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Q2: Member Organisation Nomination

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Q3: What is your motivation to become an IGLYO board member and what roles/duties particularly interest you?

I see the opportunity to work as a board member of IGLYO as a great chance for both personal and professional growth. I believe that IGLYO's board is a stimulating, challenging but supportive environment for people who want to contribute, advance and be passionate about the impact of their work for the community.

I am sure that I can learn a lot from the board members and also contribute with my current knowledge. Having a master's degree in public administration I could use my knowledge in practice working on the administrative side of IGLYO's activities and also gain valuable practical knowledge about real life challenges in the field.

I also have a good knowledge about European programmes and projects as well as Belgium's national youth programmes being currently an intern at the Belgium's national International Youth Programmes Office - BIJ (namely the one responsible for the french speaking community). This makes the work in the field of project preparation and finding the right funding institutions an interesting and intriguing work for me.

I am also curious to try new areas, discover new things and build new skills so I stay open about possibilities or changing responsibilities over time.

Q4: Tell us about your experience in LGBTQI activism (including any involvement with IGLYO, if applicable). Please include details about projects and events you were involved in, detailing your role and responsibilities in them.

Since 2011 I have been involved with LGBT activism in my university city at that time - Plovdiv - the second largest city in Bulgaria. That's where along with friends we formed our LGBT rights organisation - LGBT Plovdiv. Since then we have had numerous projects about promoting LGBT rights and visibility in Bulgaria and confronting homophobic attitudes in the Bulgarian society.

Our biggest project in Plovdiv took part in 2013 when along with the American Embassy in Bulgaria we made the first pride week in Plovdiv including an photo exhibition in the Plovdiv's Mall and film festival taking part in different places in Plovdiv for several days.

I was responsible for writing the project that was financed by the Embassy, making the budget and the programme of the week as well as being in contact with the Embassy during the whole project cycle. During the project I have participated in the communication with the media and the media coverage of our activities.

This year I have participated in one of IGLYO's events - the Capacity Building Seminar in Brussels on 17th-19th of April.

Q5: From the list below, please select your top three skills and explain why you have chosen them in the next question.

Project Management, Online Communications,
Strategic Planning

Q6: Please give one real life example for each of the choices above to demonstrate your experience in each.

Project management - I have been involved in multiple projects during my work both as a volunteer and a head of our organisation. I have participated in writing and executing projects. In the moment I am doing an internship in BIJ - Bureau International Jeunesse that is one of the national agencies in Belgium, working with the Erasmus + programme and other programmes.

Online Communication - During the European Code week 2015 organised by the European Commission I was one of the ambassadors of the week in my country - Bulgaria. I was responsible for the online communication and social media campaigning of the week. During my campaigning I managed to involve the Bulgarian MP in the European Parliament Eva Paunova to support the cause. Together we had a very successful social media campaign for the week. I also worked with the organisations that prepare events in different cities in Bulgaria and followed their actions always staying in contact over the internet. In total these were more than 30 events.

Strategic Planning - Ever since I started working in the field of LGBT rights I have been involved into strategic planning with other stakeholders in Bulgaria and abroad. We as an organisation have worked closely with multiple organisations in my country planning strategic campaigns in order to influence the decision makers in the country, the public opinion and the policy making. We have also worked closely with foreign embassies and international organisations such as Amnesty International in order to provide solid ground for promoting real change in the situation in Bulgaria. Another example is our work with Sofia Pride organizers in Bulgaria both for the Pride week and Pride parade events in Sofia.

Q7: Being on the IGLYO board requires a commitment of around 10 hours a week for two years. How would you manage this role on top of other commitments and continue to contribute for your full mandate?

Being a student, intern and part time worker during the years have taught me how to manage multiple tasks and stay on the track. Being still young and not having a full time job or a demanding career path allows me to be engaged and working for multiple causes that interest me particularly in the field of human rights and LGBT rights. Apart from this I see my participation in IGLYO's board as a chance for improvement and growth and not as an additional workload. I believe it will be a valuable experience and something that will complement my professional and personal activities and not be confronted with them.