CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Presentation

Name:	**Karl Donert**
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Motivation

I have been a teacher and educator for more than 40 years. I worked in schools, training teachers, as an academic in university and recently in non-formal education with young people. I have been an active member of the INGOs for the last 8 years making excellent connections and contacts in different parts of the Council of Europe.

I am convinced that future developments in education will be fundamental for dealing with so many of the challenges we address here.

I am an expert in the use of new technologies in learning and teaching. Recently I led the EC funded project called "School on the Cloud", which looked at the impact of Cloud Computing technologies on the future of education, and the need for inspirational leadership, innovative teaching and individualized learning. I believe this implies that we need to empower teachers to become leaders in creating the learning environment and curricula needed by their students.

I have been researching and teaching about Citizenship in education for the past 20 years. I believe it should be a very strong and important component taught in our schools and colleges. In support of this I am currently coordinating the Forward Looking YouthMetre project, using innovative ways to new technologies to empower young people so that they can have their say in future policy making in Europe. This project supported the INGO Youth initiative in 2016.

I am standing for Vice-Chair because I want to support and promote the work of the INGOs at the Council of Europe and help them to meet their own goals. I have a lot of knowledge and expertise to offer the Committee and share with others.