

EFF 2023 Race

Voting ends on Monday 10 April 2023 at 23:59 British/Irish time (GMT + 1)

Please read the whole of this ballot, including the candidates' platforms, before voting.

What is EFF?

EFF is the European Fan Fund; its purpose is to create and strengthen bonds between European fans and fandoms. Currently in almost every country there is a fandom that quite often has little or no connection to the broader European fandom. Most fans do concentrate on the "here and now" and are not looking for friends in other countries.

Who may vote?

Voting in the race to send a European fan to Konflikt Eurocon in Uppsala (8th - 11th June 2023) is open to anyone who was active in fandom prior to January 2022, and who contributes at least EUR3, GBP2.70, or the equivalent in other currencies to the fund. Larger contributions are encouraged and will be gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed. You must sign or otherwise verify your ballot, but your vote will not be made public.

Voting details

Similarly to other Fan Funds (like TAFF and GUFF), the EFF uses a preferential voting system. Voters rank candidates in order of preference. In order to win a candidate must gain over 50% of the votes. If this doesn't happen in the first round of counting, the lowest-ranked candidates will be eliminated from the race and those votes redistributed in subsequent rounds according to the next ranking. This will be repeated until one candidate has a majority of votes.

'Hold over funds': this choice means you don't want to support any of the candidates and want the funds to be saved until next year.

'No preference': this choice means you want one of the candidates to go but you are equally happy with each of them.

Donations

EFF gratefully accepts your freely given money and material for auction. If you're not eligible to vote, or for some reason you don't wish to vote, why not donate anyway? All funds will be used to pay for current and future EFF trips.

Candidates

Each candidate has posted a bond of €12/£10 and promises if elected that, barring force majeure, they will travel to attend Konflikt in Uppsala, Sweden (8th - 11th June). Candidates have also provided nominations from local and European fans and a short platform, which is displayed below.

How to cast your vote

You can vote online (on this page: <https://forms.gle/uzXzS4t9qimmcmZ9>), or by completing and sending this ballot form (PDF) to the administrator, Marcin Klak, at europeanfanfund@gmail.com, or at an SF convention where someone is collecting ballots.

Votes are not valid unless accompanied by a contribution of at least EUR3, GBP3, or an equivalent amount in other currencies. You can contribute by one of these methods:

- Using Paypal (choose the option to send money to friends and family if you can):
europeanfanfund@gmail.com
Please note during the payment process (the location varies; typically 'Add a note' or 'Email to recipient') that the payment is for EFF 2023.
- Or provide cash with your ballot at a convention.
- Or, to pay by cheque or bank deposit, contact the administrator for details.

The privacy policy is available online on <https://fandomrover.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/EFF-Privacy-policy.pdf>

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Matylda Naczyńska

My story with fantasy started when I was a teenager but I wasn't introduced to the Fandom until Covid pandemic and tabletop RPGs community going full on-line in early 2020. I started to sink in participate in various RPG-related events. In 2021 I decided to dive head first and made my first time on a Convention as volunteering! Soon after that I co-organised an on-line part of a small, local convention! I decided to join a fantasy-oriented association and really quick I became a volunteer, co-organizer and even section-chief in 3, couple-hundred participants, conventions (on-line and off-line). Recently I was chosen to join the board of association of Fantasy-fans association Avangarda (based in Poland, Warsaw). This allows me to manage the (disliked by everyone else) administrative and financial aspects of our association. I'm still an active tabletop RPG player and huge sci-fi literature fan (all hail Stanislaw Lem!!!). I am not a veteran convention-goer but in just a few years I became very close to the Fandom and I believe it belongs to the brave and bold so I am asking kindly for Your votes in EFF so that I can continue my journey on Eurocon. See You in Uppsala!

Nominators: Julianna Grefkowicz (PL), Mikołaj Kowalewski (PL), Esther MacCallum-Stewart (UK)

James Shields

I'm very excited to be standing for the European Fan Fund. I think it's a fantastic idea to promote Eurocon and greater links between European fan groups. I've been attending Eurocons when I can since 2011, and I co-chaired the Dublin 2014 Eurocon. I have been on many convention committees over the years. I've experience with fan funds as I was a prior GUFF delegate and attended Aussiecon 4 in Melbourne, and contributed to and helped run many fan fund auctions since then. I would be keen to bring that experience to the EFF, and help develop the fan fund into the future. I'm also a big fan of LEGO, and plan to produce a special EFF minifigure to come on the trip and be passed on to future delegates.

If selected as EFF Delegate, I would take as full a part in Konflikt as possible, participating in programme, and the social events of the convention. I would write blog posts in the run up to, and during the trip. After the trip I would aim to produce my trip report within a year and do my best to make the 2024 EFF trip even better than the 2023 one.

Nominators: James Bacon (IE), Mihaela Marija Perković (HR), Borys Sydiuk (UA)

About you

Name:

Email address:

Country:

Please indicate your voting preference below. Use only the numbers 1 to 4 (1 = first choice); do not repeat any numbers. You do not need to number every choice.

Matylda Naczyńska

James Shields

Hold over funds

No preference

We know we don't know everyone in fandom, and we want to be able to count all eligible votes. If you believe that you are not known to the current administrator (Marcin 'Alqua' Klak), please add information here to help us to confirm your involvement in fandom. This can be another active fan you think we may know, a convention you attend, your blog, fanzine, local club you are a member of, or anything else you believe may help us. *We may need to contact listed fans/organizations to confirm your involvement in fandom.*
