

EYCA BOARD & PRESIDENT APPLICATION 2020

The application deadline is the 6th of May 2020. Please be aware that this application form should be filled in by ALL Board member/President candidates and has to be accompanied by the applicant's CV (maximum 2 pages of experience, education and training relevant for the position). All applications should be supported by at least one full EYCA member. Group Board member candidates need to be supported by at least one full EYCA member from the respective group.

CANDIDATURE

Non-Group Board Candidate
Group Board Candidate
President Candidate

Please tick appropriate, multiple selection is possible.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

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APPLICANT'S INVOLVEMENT IN EYCA

Please describe your experience within the EYCA network; which EYCA member organisation(s) you were/are involved in and how.

I have officially joined Zavod Mobin (EYCA member organisation) as its Director in 2016, after being its partner via various organisations from 2012 and its member/cardholder from 2003. In the last three years I have served as a Group 5 regional coordinator in the EYCA Board, understanding EYCA processes and functioning on a daily base. I have also served as an EYCA members' representative in the EYCA Strategic Plan development Working Group in 2020, together with other important stakeholders for EYCA's present and future.

I joined all EYCA Conferences and General Assemblies from 2016 on, additionally organising the highly successful 2019 EYCA Conference and General Assembly in Ljubljana, Slovenia and a number of international seminars for EYCA members in different countries, including a European Commission supported Give a Vote! Exchange in my hometown Izola, Slovenia in 2019.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Please describe your work and experience outside of EYCA that is relevant for the position you are applying for.

I started my youth work career in my hometown Izola, Slovenia in 2002, joining as an organiser of an international youth exchange/festival series entitled United Games of Nations. In 2004, at the age of 19 I became the head organiser of this Slovenian event, while later in 2008 also became a board member of the organisation United Games of Nations International.

In 2006 I have co-founded a highly successful Slovenian youth organisation called Youth Network No Excuse Slovenia that has been working on the field of health and sustainable development ever since. In this organisation that has received several international awards, including the European Commission's (EC) Youth Award for the best project on the field of meetings of young people with decision makers (2014) and the EC Health Award for the work on tobacco control (2018), I served as a president from 2008 to 2016 and as president of the monitoring committee from 2016 to 2018.

In 2011 I was part of the establishment of the European Alcohol Policy Youth Network (APYN) and in 2012 the European Environmental and Health Youth Coalition, on which I served as an Executive Board member and in the case of APYN, also as a President from 2011 to 2016. Both organisations got a high recognition from the World Health Organisation and up to today still hold the WHO consultative status.

Among other positions, I have served as a/an:

- Alternate Board Member of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (2016-2018),
- Board member of the International Youth Health Organisation (2018-2020),
- Hub Curator of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community (GSC) Ljubljana (2016-2017) and Hub Founding Curator for GSC Koper (2020),
- Executive Board Member of Eurocare – European Alcohol Policy Alliance (2014-2017),
- Steering Committee member of the Alcohol Policy Network (2013-2020),
- Director of the Institute for Youth Participation, Health and Sustainable Development (2016-2018),
- Consultant to the WHO on Advocacy and Communications (2018) and Meaningful Youth Participation (2018-2020).

In my career, I have received the following recognitions and awards:

- NGO Prize for Building Demand through Transformative Social Movements and Voices of Change by NCD Alliance (2020),
- WHO's WNTD Award on Tobacco Control (2019),
- Young Professional Award on Tobacco Control by European Cancer Leagues (2017),
- Special Recognition for the Development of the Tobacco Control in Slovenia by the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (2016),
- National award for a long-term special contribution to the development of the Slovenian youth sector by the Slovenian Ministry for Education, Science and Sport (2015),
- Slovenian Ambassador of Youth Work -European Commission Youth in Action Award by the Slovenian Office for Youth (2013),
- Slovenian Collective Award for Sustainable Development by The Slovenian Human Resources and Scholarship Fund (2011).
- First Slovenian United Nations' Youth Delegate by the Ministry of Education and Sports (2010).

PREFERRED PORTFOLIO OR AREA OF EXPERTISE

Which area of expertise or portfolio would you be able to lead or contribute to while on the EYCA Board? Please mention any relevant experience for your portfolio of choice. You can choose one of the existing portfolios - Digital, Member Strategy (members support, capacity building, MI, white territories), Strategic Partners (CSR, pan-European discounts), Youth Policy, Programme Development and Youth Engagement, Governance, Finances/treasurer, Brand and Communications.) - but you can also propose new strategic areas on which you believe the Board should focus.

