

# Work plan of the External Relations Officer 2022-2023 Bonolo Madibe

## Work on long-term strategy:

- In-progress task of shaping 2023 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

## Drive efficiency in existing processes at YEE:

- There is a lot of great work that is being done at the organisation, but a lot of the people involved with the org don't know what that work is or what the progress is on key progress. My hope is to make sure we make small changes that will drive efficiency and create a sense of connectedness in the organisation
- Take a systematised and strategic approach to how we define the work of Liaison officers to provide guidance and a sense of direction in terms of what their roles and responsibilities are, whilst providing flexibility to explore other interests in the organisation/ environmental landscape
- Support the creation of Liaison Officer terms of reference and projects database which is to be updated frequently by the internal team, so that we know what everyone is working on
- Include internal training and external workshops/webinars - Monitor the creation of internal and external topics on across the organisation's key portfolios

## Management and Wellbeing:

- Support Advocacy manager with the Bi-Weeklys, Check-Ins and general management of the team in supporting the Liaisons in their needs.

## 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. My hope is to include a Liaison Officer in the management and engagement of this partnership so that they have a broader perspective of what other youth led organisations are doing in this space

## European Youth Forum:

- The YFJ is a powerful youth organisation. 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.

## Just Transition Alliance:

- I started joining the Just Transition Alliance meetings in 2021, particularly those in their Social Climate Fund Working Group
- The SCF Working Group includes key players in the environmental landscape that we could leverage in our ongoing work within youth and the just transition
- The SCF Working Group engages frequently with key decision makers, giving us the opportunity to advise on issues that function at the intersection of social and environmental issues
- Allows us to develop a lens that centres the 'social' within our environmental work - these issues are often addressed in silos and integrating them would allow us to develop a more holistic approach to how speak about environmental impacts
- My hope is that the project coordinator of EUTeens4Green would co-lead this relationship given her ongoing work on Youth and the Just Transition

## World Health Organisation Youth Council:

- My hope is to expand YEE's work to include the health outcomes the WHO Youth Council will give us access to up-to-date information, knowledge and expertise on global health that we can leverage
- Being involved with the WHO Youth Council will also give us access to the networks we need to engage in this space in a more meaningful way, and insight into how to navigate global health decision making processes at an international level
- We have the opportunity to define what health and environment looks like as the only environmentally focused youth led org in the Youth Council
- We could also potentially leverage our relationship with the Gates Foundation to bring in additional funding opportunities