

# **MEP Vienna 2014**

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Born in Vienna, Austria, I spent the first year of my life in Auckland, New Zealand, due to my parents' work. I am currently in full-time education at Theresianum gymnasium in Vienna, where I am preparing for the upcoming final exams.

Besides national Model European Parliament sessions, I attended the international MEP sessions in Slovenia (2012), Lithuania (2013), most recently as Vice President of the General Assembly in Vilnius, last December.

Looking back at quite some MEP experience, I am certain to say that I enjoyed every second while participating in any session. The international atmosphere that can be found at MEP gives one the opportunity to connect with like-minded people from all across the continent.

With the elections to the European Parliament coming up in May this year, the Model European Parliament should be seen as a reminder of how important it is to give young people a platform to raise their voice about current issues that will affect their future lives and to introduce them to the system of democracy. Besides participating at the MEP, I am also politically active in organisations in Austria as well as Eastern Europe, where the lack of democracy often hinders young people from joining politics.

I am looking forward to welcoming people gathering in Vienna next April from all over Europe to discuss current political problems in order to find solutions. I hope the months-long preparation prior to the session makes the upcoming international session an unforgettable experience for us all.

