EC7 Nijat Guliyev

Proposers:
Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates
Status: Withdrawn

Introduction

Age:
26

Gender:
Genderqueer

Organisation:
MIL Network

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nijat@cdnee.org

Hey there!

Nijat, or Nej if you prefer, checking in! It's always a pleasure to reconnect with the CDN family, and here I am, very motivated, applying for the EC once more.

A little about me: I'm deeply passionate about artivism, and I'm actually the brain behind the Queer Art Fest Baku, a project close to my heart that was made possible with the support of a local action funded by CDN! Aside from my artivism, I have a soft spot for film photography. While I've admittedly been a bit lazy with it lately, I'm hoping to dust off my trusty point-and-shoot camera these months.

When it comes to my background, it's all about community building and I have been working with and for the queer community in Azerbaijan over the past 6 years. Also, over the past four years, I've immersed myself in the world of greens, finding tons of joy in fostering communities and growing up in their communal love and care. It's a feeling like no other, and I couldn't be more thrilled to dive back into the EC to help nourish this sense of togetherness within our green family once again.

Looking forward to the journey ahead!

Cheers,

Nijat

Dear Green Family around CDN,

I am excited to submit my application for the EC for the forthcoming mandate and below I will elaborate on my motivation for my candidacy:

- Initially, feeling dedicated to advancing CDN's 2024-2025 plans aimed at advancing MO structures and improving a stronger sense of community within our green family. I am confident that my extensive prior community-building experience will be of significant benefit to CDN and its objectives.

- Understanding the fluctuating landscape of green politics in Eastern Europe, there is an urgent need for solidarity, drawing together as many allies as possible. CDN's vision for the future of our organization aligns perfectly with this necessity. With over six years of dedicated community organizing experience, I am well-prepared to contribute meaningfully to CDN's pursuit of this vision in the years to come.

On a personal note, my current relocation from Azerbaijan has left me grappling with a sense of displacement and loss. However, I take comfort in the belief that I have built a green family and community around me, and serving on the EC would provide me with invaluable opportunities to remain connected to this community, easing the loneliness of my journey. I hold hope that this sense of belonging extends to others as well, as CDN serves as a platform for nurturing enduring and supportive relationships.

Within progressive circles, there exists a recognition that we sometimes find ourselves in a cycle of repeating familiar discourses and practices. We have engaged in discussions with CDN about elevating our collective potential, and I am particularly motivated to follow through on these conversations, collaborating to devise strategies that create safer and more productive spaces within our MOs and networks, where people feel truly valued for their contributions.

Finally, I am deeply committed to advocating for workers' rights and combating the prevalence of unpaid labor within our organization and wider network. This is an issue that has persisted within the NGO sector, and as an EC member, I will try to push for the eradication of all forms of unpaid labor, ensuring that everyone involved in our initiatives is fairly compensated for their time and efforts.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon,

Warm regards,
Nijat

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WORK EXPERIENCE

11/03/2021 – 11/04/2024 – Belgrade, Serbia / Online (contact: nijat@cdnee.org)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER – COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT NETWORK EASTERN EUROPE

Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN) is a capacity-building network of youth organizations committed to the development and implementation of progressive ideas in Eastern Europe.

- Working on the implementation of CDN's activity plan, approved by the General Assembly (including project writing, coordination, implementation, and reporting);
- Constantly communicating and updating (as well as getting updates from) Member and Partner Organizations and Network Partners;
- Actively being involved and ensuring the smooth workflow of the Working

Groups. Other service activities https://www.cdnee.org

15/01/2019 – CURRENT – Baku, Azerbaijan (contact: nijat.guliyev@nafaslgbti.org)

PROJECT MANAGER – NAFAS LGBTI AZERBAIJAN ALLIANCE

Nafas LGBTI *promotes the diversity and integration of marginalized communities into social, political life, and the advancement of human rights discourse in line with the principle of justice and equality. The critical components of the organization's work are to voice the needs of the LGBTI+ community through advocacy and awareness-raising work.*

- Researching, planning, developing and implementing the organization's programs;
- Monitoring and evaluating the projects;
- Ensuring targets and timelines are met;
- Documentation of country work;
- Preparing regular reports and submitting them to the partners.

20/12/2020 – CURRENT – Baku, Azerbaijan

FOUNDER / HEAD OF PROGRAMMES – QUEER ART FESTIVAL BAKU

- Researching, planning, developing, and implementing "Film Mosaic" programs in cooperation with Copenhagen Architecture Festival;
- Implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the projects;

Website: https://queerartfest.org/en/

01/10/2020 – 01/10/2021 – Baku, Azerbaijan

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER / VICE PRESIDENT – OIKOS BAKU

oikos Baku is a student organisation for sustainable economics and management and a leading reference point for the environmental sustainability in Azerbaijan.

- Develop local oikos network;
- Communicate and exchange information between local chapters and the oikos

International. https://oikos-international.org/chapters/baku/

01/11/2020 – 01/11/2021 – Baku, Azerbaijan

JUNIOR RESEARCHER – EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION/CAUCASUS RESEARCH RESOURCE CENTER AZERBAIJAN (EPF/CRRC AZERBAIJAN)

- Providing research and analysis products in high quality as set in the fellowship objectives;
- Supporting daily-work of EPF/CRRC Azerbaijan programs, particularly organization of events.

