

Work Plan of the External Relations Officer of Youth & Environment Europe

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Maintaining Partnerships

- Little Green 5
 - The Little Green 5 are the 5 main youth-led environmental groups working within Europe. These are: YEE, Y4N, IYNF, YFoEE and FYEG.
 - In early 2021 we started meeting about once every 3 to 4 months to discuss issues relevant to all of us: fundraising, MOs management, COP26 and so on.
 - My hope as ERO is to continue this partnership, keep meeting with consistency and try and include where possible the work of the AWG and their campaigns with these other organisations.
 - YEE has in the past done most of the secretariat work and will likely continue to do so.
- Generation Climate Europe
 - YEE is one of the founding members of GCE. GCE is a coalition of youth-led NGOs pushing for stronger climate ambition at the EU level.
 - Unlike YEE it focuses uniquely on EU issues and has a more specific overview of policy. However, in the past year it has become clear that there might be overlap, duplication and funding competition between the two NGOs.
 - My hope as ERO is to be able to work to find a solution to make sure YEE and GCE do not compete, but complement and support each other - and to ensure GCE becomes a useful tool for YEE. I will do so in my role as GCE board member representing YEE.
- European Youth Forum
 - The YFJ is a powerful youth organization. Representing youth voices across Europe, it has a huge platform and opportunities.
 - It is recently starting to build more and more on its climate agenda, which is where we could come in as YEE to become a leader from within or at least part of the decision making process for YFJ decisions on climate and environment.
 - My hope as ERO is to create a stronger link between YFJ's climate team and YEE and to make our presence more prominent within the Forum.
- Climate Action Network Europe
 - CAN-E is a main environmental NGO working at the European level. As one of their members, we were recently given the opportunity to send someone to be a candidate to their board - which was successful.
 - My hope as ERO is to receive consistent feedback and updates on CAN-E's position and with a board member representing YEE, also have a stronger role within the group.

Advocacy Working Group

- Management and Wellbeing with Nathan
 - Support Nathan with the Bi-Weeklys, Check-Ins and general management of the team in supporting the Liaisons in their needs.
- Work on long-term strategy
 - In-progress task of shaping 2022 Advocacy team strategy is leading to further questions on how to continue our work consistently and coherently.
- Help in shaping YEE's advocacy and policy positions and objectives
 - A big part of continuing the work on advocacy within YEE relies on being able to have a clearer understanding of specific policy objectives and positions we have as a network. While this is bigger than purely the ERO role, I hope to start shaping these positions with the rest of the team.

Intersectionality and Climate Justice Focus

- Starting a larger effort to make the YEE team and our work more tailored towards intersectionality
 - Intersectionality is an important area of YEE's work and what we want to distinguish ourselves for in the youth environmental world. Working from the inside and making our team more aware of intersectional issues and their work more tailored towards intersectionality is going to be at the heart of the AWG and thus my role as ERO.
- Cooperate outside the environmental sphere with socially-oriented groups
 - Cooperation with other groups on the topic of intersectionality and climate justice is crucial and would have to move away from uniquely environmental groups. As ERO I hope to lead these partnerships.
- Include internal trainings and external workshops/webinars
 - Monitor the creation of internal and external topics on the question of intersectionality.

~AMBITION~ Create stronger partnerships outside Europe

- Start projects with youth groups in other continents
 - Larger ambition is to start active partnerships with groups outside of Europe, with which we have little to no contact now.
- Focus on the role European decisions have abroad and on the lives of others
 - Creating projects/ campaigns focusing on the role of European decisions on the livelihood of people abroad would be an important topic to address the international consequences of climate change.