



## **EYP SWITZERLAND**

### **Board election 2014-15 – candidate manifesto**

#### **Riccardo Passarella**

**Name, age, occupation, hobbies:**

Riccardo Passarella, 20, Law Student, basically Photography and EYP.

**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. International Coordinator
2. Communications

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

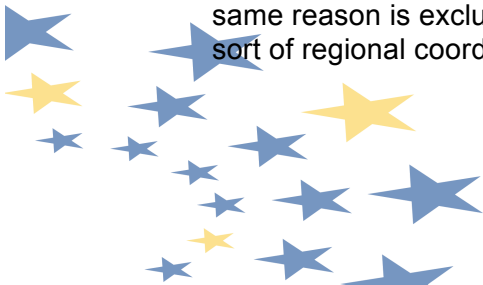
I'm planning to stay in Fribourg at least until 2016.

**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?**

Even if I've been a delegate only once, in 2011, and I have not been too active until IS Zurich, I'm quite catching up now. This year I've been an orga twice and a journo once. In January and February I'll attend another two sessions as a journo and I've applied for another one as a chair. I'm also a member of the communications department of the board of EYP CH. I don't have any particular experience relevant to the position I'm running for, but if I know what I have to do, I learn quite fast and I'm pretty efficient and reliable.

**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 think EYP Switzerland is doing fine right now and the new regional structure should give the association the means to reach a very important goal, which is the one of more participation. I think we should get in touch with more schools and try to get them involved. For now, we mainly work with high schools, but there are other kinds of institutes on the same level that we could try and work with. Also, we should try to reach more cantons, maybe by meeting representatives of schools or the governments to explain them the kind of opportunities EYP offers. I'm thinking, in particular, about Ticino, which attends our session in a non-conventional way and maybe for this same reason is excluded from hosting a regional session, even though it has some sort of regional coordinator. Something could be done, especially because there are





many schools (at least 6 public high-school-grade ones) that we could get involved and talking with directors and the DECS could help us reach some progress there.

Another important direction to take should be the one of continuity, which to me means to keep as many members as possible active. I think we could only achieve this by a closer collaboration with school, and I'm not sure they're willing to help us to this extent. This continuity could also be strengthened by locating events all around Switzerland, instead of relying always on the same places.

These are just two suggestions to start from.