01/10/2019 – 01/10/2020 – Baku, Azerbaijan

COORDINATOR OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – OIKOS BAKU

- Researching, planning, and implementing new programs and assessment of research papers;
- Organization of Spring Meeting Baku 2020 Annual International Conference for all oikos chapters of the world.

01/09/2019 – 01/03/2020 – Baku, Azerbaijan

INTERN (PROJECT MANAGER ASSISSTANT) – SLOW FOOD AZERBAIJAN COVCHEG PROJECT

- Promoting a development model that combines agro-biodiversity maintenance, economic development, and poverty reduction;
- Brainstorming and implementing event plans and concepts and updating senior management.

12/05/2019 – 30/08/2019 – Prague, Czechia

ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM MEMBER / TRAINER – “YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT" EUROPE

- Designing and organizing the training session called “Environmental Grassroots” in Czechia, Brno;
- Reviewing applications and selection of participants and conducting sessions during the event for participants.

20/08/2018 – 15/12/2018 – Morgantown, United States

IMMIGRATION UPDATES AND ALERTS SERVICES ASSISTANT – INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS SERVICES OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

- Global UGRAD program representative for international students

01/02/2018 – 01/08/2018 – Baku, Azerbaijan

EVENT MANAGER – NAFAS LGBTI AZERBAIJAN ALLIANCE

- Brainstorming and implementing event plans and concepts;
- Handling budgeting and invoicing and updating senior management.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

18/08/2015 – 07/07/2020 – Baku, Azerbaijan

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (EN) BACHELOR'S DEGREE – Baku Engineering University

https://beu.edu.az/en

08/2018 – 12/2018 – Morgantown, United States

THE GLOBAL UGRAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM – West Virginia University

https://www.wvu.edu/

01/10/2020 – CURRENT – 30 Rue Pierre de Coubertin, 67000 Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France

ENTER! LONG TERM TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH WORKERS – Council of Europe

https://www.coe.int/en/web/enter/home?desktop=true

29/11/2021 – 17/12/2021 – Washington D. C. / Online, United States

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ON A GLOBAL MOMENT IN TIME: REFLECTIONS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND ACCESSIBILITY – United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/international-visitor-leadership-program-ivlp

21/10/2020 – 09/12/2020 – Online, Italy

SKILLS SHARING COURSE: BIODIVERSITY AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE - "A PEER-TO-PEER" TRAINING – Slow Food International

https://www.slowfood.com/

19/11/2020 – Online, Italy

TRAINING: MODEL FORESTS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN NETWORK: COMMUNITY, PRODUCTS, MANAGEMENT – Slow Food Terra Madre

https://www.slowfood.com/our-network/terra-madre-network/

12/2019 – Stockholm , Sweden

EASTERN EUROPEAN COALITION FOR LGBTI+ EQUALITY: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING – RFSL

https://www.rfsl.se/en/

11/2019 – London, United Kingdom

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS TRAINING – Restless Development

https://restlessdevelopment.org/

08/2019 – Prague, Czechia

SUMMER SCHOOL "YOUTH AND THE CITY: YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FAIR AND GREEN CITIES" – Co
operation and Development Network Eastern Europe

https://www.cdnee.org/

11/2018 – Washington D. C., United States

GLOBAL UGRAD LEADERSHIP TRAINING – World Learning

https://www.worldlearning.org/

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

11/2021 – Budapest, Hungary

“Work that Works for all: Shaping Europe’s Future of Work” organized by CDN

https://www.cdnee.org/open-call-for-participants-study-session-work-that-works-for-all-shaping-europes-future-of-work-2/

07/2021 – Belgrade, Serbia

Seminar “Cities for All – How?” - Inclusive City Planning organized by The Green European Foundation with the support of CDN

https://www.cdnee.org/open-call-for-participants-training-cities-for-all-how/

05/2020 – 09/2020 – Online

“It’s not just a transition: no Green society without social justice!” Learning Labs by Federation of Young European Greens

https://fyeg.org/event/just-transition-no-green-society-without-social-justice

11/2019 – West Sussex, United Kingdom

Wilton Park Youth Dialogues Conference 2019

https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/youth-dialogues/

10/2019 – Prague, Czechia

The 23rd ILGA-Europe Annual Conference

PUBLICATIONS

Country Review: Intensification and Expansion of Agriculture as the Main Threat to the Existing Water Crisis of Azerbaijan

Junior Fellowship Program 2020-2021 by Eurasia Partnership Foundation

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Qualitative Research, Quantitative Research, Data Analysis, Academic Writing

DIGITAL SKILLS

Ability to use statistical programs (ie Stata EViews Gretl) for data analysis | Power apps Power Query Power BI | Microsoft Microsoft Office | Programming language MATLAB | Aspen HYSIS

7 April 2024
Berlin, Germany

Dear CDN GA,

It is with great pleasure and pride that we endorse Nijat Guliyev's candidacy for the upcoming mandate with CDN.

Nijat has consistently demonstrated remarkable dedication as one of the most active members of MIL. Since 2020, he has served the organization in the role of International Relations officer. Additionally, we applaud his ongoing commitment to advancing the rights of the queer community in Azerbaijan.

Throughout his time, Nijat has been a great representative and advocate for CDN within MIL. His involvement spans several years, during which he has spearheaded local projects, participated in various events, and contributed as an EC member.

We wholeheartedly support Nijat's candidacy for another term on the EC and excitedly anticipate the positive contributions he will continue to make to our organization.

With green regards,
On behalf of MIL Network,
Secretariat
Fatima Ismayilova

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