

# THE WPC YOUTH COMMITTEE WELCOMES THE WRITING FELLOWS!

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“**L**a crème de la crème” Celine Rottier, chair of the Youth Committee, clearly set the expectations of the WPC Youth Writing Fellowship programme. This youth initiative is intended to stimulate discussions between youth and senior professionals (content writing, top executive interviews, etc). Four months, 40 applications and multiple interviews later, four fellows were chosen to actively nurture the ongoing debates on the industry’s legacy and future. All highly-skilled students and young professionals, they represent the diversity of the oil and gas industry. These are extracts from their stories.

**1) Why have you applied and joined the WPC Youth Writing Fellowship?**

**TG:** I hope to have the opportunity of furthering the goals of the WPC, by contributing to the development of a sustainable future for the energy industry, by researching energy-related economic and policy topics, developing the WPC youth network in my region and promoting discussion on the industry’s future. Many exciting challenges!

**VA:** I believe the WPC Youth Writing Fellowship would be the best platform to raise young voices on current challenges faced by the industry and to share opinions. With the support and guidance from the team members of the programme, we can influence and attract more youth to provide their invaluable services to the industry.

**AL:** Through the WPC Youth Writing Fellowship, I am looking to explore emerging industry trends, and engage industry leaders in a meaningful dialogue about the main challenges facing the oil & gas industry.

**GO:** I applied to the WPC Youth Writing Fellowship based on the experience of engaging with hundreds of international young professionals in Norway and the WPC network, and the desire to engage in discussions shaping the future of our industry, which should be based on collaboration, finding compromises, but at a fair price, and addressing future

challenges that we, as young professionals are bound to inherit at some point in our career from present senior executives, and the need to build an open and stimulating bridge between the generations.

## 2) What are your professional and personal ambitions?

**VA:** Upon graduating, I wish to join the upstream sector, exploring the North Sea as a drilling engineer, and carry on my voluntary services to the WPC. As a personal ambition, I would like to start up a small firm providing cyber-security services to the petroleum industry and motivating youth to take up research in STEM fields.

**GO:** As a professional I see myself as a “bridge-building engineer” in the energy industry, developing and contributing to safe, sustainable, cost-efficient and reliable operatorship where the young generation closes the political books from the 20th Century and defines our own ones. As a personal ambition, I would like to finish my plan of seeing all the remaining countries of the world by the time I’m 40, and publish a book about my travel experiences within the next few years.

**TG:** Currently working in the energy sector, I see myself getting more and more involved in the challenges it faces, whether geopolitical, economic or technical and I do not exclude the possibility of a return to academic studies (PhD) in order to delve further into these issues.

**AL:** I am looking to better understand the unique challenges that E&P operators are facing today, and, over time, I would like to establish myself as an authoritative voice on issues related to the oil & gas industry. In my personal life, I would like to learn more about science and technology, write a blog, run a full marathon every year and learn to fly an aeroplane.

## 3) How can the Youth have an impact on the industry?

**TG:** The Youth can lead a fertile dialogue as well as



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The team behind  
the 4th WPC Youth  
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thoughtful research on the challenges facing the industry. What is more, as a network of young and active individuals, in an industry often deemed 'quaint', the voice of the Youth holds even more clout.

**VA:** With the current depletion of conventional energy resources and climatic changes, youth with fresh minds and awareness of advanced applied science can only lead the centre stage to exploit and create safer, cleaner, sustainable energy. It's the best time for the youth to tackle the current challenges, utilising the best opportunities.

**GO:** Take responsibility and dare to challenge accepted truths and standards. The young generation must not be afraid to speak up and try implementing its own solutions. Failing should not be seen as an obstacle but rather enjoyed, because one never learns from only having success.

**AL:** The oil industry is often perceived as out-of-date and irresponsible. The Youth can play a crucial role in reviving this public image of the industry. By questioning established practices and embracing new technology, the young generation can demonstrate that the industry is not lacking in innovation and dynamism. And with its relentless idealism and greater awareness of sustainability, the Youth can also prove that the oil & gas industry can play a constructive role in solving some of our global problems. ■