

Hi, my name is Anne Els Eijken, I'm 20 years old and I am currently in the second year of my bachelor Forest and Nature conservation at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. I am very happy to be a member of LC IFSA-Wageningen.

My international IFSA-experience has been visiting the past two NERMS in Estonia and Ireland. These experiences have allowed me to discover the wonderful organisation that is IFSA. After my first NERM in 2024 I immediately loved the community and wanted to become active in my LC in Wageningen. In my LC I have helped with communication and promoting IFSA events, and have helped our LC grow. After attending NERM once again in 2025 I feel enthusiastic about being active in IFSA on a more international level.

I love the way IFSA manages to bring people together and would love to contribute to that. I think the position of the Regional Representative would be an exciting opportunity to help LC's connect with each other. I also think this would be a great opportunity for me personally to grow in my organisational skills.

As far as I understand, the task of the Regional Representative is to be a connection between the membership department and the LC's of Northern Europe, as well as helping the Northern European LC's stay active and connect with each other by being in contact with their LC-Representatives, and assisting with the organisation of the next NERM. The tasks of the RR also include hosting a monthly online coffee hour, sharing IFSA information and events and helping new LC's with the application process.

In this position I hope to continue the excellent work of the current Regional Representatives, and help different LC's connect more with each other both through online and real-life meetings. I also hope to help promote IFSA among forestry students and encourage less active LC's to be more active.

Outside my studies I am active within scouting, where I have gained some experience in communicating with members and working together to organise camps or events.

I think the most important quality for this position is to be truly enthusiastic and passionate about IFSA, which I certainly am. I already have a bit of experience with communication and promotion due to my task within my LC, and am very eager to learn whatever else I need in order to do a good job in this position. I think this position would be a great way for me to contribute to the fantastic IFSA, and I like to believe that I would be able to do it justice.

I very much look forward to your reaction,

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