



EYP SWITZERLAND

Board election 2014-15 – candidate manifesto

Kian Hunziker

Name, age, occupation, hobbies:

My name is Kian Hunziker, 20 years old, I am from Basel but after my gap year for my civilian service I am currently studying in St. Gallen. In my free time I play the guitar, produce some of my own music, enjoy cooking and love to go travelling in southern (and therefore warm) places.

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. National Coordination
2. External affairs

I am running for National Coordinator. I have become involved in national coordination through the first working groups of the board and I would like to become more active in this respective field. My goals for this position include fostering the academic preparation for the sessions, further facilitating the work and coordination between the working groups and the board and making EYP Switzerland more inclusive by for example involving new schools from different regions. I think especially through the working groups EYP Switzerland has great potential and I would like to build on that and work on projects such as closer cooperation with schools for session preparation and effective work division within the working group.

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

Having started the assessment year at the University of St. Gallen my plans for the nearest future are to survive my first round of exams but I am positive about the outcome and starting from next September I would like to be able to call myself a student of international affairs. Besides studying and passing exams I have different plans for my lecture free times in summer, for example volunteering to teach English abroad or do another few months of civilian service in a hospital.

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 started my EYP career in April 2011 in Stockholm, after I had been convinced by friends to apply to the session and I have been involved ever since. After my first experience I attended several sessions as a delegate with two international sessions being the highlights. After a while I discovered a new fascination: chairing. Since summer 2012 I have been going further into that field. So far I have chaired at several regional and national Sessions outside Switzerland. Looking back on my most recent EYP activities there are two major events that influenced me a lot. One is my first time





vice-presiding a short session, which was a very enriching experience. The other one is having been a part of the organising team of the IS in Zürich. Mainly in the past months after the session I have come to realise how much I have learned organisational wise during that event and during the process leading up to it. I have also attended trainings and alumni events both in Switzerland and abroad and I believe through my experiences at all such events I have gained a sound understanding of how this organisation works, what it needs and what can be done to ensure the development of it, also in terms of national coordination.

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?

On a general, abstract level I think EYP Switzerland should strive to become an even more attractive, inclusive and diverse network. Inclusive in a way that more schools and also different types of schools become involved. Furthermore, inclusiveness means for me that members have the chance to easily become active and can take part in shaping the organisation on various levels. I believe the regional groups and the working groups in collaboration with the board are an excellent first step in that direction. By attractive and diverse I have in mind that EYP Switzerland should become more of an interactive network, for example through closer collaboration with other national organisations, which have a similar orientations. Therefore EYP Switzerland could provide the alumni with a wider and interesting set of opportunities to develop and serve as a source of extracurricular education besides and in addition to the National Sessions.

