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The flying facts

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Best of...

longest hair: *Gregor*

best dancer: *Jakob and Ulysse*

best accommodation: *tower*

most loyal delegate: *Joel*

best memory: *Simon*

best food: *school cafeteria*

best dance move inventor:

Tilmann

happiest delegation: *France*

best singer: *Thomas*



The most important hours of the YPAC

Main event: General Assembly



by Laura Linke
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Yesterday afternoon the most important part of this year's YPAC took place in Les Houches. First the YPAC members were welcomed by the mayor of the village and also by the presidency of the YPAC. Now the discussion was opened, so the committees had the chance to present their postulations and to discuss them afterwards.

Even if it was a long and exhausting afternoon, nearly everybody remained concentrated. Well, alongside the delegates, who forgot what they wanted to say as an answer. Also you should avoid to be against your own postulation. After the serious discussion about the different topics of each committee, the delegates were asked to vote for their ten favorite postulations. At least eleven postulations passed the voting. Committee 1 and also committee 4 could celebrate their success, because

all of their postulations finally became resolutions. The most popular resolution was elaborated by committee 4, which proposed to introduce politics as an obligatory school subject. The students would be taught about their country's political system and debate about the current political happenings in the alpine region. The aim of this postulation is that young people can form their own political opinion early in their lives, without being manipulated by somebody. At the end of the official part of the general assembly, the committee presidents presented their postulation zero. It was all about the funny side of YPAC. So we heard about the excursion of the Slovenian guys to the ice cave in which they got lost, Hairy Potter and the forbidden floor 4, the official dance move of the YPAC, that Miguel has an affinity with Angela Merkel as well as with Gadaffi, that no YPAC member should be on time, because if you are, you have to wait for ages, and last but not least the memorial of the duck.

What's up with the teachers ?

Mrs. Bernhardt, Teacher Rosenheim

The main challenges of the teachers are organisation, exchanging and planning, especially for the next YPAC in Kamnik, Slovenia. They also talked about possible umbrella topics, for example culture & migration, and tried to find a way to create a better base for the YPAC 2015. Another aim is to change the Youth Parliament in an association to get more (financial) support.

Mr. Poissant, Teacher Chamonix

He is one out of three teachers from the organisation team, which is responsible for getting furniture, catering, calling politicians and journalists and checking that everyone and everything is alright. They have already started their work months ago by choosing the topics.

Final resolutions

1. Committee 4 - Postulation 3:

Political awareness in school

Improving political awareness of young people by introducing a school subject focusing on politics.

2. Committee 1 - Postulation 2:

Practical experiences in school

Offering some practical subjects or activities. Obligatory internship.

Committee 4 - Postulation 1

Extended Website for the YPAC homepage ~ Creating a forum to enable communication between citizens and between YPAC members.

3. Committee 2 (& 4) - Postulation 2 Citizen parliament

Local parliaments for citizens.

Committee 3 - Postulation 1

Company Lift-off

Eco-friendly start-ups.

4. Committee 3 - Postulation 4 Sustainable You(th)

Teaching children during childhood about less energy using life.

5. Committee 1 - Postulation 3 School Career Office

Informations about available jobs or other career possibilities in high schools.

Committee 2 - Postulation 4

Take a bike for a ride

Adding more bike rent stations would decrease the traffic and enable faster traveling on short distances.

6. Committee 1 - Postulation 1 Training/Feedback for teachers

Increasing the quality of the education by rising the teaching niveau.

Committee 1 - Postulation 4

Alpine connecting website

Creating a platform in form of a website, which connects small alpine companies.

Committee 4 - Postulation 2

News platform

Creating a television program and a website for presenting news concerning politics.

Working for YPAC's improvement : Platform Future



by Chiara & Anastasia
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Platform future : what are they doing all day long?

Many of us were wondering about it in these days. So we will talk about this group and his mysterious task!

They won't present anything at the General Assembly but they have worked a lot during the YPAC.

In fact their job is not concluded within this week but continues for all the year. They have to find strategies for the YPAC's future to make it more popular and important for the alpine countries. It's hard work: yesterday they were still debating and voting several points they would like to develop.

For example they discussed a lot about the theme of sponsorship and rising funds for the Youth Parliament.

We had a short interview with Holly Foster, a French member of the Platform Future.

