

# European *youth* event

## Programme

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Dear participant,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the heart of European democracy. The European Youth Event (EYE) 2018 is all about you. It is the European Parliament's event where young people take centre stage. We believe that your ideas, thoughts and debates are pivotal to the future of the European Union. They will be harvested with great care during this extraordinary event. At the heart of the EYE is stimulation, innovation and interaction. Europe needs fresh ideas now more than ever. The European elections take place in May 2019 against a backdrop of renewed economic growth, yet youth unemployment remains stubbornly high. Only with real engagement by Europe's citizens, but especially by young people who we believe so much in, can the EU surmount the challenges of the changing economy, migration and climate change.



The five themes of the European Youth Event are astutely selected:

- 1) **YOUNG AND OLD: Keeping up with the digital revolution.** Digital skills are required for so many jobs on the labour market. Although young people already possess great digital skills, Europe is investing heavily to create a single digital market and ensure that high-speed internet is available for all, leaving no one behind due to a lack of training.
- 2) **RICH AND POOR: Calling for a fair share.** Your fresh ideas on how to ensure that the world's scarce resources are more fairly distributed across Europe's single market are needed more than ever. If we want globalisation to bring benefits to all we need to make democratic choices to ensure social justice. Europe is a diverse continent and great economic disparities still remain.
- 3) **APART AND TOGETHER: Working out for a stronger Europe.** The European Union is undoubtedly a champion of peace and prosperity - we have a proud history and a great future ahead of us. However, Europe does not always speak with one voice. Are we punching below our weight? – Should we not be more ambitious?
- 4) **SAFE AND DANGEROUS: Staying alive in turbulent times.** One of the greatest responsibilities for any government is to keep its citizens safe. European values have not been undermined by terrorist attacks, they have brought us closer together. However, the threat is evolving, from bombs to cyber-attacks, Europe's defences are facing brand new challenges and finding innovative solutions is fundamental.
- 5) **LOCAL AND GLOBAL: Protecting our planet.** Young people will inherit our precious planet and Europe has been at the forefront of tackling climate for decades. The Paris Agreement is the foundation for protecting Earth, but some are ignoring the voices of scientists. This is the time to step up our efforts - there is a strong sense of urgency to fight the risk of climate collapse for the next generation.

On behalf of the European Parliament, it is a great honour to welcome each and every one of you to Strasbourg. I know that for many of you this may be your first time in our building, which is your home, the beating heart of European democracy. I believe that the European Youth Event 2018 represents only the beginning of our journey together, so please enjoy this event and I am confident that this event will be fulfilling, planting the seeds of many lasting ideas and where many lasting friendships are made.

**Mr Antonio Tajani,**  
*President of the European Parliament*



Dear participants,

Thank you for accepting the European Parliament's invitation to participate in this third edition of the European Youth Event (EYE).

The EYE 2018 brings together young people from the 28 EU Member States and beyond in the European Parliament. It will be a unique opportunity for you to engage in workshops, debates and many activities with your peers and with decision-makers. We want to listen to YOU! Your ideas will serve as a source of inspiration for Members of the European Parliament and will be discussed in several parliamentary committees in the autumn.

The EYE 2018 aims to:

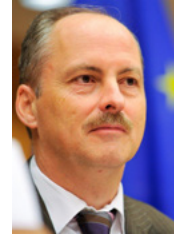
- give you the opportunity to present and discuss ideas on how to make a change in Europe with fellow participants and with European decision-makers;
- encourage discussion and debate on hot topics and future European policies;
- give you an opportunity to stage cultural performances and showcase cultural diversity in Europe.

On behalf of the European Parliament, we would like to thank our EYE partners and all youth groups contributing to the event.

You are all invited to get involved in the many indoor and outdoor activities during the EYE 2018.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Strasbourg.

**Mr Ramón Luis Valcarcel Siso and Mrs Sylvie Guillaume,**  
*Vice-Presidents for Information Policy, Press and Citizens Relations*



Dear Young Europeans,

I am very happy to welcome you to the seat of the European Parliament for an exciting weekend of ideas, debate and encounters in this third edition of the European Youth Event.

The European Parliament organises the event with the help of 11 partners, notably the European Youth Forum, to help ensure that the EYE is not only an event for young people, but also organised with and by young people. More than half of the 300 activities offered during the event are proposed and organised by youth groups and youth organisations. By you.

The EYE is a unique event. It brings together young people from all backgrounds and from right across the European Union. Politicians, scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, academics and other experts have come here to join in your discussions. They are however not here to tell you what you should do or what should be done for the future of Europe, nor to showcase what they are doing, but they are here to listen to your ideas and concerns, and take them on board.

The ideas that you will develop these days, the most impactful and well formulated of them, will become part of the EYE2018 Report, which will be published after the event and distributed to all Members of the European Parliament in September 2018. Moreover, within the European Youth Hearings taking place in autumn 2018, some of you will be selected to present these ideas in front of several parliamentary committees.

Your participation in the political, social and civic life is an essential element of citizenship in a democratic Europe. You can be the strongest force in shaping the future of Europe with your ideas, but also with your actions. You can be the strongest force in creating communities, by engaging with and supporting others, by becoming role models for their own participation. Together we can keep reaching out and encourage everyone to get involved, the ones who are less active, as well as the ones who are remote, isolated or at risk of exclusion. In challenging times, it's important to do more and to do better to bring everyone around the table where the ideas are discussed and where the decisions are made.

One year before the European elections, Europe needs your participation, your energy and enthusiasm more than ever, but it also needs your creativity and your innovation. The future of the EU belongs to you, the young generation. This weekend, you start your journey towards creating it. I say your journey because the EYE, just like participation, is not a one-off event, but a process. It is about creating and maintaining a dialogue.

I wish you all a successful and enjoyable weekend!

**Klaus Welle,**  
*Secretary-General of the European Parliament*

## THE EYE FOLLOW-UP

**The European Youth Event 2018 is a chance for young people to develop and present their ideas for a better Europe. But it's a lot more than just a two day long event: the EYE is a process, an ongoing discussion between the European Parliament and young people across the continent.**

To get the ball rolling following the event, the EYE team has gathered a team of ten young reporters, who will be collecting the 100 best ideas by youth participants and turn them into the EYE2018 Report.

As they said: *"We believe that the EYE2018 should result in real change and the contributions of young people at the event are heard by policy makers and politicians throughout Europe. The reporting team will be present at the event and take it all in, to give a voice to young people from all around Europe."* Recruited by one of the official EYE Partners, the European Youth Press, they will give the EYE participants, who are from each and every corner of Europe, a voice after the EYE has come to an end.

The EYE2018 report will represent ideas collected from participants at debates, workshops, idea labs, as well as on social media and through interviews. It will be handed to each of the 751 Members of the European Parliament this September. This will be the basis for the coming Youth Hearings, which will be held by a number of parliamentary committees in autumn 2018. The young people with the most interesting contributions from the EYE2018 will be invited to these Youth Hearings, to discuss and debate their ideas once more with Members of the relevant parliamentary committees.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### Friday, 1 June 2018

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| 10:00 - 10:30 | <b>Opening Ceremony</b>   |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | <b>Opening Plenary Session</b><br>in the hemicycle of the European Parliament   |
| 11:00 - 20:00 | <b>Panels, idea labs, artistic performances and workshops</b><br>organised by the European Parliament in cooperation with EYE partners and youth groups               |
| 11:00 - 18:00 | <b>Yo!Fest Village:</b> political debates, interactive workshops, live music, artistic performances and educational activities, organised by the European Youth Forum |
| 18:00 - 00:00 | <b>Yo!Fest open-air concert</b><br>Free, open-air concert organised by the European Youth Forum   |

### Saturday, 2 June 2018

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| 10:00 - 18:00 | <b>Panels, idea labs, artistic performances and workshops</b><br>organised by the European Parliament in cooperation with EYE partners and youth groups                      |
| 10:00 - 18:00 | <b>Yo!Fest Village:</b> political debates, interactive workshops, live music, artistic performances, games and educational activities, organised by the European Youth Forum |
| 17:30 - 19:00 | <b>Closing Plenary Session</b><br>in the hemicycle of the European Parliament  |
| 20:00 - 00:00 | <b>Open your EYES! Music, dance and open-air cinema on the riverbanks</b><br>Free open-air event in the Jardin des deux-rives organised by the City of Strasbourg            |

## ACTIVITY FORMATS

**The EYE offers a wide variety of activities. Some of them needed to be booked in advance, while others are accessible without previous booking. These will be carried out in the following formats:**

**Debate:** Speakers address a controversial issue from opposing points of view and challenge participants with clear pros and cons.

**Discussion:** Speakers tackle complex subjects and shed light on many viewpoints and angles rather than just on two opposing positions regarding a topic.

**Hearing:** Experts or young people affected by the subject present their cases or arguments from different angles and then have a discussion with participants.

**Ideas check:** Young people present their ideas and proposals, and Members of the European Parliament respond. Quick exchange ping-pong format related to a pressing issue.

**Ideas lab:** Participants take the role of young advisors to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. They propose ideas for change and solutions. Work starts online several weeks before the event, and concludes during the EYE.

**Key note:** High-level speakers present and explain a concept of key importance for the future of Europe.

**Talk:** In an informal ambience, speakers share personal stories, views, experiences and ideas.

**Workshop:** Interactive, hands-on activity in small groups.

**Battle of ideas:** Playful competition between ideas and approaches linked to the EYE themes. Information and entertainment expressed in various forms:


- **Poetry slam:** Young slammers among the participants present their original poetry and a jury from the audience votes for the most impactful slam.


- **Speed debate:** Two groups confront each other with opposite positions on a series of topics, presenting their own position and responding to the others' points. The audience actively participates and votes on the group who managed to change their original opinion.


- **Political comedy:** Comedians will make you think and laugh about current issues, funny situations and stereotypes.

- **Rap battle:** Two rap gangs battle against each other's ideas with the weapon of music. The audience votes for its favourite rapper.

- **Science slam:** Young researchers present their findings in a concise, clear and entertaining way. The audience votes for the most talented future scientist.

 Yo!Fest: These activities will be taking place at Yo!Fest Village outside the European Parliament, organised by the European Youth Forum.

 Hemicycle: These activities will be taking place in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament.

 Webstreamed: These activities will be Webstreamed live.



## EXTRA ACTIVITIES



## Collective events

### Opening ceremony: Come together

A 30 minutes festive gathering to begin the EYE2018 together. With the presence of the President and Vice-President of the European Parliament, the President of the European Youth Forum, and the Mayor of Strasbourg.

**Day, Time:** Friday, 10:00-10:30

**Venue:** in front of the European Parliament, 8000 places

**Languages:** EN, FR, DE



### Welcome messages and artistic performances

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Key-note speaker

- **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Sylvie Guillaume**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, President of the European Youth Forum
- **Roland Ries**, Mayor of Strasbourg

#### Moderator

- **Boryana Gramatikova**, TV host, Bulgarian National Television

### High stakes for Europe: A new generation comes into play in 2019

One year out from the 2019 European elections, which will help define the kind of Europe we choose in these turbulent times, young people speak out and discuss the future of the EU with European leaders. What is the best way forward to make Europe work for all, protect its citizens and defend our common values? Who will decide?



**Day, Time:** Friday, 10:00-12:00

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 1200 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE, IT

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity



### Opening Plenary Session

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speaker

- **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament

#### Moderator

- **Efthymia Koutsokosta**, European affairs journalist, Euronews



## Yo!Fest at the EYE: For young people by young people

Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Yo!Fest organised by the European Youth Forum, will once again return to the EYE. Yo!Fest is an informal, dynamic, youth-led festival that brings young people and decision-makers together from across Europe to share stories and ideas to create solutions. The festival inspires, examines and entertains, inviting participants to inspect the world as it is and imagine how it might be.

The Yo!Fest programme mixes passionate debate and engaging workshops with innovative music, theatre and cinematic performances to make sure every young person can engage with the festival and experience a truly unique celebration.

### **Discussions, workshops, performances**

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 11:00-18:00  
b) Saturday, 10:00-18:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village

## Yo!Fest Open-Air Concert

Yo!Fest does not end as the sun goes down! Join thousands of EYE participants and Strasbourg locals for a spectacular open-air concert. Friday night, Chameleon Mime and the Belgian duo Juicy will open for headliner and British sensation Ella Eyre. Winners of the Emerging Bands Contest Dudes Of Groove Society, Al'York and The Rising Sun will play across the two days of the festival! And you better be ready to dance!

### **Open-air concert**

*Organised by the European Youth Forum and Jeunesse Musicales International (JMI)*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 18:00-00:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, 11000 places

## Closing session: Don't stop me now

Young people present and discuss the best ideas with the Vice-President of the European Parliament in the hemicycle.

### **Closing Plenary Session**

*Organised by the European Parliament*

#### **Key-note speaker**

- **Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

#### **Speakers**

- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, President of the European Youth Forum
- **Diana Bologova**, Board member, European Youth Press
- **Julie Mahlerová**, Chief-Editor, EYE Report
- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

#### **Moderator**

- **Leila Ghandi**, Journalist



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 17:30-19:00

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 1200 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE, ES

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity



## Open your EYES! Open-air cinema on the river banks

On the occasion of the EYE2018, the City of Strasbourg invites you to discover, or rediscover, the musical comedy 'La La Land'. In the heart of Los Angeles, a young actress, Mia, works as a waitress in a cafe between auditions. And Sebastian, devoted to jazz, plays the piano at run down clubs to keep himself afloat. The two of them are so very far from the dream lives they wish for.... Fate will reunite the two dreamers, but will their blossoming relationship be able to resist all of the temptations of the crazy Hollywood life? An American film by the 33 years old French director Damien Chazelle, with Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Before the film projection, you can participate at our bal sauvage and dance to the sounds of European music!

### **Open-air cinema**

*Organised by the City of Strasbourg*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, welcome from 19:00, dances from 20:00, projection 21:30-00:00

**Venue:** Jardin des Deux Rives, Strasbourg. Drinks truck on site (no food). Glass bottles and alcoholics drinks prohibited.

**Languages:** EN with FR subtitles

## Activities without booking

### OUTSIDE

#### Digital revolution tent

##### Apprenticeships... what an opportunity!

110 million Europeans have benefited from vocational education and training (VET). VET is increasingly attractive to both employers and their workforce. Work-based learning, traineeships, apprenticeships, tailored courses, and on-the-job training aim to unlock everyone's professional potential by combining theory and practice. Join us to share your experiences and opinions!

##### Workshop

Organised by the European Apprentices Network



**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:00-12:00  
Saturday 11:00-12:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent

**Language:** EN

#### Fair share tent

##### The resilience space

Come and join us for some mindful activities and talk about how you can raise awareness about the importance of recovery in your circle of friends! Learn how to make origami cranes, get lost in the world of mandala painting, reflect on your own time circles, get inspired through meditation and share your own thoughts on prevention of mental health issues.

