

Application for Vice-National Representative of ESN Germany

Dear members of ESN Germany,

with this letter I would like to express my reasons to apply for the position as Vice National Representative of ESN Germany.

My experience with ESN so far could be described as short but very intense. I had my first contact with the network during my Erasmus in Madrid from January 2019 until June 2019. I was surprised by the wide range of activities the ESN in Madrid provided the exchange students with. During my stay in Madrid, I attended parties, get togethers, day trips and weekend trips. After my first events with ESN, I did some research about the network at my home university in Bochum. I was happy to find the network on different social media channels like Instagram or Facebook. While I was still in Madrid, I already stayed in contact with our LR in Bochum and soon after my arrival in Germany, I started participating and helped organizing the first events of ESN Bochum in September 2019. Since then, I caught the ESN vibe and already started to be interested in the wide range of the whole Network.

Since February 2020 I am Regional Coordinator of the West Sections. In this position I organized intersectional Events, strengthened the intersectional communication processes, and stayed in close contact with our current Vice-President to make sure, that the Regional Coordinators get more attention within the Network.

Soon after the beginning of the challenge as Regional Coordinator, I became Event manager of ESN Bochum (March 2020). The position came along with a lot of challenges due to the Covid situation. Nevertheless, we were able to organize some nice online Events. In October I changed my position within our local board. I became the Local Representative of ESN Bochum. Currently I am primarily working on developing a Committee structure in our Section. Apart from that I work closely together with our President and support her with everything she needs. I am also responsible for our Merchandise orders. Lastly it is important to mention that I fulfill every necessary task a LR needs to fulfill.

My third and last current position is the position as ESN representative in the VDSI (Verband deutscher Studierendeninitiativen). Since May 2020 I am one of three representatives and am in very close contact with the student organization VDSI. In this organization I represent the values and ideas of ESN. I am also in close contact to our National Board to make sure they get every information they need from the VDSI.

As you see from this short summary of my ESN experience, I am part of ESN with all my heart. This is also the reason why I want to take the next step in my ESN career. Another reason for the application is the huge importance of the ESN Causes. I see it as my main task to strengthen the publicity of our ESN Causes and to make sure that the Sections always keep the Causes in

mind when they are organizing events. This will be only possible with a strong Causes Committee. To realize a Committee, I see it as another big task to motivate the members of our beautiful Network to come and join this important task. For me it is important to have a very strong relationship with our future National Representative. If I would fill the position as Vice-NR, I would make sure to work very close with the NR and help in every way possible.

I think that I would be the perfect fit for the position as Vice-NR as I am a very communicative, open-minded, and highly motivated person. I am currently studying my master's in social science (culture & person). In this course I learn to think critically about social changes and our current social structures. I have a lot of theoretical knowledge about cultural sensitivity, the intersection of social inequalities and how to educate people about these tasks. I want to use this knowledge to take eye opening steps forward with our Network. I am highly motivated to hold workshops at LP's, Na's or Training Events about our ESN Causes.

I am really looking forward for your feedback and I would be happy to take on the role as Vice-National Representative. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through all possible channels.

Kind regards
Leon Hill

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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ESN Experience

09/2019 – present	Local Active Member ESN Bochum
04/2019 – 09/2019	Eventmanager ESN Bochum
10/2020 – present	Local Representative ESN Bochum
03/2019 – present	West Coordinator ESN Germany
05/2019 – present	ESN Representative in VDSI

Education

04/2017 – 09/2020	Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences Ruhr-Universität Bochum
01/2019 – 06/2019	Erasmus Universidad Complutense Madrid
10/2020 – present	Master of Arts Social Sciences (study programme culture& person) Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Experience Abroad

07/2014 – 08/2014	Interrail: Switzerland, Italy, France, Spain
08/2015 – 01/2017	Work & Travel: Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Indonesia
01/2019 – 06/2019	Erasmus Madrid

