

Alternate to the National Board Candidacy

Dear friends of European Youth Denmark.

My name is Johan Thostrup, I'm 23 years old and I would like to be part of the national board as an alternate.

I'm currently on my fourth semester of Economics and Business Administration at Aarhus University.

For the last six months, I have been a member of the local board in Aarhus where I've held the position as treasurer.

We have accomplished a lot in the past six months in Aarhus.

We have held some great events with good turnouts, this has resulted in a substantial increase in members.

Besides having the task of Treasurer, I've been participating in the board meetings in Europabevægelsen Aarhus on behalf of European Youth Aarhus.

This has made it possible for European Youth Aarhus and Europabevægelsen Aarhus to coordinate efforts.

I would like to be part of the national board to get an insight into the issues European Youth is facing at a national level.

In my view, European Youth has three important goals that need to be achieved; Political, Organizational and International goals.

First, the political goal of European Youth is to encourage European co-operation.

As we all know, the pressure on the European Union has never been greater.

But the basic principles of the EU; free trade, free movement and mutual respect is what have kept Europe out of war for the last 70 years.

European Youth must communicate these basic principles out to the public.



This can be done with European Youth taking a larger role in the national media.

I also think, that European Youth should participate in more debates. The public needs to hear a different voice than those populists who get too much attention.

Second, the organizational goal of European Youth is to attract more members to the local sections. This can be done by making it possible for the local sections to do different events. European Youth Aarhus has been successful with attracting members by doing lectures on relevant EU-topics and hosting political debates.

European Youth should assist the local sections in hosting these events, since this is where new members come from.

Third, the international goal of European Youth Denmark is to maintain our good relationship with our European umbrella organization JEF. Our friends in Europe need to know, that the youth of Denmark believes in the European idea!

After all, the need of cross-border co-operation have never been greater!

If I was to be elected, I would do my very best to make the national board reach these goals.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at the national assembly!

I'm sure we'll have some interesting debates and a great party Saturday night!

Yours,

Johan Thostrup