##### Workshop

Organised by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) and the National Youth Council of Sweden (LSU)



**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:00-12:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

##### Friendship bracelets

YoFest is all about making new friends and celebrating internationalism. Join us as we create new friendships and new friendship bracelets.

##### Craft workshop

Organised by the International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)



**Days, Times:** Friday, 12:00-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

**Language:** EN

#### Border control

Have you ever experienced what it is like to be blocked in your country or to face obstacles when trying to go abroad because of your nationality? In this activity, you will be assigned an origin country and a destination one, and you will be able to get information on how visa procedures work.

##### Workshop

Organised by AEGEE/European Students' Forum



**Days, Times:** Friday, 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

**Language:** EN

#### Jeopardy!

How much do you know about sexual and reproductive health and rights? Join us in a game of 'jeopardy' to test your knowledge and learn something new!

##### Game

Organised by Youth Sexual Awareness For Europe (YSAFE)



**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

**Language:** EN

#### Genderless story

Times are changing, stories of our childhood don't seem as innocent and harmless as they once were. What was once uplifting is now considered by many to be 'problematic'. Come along to challenge your views on gender and walk a mile in someone else's shoes.

##### Workshop

Organised by the International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)



**Days, Times:** Friday, 16:00-16:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

**Language:** EN

#### The Escape

The Escape will highlight some of the challenges refugees face when leaving their homes. They often need to leave hastily and can leave many important and sentimental items behind. These items are important to us as individuals and form a part of us. Join us in this roleplay simulation to learn more about this process in an interactive way.

##### Role-play game

Organised by the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM)



**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-17:15

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

**Language:** EN

## What's your status?

This simulation will take you through the asylum-seeking process that refugees and migrants face in the countries they apply. The activity focuses on the interview process of refugees and shows the struggles they face in this process.

### Role-play game

Organised by the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM)

## From hate speech to love speech

Do you want to become a young online activist promoting No Hate Speech? If you want to practice, join us and learn how to take action! Through this workshop, you will understand how simple is to use hateful words online, you will learn how to express your ideas in a 'No Hate' form and how to reply to online insults. Join us!

### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Italy (FNG)

## Accessibility Day

Are spaces we live and work in accessible to people with disabilities? Join us in this interactive activity to learn more about the current reality and how it can be improved.

### Interactive workshop

Organised by Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

## Faces of Europe

Yo!Fest is all about inspiring you to act after you come home. What would you like to do to make Europe more inclusive? Share your ideas with us in our photo/video interviews and be a part of our campaign where we will pledge to work together for a more equal Europe!

### Campaign

Organised by AEGEE/European Students' Forum



**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:15-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:00-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-14:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent

## It's my body, is it?

Being able to make decisions about health, body and sexual life without fear or discrimination is a basic human right. Yet all over the world, people are judged, discriminated against and arrested, simply for making choices about their bodies. From banning abortions to restricting their use among minors to letting parents decide whether or not their intersex children should get irreversible gender-altering surgery. Do young Europeans have a right over their own bodies? Is the principle that a body is sovereign to itself is valid in Europe? Join this discussion that spans from disability and reproductive rights to the LGBT+ and feminist movement.

### Workshop

Organised by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)

## Alive in turbulent times tent

### 21<sup>st</sup> century heroes

Are you ready to chat with inspiring people who fight against discrimination? The 21st century heroes challenge stereotypes and prejudice through dialogue. It's a place where real people share their personal stories of resilience. You can ask them any sort of question and get a real answer. Drop by our corner of truth to make the best out of people's knowledge, promote intercultural and intergenerational exchanges.

### Talk/world café

Organised by Yo!Fest partners

## Parvis

### Enter Dignityland!

Social rights are every day's human rights, those that seem so important and basic that we often neglect them as human rights – until our own social rights are put into question. The workshop will explore social rights through the perspective of social policies (or their absence), based on the Enter Dignityland game of the Council of Europe. This playful approach to will also strengthen insights into the importance of political action – and young people's ability to influence it.

### Workshop

Organised by the Youth department of the Council of Europe



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-16:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent  
**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** Friday, 13:30-15:00  
Saturday 11:30-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Parvis  
**Language:** EN

## We Can! – recognising and reacting to hate speech

Hate speech is a growing area of concern for human rights and dignity – it particularly affects vulnerable young people but has a negative impact in society as a whole. How to recognise and how to react to it? Creativity and collective action are important ingredients and mobilisation of young people against hate speech. Based on the Council of Europe No Hate Speech Movement, you will learn how to react to hate speech and counter it. Join us and discover how you can make our society more inclusive and understanding.

### Workshop

Organised by the Youth department of the Council of Europe

## May the force be with us: A future for the planet and later generations?

We have so much work to do! Pollution, climate change, heavy industry, pesticides, the extinction of species: how can we ensure the future of our planet and mankind? That the way we use the Earth's resources meets our needs and still leaves enough for future generations? How can we make learning about sustainability fun and encourage people to get involved? Join our workshop and explore how youth work can help and how each and every one of us can make a difference. Be the change you want to see!

### Workshop

Organised by the Partnership on Youth between the Council of Europe and the European Commission



**Days, Times:** Friday, 14:30-16:00;  
Saturday 11:00-12:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Parvis

**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Parvis

**Language:** EN

## Activist bootcamp

### How to run your own media outlet in a not-so-rosy-environment

Founders of young independent media platforms from the neighbourhood countries of the European Union will talk about the tricks and tips of trade, tackling the challenges of operating a media outlet in a tough reality. How do you get inspiration from a reality filled with challenges? How do you deal with the fear your website could be shut down at any minute? How do you survive clashes with the government? How do you handle death threats and find funding for your operations - when there is no hope left on the horizon? This practical workshop will provide you with a unique insight behind the scenes of media activism and ideas on how to keep up with the digital revolution and stay alive in restrictive, turbulent environments.

### Workshop

Organised by European Endowment for Democracy (EED)

#### Speakers

- **Lina Attalah**, Co-founder and Chief Editor, Mada
- **Isam Uraiquat**, Co-founder & Editor, Al Hudood

### What brings us together: Transnational politics for the European grassroots

How can we build a European movement for change? Over the last decade, there have been rising tides of mobilisation, protest and grassroots organisation across Europe. Faced with diminishing prospects for the future, young people are often on the front line when it comes to demanding change, be it in their local communities, cities or countries. But with all this surge of participation, is there anything that brings us together at the European level? Join this interactive workshop to discuss how we can connect the dots between Europe's new social movements.

### Workshop

Organised by Diem25



**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp

**Language:** EN

## Organising European youth to revolutionise politics

How to inspire others to take action? How to create commitment to one another? How to organise volunteers in effective teams that can achieve common goals? If you always wanted to take action to improve the world around you but didn't know where to begin, this hands-on workshop is your chance to find out. Learn about community organising from real-life examples, and learn how to use storytelling - of self, us and now - to connect with others and together act for social change.

### Workshop

Organised by Volt Europa



**Days, Times:** Friday, 15:00-17:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp  
**Language:** EN

## Sexual and reproductive health and rights in a digital age: Fight stigma effectively

Sexual and reproductive health and rights can be a polarising issue, and the stigma around it usually affects the most vulnerable groups of young people. In this environment, it is difficult to have a productive conversation. How can we overcome this? Join us for an interactive workshop where you will learn how to communicate and frame sensitive issues effectively, with the purpose of fostering a constructive discussion on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Find out how you can combat stigma and how you can use online spaces to move conversation on this issue forward.

### Workshop

Organised by Youth Sexual Awareness for Europe (YSAFE)



**Days, Times:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp  
**Language:** EN

## Lost in transition: How to master the uncertainty

You are about to finish school or university and don't know yet what's next? You have done several internships, but still cannot find a job? Everyone has faced moments of transition that can be difficult, but also fruitful and inspirational. We want to hear your story, learn from everyone's experience to get ready for future changes. Join us for our "Lost in Transition" bootcamp to work on success factors, guidance tools and life-hacks when entering new stages in your life!

### Workshop

Organised by StartNet, Belgium/Italy



**Days, Times:** Saturday, 12:00-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp  
**Language:** EN

## How to combat and campaign on online abuse and harassment

Online abuse and harassment of women is a global problem and a particular problem for politically active women. This should not be seen as a normal occurrence, but a 'glitch' we have to fix. This 'glitch' in the online world is an increasing threat to democracy, human rights, safety and wellbeing. As the online and offline worlds become more fluid and we gradually move political participation online, how can we ensure everyone can fully engage and express opinions? How can we mobilise and build a movement of campaigners? How can we set a good standard within our own sphere of influence and lobby social media companies and decision-makers to commit to creating a safer internet? Join us for an interactive guide to campaigning against online abuse.

### Workshop

Organised by Glitch!UK, United Kingdom

#### Facilitator

- Seyi Akiwowo, Founder, Glitch!UK

## Impact journalism: Let's talk about solutions

In a political and social context that is both tense and disillusioned, at a time when pessimism and despair seem to be everywhere, Europeans are demanding solutions. Are you tired of hearing about problems without any discussion of how to respond to those problems? Would you like to learn how to build a more constructive and positive narrative? Impact journalism is a way to bring more solutions to light and to get people inspired to act. Learn more in this practical workshop that will challenge you to think about some of the biggest challenges of our time in a constructive and creative way.

### Workshop

Organised by Cafébabel

## DIY: Build your own youth movement!

Imagine yourself working with other young Europeans to build a pan-European movement that empowers citizens like you to participate in politics. Now you can stop imagining: in this workshop, you will be asked to do exactly that. You'll be assigned to a team and you will come up with a strategy and plan for creating such a pan-European youth movement. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

### Workshop

Organised by Volt Europa



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp  
**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** Saturday, 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp  
**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** Saturday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Activist bootcamp  
**Language:** EN

# INSIDE

## WIC open battle space

### Battle of ideas: Love versus money

What's behind our decisions, what drives our actions: Money or love, competition or solidarity, prosperity or equality? Young people debate controversial topics. Two groups of debaters from the International Debate Education Association (IDEA) confront each other with opposite positions on a series of topics, presenting their own position and responding to the others' points. The audience actively participates and votes on the group who managed to change their original opinion.

#### Speed debate

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Moderator

- **Yvonne Heselmans**, Executive Director, International Debate Education Association (IDEA) Netherlands

### Battle of ideas: Man versus machine

Poetry in the digital era: Pleasures and tribulations of keeping up with smart machines and artificial intelligence. Young slammers among the participants present their original poetry and a jury from the audience votes for the most impactful slam.

#### Poetry slam

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Slam Master

- **Irina Deneva**, TV Journalist, bTV

### Battle of ideas: Man versus nature

Will we manage to organise our life in the future within the boundaries of our planet? Young scientists present their research and come quickly to the point. All talks are easy to follow, engaging and entertaining. The audience votes for the most talented 'infotainer'.

#### Science slam

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Science slam Master

- **Eva Johansone**, Newscaster, Latvian Television

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** WIC open battle space, 150 places

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-16:30

**Venue:** WIC open battle space, 150 places

**Languages:** slams in EN, FR and DE (not interpreted)

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Friday, 18:00-19:30

**Venue:** WIC open battle space, 150 places

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

### Battle of ideas: Legal versus illegal

Staying alive in turbulent times: Walking on the wild side of life – without red tape between legal and illegal, respectful and dissing, peaceful and violent. The question is just: How far will this go? Two rap gangs battle against each other's ideas with the weapon of music. The audience votes for its favourite rapper.

#### Rap battle

Organised by the European Parliament

#### DJ

- **Fat Stash**, DJ, Boom Sound

#### EN battle

**Opening act and Host**

- **Felman**, Rapper

#### MCS

- **Major Dreamin'**, **Lucas Eli**, **YMF**, **Jay de Goat**, **Prins**, **Mill Green**, **El Cappucino**, **Lyo** - from the Dutch Pop Academy (Nederlandse Pop Academie), Utrecht

#### FR battle

**Opening act and Host**

- **Maeva**, Artist, Les Sons D'La Rue

#### MCS

- **Nirmoo**, **Back low**, **Reflectman**, **Fagie**, **RS-FA**, **NLR**, **ADM**, **Jah Yelove**, **RDK**, **Pako** - from the association Les Sons D'La Rue, Strasbourg

### Battle of ideas: Facts versus fake

Humour without borders in the smartphone era: More connected than ever – or trapped in our own filter bubble? Blurry lines between facts and fake – new stuff for funny situations, stereotypes and comedy. Comedians will make you think and laugh about current issues, funny situations and stereotypes.

#### Political comedy

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Comedians

- **Jacqueline Feldmann**, Stand-up comedian

- **Akim Omiri**, Humorist and Youtuber

#### Host

- **Pavel Cernoch**, Administrator, European Parliament

**Day, Times:** a) Saturday, 12:30-13:30  
b) Saturday, 14:00-15:00

**Venue:** WIC open battle space, 150 places

**Languages:** a) EN  
b) FR

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-17:30

**Venue:** WIC open battle space, 150 places

**Languages:** FR, DE (non interpreted)

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

## Swan bar

### Content creators: Social media influencers at the EYE2018

Today young people have something no generation before has ever had: social media. On Youtube, Twitter, Facebook or Instagram, there are many young faces discussing a range of issues which affect them and other young people. Meet our social media influencers, who will be at the EYE contributing to the many discussions taking place! From fashion or comedy to politics, these young people all have something to share about their personal stories and their messages with everyone who is going to be at the EYE2018.

### Networking and skills exchange session

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- a) **Poisson Fécond**, Video creator, Youtuber
- b) **Ludo Torbey, Stéphane Lambert, Xavier Cheung**, Political youtubers, Osons Causer
- c) **Diana zur Löwen**, Student and Social Media creator, DreamPlusand
- d) **Madeleine Alizadeh**, Podcaster & Influencer, Dariadaria

### Human Library of mobility opportunities

Come and meet Eurodesk Books. Read their stories and learn how to find the best mobility opportunity for you. The Eurodesk Human Library is a place where real people are lent out to readers. A place where questions are expected, appreciated and answered. Books will be about volunteering, youth exchanges, studying, internships and much more.

### Human Library

Organised by Eurodesk

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 15:30-16:30  
b) Saturday, 12:00-13:00  
c) Saturday, 15:00-16:00  
d) Saturday, 16:00-17:00

**Venue:** Swan bar

**Languages:** a) FR, b) FR/EN; c) DE/EN, d) DE/EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Friday a) 14:00-15:30  
b) 16:00-17:30  
Saturday c) 10:00-11:30  
d) 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** Swan bar

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

## LOW

### ELECTION session: This time I'm voting

It's not enough to just hope for a better future, this time we all need to take responsibility for it. Because this time more is at stake. And this time we're not just voting ourselves, we are asking others to vote too: our families, our friends, our neighbours and our communities. Because when everybody votes, everybody wins. Join us to find out how you can get your local #thistimeimvoting group going.

