



EYP SWITZERLAND

Board election 2014-15 – candidate manifesto

Nora Wilhelm

Name, age, occupation, hobbies:

Nora Wilhelm, 20 years old, currently studying International Affairs at the University of St. Gallen. Main hobby doubtlessly is EYP, however I am also interested in music, journalism and photography. I very much enjoy traveling, reading and volunteering.

Candidates may indicate a first and second position they are running for. Please indicate your two positions. It is possible to indicate only one position.

1. President

What are your school, university and life plans from February 2014 until February 2015?

I will finish my 4th semester at the University of St. Gallen in June and probably spend one semester abroad (from September onwards). I decided to take a break in EYP in terms of sessions in order to focus on the national committee and university.

Please outline your past experiences within EYP as a delegate, official or within EYP Switzerland? What other experience relevant to your position do you have?

I have been an organiser, head organiser, journalist, editor, chairperson and vice-president at EYP sessions both abroad and in Switzerland. I have also been on the board, as the board member in charge of External Affairs, for one year. Recently, I have worked extensively on a restructuring of the board of EYP Switzerland and the establishment of the departments. Leading this process was very enriching and I believe a pre-taste of what would await me as the President of EYP Switzerland.

The new board and regional structures are an exciting step forward for EYP Switzerland. Internationally, the EYP community agreed in 2012 that each NC ought to develop and implement their own long-term strategy. In your opinion, what direction(s) should such a strategy for EYP Switzerland take? Which concrete steps would you foresee for the year 2014-2015 to implement that strategy?

I am convinced that the new structure with departments and regional groups is a very important step. It is a way to enable more members to participate in different aspects of EYP, to decentralise certain tasks, allow talented and motivated members to take responsibility and contribute to the National Committee in a meaningful way and allow the board members to focus on more long-term tasks. However, it is only a step in what I consider to be the right direction and not an end in itself. Even though EYP Switzerland has become a lot more professional in the past years, it is high time that we start thinking more in the long term and continue our path with a comprehensive strategy. In the future, things I would like to see our organisation think about and improve include enlarging our (active) member base, improving processes and working procedures, establishing systematic feedback processes, securing and sharing ac-





cumulated knowledge, fundraising for the National Committee and (national) activities that are not directly related to our core session activities. Overall, whilst I think that we are good at what we do and competent, there are many, possibly less obvious or essential things we can still improve along the lines.

