

Curriculum vitae

ŽIGA VAVPOTIČ

Summary

Žiga Vavpotič is an entrepreneur, a university student of economy, international relations, and human resources management.

He was born on 14th December 1984 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He started planning his life goals already in primary school after having visited Japan as a representative of a Slovenian primary school, and thus having met “the big world«. From that time on, his life has been going on with a dizzy pace.

Žiga has numerous interests, however he is particularly focused on the youth issues. He founded the Institute for the Youth as early as he attended the Bežigrad Grammar School. Today, he runs his own business, cooperates with several organizations on international youth programmes, runs the Slovenian office of Hakes International together with Monika Bizjak, and is a director of the Socius Business Club. Beside that, he is a regular contributor to the Radio of Slovenia, a co-initiator of the Economic Forum founded by the University of Ljubljana – the Faculty of Law, a founder of the online Univerza za življenje (University for life), a board member of the Eco Ventures International, and a co-ordinator for Slovenia for the Salzburg Global Seminar, the Youth Employment Summit, and the Ecademy Slovenia.

Žiga was awarded Unesco Youth Ambassador for his successful international activities. In 2004, he became the youngest member of the Microsoft Office Information Worker Board of the Future initiated by Bill Gates, and was also a columnist on the Global Youth Voice issues for The Kansas City Star Newspaper. In 2000, he became the youngest member of Mensa Slovenia.

Having been granted several scholarships for his work, Žiga could afford to have perfected his knowledge not only in the country but also abroad, and has been welcomed by several governments as a consultant on the youth issues.

»It's time to start believing in our dreams, and turning them into reality, « Žiga says. And his dreams are really big. His ambition is to develop his Global Dream Vision to a well-known global company that would be capable of listening to the people, and helping them to a better life.

Žiga's motto is: »Live and leave a trace.«.

*Listen to the mustn'ts child
Listen to the don'ts
listen to the shouldn'ts
the impossibles
the won'ts
listen to the never haves
then listen close to me
ANYTHING can happen child
ANYTHING can be.*

(Shel Silverstein)

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Activities and occupations

Manager of Socius Business Club, 2008 -
Owner and chairman of the company GlobcalDreamVision pllc, January 2008 -
Regular contributor to the Slovenian National Radio – Youth and children programme, 2003 -
Board member of Eco Ventures, USA, February 2004 -
Country coordinator for Hakes International, together with Monika Bizjak, 2006 –
Co-leader of Ecademy Slovenia, 2008 –
Country coordinator of Youth Employment Summit, 2002 - 2007
Founder and director of the Institute for the Youth, 2003 - 2006

Formal education

1999 OŠ Ledina, primary school (*average grade 5 out of 5*)
2003 Gimnazija Bežigrad, secondary school (*average grade 4,76 out of 5*)
2003 – 2004 University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law
2004 – University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Political Sciences, International Relations
2007 – International School for Social and Business Studies – Economy

Other education

2008 London School of Public Relations
2007 Dr. Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats Course and Lateral Thinking Course
2007 Discover Management Programme, IEDC – Bled School of Management, 5 ECTS
2005 - 2007 Different workshops on marketing, including national championship in direct marketing (among the best 8)
2004 - 2005 speaker's licence for journalists by Radio Slovenia
2004 The Johns Hopkins University, Youth Organizing Institute, training programme, Vukovar, Croatia
2004 World Colleges, Wales, UK, summer school
2003 University of Plymouth, UK, communication in youth project
2003 Cambridge College Youth Leadership Training Programme

Honoured titles, awards

UNESCO ambassador, appointed by ASP Net and UNECSO Commission, 10th December 2003
Salzburg Global Seminar (www.salzburgseminar.org) Alumni Leader in Slovenia, April 2004 -
Member of Microsoft Information Worker Board of the Future (*the youngest among the 13 emerging thought leaders from around the world*), May 2004 – May 2005
Global Youth Voice panellist, The Kansas City Star Newspaper (*one of the 12 youngsters from around the world*), March 2004 – March 2005
Cambridge College Certificate Youth Leadership Training Program, 2003
Award for research works by the City of Ljubljana, 1998, 1999
National championship in direct marketing, Lisac & Lisac, 2007 (among the best 8)

Memberships

Slovenian organizations UNICEF Slovenia, 2008 -
Student Council of International School of Social and Business Studies (representative of the third academic year and a member of academic council), 2008
Liberal Party (*the youngest member of the committee for international*)

relationships and committee for schooling) 2000 -
Youth Liberal Democracy of Slovenia (*a member of the executive board, Ljubljana region*) 2000 -
Liberal Academy (*the youngest when became a member*), 2002 -
Slovenian Association for International Relations (*the youngest when became a member*), 2003 -
Slovenian Association for Political Sciences, 2003 -
Forum 21, 2004 -
Slovenian Society of International Commercial Law (*the youngest when became a member*), 2003 – 2005
Friends of the Youth Association, 1998 - 2005
The Atlantic Council of Slovenia, 2003 - 2005
Slovenian Statistics Association, 2003 – 2005
International organizations
Mensa International (*the youngest in Slovenia when became a member*), 2000 -
Youth Employment Summit, 2002 -
TakingITglobal, 2002 -
Salzburg Seminar Alumni, 2003 -
Peace Child International, 2003 -
Pioneers of change, 2002 - 2005
Global Youth Alliance, 2002 - 2005
Glocal Youth Assembly, 2003 - 2005

Additional skills

Languages

Slovene (mother tongue), English (active), German (passive), Russian, Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian (basic), understand some Latin.

