



Jason Yu - Regional Forum Coordinator

Why are you applying for the Alumni Association Executive? (150 words)

I have really enjoyed doing EYP since starting two years ago, and I want to be able to give back to the organisation that's helped me develop my skills and interests. Also, I believe that EYP is a great opportunity to meet new people from around the world and experience their cultures and views. Therefore, extending the reach of EYP to include more people is quite important to me. I had never heard of EYP when I was at school; if I had done it, I feel I would be more prepared for uni life, as EYP trains valuable life skills. Helping others to experience EYP and increase their political engagement would be a great benefit of this role. I also really enjoy the logistics of organising things and this role would really gel with my skills and interests.

What would your aims and priorities be in this role? How would you pursue them? (250 words)

My main aim would not only be to increase the amount of schools we reach, but also to target lower income schools in order to increase participant diversity. Also, these schools have less opportunity to be involved in events like EYP.

I'd also like to continue the work of the previous RFCs and ensure that the HOs enjoy their time organising and are as stress free as possible. To achieve this, I would look at simplifying the HO handbook to make it more digestible and ensure that the different regional email accounts and Google Drives are less cluttered. Remaining approachable for all the HOs' questions and needs would also help make their jobs more relaxed.

If I was chosen, another aim would be to make things as easy as possible for my successor and successive HOs. From my experience as a HO this year, I think it would really help for HOs to leave a small contact spreadsheet in the Drive for the next HOs. This would contain the contact information of schools who came to the session and schools who didn't come but would be likely to come next time (E.g. if they were unavailable this time, had to drop out, not enough pupil interest this time, contacted us after the deadlines, suggested by other schools, etc). Helpful notes next to the schools could also be added. The next HOs would then have a much easier time finding who to contact and know the schools' situations.

What skills and experience (within or without EYP) do you have that will help you in this role? How will you use these skills for the benefit of EYPUK? (250 words)

For the last two summers, I worked as an administrator at AQA, the exams board. My job was the monitor and manage around 300 examiners, in order to ensure they finished the marking on time and met deadlines. I also dealt with any problems they had with the marking system and exam papers (and with each other). I was constantly working with other departments and teams to achieve the goals, and constantly had to communicate with examiners over the phone and via email. I feel this experience and the skills I developed make me very suited to the role of Regionals Coordinator, as these two roles are very similar.

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In EYP, I have been a regionals HO and been an official at many regionals, so I understand the work they must do to arrange a successful session. This will allow me to relate and understand their problems. I'm also an organiser for an IF, so I will gain further experience in organising multiple day EYP events.

I'm also very strong teamworker and I enjoy helping others. I prefer to gain other's insights than to go it alone. I believe that this is very important because to find the best solution, one needs to work together. I also very much enjoy problem solving so with these skills I can further be an asset to EYPUK and ensure next year's sessions are at a high standard and enjoyable for everyone.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Thank you for reading my manifesto and hopefully you agree with my aims and believe I have the right skillset! Please get in touch if you have any questions about anything!

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