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

The extent to which I have grown since starting EYP 2.5 years ago is incredible. My confidence and communication skills have improved dramatically and I have developed such a vast network of friends, who I value dearly.

I want to be on the Alumni Exec so I can give back to the next generation through ensuring the opportunities I received continue to be provided, alongside offering the invaluable friendship and support EYP fosters. Having undertaken various roles, I believe it is on the exec I can best achieve this. As an RFC my relationship with the HOs would allow me to aid their own self development; as they are typically newer alumni, whilst also ensuring that the future alumni are as diverse as possible.

I want EYPUK to continue building on the positive changes it has been making in recent years, and I want to be part of the team to lead this.

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

Drawing from my own experience of being a HO this year, as RFC my interpretation of success extends beyond the regional sessions taking place to concentrate on the development of both delegates and officials. I aim to focus on what delegates can gain from the sessions beyond selection, and for HOs to be advocates for the positive impact of EYP through recognising their own development.

Ensuring delegates gain a greater awareness of current affairs, develop their skills, meet new people and enjoy themselves at regionals is particularly important. This is so that they are then far more enthused to grasp the opportunities available to them within the organisation, hence leading to greater alumni retention across the whole of the UK, not just in specific 'powerhouses'. I would achieve this by continuing to encourage the participation of new schools from diverse backgrounds and by making the jury less visible at sessions, to try and move away from the debating competition perception delegates arrive with. I would also attempt to trial the selection of particularly strong individuals from weaker delegations who are not selected.

Secondly, having worked with the wonderful team outgoing, who were so supportive and committed to their role, I have seen it from the other side. Therefore, my aim will be to get to know the HOs on a more personal level such that my support goes beyond templates and generic advice, to be tailored to each of them. I would facilitate this through offering Skype calls, group chats and regular debriefings to ensure the HOs are aware of and able to meet expectations effectively while feeling fully supported.

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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)

My nature is to be highly organised and to meticulously plan everything to ensure I satisfy my goal driven mentality. My ability to map out a detailed plan and timeline will be highly valuable in this role, as well as my love for colour-coded spreadsheets. However, I'm not steadfast in my approach and will adapt to the situation and people to ensure a calm, successful approach. Additionally, by being rational and methodical, it will ensure small hiccups won't become huge crises.

Through my involvement in EYP, alongside running a Beaver Scout colony and participating in various other groups and activities, my time management skills have been thoroughly challenged and hence refined to cope with a high workload. Furthermore, my commitment and dedication to the role (as I sit typing this in an internet café in Budapest) will be key to ensuring the other RFC and I can work as successfully as possible so we can both be confident that we can rely on each other.

Head organising the East Scotland regional this year was an vital experience. It demonstrated to me the commitment required to organise regionals due to the events' complicated nature. The biggest things I learned were how invaluable the support I received from my RFCs was and that communication channels with all relevant parties must remain constantly open.

I know the high standards to which this role has previously been executed and I am dedicated to maintaining these alongside fulfilling my vision.

Anything else you'd like to add?

I wish to thank all members of the outgoing exec for all the contribution and hard work this year for continuing to support the running of EYPUK. Furthermore, I want to wish everyone running to be on the alumni association the best of luck through the hustings and voting processes.

Finally, should you have any questions regarding my manifesto please do not hesitate to contact me and I'll gladly respond.

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