

EC3 Anja Presnukhina

Agenda item: 1. Executive Committee Candidates

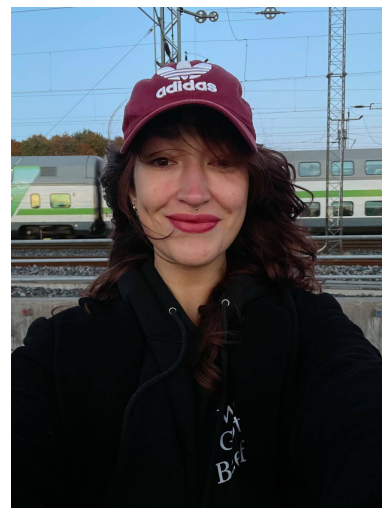
Introduction

Hey FYEG!

My name is Anja, I'm a 21-year-old local politician and student activist from Finnish Young Greens. I am running for the Executive Committee to elevate our work on inclusivity, bravery, and strength in our movement from the inside.

Having experience working in both Finnish Young Greens' and FYEG offices, I know how the work of the EC and office team could complement each other to make the organisations more efficient. My political background comes from local politics, focusing especially on social policies and education.

We're not just chasing electoral success; we're committed to sustaining our impactful work. Following recent electoral setbacks for the Greens, we face the question of what's next. As the EC member of 2023-2024, I promise to try to find a solution to this question by building space for brave and direct dialogue yet sticking to our existential values. We need to foster our very rare community. A time of crisis and stagnation calls for more radical hope!



Member Organisation:
Vihreiden nuorten ja opiskelijoiden liitto/ Finnish Young Greens

Supporters

Marta Bogustova (Protests); Konsta Lindi (Vihreiden nuorten ja Opiskelijoiden liitto (Young Greens of Finland); Liina Reimann (Noored Rohelised (Estonian Young Greens); Danilo Boskovic (YF URA)

MOTIVATION LETTER

ANJA PRESNUKHINA

My journey in the green movement began in late 2016 when I realized that nature cannot speak for itself and that effecting change around me requires political action. Since then, I've been active in political parties, NGOs, and direct action movements.

Recently the University of Helsinki Greens, whose chairperson I am, took an active part in the organising of the most long-lasting University sit-in in Finland. Our student-building occupation started a wave of local sit-ins all across the country and acted as a starting point for building a strong anti-government leftist movement which would not only campaign against the cuts to the education system but also channel the voices of those who are traditionally not taken into the spotlight of the media coverage: the precariat, immigrants and racialised people.

Looking at my professional background, I have experience working in both FYEG and Finnish Young Greens offices, which gives me a solid understanding of the dynamics of these organisations and motivation to make the cooperation of the EC and office even more effective.

As a Campaign Team member I am already involved in the FYEG election campaign and it is something that I want to work more on from not only the operational side but from the more political and strategical side as that is something that the EC has a mandate on. My experience in campaigning comes from the regional elections of 2021, the internal campaigns of the SecGen of Green Party Anna Moring and the University Council elections of last year. Most "high-level" campaigning that I've done has been the Parliamentary elections campaign of the Young Greens as a Project manager. During the election Spring, we have also been involved with the national level of the campaign through the mother party.

As EC members are also serving as the advocates of FYEG and its different actors, I want to be very clear about who am I advocating for. My initial aim is to support those members who feel left out and silenced in our political spaces. Examples of this are the non-EU MOs and already marginalized communities within our spaces. Advocacy is not only a thing that I like, but also something that I have experience in for example from leading the Greens of my University and acting as a member of the Finnish Green Party Council as a spokesperson of the Youth group.

Why would I make a great EC member? My broad experience around the Green movement both as a professional and political actor gives me a good overview of what we have in our hands now. But most importantly, this is a position to which I am committed to give loads of my time, love and energy. FYEG has given so much to me personally, and over the course of years, it has become so close to my heart that I want to do my best to give the same experience to as many young people as possible. You can read more about my concrete plans about it in the Outline file.

OUTLINE OF MY PLANS IN FYEG

AS IN OCTOBER 2023

To understand, what are my plans in FYEG I want to first understand what the Green European movement means and what challenges are we facing now and within the next year. As of now, I think that being a movement and not a classical political party in its traditional sense gives us a lot of strength in the ability to balance between activism and parliamentary democracy, but also makes finding a common value base harder. In this document, I will address my plans through X major themes that I want to work towards.

Genuinely inclusive FYEG

What does inclusivity mean if we don't directly put work towards it? Is there a point in expanding an organisation if its already existing members do not feel secure and at home? Inclusion is not something that we can write on a wall and take for granted but is a resource-consuming commitment, which might make the majority feel uncomfortable.

By this, I mean that as a member of the EC, I commit to actively pushing for more serious acts in the inclusion work of FYEG. We have to hold ourselves accountable and be open about our, sometimes unjust decisions. It is simply embarrassing to externally advocate for those things that we cannot even keep up with internally.

Non-EU MO inclusion is a key point in fighting the polarization of the East vs West dichotomy that doesn't help any of the sides.

