



Dear members of European Youth Denmark,

I have decided that it was time to come back into the national level, and therefore announce my candidature for the position of board member. I still feel quite young, and with local elections out of the way, I once again feel like I have time I can wisely invest.

For me, there is a special connection with European Youth Denmark, as it was through this organization that I have nurtured my love for the European Union and the idea of a Federation. Not only that, but through this organization I have evolved from a shy person, unable to speak publicly, only interested in football, into a youth leader (recognized in top50 European level in

2016) that has big ambitions for both Europe and the world.

4 years ago, I have joined the organization, and since then, I have held the role of president in European Youth North (Feb - Sept 2015), the role of treasurer in European Youth North (Feb - Sept 2016), the role of board member in European Youth North (Sept 2016 - until today), and the role of National Political Vice-President (March 2016 - March 2017).

For me innovation and high aspirations are central towards my work in any voluntary position. That is why I have played a key role in the development of European Youth North into an award-winning local organization (Organization of the Year in Denmark 2016; Charlemagne European Youth Prize 2017) which due to reaching a high number of members (over 200), has allowed European Youth Denmark to once again obtain DUF funding. Also, as a National Political Vice-President, I have overhauled the whole political side of the organization, adding new positions in place (local political officers; political speakers on different issues), developing a proper political platform, and bringing into the organization a competition that has become a tradition (The Golden Pen). On the European level, for the past years, I have strengthened our position and image, and I have motivated many young people to take part in JEF events in order to ensure Denmark is being represented. Most

recently, I have played a key role in the organization obtaining the Europa-Naevnet funding for the next 3 years.

From what you can see I have experience with organization-building, event organizing, project development, fundraising, partnership-building and lobbying. Besides that, I have also experience in creating visibility on social media.

The reason I decided to return, is that, I feel that the organization has had a bumpy ride in 2017, and therefore I wish to make my contribution towards a happier ride in 2018. There is no real "national" dimension in our organization, and local sections have a lot of independence. While as a federalist, I do support a high degree of independence to local sections, we unfortunately, do not have local sections in every corner of the country, and therefore building a "national platform" could allow people from cities without local sections to still somehow be a part of the organization.

When I speak of a "national platform", I envision a combination of a virtual platform of communication, development of national trainings and seminars, and exchange of good practices between the local sections. My vision is that, we would be able to have members in every corner of Denmark, without having to develop local sections everywhere.

Let's dream big in 2018 and aim for 1000 members! If North, Aarhus, Copenhagen, South, Fyn and Roskilde would work together we can make this dream come true! If you support this ideas and vision, then please give me your support at the National General Assembly!

Federalist regards,

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