Computer skills

(note: 5 excellent)

Word: 4

PowerPoint: 2

Outlook: 3

Internet: 5

Other skills

Driving licence

Ski teacher licence

Sailing licence

Golf licence

Conferences and trainings

Youth Parliament, 1996, 1997, 1998, Slovenia

UNESCO Camp, 1997, Slovenia

1st World Youth conference - Ten Priorities for New Millennium, 1999, Hawaii

Youth of Unity, 2001, USA

Education for a Better Human Future, 2001, Indonesia

Africa Speaks, 2001, Zimbabwe

Youth Employment Summit , 2002, Egypt

Communication in youth projects, University of Plymouth, 2003, UK

Vienna International Model UN (VIMUN), Vienna, 2003, Austria

2nd World youth conference – Solidarity, Tolerance and Sustainable Development, 2003, Morocco

Forum 2000, 2003, Czech Republic
Salzburg Seminar Session 413, "Engaging Youth in Community Development" (the youngest fellow in the Seminar history), Salzburg, 2003, Austria
Youth and Globalization, Council of Europe, 2004, France
First IW Dream Week, main U. S. campus in Redmond, Washington, 2004, USA
Young people can change the world, summer school, Wales, 2004, UK
World Youth Congress, Prepcom, University of Stirling, Scotland, 2004, UK
World Youth Festival, Barcelona, 2004, Spain
Training program for social change activists, Vukovar, 2004, Croatia
EuroBiz 05, Business Development Congress, Ljubljana, 2005, Slovenia
Third World Youth Congress, Stirling, Scotland, 2005, UK
Field Trip UNICEF, 2008, Burkina Faso

E-conference

Youth Strategy, 2003, World Bank
Defining Roles for Youth and the Next Generation of Leaders, February 2004, WB
Youth and Education, March & April 2004, World Bank

Delegations and exchanges

Japan, 1999
Zimbabwe, head of European delegation, 2001
Brussels (EU and NATO), 2002
Sweden, head of delegation of 20 pupils, 2002
Cuba, head of delegation of 8 pupils, 2002
Brussels (EU and NATO), 2002
World Youth Festival, head of Slovenian delegation (27 people), 2004

Founder, co-founder

Institute for the Youth, 2003
Global Dream Vision, Žiga Vavpotič s. p., 2005
Economic Forum, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, 2005
University for Life, 2006
Globcaldreamvision pllc, 2008

Researches

The youth in the society, Slovenian youth in EU, Slovenian in foreign countries, Effective use of energy in housekeeping, Globalization, Conflict, different researches during studying, topics: international relations, economy, and HRM

Current research interests

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Globalization, sustainable and international development, international relations (diplomacy), poverty, development aid, MDGs (Millennium development goals), BRIC countries

MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Social responsibility, foundations, fund raising, social economy, trust and ethics, crises management, values, management of organizations, cross-cultural management, public relations, intellectual capital.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONAL FINANCE

Communication skills, relationships, personal development, leadership, success, IQ, EQ, SQ, mediation, imago therapy, graphology, financial intelligence, personal finance and investing, networking, lobbying, conflicts management.

THE YOUTH:

Opinion about young people and the youth in the society, the youth employment, the youth and entrepreneurship, the youth projects and organizations in Slovenia, and in the world.

OTHER:

Chocolate, royal families, etiquette, Slovenian politics, the future.

Scholarships

National scholarship for talented youngsters, 1999 - 2004

Scholarship for the Youth Unity, Kansas City, 2001

Scholarship for Conference Education for a Better Human Future, Indonesia, 2001

Scholarship for the Youth Employment Summit, Egypt, 2002

Fellow Scholarship for Salzburg Seminar Session 413, 2003

Projects

The youth in EU, round table, head of organizers

Blog, www.zigavavpotic.com

Online University for life

Speeches

The human rights day, UNESCO, Unesco youth ambassadors, *Future*, Ljubljana, 10 December, 2003

40 years of Slovenian Institute of Quality and Metrology, *Vision*, Ljubljana, 23 September 2004

Conference: Everything is possible, Tallinn, Versus Newspaper, How to sell your ideas in the wide world, 30 October 2004

Book, articles, essays

Vavpotič Žiga, My Very Own Book, September 2008 (www.own-book.com)

Božič, Vavpotič, Večer (newspaper), 24 September 2002, Kako do delovnih mest za 500 milijonov mladih (How to get jobs for 500 million young people), article

Vavpotič, Žiga, Discussion about the future of Slovenia hosted by the President of the Republic Slovenia, 2003, Values – the youth, contribution

Vavpotič, Žiga, Discussion about the future of Slovenia hosted by the President of the Republic Slovenia, 2004, Public diplomacy, contribution

Vavpotič, Žiga, The Youth Radio, Radically reducing world poverty: What is our role?, 2004, essay

Vavpotič Žiga, Delo (newspaper), 5 July 2004, Butalci ali bodoči intelektualci? (Blockheads or future intellectuals?), opinion

Interviews

National TV NEWS, Japan

National TV NEWS, Zimbabwe

National TV NEWS, Morocco

RFI - Radio France International

CNN

Several interviews in Slovenia

Recommendations

More than 20 national & international recommendation letters can be issued on request.