### Info session

Organised by the European Parliament

### Days, Times, Venues, Languages:

Friday:

- a) 11:00-12:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places
- b) 12:30-13:30, LOW H-1.4, FR, 100 places
- c) 14:00-15:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places
- d) 15:30-16:30, LOW H-1.4, DE, 100 places
- e) 17:00-18:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

Saturday:

- f) 10:30-11:30, LOW S1.5, EN, 100 places
- g) 12:00-13:00, LOW S1.5, DE, 100 places
- h) 14:00-15:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places
- i) 15:00-16:00, LOW S1.5, DE, 100 places
- j) 15:30-16:30, LOW H-1.4, FR, 100 places
- k) 17:00-18:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

## Drop-in activities

### INSIDE

#### Emilio Colombo space

##### EYE Social Media Lab

The Parliament's social media team is waiting to meet you... Want to be part of our Facebook lives or feature in our Snapchat stories? Looking forward to meeting fellow Instagrammers and even influencers? Sufficiently agile for our EYE jumping photos? Come and visit us at the EYE Social Media Lab!

*Organised by the Webcommunication department of the European Parliament*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00  
**Venue:** Emilio Colombo space

##### Exhibition: #EYE2018 Instagram photo contest

Come and take a look at the best entries in the @europeanparliament and @ep\_eye Instagram competition. #YoungOld, #RichPoor, #ApartTogether, #SafeDangerous, #LocalGlobal: the five EYE topics as seen through the lenses of photographers and Instagrammers from all over Europe. We received more than 2,500 pictures: an amazing testimony of the diversity of our European culture.

*Organised by the Webcommunication department of the European Parliament*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00  
**Venue:** Emilio Colombo space

#### Vox Box space

##### Your story, our history: My House of European History

What does it mean to be European? It's not just the great leaders: we are all a part of Europe's history, and have a valuable role to play in preserving our common heritage and identity. So make YOUR personal story part of history! Dig out your memories, photos, videos or sound files related to any historical event in Europe, and come to our activity stand to share it! We'll film you and help you record your story and upload your material on My House of European History platform - and you will become co-author of a virtual library of testimonials and personal stories from across Europe.

##### Memories recordings

*Organised by the Innovation Team, European Parliament*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00  
**Venue:** Vox Box space

##### Erasmus Radio show

Erasmus Evening is an online radio show for students considering studying for a period abroad as part of the Erasmus+ programme. And this time special broadcast will be recorded from the EYE2018! Issues discussed will include Erasmus+ its future, working abroad, digital revolution, Brexit and its impact for young people and, last but not least, the role of young people in Europe.

##### Radio show

*Organised by Gabriela Jelonek, Charlemagne Youth Prize 2017 winner*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-13:30  
**Venue:** Vox Box space  
**Language:** EN

##### 'The Y project': Want to be part of a documentary?

'The Y project' is a documentary project on Europe's Generation Y, which will be shot partly during EYE 2018. We have had enough movies showing the current difficulties experienced by young people. For the creators, it's now essential to revive the image of the young people of Europe, so come along and participate in the shooting by taking part in one of the short video interviews!

##### Documentary filming

*Organised by the Youth Regional Council of Centre-Val de Loire, France*

#### Central open space

##### ARTE360: Reality. Only Better.

ARTE will present at the EYE2018 some of its critical acclaimed programs in 360° and Virtual Reality. Come to enjoy these immersive experiences under a VR-headset and take part in fictional experiences. 360° documentaries will take you to exceptional places. You might step into paintings or concert halls and you'll feel like being inside productions created in Europe for the world.

##### Virtual reality

*Organised by ARTE Creativ*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00  
**Venue:** Central open space



## Language Matters

Tongue-tied? Lost in translation? Never! Come and see how we do it and find out if you have what it takes to become a linguist for the most multilingual institution in the world. Visit our stand and try your hand in our interpretation booth, experiment with machine translation and explore the role of multilingualism as an essential component of European democracy! Be sure to enter our translation competition: your golden ticket to Brussels awaits you! Spread the word!

### **Interpretation and translation stand**

*Organised by the EP Linguists, European Parliament*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00

**Venue:** Central open space

## The Chronicles of Utsuug

Ever wanted to test a video game and give your feedback before the final version is established? This is your chance: We invite you to be our tester of season 1 of "The Chronicles of Utsuug" game. Discover the powerful and far-reaching consequences of your choices as Jiil. The fate of Tove, the underground colonies, the City of Utsuug and C'Carlin are at stake. Will you be able to save the Colonies? This user-centered interactive story on the European Union is designed to explain to first-voters the European elections and the EU political system. You are invited to test the tool and to discuss how it can be used (online, in-class, flipped classroom...).

### **Video game**

*Organised by the EDGE international research project of the Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00

**Venue:** Central open space

## This time I'm voting for \_\_\_\_\_

Whatever it is that you're voting for, when you vote for yourself you're voting for others too.

For your families and for your friends, for your neighbours and for your communities.

So please sign up to commit yourself to vote here and now.

Collect your personal commitment badge and wear it with pride.

Because when everybody votes, everybody wins.

### **Activity stand**

*Organised by the European Parliament*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00

**Venue:** Central open space

## Swan bar

### Faces2Hearts

The Faces2Hearts photo exhibition will take you on a 3-continent tour to discover the unforgettable faces that marked the hearts of 4 young bloggers during a unique 5-month journey across Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific. Come and explore the amazing stories behind the photos – stories of positive change, stories of hope!

### **Exhibition**

*Organised by the Faces2Hearts project supported by EuropeAid (European Commission)*

**Days, Times:** Friday, 11:30-18:30  
Saturday, 10:00-18:00

**Venue:** Swan bar

**Language:** EN

## Parlamentarium

### Europe and its Parliament in 360°

Take a seat in our cinema and get a stunning 360° view of Europe and of its Parliament, how it works, how laws are made and how European politics affects you.

### **360° film screening**

*Organised by parlamentarium*

**Days, Times:** ongoing (every 15 min)

**Venue:** Parlamentarium, 50 places at the time

## OUTSIDE

### Living Library garden

#### Living Library

The Living Library works just like a normal library: visitors can browse the catalogue and borrow Books for a limited time. The only difference is that in the Living Library, Books are people and reading is a conversation. The Living Library attempts to challenge prejudice and discrimination by facilitating a conversation between a Living Book, who shares a personal experience of discrimination or social exclusion, and a Reader. Come and discover the stories of the Living Books!

### **Living Library**

*Organised by the Youth department of the Council of Europe*



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:00-18:30  
b) Saturday, 10:00-17:00

**Venue:** Living library garden, open to all without restriction

**Language:** EN

## Digital revolution tent

### The digital wall

Description: How good has the digital revolution been for us? What are some pros - and what are the cons of the digital revolution? Share your thoughts with us!

#### Installation

Organised by Yo!Fest partners

### What is your digital footprint?

How do your online habits compare to those of your peers? Join us to find out! You will learn about responsible online behaviour and get tips on how to stay safe online.

#### Questionnaire

Organised by the Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP)

### Capture the spirit of the EYE!

Thousands of young people will gather in Strasbourg to debate, learn, and get inspired to act for social change. The energy of the EYE might be hard to describe in words, but a photo might capture it better! Will it be YOUR photo? Enter our contest and find out!

#### Photo contest

Organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF)

### Offline corner

We all are nuts about technology – we love uploading pictures from our last trip on Instagram or chatting until midnight (and beyond) on Whatsapp, but... Did you know that we, Millennials, check our phones up to 150 times per day? Don't you think it is time to leave your mobile phone aside and have a nice face-to-face conversation? If you want to switch off and enjoy a full human connection, come to the only mobile-free corner at the Yo!Fest!

#### Installation

Organised by Yo!Fest partners



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent

## Stronger Europe tent

### Symbol fusion

Have you ever heard about Adinkra symbols? These symbols, originally created by the Akan of Ghana and the Gyaman of Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa represent different concepts and values that are shared and celebrated in Europe too. Choose one symbol that you believe is most important in creating a stronger Europe - and take it with you!

#### Craft workshop

Organised by the Ubele Initiative

### Language quiz

How much do you know about different languages from all around the world? Do you know something about different minor and regional languages? Join us in this quiz to learn about European languages and language rights!

#### Quiz

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organization (TEJO)

### Discover sign language and deaf culture

How much do you know about sign language and more broadly, about deaf culture? What does living as a deaf person entail in reality? Challenge your knowledge in this video quiz!

#### Quiz

Organised by the European Union of Deaf Youth (EUDY)

### Gallery: Europe

Visit our Gallery: Europe and recognise all the known and unknown heroes that helped build Europe as it is today. Who is a European hero for you? We'll find some space for them in the gallery too!

#### Exhibition

Organised by Yo!Fest partners



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent

## Free Cookies

Come and get your free cookies! But to get them - you will have to understand the instructions! And you might not understand the language they are written in. Learn about language discrimination through this interactive game.

### Game

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organization (TEJO)

## Alive in turbulent times tent

### Generation Y - any fears?

The 'wall of fear' is a visual representation of some of the biggest concerns of young people. Help us build it and then be there on Saturday for the discussion 'Generation Y: What's your greatest fear?' That's when we will destroy the wall of fear together!

### Installation

Organised by the youth organisation of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth)

### The path

If you think it is impossible to experience different European cultures in just 3 minutes, 'The Path' is here to prove you wrong. We are taking you on a sensorial journey! Here is the route: destination 1 will make you think; destination 2 will mess things up; and destination 3 will finally make everything clear (or maybe not?!). Also, we will give you the opportunity to share your experience with the whole world - but you should proceed to the 'We go live!' activity! Pack your bags and join us!

### Installation

Organised by Yo!Fest partners



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent

## We go live!

...And action! Young people usually complain no one wants to hear their voices. 'We go live!' will give you the opportunity to change that and present yourself to the audience in a way that is expected from a millennial! We will ask you some important, funny and provocative questions related to interculturalism, future of Europe and experience that you gained during our 'The Path' activity. So, just think about the problems that concern your peers and share anything that you would like the whole world to hear! Did we mention that we will broadcast your answers live? It is your time to speak out!

### Recordings

Organised by Yo!Fest partners

### Become a peace-builder instantly!

In case you were wondering how young people can preserve peace and advocate for it, this event is just for you! Or, in case you know a lot about it, come and share your knowledge with others! Let chance decide how you can start acting for peace and be a part of the new generation that simply refuses to go to war!

### Game

Organised by Yo!Fest partners

### One way ticket to the unknown

They leave their homes behind and embark on a journey. What does this journey of refugees through Turkey, Greece and FYROM really look like? What are the conditions they live in? Come to see the pictures you don't see in the media and share your impressions!

### Exhibition

Organised by Yo!Fest partners



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent

## The journey from Istanbul

If you were wondering what it's like to be in the shoes of migrants, play our game 'The journey from Istanbul'. The objective of the board game is to spread information about migration from the Middle East to Europe. The players will take on the role of migrants traveling through Turkey towards Europe. The idea is to get players to understand what a migrant has to go through to get to Europe. Join us - and take a free copy of the game with you!

### Game

Organised by System & Generation

## Protecting our planet tent

### Clean green

Join us for this quick DIY workshop and make your own green cleaning products!

### Workshop

Organised by the Jeunes Ecologistes

### Sustainability visualised

How can you minimise food waste? How can you save water and electricity? How can you travel in an eco-friendly way? Pass by and get a handy visual guide!

### Installation

Organised by International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)

### Podcasting the planet

How is climate change affecting you and your community? How are young people involved in working towards a more environmentally conscious world? How do you think policy-makers can help? Take part in our podcast and share your thoughts with the world!

### Recordings

Organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent

**Language:** EN

## Your environmental pulse

So you know your heart rate, it is always with you, it is what keeps you alive. But do you know your environmental pulse? Because our environmental pulse makes the planet come alive. Come along and measure your environmental pulse. Don't worry, it's actually going to be fun.

### Workshop

Organised by Yo!Fest partners

## Who made my clothes?

Check the label on your clothes. Where was it made? How far did your jeans travel? What is the environmental and social impact of your clothes? Fashion producers and retailers have been criticised for the environmental and human rights abuses in the sector. Join us in this photo campaign and call for better standards!

### Campaign

Organised by the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

## Youth across the globe

Visit our exhibition illustrating the importance of young people and their sexual and reproductive health and rights in the context of sustainable development. Reflect on how better awareness on these rights can contribute to a more sustainable world.

### Exhibition

Organised by Yo!Fest partners



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent

## Parvis

### European Youth Foundation (EYF) exhibition: The best of youth projects

The European Youth Foundation provides financial and educational support for European youth activities. The EYF exhibition presents projects supported by the EYF under the five EYE 2018 themes and introduces the Foundation.

#### **Exhibition**

*Organised by the Youth department of the Council of Europe*

### Wear your rights: "Our rights – our freedoms"

Young people are using new ways to tackle issues and fight for causes they believe in. This activity will raise their fundamental rights such as the right to life; prohibition of torture, slavery and forced labour; the right to liberty and security; the right to a fair trial; the right to respect for private and family life; freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of expression; freedom of assembly and association; the right to marry; prohibition of discrimination; protection of property; the right to education; the right to free elections; the abolition of the death penalty.

*Organised by the Youth department of the Council of Europe*



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Parvis

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** ongoing

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Parvis

**Language:** EN

## City center

### Born somewhere

Born somewhere (Nés Quelque Part) is an exhibition-show halfway between theatre and role-play, which touches upon climate change and sustainable development and how it can be combated in our daily lives. Participants undertake a journey from the perspective of people from across the world. In over an hour's worth of immersive experience, you will encounter perspectives from one of the seven global regions, from Europe to North Africa, to South America and Asia. Take part to put yourself in the shoes of some of the 21 personalities, from a young Nigerian mother to a Cambodian farmer!

#### **Interactive exhibition**

*Organised by the City of Strasbourg in cooperation with the Agence Française de Développement, France*



**Days, Times:** Booking required on the website [www.nesquelquepart.fr](http://www.nesquelquepart.fr)

Three free sessions for EYE participants using the code 'EYE' : Friday, 15:50-17:00, Saturday, 14:00-15:10, Sunday, 14:00-15:10.

**Venue:** place du Château, Strasbourg center

**Languages:** EN, FR



## Artistic performances

### Flower carpet stage

#### Music connects people

- a) Music connects people and cultures. A group of young string soloists from Cyprus performing musical arrangements from all over Europe. The ensemble was created to provide musical education to talented young people for free.

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:00-14:00

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

#### Music performance

*By the Cyprus Young String Soloists, Cyprus*

- b) Artists aren't detached from their environment when they perform – music forms a bond between audience and performer. Singer-songwriter Ariane hopes to get you thinking about tolerance, active participation and civic engagement. Be inspired to make the change to more sustainable habits and behaviour and support equal opportunities for all genders.

#### Music performance

*By Ariane Vera, Germany*

#### You are the artist!

You can sing, you can dance, you can play the piano... The floor is yours to delight your peers with music and grace. Perhaps you have a story to tell or a poem to share? This is your space; a space open to all languages to express the beauty of the soul, the minds and the bodies.

