



EYP SWITZERLAND

Board election 2014-15 – candidate manifesto

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Name, age, occupation, hobbies:

Seraina Petersen, 20, student. Hobbies: EYP, piano, cello, travelling, good books.

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 Session Support

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

Hopefully, I will be able to continue studying international relations in Geneva, along with actively participating in EYP sessions in Switzerland and abroad.

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?

- 15th NSC of EYP CH, 2011, delegate
- 18th NSC of EYP FI, 2012, delegate
- Regional sessions, EYP CH, 2012, chairperson (Geneva and Basel)
- 16th NSC of EYP CH, 2012, co-head organiser
- Regional sessions, EYP CH, 2013, vice president (Bern)
- 72nd international session, Munich 2013, international organiser
- 73rd international session, Zurich 2013, organiser
- 17th NSC of EYP CH, 2013, organiser
- Regional sessions, EYP FI, Kuopio 2013, journalist
- Assistant Board Member for National Coordination since fall 2013





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?

Diversification

- Aim for increased activities outside the framework of sessions, notably through the new regional committees
- Concretely, activities like:
 - more informal debating fora, at regional *and* national level
 - offering possibilities for political education, like lectures of professionals, visits to the Bundeshaus and NGOs

Spread

- Open up to more schools, especially professional schools (“Berufsschulen”)
- Access to EYP for interested people past the high school age through our additional offers of political education
- Active support for participation from “weaker” cantons like Graubünden, Valais, inner Switzerland
- Partnership with cantonal or national teacher associations

Sustainability

- Personalisation of advertising: personal presentations at schools
- Solidification of EYP schools: the possibility of EYP groups at schools to make their participation in EYP more continuous

Networking

- Work together with other youth organisations in Switzerland that have similar objects, e.g. cantonal youth parliaments
- Long-term partners for EYP Switzerland, in the format of session patrons

