

Dear reader,

Having participated in my very first project in Europe which was the Training Course “YEE-include: Inclusion in environmental youth projects” in 2017 I could never imagine one day I am going to be a decision-maker in this network of the best NGOs in the world. Since the first day of this project being a nature-keeper, nature-lover and eco-friendly feeling didn’t leave me. So far that was the main reason why I wanted to be more engaged in YEE. And I am very happy that I was given a chance to be a part of the YEE family for one year.

Having started, I would like to say that this was my first experience in actually working with the international team consisting of people coming from different countries and backgrounds. So from the start it was hard for me to adapt myself for my new position despite having few years of experience of being an Executive board member in FYCA. Right after being elected, we had our first Board meeting which gave us an overview of our roles and introduction to each other. At first I was very confused and didn’t know where to start and where to go. But then after having more and more virtual board meetings I became more confident and started to move forward with small steps. I started working on my very first project which was a local action of the training course “Create Your Grassroots”. This was a huge step for me to write a project from zero and implement it without having any previous experience. I am glad that YEE gave me this chance.

Overall this year was very challenging for YEE and for us as a Board. We faced so many challenges that we weren’t ready for and had to take so many difficult decisions together that were mostly new to us but I can surely say that due to these we were shaped as a real team. We had to find a new Project Manager being a new elected board, adapt our plans and projects to the situation with Covid19 and the conflicts between our employees were not the best end of our mandates. These situations strongly affected me and my Work Plan which mostly consisted of the upcoming Projects. I didn’t do anything great for YEE but I have done a lot of small things for it.

However, along with what’s mentioned above I learnt a lot from our team and could develop practical skills, which will be helpful in every aspect of my life. Working online in an international team, facing and coping with difficulties and challenges, first time moderating online meetings, making agendas and taking the minutes in English, having an e-Personal Board meeting and so many other interesting experiences that we gained during such a small period of time.

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Regarding the next Project Officer I would advise to be as active as possible, to be ready to take on new challenges and responsibilities, to set up goals and work for them, communicate, communicate and one more time communicate with the Project Manager.

To put it in a nutshell, I am very proud and thankful to our team for being so united and flexible, for the readiness to work even at nights, for taking fast and the best decisions, for all jokes and nice moments we had together.

Good luck to the next Board and Bright Future to YEE,

Ani Poghosyan

Project Officer 2019/2020