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:45-16:45

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

#### Creative impro performance

*By you*

## Dance together: History, tradition and the future generations

- a) Sibiu, Hermannstadt or Nagyszeben: do you know any other city known by three different names among its own inhabitants? European Capital of Culture in 2017, this Romanian city has seen several cultures and ethnic groups living and dancing peacefully together for centuries. Come and join the folk dances that originated in this unique 'European laboratory'!

### Dance performance

By the Samuel von Brukenthal National College, Romania

- b) Come and join a programme of Cypriot folk dances, reflecting Cyprus's geopolitical position, its various conquerors and plenty of its social conventions. At the end of the performance, come up on stage and learn the steps of the Kalamatianos, one of the most popular Panhellenic dances.

### Dance performance

By the Limassol Folklore Association

## Europe: Improvisation, freestyle or set composition?

We exchange ideas and ideals in music just like in the Member States! One has an idea and the others follow – can we apply the concepts of support and solidarity, like in an ensemble, to the workings of the EU? Active thinking, communication and a willingness to put yourself in someone else's shoes might just be the key. Join us in our bid for a better Europe!

### Music performance

By the JML Collective Ensemble, Austria

## Waves of people, waves of hope!

Terror, war, suffering – the world appears so dark and hopeless. How can we survive? This theatrical music and dance performance takes you from the darkness of our world to the luminance of Europe and its people as messengers of hope.

### Chorodrama

By The Visioners, Cyprus

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-18:00

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-12:30

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:45-13:15

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

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## Life is a circus

Enjoy an artistic performance created and performed by students from renowned European circus schools. Keep an eye open: you may also spot them in the Yo!Fest Village doing unscripted performances and animations.

### Circus performances

By the European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

## Silent play: The soundtrack of migration

Experience what it's like to leave behind the country of your birth, devastated by war. A group of spectators, a theatrical conductor and audio guides. Non Dalla Guerra (Not Through War) is a unique experience – a silent play – which will transform the audience into a small moving community, performing, investigating, remembering and reflecting all at the same time.

### Interactive performance

By Non Dalla Guerra, Italy

## Sing Joyfully

VOCES8 is delighted to present Sing Joyfully, a programme that celebrates the joy and beauty of voices in harmony. With music from the Renaissance to Jazz and Pop, this concert combines ethereal and angelic voices with VOCES8 renowned stage presence.

### Music performance

By VOCES8, United Kingdom

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 14:15-14:45  
b) Saturday, 13:30-14:00

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

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**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-16:00

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

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**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-17:00

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 100 places

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## Red carpet stage

### Beyond the walls

At school, it's easy: we know where the pitfalls are... Protected by adults – teachers and parents – we have everything we want. However, we will soon be kicked out into another world, governed by different rules. How will we live in this world?? Which stars will show us the way? These are some of the questions that we ask ourselves at this age. Will you help us find answers?

#### *Theatre performance*

*By Futurologues, Hungary*

### Borderscapes

The year is 2037. Europe has become a maximum security zone, its citizens protected from a threatening world outside – and even leaving has become a challenge. Five refugees, desperately trying to flee the continent, meet princess Europa and her bull. Is it really explosives they're carrying around in their suitcase?

#### *Theatre performance*

*By BAZAAR Europa*

### When past meets present

Come and discover what happens when 'young' and 'old' meet. Traditional Cypriot music and modern instrument arrangements come together in one unique programme. Share in our passion for music and have fun singing along. And don't worry: we'll teach you the words!

#### *Music performance*

*By BanDazoo, Cyprus*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:00-13:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

**Language:** EN

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**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-14:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

**Language:** EN

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**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:00-15:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

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### We are family!

What are my roots? What does it mean to be European? Could it mean preserving national differences? Come, observe, share your story and take part in the creation of a European family tree!

#### *Interactive performance*

*By Alla Ribalta, Italy*

### Spring awakening: Discovering the inner and outer turbulence of life!

The musical Spring Awakening tells the story of young people struggling against all odds to build a better world and find a place for themselves. It encourages reflection on love, guilt, passion, life, and the impact that perspectives, expectations and actions have on others. Come and listen to songs from this musical and get inspired on how young people are able to make a better future.

#### *Music performance*

*By ATopM*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-16:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-17:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

**Language:** EN

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## Battle 4 Your Vote: A political rap battle

Four teams – each composed of two Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from the same political party and a professional freestyle hip hop artist – duel on topics relevant to Europe today. During the freestyle hip hop battle, teams compete by rapping with music on a given topic, effectively debating the other team, head to head. Participants of the EYE will be invited to submit topics for the battle in advance. The exact topics will be announced at the start of each battle. MEPs will then brief their rapper on their position on the subject. Come and decide who wins and who loses with your applause!

### Rap battle

Organised by the EU40 as part of the EU elections unplugged series

#### Host

- **Luke Gardna aka Gardna**, MC, Host, Boom Sound

#### DJ

- **Fat Stash**, DJ, Boom Sound

#### Introduction

- **Camelia Vasile**, EU40

#### Speakers/rappers

##### EPP - Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

- **Gramsky**, Rapper
- **Tomáš Zdechovský**, Member of the European Parliament

##### S&D - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

- **Dekay**, Rapper
- **Brando Benifei**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Tiemo Wölken**, Member of the European Parliament

##### ALDE - Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

- **MC Angel**, Rapper
- **Dita Charanzová**, Member of the European Parliament

##### Greens-EFA - Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

- **Felman**, Rapper
- **Karima Delli**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Terry Reintke**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Friday, 18:30-20:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 250 places

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

## Dance for a better world

We live in a world where communication is essential – and yet sometimes words aren't necessary. Join our dance performance, share our emotions and discover how together we can build a better world – a world in which we can feel safe and, in dangerous times, help each other survive. You can dance alone – but it's way better together.

### Dance performance

By *Theseus, Portugal*

## Anxiety: Are we being manipulated?

We are constantly bombarded with images of radical acts and news of terrorism. Even if we can't always grasp what we see in the media, anxiety is all around us. Is what we see real or manipulated? Three dancers and a singer will lead us into a world floating on the border between dreams and reality, where gestures and voices tell a story in search of the answers we've all been looking for.

### Dance performance

By *the Ziggurat Project & Eszter Munkácsy, Hungary*

## Europe: A crossroads of identity

What identity will we choose in the face of an ever more integrated Europe? How much does our personal identity merge with collective identity? How much do immigrants influence collective identity and how much do we absorb into our own? Take part in this theatrical performance and interactive conversation and show how you feel about this internal struggle.

### Theatre performance and conversation

By *Gkezos Armandos, Greece*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:00-13:30

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-14:00

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

**Language:** EN

A few extra places may be available on the spot even if you didn't manage to book this activity

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:00

**Venue:** Red carpet stage, 150 places

**Language:** EN

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## 1. YOUNG AND OLD: Keeping up with the digital revolution



*'May you have a strong foundation  
when the winds of changes shift,  
may you stay forever young.'*

- Bob Dylan, *Forever young*

## PANELS

### **Forever young:** Survive me if you can

What happens if we live to a hundred years? A longer, healthier life is slowing down the process of aging while the digital revolution is accelerating the rhythm of our lives. Time to think about new options and policy choices: How to adapt the three stages of life – education, work, retirement – to the new reality? How to survive in the age of automation, improving work-life balance and healthcare? How to create fairness between the generations including opportunities for the young and pension rights for the old?

#### **Ideas check**

*Organised by the European Parliament*

#### **Ideas givers**

- **Daniel Akhtar**, Human Capital Consultant, Deloitte Belgium
- **David Kingman**, Senior Researcher, The Intergenerational Foundation
- **Nenja Wolbers**, Project Manager, Digital Opportunities Foundation

#### **Ideas catchers**

- **Heinz K. Becker**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Brando Benifei**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Anna Záborská**, Member of the European Parliament

#### **Moderator**

- **Stefanie Hintzmann**, Journalist, ARTE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.4, 300 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## European elections 2019: Count on me, I'll be there!

The first time things can turn magical, funny or serious. First-time voters usually abstain more than older voters, delegating their future to the older generation. Elections are a vital part of democracy. Discover what it's like to vote for the first time in the upcoming European elections. What are your ideas for a high mobilisation among your peers online and in real life? Can we close the 'turnout gap' between young and old voters?

### Presentations and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Kristen Aigro**, League of Young voters
- **Kenny Imafidon**, Managing Director, ClearView Research
- **Elmar Stracke**, PhD Student, Polis 180
- **Diana zur Löwen**, Student and Social Media creator, DreamPlus

#### Moderator

- **Jaume Duch**, Director-General for Communication and Spokesperson, European Parliament

## Robots and Artificial Intelligence: The new force awakens

Robots and us: will they become our new assistants making our lives easier – or rivals taking our jobs away? Will they help or replace us? The new force of machine learning and automation will not automatically move in the right direction. We need to make hard political choices: What are your ideas to avoid unemployment and to turn higher productivity into benefits for all? Where will artificial intelligence and machine learning take us? Do we need to update data protection to the reality of an emerging robot economy? Would you trust a self-driving car? What safety rules should Europe roll out for robots on the roads?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Ionuț Alexandru Budișteanu**, Software developer, Founder, VisionBot and WebDollar
- **Francesca Episcopo**, Research Fellow, DIRPOLIS Institute
- **Andreas Schwab**, Member of the European Parliament

#### Moderator

- **Tatjana Evas Peeters**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:30

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 900 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW N1.4, 300 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject



## I am Dr Robot! What can I do for you?

Medical robots are changing healthcare around the world. Machine learning and computers able to learn from data will be essential to decoding diseases and performing precise surgery in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Dr Robot versus Dr Human: Should the European Union promote or stop this technological advance? Europe's humanist values: in the hands of a doctor or in the algorithm of a robot? Will 'machine healing' bring the cold efficiency of the machine age to sick and vulnerable people - or will it complement human touch, experience and empathy?

### Hearing

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Salam Abbara**, Resident in internal medicine and infectious diseases, Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris
- **Eduard Fosch Villaronga**, Researcher, Queen Mary University of London & Microsoft Cloud Computing Research Center
- **Rolf Gaasbeek**, PhD student, Technical University of Eindhoven

#### Moderator

- **Dita Charanzova**, Member of the European Parliament

## Schools of tomorrow: Learning for ever-changing times

What's next in education? What set of skills and knowledge will be most useful in the digital era? How can education become a ticket to employment? More vocational learning and practical experience? Can learning be more creative? Which are the top performing countries in the international PISA test – and what can policy-makers all over Europe learn from the 'cleverlands'? What do you propose to boost lifelong learning on-line or in schools and universities?

### Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! To make sure you develop the best ideas, we'll start extra early! In May, you'll be asked to answer a quick online survey to share your views on where you want things to change, and why you want the European Institutions to act. What is going wrong, and why? Then, at the EYE, you'll dive into developing joint answers to these problems. You'll brainstorm in small groups and at the end you'll have the chance to present the most innovative and significant ideas you came up with to an expert of the European Parliament, and get direct feedback!

#### Ideas catchers

- **Lidija Globokar**, Communications Manager, European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-17:30

**Venue:** WIC 200, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 15:00-18:30  
b) Saturday, 12:00-15:30

**Venues:** a) LOW S2.1, 120 places  
b) LOW N3.2, 120 places

**Languages:** EN, FR, DE  
(interpretation only in plenary sessions)

## A cross-generational issue: Does social media integrate or isolate?

Overcoming loneliness is part of life's most fundamental domains: A sense of belonging, love and attachment. For friendship and social contacts there is no firm line between the real and online worlds in the smartphone era. Can social media and online apps

- overexpose teenagers to constant online feedback and idealised images at the expense of real-life friendships,
- reduce loneliness and improve healthcare for older people,
- create innovative ways of mutual support and exchange between generations and start a new intergenerational game of give-and-take?

### Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Madeleine Alizadeh**, Podcaster & Influencer, Dariadaria
- **Aaron Mansfield**, Young Health Movement Project Manager, Royal Society for Public Health
- **Vyacheslav Polonski**, Researcher, University of Oxford
- **Jean- Baptiste Rollet**, Responsable, VITA Jeunes

#### Moderator

- **Albrecht John**, Administrator, European Parliament

## Youth unemployment: The race to zero

The journey from education to employment – a never ending search for the first job. Youth unemployment remains the most stubborn form of injustice. How can the European Union and the member states

- scale up programmes to get all young people in all regions of Europe into work,
- multiply investments to boost jobs for the young,
- work for a Europe free of youth unemployment?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Key-note speaker


- **Marianne Thyssen**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission

#### Speakers


- **David Garrote**, Talent Acquisition & Employer Brand, LIDL
- **Tea Jarc**, President, Trade Union Youth Plus
- **Daniel Wisniewski**, Co-founder and President of YouthProAktiv

#### Moderator

- **Isabelle Coustet**, Head of European Parliament Liaison Office in France

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-15:30  
**Venue:** LOW N1.4, 300 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE  




**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-16:00  
**Venue:** Hemicycle, 900 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE  


## Quantum leaps: This time it's Europe!

Albert Einstein and Max Planck would be thrilled: A new generation of scientists takes things further from the quantum theory to a new mind-bending quantum technology. Quantum computers and internet will unlock an amazing world of incredible possibilities. Light and matter for the next transformation of global industries and markets! Can Europe become the world leader in research this time? Can we do it better and faster than Silicon Valley? What are the political choices for safety, privacy and data protection?

### Hearing

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Johannes Pseiner**, PhD student in Physics, Institute for Quantum Optics and Quantum Information, University of Vienna
- **Christian Trefzger**, Policy Officer on High Performance Computing & Quantum Technologies, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- **Anne-Marije Zwerver**, PhD student in Quantum Computation, QuTech, Delft University of Technology

#### Moderator

- **Eva Kalli**, Member of the European Parliament

## Tell me about it

Fake news, misinformation and disinformation are some of today's biggest threats to democracy. Providing all audiences with independent news content, exploring new creative formats and tools, and helping the audience to better understand the world around them is crucial for a democratic society. What is the role of the public service media in all this? What new formats and tools can be developed to fight fake news? How do we engage the audience and help them to understand complex stories by telling them in simple ways? How can we produce content that is more relevant and easier to understand for everyone?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

#### Moderator

- **Madiana Asseraf**, Head of Media Strategy & Development, European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

#### Speakers

- **Lukas Hansen**, Deutsche Welle
- **Stéphane Lambert**, Political youtuber, Osons Causer
- **Kreeta-Maria Kivioja**, Yle
- **Nick Rotherham**, BBC

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30  
**Venue:** LOW R3.1, 200 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE  
Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00  
**Venue:** LOW N1.3, 190 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Combating fake news: What can we do?

Fake news. You must have heard this term a million times over the past few years. The rise of fake news and misinformation online has taken the media by storm and public authorities are increasingly concerned about the risks it poses to democratic societies and processes. The EU has been taking steps to combat the fake news phenomenon. For example, the European Commission has created a High-Level Expert Group to tackle fake news. But is this enough? What more can be done? Do we need more comprehensive reforms of the way media literacy is taught?

