

EC8 Tom Tallieu

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

Hello ! My name is Tom (He/Him), I am 24 years old and from France. I was born and grew up in Brittany, before moving to the region of Lyon. Growing up in rural territories is a huge part of my political identity: I experienced the lack of transports, the collapse of biodiversity due to human intervention and the scarcity of opportunities when it comes to education and jobs. The difference between these rural areas and the French capital, where I moved then to pursue my education, is striking.

I have been active as an activist in the francophone anti-ableism's movement but also as a member of the Jeunes Écologistes. I have been the co-head of the disability group of the Jeunes Écologistes. I was lucky enough to be able to experience living abroad, as I took internships in Brussels and Vienna, and finished my bachelor degree in London. I became active in the FYEG by helping with translations, and helping with the mobilization of FYEGER's during the French snap elections.



Member Organisation:
Jeunes Écologistes - France

Supporters

Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi)

Motivation letter

Dear Young greens,

My name is Tom, I am a 24-years-old disabled green activist, from France. I've spent years fighting for environmental, social and inclusive justice with les Jeunes Écologistes and les Écologistes (ex-EELV), in popular education as one of pedagogy officers where I personally took part in more than 180 interventions in schools, universities, prisons or third places in the Young Europeans and also anti-ableism movements.

Now, I have decided to take it a step further by being a candidate for the Executive Committee of FYEG. Throughout the years and different experiences, I developed skills to help my political family. Getting involved in Green politics was natural for me, coming from the countryside, I saw the destruction of our ecosystem due to chemicals and human constructions. As I was born in Brittany I grew up with a cultural particularism, a language and history that really differ from France. It was easy to choose a political family who put cultural diversity at the heart of their project. As a trade union member, I can be proud to be in organisations that put social justice as a core value, defending the most precarious against injustice and the 1%. I'm proud to be part of a political family that listened to me and made sure I was heard as a disabled activist, and finally a family who does not step back an inch in our relentless fight against the far right, on a daily basis with the Jeunes Écologistes.

I have the will and the experience to help make the FYEG our common home, today many of the members either do not know about the FYEG or so little. We have a duty to educate them about what the FYEG can bring them, from tools to formation or even opportunities. For example, I stumbled and learnt about the FYEG after years in the Jeunes écologistes, we have to make sure that every single new member in a member organisation knows about the FYEG when they join and

can be an active part of our federation, it could be done with a digital booklet that is sent whenever someone joins a MO or with more frequent “welcoming” meetings.

We cannot claim to be 'welcoming' or 'benevolent' as long as disabled people struggle to get involved in our organisations or remain excluded. While 87 million Europeans are disabled, we have to create a working group on disability and anti-ableism which will be the spearhead to push forward policies with our MO and MEP. Today disabled people are still excluded from politics, more than 800 000 disabled people were barred from participating in elections, and there are legal restrictions in 7 countries that put a stop to their participation. We need to address the lack of disabled activists in the different spheres of powers and by addressing the lack of representation we will then be able to lead campaigns against the discriminative policies across Europe: the stérilisation of disabled womxn, the lack of work safety and many others.

We are all facing common struggles, and each of our experiences can be of help to other people across Europe, from fundings to mobilisation and coordinating european-wide campaigns. My mandate would also be a mandate of preparation, preparation as an organisation against the continuous and ongoing assault of the far right and right against our rights, our values and sometimes even our identities or lives. We have to strengthen our federation against the fascist threat, and create a common narrative of progressive and clear values. We need to develop our network with partners: NGOs, Unions, the civil society as a whole to keep our feet on the ground, we cannot afford to stay in our bubble. Some of our member organisations already have experience with these topics, the FYEG is the right platform to have transnational training on actions, tools.

Europe is at a turning point: the far-right is still getting stronger and stronger, the right is radicalising, and the liberals are contributing to the climatic, social catastrophe we are all heading towards. As we saw in France with the New

Popular Front, the youth is politicised and eager to join organisations when they have a proper political project that contributes to a fairer society. Together we can defeat the far right, and push it back all across Europe.

I cannot stress enough that I will fight with all my energy to push for a more ambitious organisation that speaks for all and that works for all, the FYEG as the resources to be even more successful.

I think it's time for me to give back to the green family everything it gave me, from friends, to opportunities and for helping me grow.

Truly yours,

Tom

VISION letter

We are a movement of hope, a movement that is unstoppable, we have an obligation towards our generation and the future ones where failure is not an option as our enemies are getting stronger. We are a political family which is an ally of feminist, anti racist, lgbtqia+ movements, a movement which is fighting for a fair representation of everyone, that makes politics accessible for the Popular class, which stands in solidarity with oppressed People and that fights for a world freed from capitalist's predation.

