

To the General Assembly of the International Federation of Liberal Youth, gathered in Istanbul, Turkey on 14-17 April.

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Dear liberal friends,

Since my first IFLRY congress in Beirut in 2010 I have been impressed with the wide variety activities, campaigns, congresses and small revolutions IFLRY has organized. I continue to be thrilled to be part of a network of young liberals from all over the world that are eager to cooperate to promote the values of liberty, democracy and human rights.

Over the past years, I have been actively involved with these activities as JD's International Officer (between 2012 and 2014), trainer, Human Rights Programme Manager (from December 2014) and as a political activist. I want to take this commitment to the next level and ask for your support to elect me as the next president of the International Federation of Liberal Youth. As IFLRY president I will commit myself to extend IFLRY's work as an inclusive and truly international federation, bringing together and supporting a diverse group of activists to spread the liberal youth voice globally.

Today we continue to see young people unable to be politically active, unfair elections and imprisoned political activists. Such human rights infringements motivate me to keep fighting for a free world, where each individual has the opportunity to develop her/his full potential. IFLRY should play its global role and stand together to promote the liberal youth agenda - a process that I further want to encourage by allowing for more interactive congresses, more diverse participation and concrete follow-up on IFLRY's political agenda.

In case you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (pauline.kastermans@jd.nl) or JD's International Officer, Arvid Plugge (international@jd.nl).

Warm regards,  
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