### Discussion

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:00-14:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.2, 150 places

**Language:** EN

## Education and training at your fingertips!

Technological progress creates new opportunities in education and training. How can technology boost teaching, training and mobility experience in higher education? How can Erasmus+ support both teachers and learners in gaining the digital skills they need for the future? What opportunities do virtual classrooms have to offer? Are educational institutions keeping up with the digital revolution in collaboration with learners?

### Discussion

*Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture*

#### Speaker

- **Jeroen Van Lent**, International Board Member, Erasmus Student Network

#### Moderator

- **Lloyd Huitson**, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00

**Venue:** LOW R5.1, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## E-portfolios: Why you can forget about writing a traditional CV

Are you looking for a way to increase your chances of finding suitable employment? Do you know what the latest recruitment trends are and how to make sense of the changing world of work? Does the EU really offer everything you need when it comes to work and study? Don't bother with traditional applications or CVs, come and listen to a panel of experts discuss the use of e-portfolios.

### Discussion

*Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion*

#### Speakers

- **Marcel Molenaar**, Country Manager for Benelux, LinkedIn

- **Dimitrios Pikios**, European Commission, European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion

- **Simone Ravaoli**, Business Development Executive, Digitary, Italy

#### Moderator

- **Angeliki Dedopoulou**, European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** LOW S2.2, 140 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Help: A robot stole my job!

The world of work is changing, and fast. What will work look like in the future? Technological progress is set to change our workplaces, our education and some of our fundamental rights. How can we start preparing for the future today? Contribute to an upcoming study by having your say on the issues young people will face in a world where rapid digitalisation and demographic trends are changing our understanding of work. We want to hear from you – what kind of labour market do you want in the future?

### Discussion

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:30

**Venue:** LOW S2.2, 150 places

**Language:** EN

## Work, work, work, work...: What's the new way to make a living?

Globalisation, digitalisation, automation: buzz words with a profound impact on the way we work. Technological progress allows for more flexibility. Thanks to our laptops, smartphones and tablets we can work when we want, where we want. But insecurity is also on the rise, in particular when it comes to access to social security and vanishing boundaries between private and professional life. The EU's answer is the European Pillar of Social Rights, but is it enough? Join this interactive session and together we'll come up with ideas on how to embrace the opportunities provided by new forms of work.

### Keynote speech and talk

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion

#### Key-note speaker

- **Marianne Thyssen**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission

#### Speakers

- **Michael Bugaj**, Founder of meploy
- **Aileen Körfer**, Director for Services Policy and Digitalisation, UNI EUROPA
- **Julian Richter**, co-founder, More than one perspective

#### Moderator

- **Méabh Mc Mahon**, TV & radio reporter

## Young, gifted and trapped: Are public services a way out?

Public services are a vital means for cohesion and social inclusion. Everyone has different needs at different stages of their lives. The right support and information at the right time can make a real difference. Do you really know who to turn to for advice or support with the concerns, troubles and issues you face as a young person? How can social and health services ease the transition between adolescence and adulthood? How can we improve public services for young people while making sure that no one is left behind?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

#### Speakers

- **Imre Simon**, Members' service manager, Eryica - The European Youth Information and Counselling Agency
- **Robbie Stakelum**, policy officer from, FEANTSA - The European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

#### Moderator

- **Anna Ludwinek**, Research manager in the Social Policies Unit, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** LOW S2.2, 140 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:30

**Venue:** LOW H-1.2, 60 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

## Better Life Index: Citizen e-engagement or how to innovate policy-making

How are wellbeing and quality of life measured by governments – and how are they perceived by people around the world? Taking the Better Life Index of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as a case study, we'll discuss the use of technology as an important channel for public participation. How can policy-makers ensure that those affected most directly by a political decision have a say in it? How can they use digital forms of public participation to inform and include people efficiently and put their needs at the centre of policy-making processes? And how can they improve existing tools to make them more interactive and inclusive, and ultimately more responsive to people's needs?

### Workshop

Organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

#### Facilitator

- **Nuria Villanova**, Better Life Index Coordinator, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

## Growing up in a digital society: What matters most to young people?

Today's young people have grown up in a digital world, but they rarely get a say on what matters most in our digital society and what our priorities should be. Their world has been shaped, and is still being shaped, by others. Instead of being seen as passive objects of others' decisions, young people should be fully included in conversations on their own future. What do you think is the most important issue in our digital society? Join this discussion with experts and policy-makers and come up with solutions to these issues together.

### Discussion

Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:00-12:30

**Venue:** LOW H-1.2, 60 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-15:00

**Venue:** LOW N 4.3, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## Let's make big tech accountable

The tech world is often seen as something fascinating yet distant to 'regular citizens'. There seems to be a big gap between the tech sector and the rest of the population. Should tech companies work to become more accountable and transparent towards their users, or should citizens do more to educate themselves about the technology they use? Join us to discuss on how the tech sector, policy-makers and citizens can work together to find solutions.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

### Speakers

- **Maria Axente**, Programme Driver - Artificial Intelligence, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- **Giuseppe Porcaro**, Head of Communications and Events, Bruegel, and author

### Moderator

- **Jonnie Penn**, Google Technology Policy Fellow, European Youth Forum

## Video Games meet heritage: Young digital creators for Europe's cultural assets

The digital world offers many opportunities to engage with cultural heritage in a creative and playful manner. With this in mind, in cooperation with the Video Game Museum of Rome, a video game jam was held last December at the European Culture Forum in Milan, where contestants from different European countries were challenged to produce video games from scratch, within a limited timeframe, on the topic of 'Where the past meets the future'.

Come to find out about the fascinating history of video games, hear from three winning young game makers about their Milan experience, learn about the creative process of game creation and make with us an attempt at designing a video game together!

### Workshop

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, in cooperation with VIGAMUS – the Video Game Museum of Rome

### Speakers

- **Alex Roberts** (UK), **Malik Yahi** (FR), **Guglielmo De Gregori** (IT)
- **Marco Accordi Rickards**, Director of VIGAMUS – the Video Game Museum of Rome
- **Micaela Romanini**, Vice Director of VIGAMUS and Founder of Women in Games Italia

### Moderator

- **Maciej Hofman**, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission



**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW R5.1, 150 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

## WORKSHOPS

### #digitalrevolution: Risks and opportunities

Technological progress affects our daily lives and is changing the way we work and study. Young people see the impact of these changes every day, but they are still struggling to get a firm grip on the subject. How much do you know about the digital revolution? What risks and opportunities does it entail? How does it affect your life? Take part in this quiz to find out!

### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Cyprus (CYC)

### Jobs in the era of digitalisation and automatisisation

The link between technology and employment has long been the subject of heated debate. Various technological developments are now contributing to the fears of a 'jobless future'. But how much of the debate is rooted in facts? How will the structure of the labour market change and how can we manage this transformation effectively? Which jobs are at risk of disappearing and what can be done for people working or training for those jobs? Will digitalisation and automatisisation offer opportunities and not just risks? Join us to find out!

### Workshop

Organised by the European Trade Union Confederation Youth Committee (ETUC Youth)

### The digital revolution continues: What will be the next steps?

Young people have been navigating the digital society from an early age and technology has always played a prominent role in their lives. As such, their voices should be represented in discussions on how this society should evolve. What do you think are the most important changes we need to implement in the future? How do you envision the ideal digital society? Join us to discuss with other young people, design your own plan and become an active participant in the digital revolution!

### Workshop

Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-16:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## **Homo technologicus:** How can technology increase political participation?

Young people are increasingly using social media and other technology to establish direct communication between constituents and elected officials. However, the type and quality of their political participation, and therefore its impact on democratisation, varies. How can young people make the best use of technology to engage in political participation and leave their mark on the decision-making process? Can technology provide a platform for new, alternative voices to ensure the diversity of public opinion? Discover how to leverage the potential of technology for political participation.

### **Discussion**

*Organised by the National Youth Council of Slovenia (MSS)*

## **Empowering young women:** Use of technology in advocacy

Dive into the world of apps to see how they can be used to advocate gender equality in the labour market. So there are still more women unemployed or not in employment, education or training than men? Apps now tap into the opinions and experiences of young people all over the world by empowering them to share their stories and using the data to trigger change. Drop by this workshop if you are curious about how to turn technology into advocacy.

### **Workshop**

*Organised by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)*



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:30-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## **Experience intergenerational learning** and bring it home

In the age of the digital revolution and social media, things change very fast in both the world of work and wider society. What does this mean for the older generation? Are we leaving them behind? What can you learn from senior citizens and what do you have to teach them? You'll be invited to experience intergenerational learning with local seniors first hand and talk with people involved in intergenerational learning projects. Be prepared to get stuck in and start building bridges in our society!

### **Talk and workshop**

*Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion*

## **How can digitalisation connect** young and old people?

In this workshop we will look for initiatives to improve relationships between old and young people through digitalisation. To kick things off you will watch testimonies from people of all ages about intergenerational relationships and the role of digitalisation within them. Then it's your turn – we want to hear your ideas. The results will be published as a campaign on social media.

### **Workshop**

*Organised by VITA Jeunes, France*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:00-14:00  
**Venue:** LOW -1 Triangle, 25 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:00  
**Venue:** LOW S3.7, 40 places  
**Language:** FR



## New coalition scenarios in the digital age

What is the role of political coalitions in the ongoing digitisation of our society and economy? Has technological progress made us more equal or has it made inequalities worse? Are online platforms bringing us together or confining us to our echo chambers? And what is the role of political coalitions in the digital revolution? Are they fulfilling the needs of young people? Are they using the potential of technology to foster dialogue and engagement? Join us to learn about the different experiences of coalitions across Europe and share your opinion!

### Discussion

*Organised by the Young European Socialists (YES)*

#### Speakers

- **Jacopo Barbati**, Vice-President, Young European Federalists
- **Maria Freitas**, Senior Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)
- **Albert Klein**, Coordinator of the Progressive Caucus in the European Parliament
- **Victoria Nagy**, President, ETUC Youth
- **Zuzana Pavelkova**, Co-Spokesperson, Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)
- **Philipp Tzaferis**, Vice-President, Young European Socialists

## How can we benefit from the digital revolution?

Are new technologies and the digital revolution just for young people? With the support of interactive digital technology, we'll explore the pros and cons of the digital revolution. How can we benefit from machine learning and artificial intelligence while preventing them from being used in a dangerous way?

### Workshop

*Organised by the Young Diplomats, Italy*

## Pedagogical revolutions: Europe at the school of tomorrow

Teaching a class that will fascinate just about any student really is possible! Are you a teacher or an aspiring teacher? A revolutionary educator? Or do you simply work in education? Come along and get inspired by the Young Europeans - France and the Educ'ARTE educational tool: develop your own interactive class on European news that will motivate young people to become creative and thoughtful citizens!

### Workshop

*Organised by Jeunes Européens-France (Young Europeans) and Educ'ARTE*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-15:30  
**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30  
**Venue:** LOW S3.4, 30 places  
**Language:** FR  
Requires some expertise on the subject

## Changing the narrative: Vocational education and training in the digital age

Since the youth unemployment crisis hit, school-to-work transitions have become more drawn out, with many young Europeans deciding to pursue vocational education and training (VET). Vocational training helps young people to take responsibility early on, improves their employability and equips them with cutting-edge skills. However, many people remain sceptical of the benefits of apprenticeships and work readiness programmes. How can we change our perception of VET students and underrepresented groups in general? Can technology help to raise the appeal and status of VET? Join us to discuss how to change the narrative surrounding VET.

### Workshop

*Organised by the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU)*

## Restless youth: The passions, struggles and contradictions of being young in Europe

What are you fighting for today? Do you think that young people from the past fought for the same causes? Will the next generation fight for similar ones? How do the clothes you wear and the way you cut your hair become acts of rebellion? This hands-on workshop will give you the opportunity to look at the past, present and future generations of young Europeans coming of age at key moments in European history. Ideas developed in this workshop will be used to enrich the development of learning programmes for the second temporary exhibition at the House of European History, a new museum opened in Brussels in 2017, entitled 'Restless Youth'. Join in, put forward your ideas and let's see what we can create together!

### Workshop

*Organised by the House of European History, European Parliament*



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:00-16:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 14:30-16:00  
b) Saturday, 14:00-15:30  
**Venue:** LOW -1 Triangle, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

**Press OK to continue:** How digitalisation is affecting our mental health

Technology is changing the way we develop and socialise as young people. In cyberspace, people say and do things that they wouldn't ordinarily say and do in the analogue world. More and more children are facing challenges such as cyberbullying, self-promotion and online communication. What does this mean for our mental health? Do we value it enough or do we favour a digital sense of wellbeing? As digital citizens are we aware of the impact this can have on future generations? How can schools and institutions support a healthy approach to digital tools? Join this discussion to explore the benefits and risks of digital technologies in the mental health sphere.

**Workshop**

*Organised by the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU)*

**Surf smart:** Navigating a new frontier

Unless you are going on a complete tech detox, chances are you use your mobile phone or computer pretty regularly. How often do you log on to the internet? Daily? Several times per day? Per hour? And how often do you consider how your actions might impact your own safety? You may not have given it much thought, but now's the time to start! Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter: are you sharing too much of your life online? With hackers, scams, malware and more out there, how do we protect ourselves? This workshop will guide you through the top tips for staying safe online.

