

LETTER OF MOTIVATION – ANNE PIKKOV

Dear Members of the Cumulus community,

As the vice rector of Estonian Academy of Arts, I am applying for the CUMULUS board for the second term. During the crises that have attacked our world in the very recent past - the pandemic and the war - EKA, my institution has managed to drift well. We kept the academy open for our students throughout the pandemic and our decision to help Ukrainian refugee students came to life on February 22, even before the war broke out.

Also in Cumulus, the key focus of my efforts has been on helping give shape to one of the central initiatives - cultivating a more student-centric culture within Cumulus. The association has always championed initiatives for students such as competitions, study abroad opportunities, and promoted scholarships as well as the now well-established Cumulus Student Ambassador Program. I have been interviewing students, bringing their voices to bear on future planning, and nurturing the work of emerging student groups such as the CirroCumulus group. I am also co-chairing the Cumulus Green 2022 competition and led the Board's effort together with the Secretariat.

But I feel that I have not yet lived up to my full potential as a member of CUMULUS board, hence my continuation in the years to come, will help me achieve the following goals:

- I will continuously stand for small and evolving in the border country of European Union - in Estonia, where we are flexible and fast and press freedom excels on 4th position in the world
- I will continuously stand for student engagement in CUMULUS and make sure that those who are the most vulnerable will find positive programme in our association

- I will stand for strategic cooperation with the areas that need immediate action and help. I will stand for education that discusses a green and sustainable future, democracy and action now. I will help bring the message of importance of democracy to the community of CUMULUS.

As a person, I am passionate about arts and design in a seamless world.

My love is to make picture books (awards at book design and illustration competitions), to search for connections and to establish new associations. That is my emotional side. My rational side forces me to shape those outbursts of emotion into the rational solutions of promoting innovative and international design education in the border areas of Europe.

I will stand for an open mind and playful spirit because in art there are no certitudes, just mystery and wonder, even in solving the most difficult problems.

Yours sincerely,
Anne Pikkov

