

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

Dear friends,

Fighting for youth rights has always been my passion. I grew up in youth organisations, and this has shaped me to be a vocal advocate for youth around the world.

We live in a Europe where youth activists are being arrested for standing up for democracy, where LGBTQI+ people are being attacked by decision-makers in cities and governments, where youth organisations are facing both financial and legal threats from the institutions that are supposed to ensure our human rights. On top of that, our generation has been disproportionately hit by the coronavirus pandemic and is facing the threat of the climate crisis.

In times like these, we need to stand up even louder, to defend our democracies, our organisations, and the rights of all young people in Europe. I have personally experienced the transformative impact that youth organisations have on both people and communities. Youth organisations are key to strengthening democracies and societies, and defending youth rights. The Youth Forum has a crucial role in strengthening European youth organisations, amplifying the voices for a sustainable Europe, and claiming the rights of young people.

This is why I am running for President of the European Youth Forum.

It is an honor to have been co-nominated by the Finnish National Youth Council Allianssi and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement to run as a candidate for President of the European Youth Forum for 2021-2022. I hereby confirm that I am pleased to accept the nomination.

I look forward to the upcoming General Assembly, with the sincere hope that you will support my candidacy. For further details on my vision for the European Youth Forum, feel free to have a look at my website: <https://www.siljayfi.com/>

Should you have any questions regarding my candidacy or my vision for the European Youth Forum, do not hesitate to approach me. I look forward to further discussions with you!

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