**Workshop**

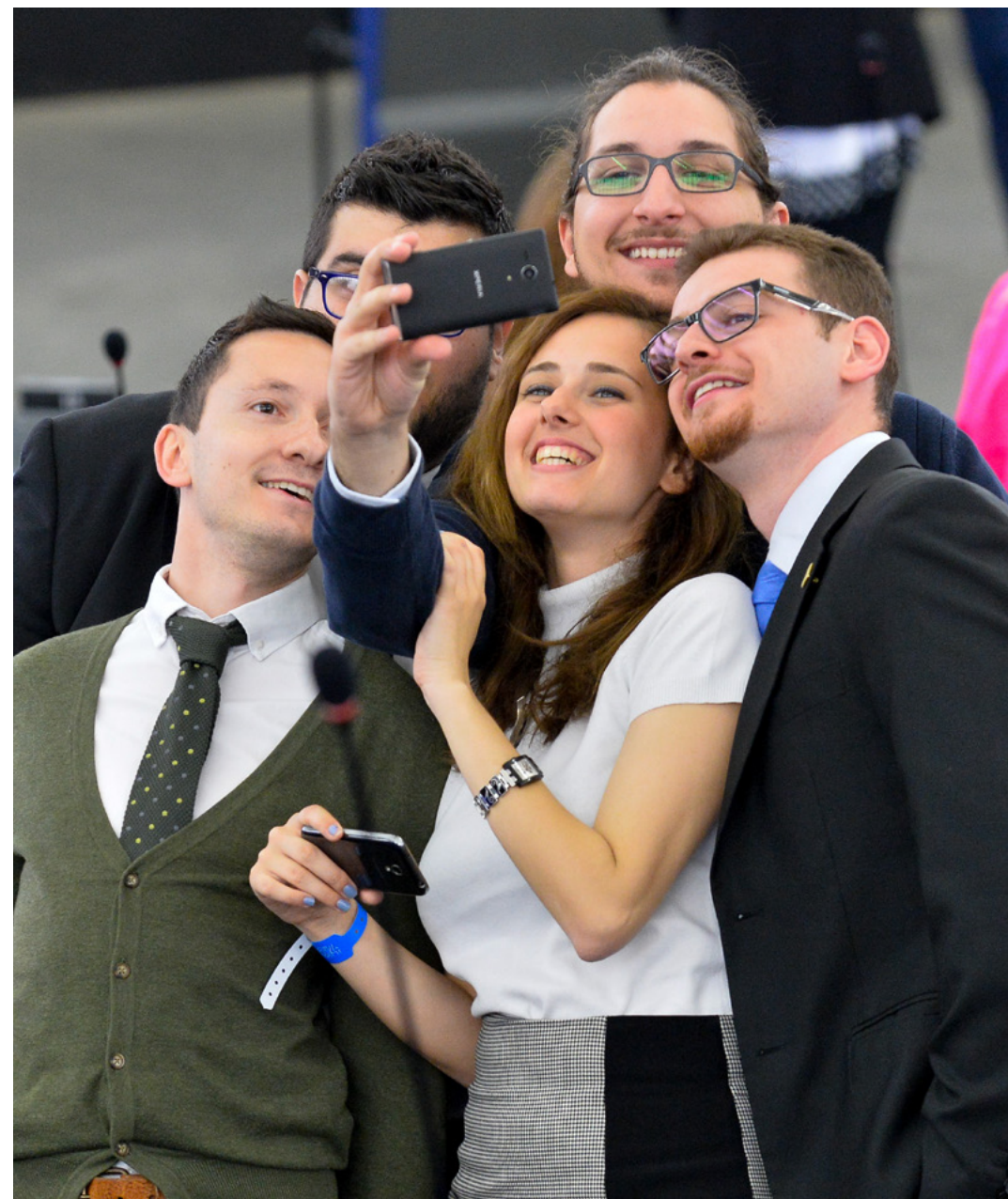
*Organised by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)*



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 17:00-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



## 2. RICH AND POOR: Calling for a fair share



## PANELS

### What ever happened to equality: A fair share in the age of globalisation

The key social question of our time: Do globalisation and automation just benefit the 'happy few' or work for all? What are your new ideas and democratic choices to ensure social justice and a fair share of the benefits:

- What is a fair pay for management and for all other employees?
- How could companies share profits from globalisation with workers?
- Which taxes could help to narrow the gap between rich and poor?
- How would you adjust social safety nets to globalisation and automation?
- Where would you invest in jobs and education to reduce youth unemployment?

#### Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Ideas givers

- **Matthäus Fandrejewski**, President, European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI-Youth)
- **Jonathan Goupille-Lebret**, Postdoctoral fellow, Paris School of Economics
- **David Lesmes**, President, AIESEC France

#### Ideas catchers

- **Evelyne Gebhardt**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Terry Reintke**, Member of the European Parliament

#### Moderator

- **Carolyn Höfchen**, Journalist, ARTE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.4, 300 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject



## Trade for all: 'Please fasten your seat belt ...

... we are flying through some turbulence.' A new approach to future trade agreements with partners all over the world: Promise of prosperity – or just new trouble ahead? Should we wave the flag for 'free trade' – or for 'fair trade'? A different bargain for rich and poor countries? How can the European Union:

- build up bargaining power in times of economic power play and improve the art of the trade deal?
- shape globalisation and make it work for all?
- enforce fair trade across the international supply chains? Are voluntary labels sufficient for ethical consumer choices or should we introduce binding legislation for all companies?
- roll out rules to guarantee the respect of human rights and workers' rights everywhere?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Bruno Gemenne**, Coordinator Youth Mobilization Department, Oxfam Magasins du Monde
- **Janos Ferencz**, Trade policy analyst, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Davina Osei**, PhD candidate, United Nations University - Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology

#### Moderator

- **Elly Schlein**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Friday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.3, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Globalisation: In the twilight zone

In this discussion we shed light on the twilight zone of globalisation. It's a secret universe of hidden wealth, clean beaches and dirty money. Secrecy-havens facilitate tax evasion, money-laundering and other criminal activities – and widen the gulf between rich and poor. At the same time some multinational companies avoid paying a fair share of taxes, slipping through legal loopholes in Europe. What should be done now to trace the money and to overcome the twilight economy? Who can take effective action: the European Union or each member state?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Willem Pieter De Groen**, Research Fellow, Head of Financial Markets & Institutions Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- **Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm**, Research & Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International EU
- **Miranda Patručić**, regional editor, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

#### Moderator

- **Tom Vandenkendelaere**, Member of the European Parliament

## Sharing economy: Say, you want a revolution?

Sharing instead of owning: A new generation of Europeans values experience over status, access over ownership and sharing over self-interest. The sharing economy is growing rapidly as the digital revolution meets social innovation. The tornado of creative disruption twists all sectors: cars, music, house and garden, crowd-funding. How can Europe support a culture of start-up businesses with social impact?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Rose Boursier-Wyler**, Head of PR & Public Affairs, Too Good To Go
- **Tomáš Mejzlík**, FabLab Manager, South Moravian Innovation Centre
- **Eva Sadoun**, CEO & Co-founder, LITA.co

#### Moderator

- **Boryana Gramatikova**, TV host, Bulgarian National Television

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-19:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.5, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.3, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Equal opportunities: Forever poor or born to be free?

The gap between rich and poor can be a fact of life, but is unacceptable as a starting point. The equal opportunity to build a better, more educated and prosperous life is at the heart of the European way of life. What can the European Union and the member states do to build a 'ladder of equal opportunities' for all? How would you give children from all social backgrounds a fair chance to move up from the bottom to the top in education? More opportunities for girls by attracting them towards subjects related to the digital era? A new focus on vocational training and social mobility?

### Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Ideas catcher

- **Wajid Khan**, Member of the European Parliament

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! To make sure you develop the best ideas, we'll start extra early! In May, you'll be asked to answer a quick online survey to share your views on where you want things to change, and why you want the European Institutions to act. What is going wrong, and why? Then, at the EYE, you'll dive into developing joint answers to these problems. You'll brainstorm in small groups and at the end you'll have the chance to present the most innovative and significant ideas you came up with to an expert of the European Parliament, and get direct feedback!

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:00-14:30  
**Venue:** LOW N3.2, 120 places  
**Languages:** EN, FR, DE  
(interpretation only in plenary sessions)

## Basic income: Return of Robin Hood?

People love the Robin Hood story, because he took from the rich to give to the poor. Do you consider the idea of a basic income without conditions for all ...

... as an adequate answer to the effects that globalisation will have on the workforce and on the concentration of wealth in the coming years,

... or as an invitation to abuse social benefits, to fool around and have a ball.

### Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Harro Boven**, Economist, Young Democrats (The Netherlands)
- **Aurélie Hampel**, project coordinator, Unconditional Basic Income Europe
- **Ilkka Kaukoranta**, Chief Economist, Finnish Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions
- **Daniel Zamora**, Postdoctoral Sociologist, University of Cambridge & Université Libre de Bruxelles

#### Moderator

- **Petra Prešeren**, TV Reporter, RTV Slovenija

## World happiness index: Where the happy people are

Rankings of happiness and well-being capture our imagination – and deliver a message for public policy. What makes for better lives? What are the key indicators of well-being? Where are Europe's happiest countries – and what can we learn from them to improve politics and laws? What can the EU contribute to shrink the 'happiness gap' between its member states?

### Presentation and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Isabella Arendt**, Analyst, Happiness Research Institute
- **Joshua Monje-Jelfs**, Policy Research and Analysis, Statistics Directorate, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Laura Pöntinen**, Research Trainee, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

#### Moderator

- **James Higgins**, Promotions Officer, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-19:00  
**Venue:** LOW N1.4, 300 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** WIC 100, 240 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Urban-rural divide: Blame it all on my roots...

...when I show up in 4-wheel drive and rubber boots! Big cities play an ever-greater role in the globalised world. They attract young people leaving behind small towns and rural areas. A new approach to jobs, investment and rural development: How can Europe take country people on board for a journey into a connected world? What do you propose to improve life in villages and in rural areas? How would you spend EU money for agriculture and rural areas?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Guillaume Lecaros de Cossio**, Office of the Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Jannes Maes**, President, European Council of Young Farmers
- **Raquel Sánchez Villorejo**, Major of the City of Olivares de Duero

#### Moderator

- **Tiemo Wölken**, Member of the European Parliament

## Start-ups: The power of home-grown innovation

Start-ups and innovative enterprises play a vital role in gaining prosperity and creating jobs. How can we develop a culture of curiosity and exploration, fostering an entrepreneurial spirit? How can the European Union support young people in starting their own business? How can the European Investment Bank (EIB) contribute to funding or crowd-funding initiatives? Can we create a culture that tolerates failure and gives young entrepreneurs a second chance to succeed?

### Talk and networking session

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Ewa Jennifer Abel**, Investment Manager, European Investment Fund
- **Lennart Budelmann**, Co-founder, aQysta
- **Mackenzie Le Vernois**, Partnerships Manager, Superheroes
- **Eva Sadoun**, CEO & Co-founder, LITA.co

#### Moderator

- **Siegfried Mureşan**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** WIC 200, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** WIC 100, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Erasmus+ 2020

Are you part of the Erasmus generation? Around nine million people in total have benefited from Erasmus since it was launched in 1987. This year, even more students and young people are expected to receive grants to study and train abroad through the Erasmus+ programme. But how can we make sure that Erasmus+ is inclusive of all young Europeans? Join the discussion and present your ideas on the future of this life-changing programme.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

## Erasmus+ for younger people

Learning mobility for school students promotes basic life skills and transversal competences, contributing to their personal development, employability and active European citizenship. However, 'pupil mobility' represents a very small portion of the current Erasmus+ programme, in terms of both funding and participation. How can Erasmus+ be made more accessible to people under 18? Join this session to discuss how to improve the Erasmus+ individual pupil mobility scheme and make learning mobility a reality for younger people, too.

### Discussion

Organised by European Educational Exchanges – Youth for Understanding (EEE-YFU) and the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-17:00

**Venue:** LOW N4.3, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## Got a great business idea? Come and sell it!

Pitch your business idea to a panel of experts. Get valuable feedback. Win a prize. Think about doing the REAL THING for your future business, get expert support, or just come to listen and learn from others! 7-10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea live to a panel of business experts, coaches and investors. If you want to be one of them, simply register for the contest and you'll be contacted about submitting the pitch for your business idea in due course.

### Pitching contest

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

#### Jury members

- **Diem Do**, Alpha Gorilla (CEO), CodeGorilla
- **Gilles Meijer**, Co-Founder and Startup Advisor, Golden Egg Check
- **Paul Renaud**, Executive Coach
- **Simone Schoutens**, Owner & Director and Lead Investor Alley, Capital Tour XXL B. Amsterdam

#### Moderators

- **Alexandru Glod**, Senior Trainer, TEDx Speaker and Udemy Instructor, Storytelling Training and Coaching
- **Anna Heijker**, Event moderator & Pitch trainer, Pitches & Presentations

## OMG, I am now an entrepreneur! Awesome.

Your chance to ask entrepreneurs your burning questions: why and how did they do it? What does it really mean to be an entrepreneur day-to-day? Would they do it again? Everything you always wanted to know to help you choose your future.

### Talk

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

#### speakers

- **Margus Kullerkupp**, CEO, SOL Navitas Oü
- **Violeta Masteikienė**, CEO, NGO GMM Projects, Friends Jam
- **Enikő Szakács**, Founder, Transylwanderer
- **Alex Thomson Mizzi**, COO and Founder, Growth Gurus

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:30

**Venue:** LOW R1.1, 130 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

## Entrepreneurship: A new educational pathway in the suburbs

When school students are asked what they want to do when they grow up, 1 in 3 say that they are interested in becoming entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurship can be an exciting path for personal and professional development. Come along to this event to hear about experiences with entrepreneurship in Parisian suburbs, find out how young people can benefit from it and discuss how entrepreneurial thinking can be included in our education pathways.

### Discussion

Organised by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders)

## Creating a new economy bottom-up

Too many young people feel powerless, left out of politics and left behind by the economy. It's time to take our fate into our own hands and transform our economy – from one that is unjust and unsustainable to a new economy that works for all. Join us to chart a collective vision for a new and just economy. Explore alternatives based on cooperation and community control and learn how you can get involved.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW R1.1, 130 places

**Language:** EN

## The future of work: Tackling the big challenges

The unpredictability of today's labour market is especially challenging for young people as they navigate their first steps in the world of work. Several big trends such as globalisation and digitalisation are transforming the way we work, creating new opportunities, but also bringing many risks. At the same time, high youth unemployment rates still persist, and young people are struggling with long and difficult transitions from the education system, unpaid internships, and the lack of proper working conditions. How do we ensure that young people have decent work and that they benefit from opportunities today's labour market offers?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

#### Speakers

- **Silvia Caneva**, Policy Advisor, Eurochambres
- **Paolo Falco**, Economist in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Anne Sander**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Thiébaud Weber**, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

#### Moderator

- **Zuzana Vaněčková**, Board Member, European Youth Forum

## Youth-friendly employment policies under the spotlight

Technological progress and economic uncertainty are bringing about profound changes to the labour market and young people are often the first to feel the negative effects of these changes. How can they navigate this situation effectively? What is the situation in different European countries and which countries have the most youth-friendly employment policies? Join us to get an insight into what works when it comes to youth employment and discuss how we can implement these effective solutions more widely.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Trade Union Confederation Youth Committee (ETUC Youth Committee)



**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:00-12:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places  
**Language:** EN

## Young people's access to rights: What can be improved?

Do young people have access to their social rights? There are measures in place to ensure that they do, but how effective are they in practice? Many young people face difficulties in asserting their rights and this is especially true for the most vulnerable groups. Join us to discuss how we can improve the current situation and ensure that all young people are treated with dignity and respect.

### Discussion

Organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

## Sexual awakening: What next?

Population-wide studies about changing attitudes towards sexuality and gender can give us an insight into how we as a society mobilise to bring social change. Young people are at the forefront of the fight to expand notions around sexuality and gender. Do you think that sexuality is still taboo in Europe? What's the line between sexual liberalism and boundaries? How has the #MeToo movement reshaped our definitions of these boundaries and what happens next? Make sure to attend this panel discussion to challenge traditional codes of behaviour related to sexuality and interpersonal relationships.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

#### Speakers

- **Seyi Akiwowo**, Founder, Glitch!UK
- **Amandine Gay**, filmmaker
- **Catriona Graham**, Policy and Campaigns Officer, European Women's Lobby
- **Terry Reintke**, Member of the European Parliament

#### Moderator

- **Carina Autengruber**, Vice-President, European Youth Forum

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-17:30  
**Venue:** LOW N1.1, 70 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places  
**Language:** EN



### **The power of empowering:** Are you ready to take action for displaced young people?

Young asylum-seekers and refugees don't have the same access to education, the labour market and other opportunities as the rest of the population. Their rights are being violated and they have no way to speak out against it. We're already making an important investment to ensure that displaced young people feel included in host communities. However, there is still a lot of work to do. How can the youth of today take a more active role in empowering displaced young people?

