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Hi, I'm Sean!

What I bring to the table is different.

As a working-class man from a rural area outside the EU, I understand the people beyond the Brussels bubble. I have worked closely with our allies (in civil society) and our adversaries (in authoritarian governments).

Still, I understand how we need to do things as the European Greens. Not only have I been at this European level for years (even participating in EGP Committee meetings as FYEG Co-spokesperson), but I worked through every level of the Scottish Greens - from the local board to the national executive.

Relevant Experience

Council of Europe - *Elected representative on the Advisory Council on Youth*

January 2024 - PRESENT

Democracy is under attack, and for the last two years I have developed an acute understanding of how authoritarian governments operate through working in close contact with them in the Council of Europe, in my role defending democracy, human rights and rule of law. I successfully convinced initially sceptical governments to pass the Council of Europe's first ever recommendation on Youth and Climate.

Stay Grounded - *Campaigns & Communications*

April 2023 - PRESENT

Greens need to rebuild trust with civil society. I coordinate daily with grassroots climate groups and NGOs around the world to build power for a more sustainable and just mobility system. I understand their concerns.

Freelance - *Trainer*

December 2022 - PRESENT

EGP's strategic priority is consolidation and supporting the growth of our parties through capacity building in areas such as communications and campaigns. I have supported dozens of organisations (such as Greens/EFA Campaigns and Outreach team) in exactly this.

Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) - *Various, Co-spokesperson*

January 2019 - August 2024

With Benedetta Scuderi, I co-led FYEG to being a more united federation (e.g. agreeing a position on Israel-Palestine for the first time), with more members, more staff, and more money than ever before. We consistently defied expectation - for example convincing Danish member SFU to join us just a couple of years after voting overwhelmingly against joining doing so.

Green Grassroots campaigner Institutional strategist

Working to protect democracy and human rights, while tackling the climate crisis.

Education

MA European Affairs

Sciences Po Paris

September 2020 - June 2022

Policy Stream: Management & Public Affairs

BA (Hons) Political Science and International Relations

University of Strathclyde

September 2016 - May 2020

Classification: First class {highest grade}

Average over course: 76.8%

Leibniz University Hannover

October 2018 - July 2019

Other political Roles

👉 **EGP Committee** participant
(2022-2024 as FYEG Co-spokesperson)

👉 **EGP manifesto drafting group** for
the 2025 EU election

👉 **EGP digital community member** for
the 2019 EU election

👉 **EGP delegate for FYEG 2022 - 2024**

👉 **Benedetta Scuderi, decentralised campaign coordinator** for the 2022 Italian national elections, under leadership of Christina Keßler

👉 **United Nations COP26, COP27, and COP29 delegate** - building alliances with civil society and pressuring key decision-makers with actions that drew international media attention.

👉 **Yes Scotland** - when I was 16 I was politicised and recruited by the campaign for Scottish independence, which trained me into being an internet representative for the campaign.

L'Accélérateur de la Mobilisation (Campaign Accelerator) -

Communications & Community Organising Lead, Trainer

January 2022 - December 2022

Work to support a range of NGOs in developing their campaign, communications and political strategy, this work gave me key insights into how political parties can build their strategies more effectively.

La Fresque du Climat (Climate Fresk) - COP26 Co-coordinator

November 2020 - April 2021

I worked in France to recruit and onboard 235 volunteers to advocate for climate education at COP26, setting out an ambitious strategy and clear processes such that I could pass the role onto someone else after six months.

University of Strathclyde - Research Assistant on IPCC

June 2020 - July 2020

Support in research of the politicisation of the IPCC

Activist Handbook - Co-Founder, Content Coordinator

June 2019 - October 2020

www.activisthandbook.org

In the summer of 2019 in Belgrade, I co-founded a unique wikipedia-like website for political activists from scratch in a pan-European team and coordinated the first year of strategic development and planning.

Scottish Young Greens (SYG) - Co-Chair, Secretary, Communications Officer, International Committee Member

June 2018 - April 2021

I helped refound the previously collapsed Scottish Young Greens and grew them into an organisation of 3,000 members with more activity and power than any other Scottish youth wing by the time I stood down as Co-chair.

Scottish Green Party - Executive Committee Member, Council Member, Branch Board Member

September 2014 - September 2020

I understand what it's like to work in a party that often feels distant from Brussels, having worked at all levels of the Scottish Greens - from the local branch board when I was 17 up to sitting on the party Executive.

Other Experience

University of Strathclyde Alumni Fund - Telethon Caller

February 2018 - March 2018

I persuaded university alumni to donate to support university initiatives.

Dornoch Eco Tours - Co-Founder, Manager, Tourguide.

July 2015 - September 2015

I learn how to sell ideas when I was 17 and, having left school, I set up a business giving rickshaw tours, recruited a friend to help me run it, and marketed the idea to local investors who paid for the rickshaw.

Other Activism

👉 **Code Rouge** - Belgium's answer to Ende Gelände (*organising team, new member*)

👉 **Ende Gelände**

👉 **Living Rent** - Scottish tenants union organising for housing rights

👉 **Students for Future** (*founding member, Leibniz University*)

👉 **Common Weal Youth** (*founding member*) - Scottish social justice group

👉 **Le Front Justice Climatique** - Belgian climate justice group using civil disobedience

👉 **Alternatiba** - French climate movement

Languages

English: Native

French: Fluent

German: Conversational

Italian & Danish: basic

References

👉 **Klāvs, ex-FYEG EC Member from Protests and Progresīvie (Latvia):** "Sean was key in helping to build the Young Greens capacity in regions where Greens are not as common. And this strategy worked, as we elected the most regionally diverse set of Green MEPs. I am certain of his ability to build alliances with a broad set of actors - from climate activists to politicians - and I believe this is something that the EGP Committee would greatly benefit from. In the difficult times, when reaching compromise seemed impossible, Sean always tried and very often succeeded at bringing people together."

👉 **Andrej, FYEG Co-spokesperson from ZOS (Serbia):** "Sean is a green through and through. He's been fully committed to supporting democracy and rule of law with his work in FYEG and the Advisory Council and, crucially, has mobilised others to care about them."