As a possible future EYCA president, I am keen to take on any task on any portfolio needed. However, my strengths lie in Digital Services and Technology, Youth Policy, Youth Engagement, Governance, Strategic Planning and Brand/Communications.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Please mark your language skills using the following: Native, Excellent, Very Good, Good, Basic.

Language	Verbal skills	Reading skills	Writing skills
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Italian	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Serbian-Croatian	Very Good	Very Good	Good
Spanish	Basic	Good	Basic
Slovenian	Native	Native	Native

MOTIVATION STATEMENT

Please explain your motivation to become an EYCA Board member/President, your plans, your intentions, your hopes, etc.

As a computer engineer (BA), strategic marketing communications specialist (MA) and an MBA student (MSc), I believe I have the formal background to serve as a competent European Youth Card Association (EYCA) president. Although stepping in the outgoing EYCA President Louise Macdonald's shoes will be quite a challenge, since she demonstrated outstanding leadership and in-depth knowledge about EYCA related matters, I believe that with my past work in the European Youth Work and Youth Policy sector over the last 15 years, I have also the experiential background to fulfil this position.

In the last mandate, I was elected to the position of EYCA Group 5 Regional Coordinator that gave me a great insight in the everyday work of our members, especially the ones that were culturally and technically close to my own work in Slovenia. By visiting different member organisations in all five regional groups, I witnessed not only the best practices from each country, but also the struggles and shortcomings that are specific to each of the regions. Therefore, one of priorities under my Presidency is to clearly identify challenges, showcase the best solutions and try to resolve them by sharing the know-how altruistically. Together with the amazing work by the EYCA Secretariat and the great connections that were built throughout the years with the most important European institutions and governments, we will be able to resolve also the toughest of them all and make sure we thrive both as a network and community of young people.

In the last months we have witnessed a quick shift to digital services that are indeed very important for the younger generations, who we primarily serve, but at the same time pose a threat to the same target group and members as it requires swift adaptation. As one of the technology portfolios leads during my last EYCA Board term, I commit that I will advocate for a sensible development of new digital services in EYCA that will bring the card closer to its users, partners and institutions, while at the same time become an important tool for a structured dialogue with young people in Europe. With this in mind, I believe EYCA and its members will have an additional tool to lead the upcoming EU Youth Dialogue mechanism in respective countries and around Europe.

Since I am sure that there will be ample space to present my program for the next three years during the upcoming EYCA Conference, let me just point out my top priorities:

1. EYCA as the world-wide synonym for meaningful youth engagement;
2. Double the amount of EYCA card-holders;
3. Active, with no conflict of interest, member organisations in all 47 European countries;
4. EYCA as a digital platform and connecting ladder between young people and institutions;
5. Valuable benefits for youth by sustainable brands, including key local and global players;
6. EYCA as a reliable partner to international institutions, think- and act-tanks and business and small crafts chambers where sensible.

Living in the VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) times, I believe it is more than ever important to look at the most experienced among us, while at the same time use the great potential provided to us by platforms that were built to meaningfully engage and consult with young people, such as the EYCA Youth Panel.

It is my strong drive to engage a wider range of young voices, especially the ones that have been left behind for too long. Reducing the gaps and providing opportunities for all young people to flourish will therefore be the official motto of my upcoming Presidency and I would be honoured to serve as your next European Youth Card Association resident.

DISCLOSURE

In compliance with Article 17.4 of the EYCA Statutes, please disclose any potential or perceived conflicts of interest that might relate to your position as an EYCA Board member. Conflicts of interest may arise from any direct or indirect personal or economical stakes or interests in a Member's business, or in the business of a partner of a Member or of a partner of the Association, or of a competitor of EYCA, e.g. by ownership, by participation or by contract.

I have no potential or perceived conflicts of interest

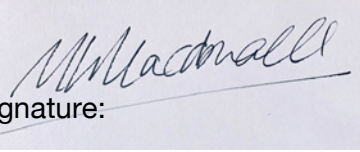
DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE BY SUPPORTING EYCA MEMBER

Statement of support with regard to the candidate fulfilling the Board membership criteria listed in Article VII of the EYCA Internal Regulations.

We officially support the above candidature.

EYCA member organisation: **Young Scot**

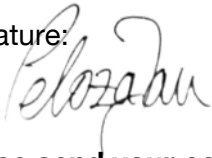
Name and position of the person signing: **Louise Macdonald, Chief Executive**

Signature: 

Date: 24th Sept 2020

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE BY CANDIDATE

The information provided in this application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Date: 24th September 2020

Please send your completed form to manel.sanchez@eyca.org by May 6, 2020.