#### **Discussion**

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:00  
**Venue:** LOW N1.2, 150 places  
**Language:** EN

### **Say no** to cheap labour

Are you among the millions of young Europeans who have nightmares about their last internship? Working long hours, barely reimbursed for your transportation costs and with a reference letter made from a Google template. No one really knows what they're getting: it's time for interns to showcase what they have to offer and employers to be transparent about what they are looking for. How can we increase transparency and make internships fair and valuable for everyone? Come and discuss with other young Europeans who know exactly how you feel and want to change the status quo when it comes to internships in Europe.

#### **Discussion**

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:00-14:00  
**Venue:** LOW N1.2, 150 places  
**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

### **Let's talk** about apprenticeships!

Have you ever wondered why apprenticeships have a bad reputation? Well, here's why: young people often find that they don't respect their rights or meet their needs! Join us for this interactive discussion where you'll learn about the work of the European Apprentices Network. You'll get the chance to talk to decision-makers about what needs to happen to make apprenticeships real opportunities for young Europeans!

#### **Discussion**

*Organised by the youth organisation of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth)*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-17:30  
**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places  
**Language:** EN

### **Full social inclusion:** Make it a reality!

What can we do to achieve full social inclusion in Europe? How can we make sure that all young people, regardless of their background, are fully included in decisions affecting the various aspects of their lives: work, education, travel and more? This interactive debate will bring together decision-makers and members of majority and minority groups to discuss how we can overcome obstacles and ensure that we live in an inclusive society. Join us and make your voice count!

#### **Debate**

*Organised by the European Union of the Deaf Youth (EUDY)*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30  
**Venue:** LOW N1.1, 70 places  
**Languages:** EN, international sign language

### **Welcoming 'forced migrants':** Driving force for innovation

Forced migration and the reception of persons who are forced to migrate is one of the big challenges being debated at local, national, European and international level. A subject that should engage all those who are committed actors and citizens, since solidarity is a fundamental value of Europe. We say yes to solidarity but how do we translate it into reality? What intercultural and civic initiatives could we foster in Europe? How to make cultural diversity a driving force for innovation?

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the City of Strasbourg in collaboration with Makers for change and Les Jeunes européens France*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00  
**Venue:** LOW R3.1, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

## WORKSHOPS

### Trade agreements: is your deal my deal?

How are trade agreements negotiated? How can I make my voice heard? Taking the current trade talks between the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and the EU as our starting point, we'll discuss how we can reach a youth-friendly trade deal that supports fair trade and create opportunities for all without undermining human rights.

#### Workshop

Organised by the African, Caribbean and Pacific Young Professionals Network (ACP-YPN), Belgium

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW S3.7, 30 places

**Language:** EN

### Tea with an MEP

Ever wanted to have a tête-à-tête with a Member of the European Parliament? Do you have any ideas about how the EU institutions can support young people in promoting social and economic equality? Then this activity is for you. Have a chat with the Vice-President of the European Parliament, Mairead McGuinness, about the future of Europe and the issues that matter to you.

#### Talk

Organised by Youth Work Ireland, Galway

#### Speaker:

- **Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-President of the European Parliament



**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

### Public vs. private schools: How can we eliminate inequalities?

How does inequality between public and private schools affect the future of young people? Using data gathered by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), we will explore the educational systems of countries with different levels of inequality between public and private schools. Our ultimate goal is to draft a policy proposal for a fair and equal education system.

#### Workshop

Organised by the Laboratory of Education Policy, Research, Development and Interuniversity Cooperation (ERDIC), Greece

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:00-14:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

### Erasmus+ for everyone: Naïve dream or future reality?

Participation in mobility programmes such as Erasmus+ is largely limited to a social elite. However, this mobility is key to feeling European and having equal chances for success in life. How can we change this? How can we include people with fewer social and financial advantages, as well as those living in remote areas, in the Erasmus+ programme? Together let's find solutions to this problem and give everybody the chance to be part of the European Union.

#### Workshop

Organised by the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ-DFJW)

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

### Housing abroad: Brightening the dark side of mobility programmes

If you've ever taken part in a mobility programme, you'll know that it offers countless opportunities for young people to develop new skills and navigate new cultures. Yet finding affordable and adequate housing has become one of the most daunting and alarming issues for young Europeans today. How can young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, find affordable housing abroad? How can fraud and discrimination on the housing market be prevented? Join this workshop to discuss best practices to ensure affordable and fair housing for all young people in Europe.

#### Workshop

Organised by Erasmus Student Network (ESN)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-16:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

### Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs: Start-up with us!

Develop your entrepreneurial capacity, acquire skills, find an experienced business partner and mentor, establish a Europe-wide network of contacts... Meet new and experienced entrepreneurs from the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme. Find out how to join the club. Start your start-up today!

#### Workshop

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

#### Speakers

- **Flavius Pop**, CEO and Founder, Orderio
- **Enikő Szakács**, Founder, Transylwanderer
- **Alex Thomson Mizzi**, COO and Founder, Growth Gurus
- **Rena Valatka**, Project Coordinator, Civitta
- **Ossian Veronese**, Co-founder & Production Lead, Storissell AB

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** LOW R1.1, 130 places

**Language:** EN

## Know your worth: Surviving the challenging labour market

Young people struggle to find decent employment and face a variety of challenges as they enter the labour market. But they also have access to learning opportunities in non-formal environments. Today you can learn new skills and test your creativity in many different ways, from activism to taking online classes. But when you're learning in a non-formal way, it can become harder to define what exactly you've learned and how you can communicate it. Join this workshop to find out how you can benefit from a wide range of experiences and how to channel that into better opportunities on the labour market.

### Workshop

Organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

## 50 years of free movement of workers: Where do we want to go?

Can you imagine a European Union without free movement? Can you think of a better symbol of the Union than free movement of people? After 50 years' experience, what does it mean for an individual, a family or a community to move to another country for work? How can we make it easier to become a mobile worker? Join us to explore a vision for the future of Europe.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion

## How do we guarantee the right to work?

The right to work is a fundamental human right, but is it truly recognised as such? Do you have access to a fair job and a dignified work environment? From long working hours to a salary that isn't enough to make ends meet, young people continue to face major employment difficulties. Drop by this workshop to find out more about best practices and ways to improve the European labour market, one young person at a time.

### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Italy (FNG)



**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-15:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00  
**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-17:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## Pay Day: Role-play challenge!

Join in this role-play game where poor players have different starting conditions from rich players. After a group evaluation of these unfair rules, it will be up to you to come up with new rules and solutions to put all players on an equal footing. Now let's play again with the new rules for a more equal society!

### Role-play game

Organised by Lycée Charles Poncet, France

## Let's play Jenga with welfare systems!

In small teams we'll break down the structure of existing European welfare systems into their different building blocks. Then we'll identify the building blocks that need repairing or replacing. How can we improve them? Or should we add entirely new blocks altogether? Then, with our refurbished building blocks, we'll construct a 'perfect' welfare system. What does it look like? How can we project our findings onto current welfare systems?

### Workshop

Organised by EUnion Jack, United Kingdom

## Young and homeless: How can EU policies prevent and end youth homelessness?

What is youth homelessness? What are the risks for young people of becoming homeless and living on the streets? Once we've identified housing issues for young people and other risk factors, guided by experts, you'll come up with solutions and proposals. How could they tie into European policy-making?

### Workshop

Organised by FEANTSA Youth, the youth network belonging to the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:00  
**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** LOW -1 Triangle, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:00-12:30  
**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

**Rural areas:** How are we supposed to feel European if Brussels is so far away?

How can we bring Europe closer to people living in the countryside? After a brainstorming session on how the EU is relevant to rural areas, we'll develop our own initiatives in small groups. Join in and come up with your own ideas for a project to promote the idea of Europe in your area!

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the Young European Federalists of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

**Resilience (doughnut):** The key to happiness?

Join us to find out about the Resilience Doughnut and how we can use it in practice. Focusing on one specific case, we'll draw up a resilience doughnut to help us understand the concept of focusing on the positives and ignoring the negatives in our lives. How can the doughnut help make your life better? Come and find out!

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by Leonard Cheshire Disability, United Kingdom*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-18:30

**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

**Can diversity, happiness and safety** coexist?

Is the integration of newcomers into society just a dream? The Re-discover Europe project will demonstrate how in Denmark, the happiest country in Europe, migration and safety go hand-in-hand. Come along, get inspired and inspire others with your stories of how someone in your town, village or neighbourhood has helped to integrate someone else into the community. Let's come up with shared ideas as to how to improve our society's happiness and wellbeing even further!

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the Re-discover Europe team, European Youth North Denmark, awarded 2nd place in the Charlemagne Youth Prize 2017*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 40 places

**Language:** EN

**Let's talk about sex:** Why do we need a different sex education?

Have you ever participated in a sex education class at school? Could you talk about it freely? What is the situation in your country? Do you think the current educational framework is sufficient or do you see room for improvement? If so, what should be improved? How can we reconcile differences on this topic and ensure a safe and inclusive learning environment for every young person? Join us and share your ideas.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)*

**The bystander approach** and the prevention of sexual violence

One in three women in the EU report having experienced some form of physical or sexual abuse. 20% of young women (18-29) in the EU have experienced cyber harassment. Recent protest movements, armed with hashtags such as #MeToo and #BalanceTonPorc, are breaking the culture of silence surrounding sexual violence. But how do we channel this wave of outrage on social media into action? Can we play an active role in preventing sexual violence? Learn about the bystander approach to sexual violence prevention and find out how every individual can take responsibility for solving this widespread problem.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:00-12:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-18:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## The gender unicorn: Is medicine sexist?

Is there sexism in medicine? Significant gender gaps in research limit how much we know about the difference between women's health and men's. The 'pink tax' that affects millions of young women on any given day – or the additional costs women pay for everyday products – isn't just limited to tampons and razors. Research shows that women, per capita, pay more than men for their healthcare and are often taken less seriously when it comes to pain. Policies requiring the inclusion of women and minorities have brought about some change, but what can we do to close this gender gap further? Discover how to bring gender equality to your healthcare system.

### Workshop

Organised by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)

## Equal rights: Fighting for social protection and inclusion for all

Discrimination against young people in Europe is rife. And for many young people this discrimination comes in multiple forms – young people with disabilities or belonging to ethnic minorities face multiple barriers to achieving independence. How can the EU provide adequate social protection to young people? How can we ensure that every young person enters adulthood on an equal footing? Join this panel discussion between policy-makers and young people to discuss how to improve the EU's social model.

### Discussion

Organised by AEGEE (European Students' Forum) and Erasmus Student Network (ESN)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-14:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-15:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## Not me, we. How inclusive is Europe?

In Europe, 80 million people are at risk of poverty and 14 million young people are not in education, employment or training. This means that not everyone is able to participate fully in political, social and economic life in Europe. Reducing inequalities and promoting inclusiveness are crucial challenges for the future of the European project. How can we reverse inequalities? How can we make our cultural and social diversity a uniting rather than a dividing force? Let's look at the different aspects of growth and assess the inclusiveness of Europe.

### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Sweden (LSU)

## The privilege walk

We talk a lot about it on social media, we read about it in research papers and we discuss its nuances with friends and family. It's both individual and collective. We are talking about privilege. Are we aware of our privileges or are they so woven into the mainstream that we cannot see them? How can awareness of our own privilege help us build stronger communities and promote equality in Europe? Participate in this privilege walk as an experiential activity to highlight how people benefit or are marginalised by systems in our society.

### Workshop

Organised by Youth Work Ireland and AEGEE/European Students' Forum



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:00-12:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-12:45  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## **My new neighbour:** Supporting the integration of refugees

Imagine being a young refugee landing in Europe. For months you haven't had a home to call your own, your siblings have only attended school sporadically and you still think about the violence that drove you from your country. The language barrier might prevent you from making meaningful connections or even knowing where to start in a new country. Refugees have a multitude of hopes and fears as they acclimatise to a new culture – how can communities across Europe make this transition smoother? Are refugees welcomed in your neighbourhood? What more could you do to support the integration of refugees? Join this workshop to learn more.

### **Workshop**

*Organised by Youth Work Ireland and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## **The truth** about the refugee crisis

What do you know about the refugee crisis? What are the real numbers? How fair and equal is the distribution of asylum-seekers between different countries? Which countries are taking on a greater responsibility – the wealthy or the less wealthy? We cannot talk about solutions if we don't know the real scale of the issue. Join us in this game to explore the global distribution of refugees and the wealth of host countries. Debate solutions based on the real situation and not just on myths.

### **Workshop**

*Organised by the International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)*



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 17:30-18:15  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## **Refugees' health:** The 'public health crisis of this century'

Restrictive entry policies have not stopped asylum-seekers, refugees and other migrants from traveling to Europe in search of refuge, protection and a brighter future. However, these policies often force people to take greater risks to reach Europe with negative repercussions on their physical and mental health. The complex health needs of the world's growing refugee population – especially those of young people – pose major challenges for displaced communities, volunteers and national health systems. Join some of the leading experts on refugee health to discover the different dimensions of what has been called the 'public health crisis of this century'.

### **Discussion**

*Organised by Youth Work Ireland and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-14:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## **Promoting better mental health:** What can we do?

From your friend in university to your colleague at work, someone close to you is dealing with a mental health issue: an estimated 10-20% of young Europeans are affected. Young people face many challenges in the transition from childhood to adulthood, yet a lack of mental health support is still a reality for far too many young Europeans. How can we promote mental health in Europe? In this workshop we shed light on how to handle stress in a healthy way and seek help when dealing with a mental health issue. If you want to shift the way we perceive and talk about mental health, join us and be part of the change in conversation.

### **Workshop**

*Organised by the National Youth Council of Sweden (LSU)*



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Fair share tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

### 3. APART AND TOGETHER: Working out for a stronger Europe



*'Find out what we are made of  
when we are called to help our friends in need.  
You can count on me like one, two, three,  
I'll be there.'*

- Bruno Mars, *Count on me*

Instagram: @sr\_tirano

## PANELS

### **Future of Europe:** Comeback of the champion

The European Union – long-term champion of peace and prosperity – has been out of form and punching below its weight for some years. Will it crack under pressure? Or can we make Europe stronger, ready for a comeback, up to the challenges of our time? Where do we really need each other? Where are common solutions most urgent? What should the young generation place at the top of the agenda and push forward? Just muddling through the daily crisis or time for a new level of ambition?