The far right and their allies in elected assemblies and outside are fighting against our rights, our beliefs and our existence. We are fighting to have a livable planet, a society that is fair to everyone. In 2016, when I started my green journey, I joined a movement that is taking actions to change our society and our lives and 8 years later we need to make sure that it will happen in the next decade. This is why I'm running to be joining the EC of the FYEG so I can contribute on the European level.

An antifascist federation

All across our continent, the far right and reactionary movements are threatening us and our democracies. We need to make the fight against facism a core value of our organisations through training but also helping MOs to self organise to be able to sustain all the assaults. Some of our MOs know what it means to live in a reactionary society and we must learn from them. Self-organising means that we need to meet partners in civil society, who are the first to suffer, from NGOs to unions and activists. We will also need to remind everyone that the far right movements are at their core anti social and anti climate organisations. We need to denounce them every time not only online but also in the streets and in the media.

An anti-ableism organisation

It is undeniable that disabilities are forgotten in the political landscape. FYEG needs to be a pioneer when it comes to supporting policies that support an independent living in alignment with UN recommendation, an intersectional organisation shall be anti-ableist and defend a better political representation of disabled people. While making sure that all of our events, communications and policies are accessible. We will defend the self-organisation of anti-ableist movements while they fight for their emancipation. We need to address the european-wide discrimination that we are victims of from lack of political rights to sterilisation. The FYEG needs a working group on disabilities so that all of our decisions can be made while being sure they don't hurt our rights. We need to make our generation of Green activists the one that will not make Disability issues an afterthought but one of our priorities.

A welcoming federation

A federation for everyone is a federation that everyone knows about, we need to make sure that all the members of our MOs know about the FYEGg and that they can participate in our working groups, our discussions and in our events. A welcoming federation is also when MOs can easily work together, we need to push for further cooperation, participation in each other's summer universities and campaigns so we can create a feeling of common belonging in the federation.

Tom Tallieu

PRESS AND COMMUNICATION OFFICER
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FORMATION

European Communication School

2019-2024

Master - Public and Political
communication

Bachelor - Luxury Marketing &
Creative communication HKX London

University Lyon 2 Lumière

2017-2019

Political sciences & sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Directorate general for Labour - Paris - Since september 2022

- Rédaction d'articles, de notes et d'infolettres interne à destinations des agents
- Création de contenu pédagogique afin de faire connaître les sujets de la direction
- Thématiques principales : organisation du travail, santé et sécurité, dialogue social
- Communication : Création de contenu écrit et visuel

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER - GROUPE ÉCOLOGISTE

Paris' city council - Paris - intern - April to July 2022

- Rédaction d'articles et de communiqué de presse sur les actions du groupe politique
- Relation presse du groupe en soutien de la responsable communication.
- Thématiques principales : Ecologie, Handicap
- Communication : Création de contenu écrit, images et vidéos sur les différents réseaux sociaux

COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS OFFICER

MEU - Wien - intern - October to March 2020

- Rédaction d'articles et mise en contact avec les partenaires institutionnels
- Mise en place de la logistique
- Thématiques principales : Citoyenneté, Événementiels, Réseaux sociaux
- Communication : Création d'une identité visuelle et création de contenu

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

ECIT- Brussels - intern - March to august 2020

- Rédaction d'articles, de notes et de courriers
- Rencontres avec des acteurs institutionnels européen et mise en réseaux d'élus dans le cadre du plaidoyer
- Thématiques principales : Citoyenneté, interculturalité
- Communication : création de l'identité de la campagne, mise en place de l'identité sur les différents RS

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

PEDAGOGY OFFICER

JEUNES EUROPÉENS - 2020-2021

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Dear Member Organizations,

We are delighted to endorse **Tom Tallieu Stephan** as a candidate for the position of EC member. During our collaboration with him, we have witnessed his strong dedication to the Green cause, making him an excellent fit for this role.

His impressive resume and experiences speak for themselves. As a Board member for European affairs at Les Jeunes Écologistes Ile de France, he actively participated in the European elections, drawing on his valuable experience from his involvement on the board of Les Jeunes Européens. Tom has consistently demonstrated his determination and reliability as well as his capacity to work in a team.

In addition to his extensive knowledge of European processes, Tom is deeply committed to improving our organization for individuals with disabilities. We are confident that he will advocate for this cause within the FYEG as well.

Furthermore, as a policy officer in the previous elections, he demonstrated his ability to support clear and significant political positions, a crucial attribute for an EC member during such an important mandate.

Finally, Les Jeunes Écologistes have been absent from the FYEG EC for several years. We are eager to strengthen our connection and represent the voice of our region of Europe as we confront new challenges with the rise of far-right parties and the awakening of new left coalitions.

If you have any question do not hesitate to contact us by writing to **executif@jeunes-ecologistes.org**

Green Regards,

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Co-spokperson for Les Jeunes Écologistes