Brave movement

FYEG is not afraid to speak out on the issues that are connected with its members and the issues which are against its values. Our organisation is not hesitant to try to pay more attention to the burning topics and actors that are overlooked or silenced. Brave space also means that the office and the EC are actively working towards facilitating respectful dialogues even around the "touchy" subjects. We cannot be taken seriously if we are not allowed to take a stand against violence or unscientific claims. As a Southern MO responsible I commit to giving my resources to ensure that these conversations happen between the MOs themselves but also towards the office and EC.

Internal advocacy

By this, I mean that as a representative of the FYEG in spaces like EGP, Green Group and my mother party, I am ready to advocate for our values and goals. As the EC is a body made out of volunteers and as the office is running at its best and most professionalized capacity, I want to work towards preparing the office members to be ready to advocate for us.

Building up towards the elections

As a member of the Campaign Team, and more specifically the Green Base, I have been involved in building up the Discord community of volunteers, candidates and other people who just want to be involved in the process of building up towards the EU elections. The role of the EC is to take part in the political aspects of the campaign work and that is something I have a great passion for. As a region representative, I want to ensure that the MOs have all the resources to get as many cool and young candidates as there are!

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RUNNING FOR THE FYEG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WORK EXPERIENCE

COURSE SECRETARY

2/2023- *STUDY CENTRE VISIO*

- Assisting in developing courses for the next year
- Coordination of the Green Advocacy Academy course with REV Poland

PROJECT COORDINATOR, INTERNATIONAL PROJECT OFFICER

GREEN YOUTH OF FINLAND

- 2/2022-
7/2023
- Managing an international YSD project, which is financed by a grant given by European Youth Together in 2021
 - Preparing and organising a transnational conference event for over 40 participants from 6 different countries
 - Leading a project group of 4+ people
 - Preparing communications plans for ongoing projects and participants' calls
 - Organising a course on the basics of local politics, leaning on principles of non-formal education
 - Coordinating a study trip to the European Parliament for over 30 youngsters
 - Administration and financial reporting

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

6/2021- *KIRKKONUMMI ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE*

- 9/2021
- Assisting in developing courses for the next year
 - Administrative work and assisting in Kirkkonummi art school

PROJECT INTERN

9/2020- *FEDERATION OF YOUNG EUROPEAN GREENS (FYEG)*

- 2/2021
- Assisting with Just Transition Granting Programme, communicating with granters
 - External communication with international Member Organizations, such as Ukrainian Young Greens and Polish Young Greens
 - Producing a podcast

CAMPAIGN AND OUTREACH INTERN

9/2020- *THE GREENS/EFA IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, CAMPAIGNS AND OUTREACH UNIT*

- 2/2021
- Supporting the Network Officer with preparing the European Ideas Lab
 - Assisting the campaigners teams focusing on Arms Export, Mercosur and Gender-based violence

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

8/2020- *CITY OF ESPOO, CITY OF HELSINKI*

- Working as a substitute art, history, crafts, PE and RE teacher in upper secondary school
- Teaching in elementary school

CV-TRAINER

1/2020- *CITY OF HELSINKI*

ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

5/2019- *JOYLLA*

- 10/2019
- Creating content for social media (Facebook, Instagram)
 - Event organizing
 - Creating media contact and organizing interviews
 - Graphic design (postcards and advertisements)

POLITICAL MANDATES

CHAIRPERSON

2023- *UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI GREENS*

MEMBER OF THE PARTY COUNCIL

FINNISH GREEN PARTY

MEMBER OF CAMPAIGN TEAM

FEDERATION OF YOUNG EUROPEAN GREENS

VICE COUNCIL MEMBER

2021- *KIRKKONUMMI*

PAST MANDATES

MEMBER OF COORDINATION AND PREP TEAMS

2021 - 2022 *FEDERATION OF YOUNG EUROPEAN GREENS*

DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER

2018 - 2020 *GREENS OF UUSIMAA REGION*

POLITICAL PLATFORM DEVELOPER

2019 - 2020 *FINNISH GREEN LEAGUE*

YOUTH COUNCELOR

2019 *YOUTH COUNCIL OF KIRKKONUMMI*

PROMOTER OF INTERESTS

2018 - 2019 *THE UNION OF UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS*

BOARD MEMBER

2017 - 2019 *ETELÄ-TAPIOLA HIGH SCHOOL BOARD*

BOARD MEMBER

2017 - *KIRKKONUMMEN VIHREÄT*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish, Native speaker

Russian, Native speaker

English, C2

Ukrainian, B1

Swedish, A2

French, A2

EDUCATION

ISLAMIC THEOLOGY, BACHELOR LEVEL

2020 - 2024

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

STUDY OF ARTS, BACHELOR LEVEL

2023 - 2025

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Letter of support.

The Young Greens of
Finland warmly supports

Anja Presnukhina

to the Executive Committee of the Federation
of Young European Greens.

In Helsinki on the 16th of October 2023



Jami Haavisto

Co-spokesperson



Selinä Nera

Co-spokesperson