so much. From being a rather distant organization whose stories I heard about at Grön Ungdom events, FYEG has now become my political home and helped me grow immensely, both as an activist and as a person. I would love to take the experience FYEG has given me and give back to the organization. I believe my best way to do this is in the form of treasurer.

During my years in FYEG, I have seen the strength and joy of this organization. I have also seen its problems. Coming from a comparatively financially privileged member organization, it has been sobering to see what can be accomplished with few resources, both in FYEG and its member organizations. Moreover, I have seen the organization's problems when it comes to battling financial inequalities within the European young Green movement. This includes Southern and Eastern European activists needing to sacrifice much more to participate in the workings of FYEG, as well as Northern and Western European member organizations questioning the usefulness of their FYEG membership. Here, I want to oversee the financial guidelines and dynamics of the organization, as well as securing more overall funding for FYEG.

I believe that my background in a membership organization with a strong organizational tradition will help me in this role. After my years in Grön Ungdom, I have a long experience of overseeing administrative formalities, IRPs, and budgetary matters, interests I have also brought to previous FYEG General Assemblies. I have similar administrative experiences from other forms of NGO work, such as an association at my high school that organized a festival for about 200 students. As president of the association, I managed our finances and accounting, increased our fundings, and established formal bank contacts for the association. Moreover, my work in the Ecosprinter Editorial Board has given me valuable insights in FYEG and pan-European organizing.

One further motivation for my application for the role as treasurer is the fact that I think it sounds incredibly fun! I thoroughly enjoy organizational and strategic work. I see the role as treasurer as incredibly important to the organization, and it would truly be an honor to take on this role.

Thank you for taking the time to read this! I sincerely wish for your support.

In solidarity, Lovisa Claesson

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LOVISA CLAESSON

Candidate for Treasurer of FYEG



A B O U T M E

Hi! I'm Lovisa Claesson (she/her) and I am Swedish bachelor's student of European Studies, currently based in the Netherlands. I have been active in European climate justice activism since 2016 and FYEG since 2022.

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EDUCATION

<u>Maastricht university, NL</u>

BA European Studies 2022-2025

Sciences Po Paris, FR

Erasmus Exchange 2024

Södra Latins gymnasium, SE

High school diploma Program: Humanities and languages 2017-2021

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Swedish Native
- English C2
- German C1
- French B2
- Dutch B1

V O L U N T E E R E X P E R I E N C E

Ecosprinter Editorial Board member

FYEG

2023-Present

- Manage emails and contact writers
- Help brainstorm, write, and edit articles
- Organize and manage internal board work

Delegate at FYEG General Assembly

Grön Ungdom / Swedish Young Greens 2022, 2023

- Represent Grön Ungdom and strengthen contacts with other member organizations
- Debate, vote, and discuss the politics of FYEG
- Raise awareness of FYEG within Grön Ungdom

Events Committee member

United Nations Student Association Maastricht 2022-2023

Organize educational and social events for members and other students at Maastricht University interested in politics and international relations.

President

Södra Latin's Language Society

2020-2021

- Organize and execute an educational festival for 200 humanities students at my high school
- Organize internal work of the association's board
- Manage finances and establish bank contacts

Dear Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Lovisa Claesson's candidacy for treasurer Young European Greens 2024/2025.

Lovisa has long proved herself an engaged political activist, both on a Swedish and European level. Joining the Swedish Young Greens in 2016, she was very active in organizing the Young Greens of Stockholm. She has also played an important role in bridging the gap between the Swedish Young Greens and FYEG. In her roles as International Committee member and GA delegate in 2022 and 2023, Lovisa has shown a great enthusiasm for FYEG. By organizing educational events and being proactive in GAs, Lovisa has helped increase the awareness of, and enthusiasm for, FYEG within the Swedish Young Greens.

Lovisa has proven herself an engaged and passionate member of FYEG through participation in events and actions, as well as digital organizing. This has mainly been shown in her role as member of the Ecosprinters Editorial Board. She has also shown strategic skills, both as an organizer within the Swedish Young Greens and through representing the organization towards FYEG. There, she has already shown an interest in engaging in the financial matters of FYEG.

After a long engagement in the Swedish and European Young Greens, Lovisa has shown a passion for Green politics, both in the form of activism and organizational work. She has demonstrated skills in organizational matters, as well as a genuine interest in engaging in these topics. As such, we have no doubt that Lovisa will do an excellent job as treasurer for FYEG.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Lovisa could make a meaningful contribution to FYEG and we would like to express our support for her candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom,

Tove Ljungberg Haasum International Secretary, Grön Ungdom