You didn't know yourself what to expect from your task before the week began, now how do you find your job?

"It was really vague at first because we have various aims and we had to make a selection. It's a long term work so we have to stay in touch also after the YPAC week. But I like my job because it let me have an overview of the whole project: we had to speak with the other committees and groups, make a short film, besides finding strategies for a future improvement."

Will you publish the results of your work somewhere?

"Yes the results will be published on the website."

How can you put your points in to practice?

"After this week everybody in the Platform Future will try to apply the strategies found in their own hometown by creating a link with the YPAC."



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The "Plat Fut" at work

Comments of the politicians



Winfried Engesser
"Stadtrat" (Consil)
Sonthofen, Germany

The work with the students was really interesting and of course it was cooperative. It was actually also necessary, because the experience of the politicians make the ideas of the students more enforceable.



Stephanie Reimund-Blaser
"Stadtrat" (Consil)
Sonthofen, Germany

I was really surprised of the civility of the delegates and of the purposefulness they have. When you work with them, you can really feel that they won't be pleased with a 'yeah, yeah'. Also I think their ideas are very good and can be enforced.



by Thierry Billet
vice major
Annecy, France

It is interesting to talk with so young people, but it is also difficult to put oneself in the position of these students. The politicians have the experience and can explain to the students if their postulations are realistic.

by Magdalena Kapfinger



discussions with politics

Cooperative Exchange



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Today the politician first met the delegates. The young people introduced their postulations, while the politicians were listening and partly agreed. Also they responded to some of the ideas of the students. They also brought negative points in. These are often ones which can not be enforced or ones which are already realised. Whether the politicians

expressed their critic points, the atmosphere stayed always good. After a critic the students get the chance to vary their ideas and think about what the politicians want to say them. Often they don't agree completely so that it comes to a discussion in which the realistic perception of the politicians is accompanied by the idealistic ideas of the students. But both sides worked really cooperative so that many compromises could be build. These compromises are a chance to realise the ideas of the students in a realistic way.



Impressions of the YPAC Olympics



proud winners

Presidency at work

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Presidency work is a hard work. But did you know what the presidents actually have to do? So now you will get a little overview about the main challenges of the presidency.

“The most important task of a president is probably to organize the general assembly”, Isabella told me, “we have to coordinate the G.A., prepare the room, arrange the voting sheets for the final resolutions and certainly lead through the debate between the different committees”. Furthermore, it’s really important to develop a timetable and to observe the time frame during the whole discussion. For example, they have to think about the length of time, each delegate is allowed to speak, to explain their postulations to the other participants or to ask about the propositions of the other committees to

understand their point of view. Moreover, the presidents have to do a lot of organizational things. Besides making photocopies and preparing the coffee room, they need to fix the timetable problems, which came up this year unfortunately.

Also the committees benefit from the work of the presidency, because they get informed about the next important steps concerning the postulation process. Actually two CP meetings already took place during work. Jade explains: “We try to find a solution for every problem, so that every question could be answered. We also help the delegates to formulate their postulations by giving them some examples. The most important thing is to give them a deadline, so that they have a fixed date, when the postulations should be finished”.

As an YPAC-president you are responsible for everything and in order to that also for those things that could go wrong.



Even if it’s a lot of work and more stressful than they assumed, Isabella, Jade and Gregor really like their work and are very interested in the things they are supposed to do.

All in all, presidency work is not just about drinking coffee or sitting around and wait for being addressed by the general assembly. Responsibility lies in their hands. According to the close ending of the YPAC, the presidency wishes every member of the YPAC the best and that they keep on doing something concerning the involvement in different projects. “Always keep your positive energy!”

Impress



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Fortunecookies

Teacher: Stay fresh! Remember your time as a teenager.

Stuff: You won’t always be sure about your feelings, but at the end of the day you will know what to do.

Delegates: Never forget your love at home. He/She is waiting for you.

Presidents: With your charme and charisma, you can get every one you want.

Media group: It’s normal to have butter flies in your stomach, enjoy it.

Platform Future: Stay strong and don’t let you get down by being love sick.

Politics: You’ll find your luck in the YPAC final resolutions

Did you know ?

Did you know about 90% of the worlds population kisses

Did you know In eastern Africa you can buy beer brewed from bananas

Did you know your more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider

by Magdalena & Dana