Language Skills

German	Mother Tongue
English	C1



Spanish	B1
French	A2

Position related Skills

Communication skills in German and English
Theoretical knowledge of social inequalities, cultural sensitivity, education & knowledge transfer
High interest in National and International structures of the Network
Work experiences in HR
Keen to learn new things
Well organized and good time management abilities
Open-minded and extroverted
Always an open ear for everyone
Good knowledge of the ESN Network through the different positions

Digital Skills

MS Office, Slack, Trello, Social Media (Facebook, Instagram)

Participation in ESN Events

LP Düsseldorf 2019
NA Munich 2020
OC Helper for FGSM (which didn't take place)
Online NA's 2020
Online WEP 2020

Recommendation letter: Leon Hill for position of Vice- National Representative of ESN Germany

Willingness to take responsibility, great work ethic and an empathetic personality – while these attributes might sound like hyperboles, they are certainly qualities that I associate with Leon during his time at ESN Bochum.

Leon came to us in 2019 during the introduction week for exchange students after coming back from his ERASMUS in Spain. On that day, ESN Bochum was in a bit of a tight spot, as one of our members called off his participation for the introductory event on a short hand notice due to unforeseeable occurrences. Right after introducing himself, Leon saw the necessity for action and promptly started by helping us out at our stand and interacting with interested ERASMUS-students. The seamlessness with which he integrated himself into an established social setting while actively seeking to interact with new ERASMUS-students showed great deals of social awareness and confidence which are distinct leadership abilities.

Throughout the next weeks and months Leon became an integral part of our section by his frequent participation in events/meetings and his work load he took on for the section, which greatly exceeded that of an average regular member, all while himself becoming the regional-coordinator for the west-sections. His status in ESN Bochum was formally completed by unanimously being instated as the local representative of the section for the term 2020/2021. Even with the outbreak of COVID-19 and our inability to plan offline-events, Leon did not loose his vigor and continuously tried to push our online-events and act as a motivational leader, especially for newer members of the section.

Due to all of the aforementioned experiences with Leon, I have not a single doubt in my mind at have utmost confidence that he is best suited to become the INSERT BOARD ROLE HERE of ESN Germany.

Best regards,

Lukas Reinert

(former PR-Manager/Local Representative and long-time member of ESN Bochum)



Letter of Recommendation for Leon (Vice NR application 2021/22)

Since I have heard the news that Leon is going to apply for the National Board, I am totally excited and happy not only for him but for our whole network. Everyone who knows Leon probably feels the same way – everyone who is not sure yet: let me help you change your mind.

Since May 2019 I am working with Leon together in our ESN Germany – VDSI taskforce. Our main task is to stay in touch with our partners from the VDSI (Verband Deutscher Studierendeninitiativen, in case you were still wondering), to promote the interests of ESN within the umbrella organization, be a contact person for all of you and gain best practice-sharing knowledge from other student initiatives.

Having Leon in our team is amazing. With his creativity, positivity, and dedication, working with him is not only very efficient and productive but also very easy and fun. You can count on him and when he signs up for a new task, he puts 100% into his work. I highly value him as a person who is trustworthy, stays calm and curious, boosts your mood and is very uncomplicated to talk to.

As the past year has been a challenge for all of us, many sections feared the diminishing motivation of team members. Leon has experienced most of his ESN time in 2020 and this has not stopped him from taking new responsibilities. In my opinion, our network exactly needs people like Leon – especially in the National Board. He sees the strengths and values of our network, has the will to create and change our organization and is not afraid to speak his mind. Caring about the values of ESN and finding new, creative solutions to strengthen their appearance is probably one of the most important criterions for becoming Vice National Representative of ESN Germany. I feel very confident that Leon is totally appropriate for this position and fully support his application.

I wish him all the best and hope he is going to stay for much more time in our network (with hopefully not so many video calls anymore in near future)

Lots of love,

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(VDSI representative / President ESN Frankfurt am Main)