#### **Ideas check**

*Organised by the European Parliament*

#### **Ideas givers**

- **Carina Autengruber**, Vice-President, European Youth Forum
- **Céline Geissmann**, Executive Board Member, Young European Federalists
- **Carlos Santana**, Founding member, Europeistas

#### **Idea catchers**

- **Eleonora Evi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Helmut Scholz**, Member of the European Parliament

#### **Moderator**

- **Magali Kreuzer**, Journalist, ARTE



**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-14:00

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 900 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Active citizens: What a time to be alive...

... and to be active – alone and together! Time to take a fresh look at things, time to push for new approaches and long-term solutions. The young generation can start to shake things up, knowing that democracy is not a 'one dance' around the polling station – it's a way of life. How can the European Union and civil society...  
... encourage young citizens to make their choices in elections?  
... promote pro-social engagement and voluntary work?  
... empower young people to take things into their own hands and to participate in social and democratic life?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Key-note speaker

- **Emily O'Reilly**, European Ombudsman

#### Speakers

- **Nikos Foros**, Board of Directors Member, Ethelton
- **Ludo Torbey**, Political youtuber, Osons Causer
- **Niamh Webster**, Democratic Engagement Officer, The Democratic Society

#### Moderator

- **Eva Johansone**, Newscaster, Latvian Television

## Brexit: Take a sad song and make it better

Britain leaves the stage – the curtains are closed and many questions open: What is the new relationship status of Brits with Europe: single, complicated, in a relationship? Will Brexit trigger domino effects in other countries and regions – or reforms to revitalise the European Union? Will the older generation pass on to the young a solid 'House of Europe' or a shaky 'House of Cards'? Does the well-being of the kids matter after the political divorce? What should be in a 'Brexit survival kit' – Erasmus, free movement for young people, more essentials?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Hugh Bennett**, Deputy Editor, BrexitCentral
- **Roch Dunin-Wąsowicz**, Research Officer, Generation Brexit (LSE)
- **Olivia Elder**, PhD student, University of Cambridge

#### Moderator

- **James Temple-Smithson**, Head of European Parliament Liaison Office in Ireland

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30

**Venue:** LOW N1.4, 300 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Open versus closed: Europe and the philosopher's stone

Europeans at a crossroads to the future of the open society, sitting on a philosopher's stone. Which way to go:

- Build a 'Fortress Europe' – or remain open to the world?
- Draw up the bridge – or welcome migrants as new citizens?
- Defend our own social and green standards – or promote liberal world trade?
- Ensure property rights – or advocate for a free and open internet?
- Take back control – or risk journeys into the unknown?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Thomas Jacobs**, PhD fellow at the Centre for EU Studies (CEUS), Ghent University
- **Jo Leinen**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Zona Zarić**, PhD fellow, Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS)

#### Moderator

- **Petra Prešeren**, TV reporter, RTV Slovenija

## Free speech in the digital era: Love me Tinder, hate me Facebook

Messages of love and hate, 'likes' and hoax. Does the reality on social media match the profile of democracy and human rights or threaten our free society? Should Europe boost free speech – or ban hate speech? Should we insist on the freedom of press and expression or roll out rules against fake news, insults and bots?

### Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Ideas catchers

- **Thibault Lesenecal**, Head of Web Communication Unit, European Parliament
- **Patrick Penninckx**, Head of the information society department, Council of Europe

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! To make sure you develop the best ideas, we'll start extra early! In May, you'll be asked to answer a quick online survey to share your views on where you want things to change, and why you want the European Institutions to act. What is going wrong, and why? Then, at the EYE, you'll dive into developing joint answers to these problems. You'll brainstorm in small groups and at the end you'll have the chance to present the most innovative and significant ideas you came up with to an expert of the European Parliament, and get direct feedback!

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.5, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Days, Times:** a) Saturday, 14:00-17:30  
b) Saturday, 14:00-17:30

**Venues:** a) LOW N3.2, 120 places  
b) LOW S2.1, 120 places

**Languages:** EN, FR, DE  
(interpretation only in plenary sessions)



## Dress code debate: Ban on burqa and burkini?

Should Europe accept or ban the burqa and other face coverings? Is the full veil an expression of religious freedom or a sign of isolation and failed integration? Will policing what women wear help to solve integration issues in Europe? Bikini versus burkini: a clash of values or two different fashion statements in an open society?

### Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Ruqaiya Haris**, Fashion blogger and journalist
- **Hanane Karimi**, sociologist, University of Strasbourg
- **Massud Reza**, Ibn Rushd-Goethe-Mosque, Berlin
- **Aqilah Sandhu**, Legal Research Assistant, University of Augsburg

#### Moderator

- **Jonathan Hendrickx**, Freelance journalist

## Added value for all: An optimist's guide to our common future

The European journey to an 'ever-closer Union' of states and citizens: A threat to the wealth of nations and a waste of money – or a treasure chest for a better life in the future? How should we turn the key to unlock added value and new opportunities for all?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, President, European Youth Forum
- **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General, European Parliament

#### Moderator

- **Efthymia Koutsokosta**, European affairs journalist, Euronews

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.4, 420 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## EU-Turkey relations : A bazaar of deals, delights and disappointments

With a failed military coup in 2016 the EU-Turkey relationship reached a turning point: from accession talks back to the bazaar. What are the best bargains for both sides? What line to take with autocrats: flagging up human rights and a free press or striking pragmatic deals? Full membership or freezing accession for good? What is best for the young generation in Turkey and in the European Union?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Aylin Ece Cicek**, PhD student, European Studies Department, Sabanci University
- **Ska Keller**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Davide Lerner**, Freelance journalist
- **Selin Ugurtas**, Program Director, Global Relations Forum

#### Moderator

- **Paul Hackett**, European affairs correspondent, Euronews

## New citizens: Finding a place in this world

Walking in the wind, one direction, just trying to find a new home in Europe: In our cities, towns and villages many people of different national and religious backgrounds live side-by-side. How can we find new ways to make the most out of diversity? What is the best way to integrate young migrants into our communities - schools, sport clubs and workplaces? What are successful practises of integration - how to play a new game of 'give-and-take'?

### Presentations and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Kristina R. Aardal**, Higher Executive Officer, Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education
- **Guillemette Dejean**, Chief operating officer, Chatterbox
- **Armando Gkezos**, Author and poet

#### Moderator

- **Sylvie Guillaume**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** WIC 200, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject



**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:30

**Venue:** LOW R3.1, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venues:** LOW N1.4, 300 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## What's next for Europe?

Marking 25 years since the creation of the European Union - is now the time for us to come together to look forward to what Europe holds for us? Join the former President of the European Convention to look back over where Europe has been and where we're heading next. Have your say on the Europe you want to see in this passionate, engaging debate alongside some of the key players in the European Project.

### Talk

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*

#### Speakers

- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, President, European Youth Forum
- **Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**, President, Re-Imagine Europa
- **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

#### Moderator

- **Anna Widegren**, Secretary General, European Youth Forum

## The European future is digital!

The youth organisations of the European political parties will meet to debate the digital future of Europe, one year in advance of the European elections. Artificial intelligence, social security systems, democracy, accountability, the future of work and innovation are all on the agenda! Join us to hear different perspectives on what the digital revolution will bring in the future.

### Discussion

*Organised by the European Youth Forum*

#### Speakers

- **Valentin Dupouey**, Secretary General, Young European Federalists (JEF)
- **Begona Garteizurrecoa Azua**, Vice-President, Young Democrats for Europe (YDE)
- **Alexander Jackson**, Member, Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP)
- **Zuzana Pavelkova**, Co-Spokesperson, Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)
- **Philipp Tzaferis**, Vice-President, Young European Socialists (YES)

#### Moderator

- **Petros Fassoulas**, Secretary General, European Movement International



**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-18:00

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 900 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:00-16:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places

**Language:** EN

## The distance between dreams and reality: Active engagement

A strong Europe starts with shared values and continues with active engagement. What are the values that bring us together? What makes us fall apart? What role does education, be it formal or non-formal, play in creating a strong Europe built on tolerance and inclusiveness? How can Erasmus+ help? Come and discuss what you and policy-makers can do to promote active citizenship through education, training, youth policies and Erasmus+.

### Discussion

*Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture*

#### Speakers

- **Aušrinė Diržinskaitė**, Youth activist from Lithuania
- **João Pinto**, President, Erasmus Student Network
- **Floor Van Houdt**, Head of Unit for Youth, volunteer solidarity and traineeships office, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

#### Moderator

- **Lloyd Huitson**, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

## Reinventing Europe: For citizens by citizens

Europe is at a crossroads: torn between competition and cooperation, between breakdown and the protection of common interests, it faces choices which will have a decisive bearing on its future. Reinventing Europe is not just a State business; first and foremost, the initiative must come from the citizens. How can young citizens re-shape the European project thanks to a broad democratic debate led at the European scale? This workshop will present concrete initiatives and provide a forum for exchange of views on the issue.

### Workshop

*Organised by the City of Strasbourg in collaboration with Les Jeunes européens France*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** LOW R5.1, 180 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW R3.1, 190 places

**Language:** EN

## European Solidarity Corps: A factory of agents of positive change

Are you interested in volunteering? Looking for work experience abroad? Or just want to discover something outside your comfort zone? Do you believe that helping others is what really matters and want to leave your mark where help is needed most? Whatever your motivation, the European Solidarity Corps might just be for you. Come and find out what's in it for you and how to get involved!

### Talk and networking session

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion and with the European Youth Card Association - EYCA

#### Speakers

- **Fábio Gouveia**, former volunteer of the European Solidarity Corps in the earthquake-hit region in Italy
- **Céline Jambon**, Assistant project manager of EU labour mobility programmes, French Public Employment Service
- **Christine Keplinger**, European Solidarity Corps officer at the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth in Action
- **Laura Nocifora**, European Solidarity Corps volunteer in an asylum seekers' centre
- **Jessica Rivoira**, project coordinator in Belle-Vue institute, Red-Cross, Belgium

#### Moderator

- **Majd Khalifeh**, journalist at the Belgian Public Broadcaster VRT and expert on the Middle East, Conflict and refugee crisis

## European Solidarity Corps: Exploring new opportunities for young people

Working and volunteering on different projects that tackle societal issues offers numerous opportunities for professional and personal development of young people. European Solidarity Corps, the recently established initiative of the European Union, aims to give this opportunity to young people. How has it been working so far and what can be done better? Join us to discover more!

### Discussion

Organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in cooperation with the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and the National Youth Council of Germany (DBJR)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:30-14:00  
**Venue:** LOW R5.1, 180 places  
**Language:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:00  
**Venue:** LOW N4.3, 70 places  
**Language:** EN

## Young activists rocking the European Neighbourhood

"Young people these days, they don't care about anything, let alone politics." Aren't we fed up of hearing this mantra a thousand times? Young people around the world face different political challenges. In the context of war, post-conflict setting or oppressive political regime ruling their country, they still want to push for a change. In this case, the struggle for democracy and human rights often stands for taking great personal risks. Their strength, creativity and adaptability are vital for the constriction of more progressive, democratic future of the European Neighbourhood. Plunge into our fishbowl debate and meet young activists who rock the democratic foundations in the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Partnership regions.

### Discussion

Organised by European Endowment for Democracy (EED)

#### Speakers

- **Svitlana Kolodii**, Coordinator, Go East Initiative
- **Hamza Jouaarane**, Coordinator, Tilila
- **Jamal Saleh**, Megaphone
- **Michael Abrahamyan**, Creative Team, OPERA TV

## Political parties: What's happened?

Young people are turned off by traditional politics. Membership is in decline and representation is even worse. They've ignored young people and are now feeling the impact, as young people are using new ways to tackle issues and fight for causes they believe in. How can political parties better engage with young people, what's in it for them, and how can they involve new political tools to influence traditional politics?

### Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum and DiEM25



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-14:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-15:30  
**Venue:** LOW N1.2, 150 places  
**Language:** EN

## Young people in the new political era

In a politically unpredictable environment, young people are taking the lead on creating innovative grassroots movements. Technology and social media have transformed the way these movements are organised, and they have a potential to be very effective in achieving their goals. But how can this potential be leveraged? Are policy-makers listening? Are all young people equally represented and heard on the political scene? Join us to discuss these questions and more!

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

### Speakers

- **Kenny Imafidon**, Managing Director, Clearview Research
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

### Moderator

- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, President, European Youth Forum

## You got a friend in me! How can we boost volunteering in Europe?

Have you ever been part of the volunteering movement? People all over Europe are volunteering in organisations more and more and increasingly getting involved in social, cultural and political movements. A Europe without volunteering is a Europe without its soul – so how can we ensure that volunteering continues to play an essential role in our societies? How can we make it easier for people to volunteer in their own countries and other countries in Europe? How can we promote volunteering and what can the EU do to help?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum and World Organization of Scout Movement

## Shaping the EU budget together with young people

The EU budget should be designed to serve a society that benefits every individual, community, organisation and business. The only way we can do this is by involving citizens in the process. Young people should be key stakeholders; we need to find a way of making the EU budget more accessible. How can we ensure that young people have a say in how the EU allocates its resources?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-15:00

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:00

**Venues:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## A YOUrope where everybody's voice counts

Listening to the ideas and wishes of young people should be a priority for policy-makers. And not just listening, but ensuring that young people are the ones setting the agenda for their own future. What issue do you see as a priority for policy-makers? What problems need to be addressed in the coming years? As the EU prepares the next edition of its Youth Strategy, your voice can make a difference. What main issues should the strategy tackle? Pitch your ideas directly to policy-makers. Let them know what you care about.

### Ideas check

Organised by the National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV), the National Youth Council of Bulgaria (NYF) and the National Youth Council of Estonia (ENL)

### Speaker

- **Lukas Mandl**, Member of the European Parliament

## UN youth resolution: Transforming policy into solutions

You might hear 'youth policy' and think: 'how does that apply to my life'? If youth policies are properly implemented, they can greatly improve the lives of young people. The UN recently adopted a resolution on youth, peace and security to tackle the different issues young people face, such as the lack of political participation and work opportunities. Join us, share your ideas and find out what we can do on a practical level to benefit from this resolution.

### Discussion

Organised by the National Youth Council of Italy (FNG)

## Meeting your representatives: What happens next?

Have you ever met your political representative? And if so, did you just shake hands or actually have a meaningful discussion? When politicians interact with young citizens, it needs to be more than a photo op. Politicians should take the time to listen to the worries of young people and discuss possible solutions to the most important issues. And communication shouldn't stop after the meeting. But how can we follow up on the ideas we discussed and find out what has come of them?

### Discussion

Organised by AEGEE (European Students' Forum)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:30

**Venue:** LOW N4.3, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30

**Venue:** LOW N4.3, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## Lights, Camera, Action! Short films about what unites us

A series of 5 short films directed by renowned European film-makers as part of the #EUandMe campaign will start a conversation on what bring us Europeans together. Meet the actors, find out what it means to be part of the EUandMe campaign; discover the stories of how the EU has empowered young people to realise their dreams; discuss what makes Europe special and how to defend the values and freedoms it stands for.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communication

#### Speakers

- **Adrien Le Pic**, Secretary General, JADE Network - the European Confederation of Junior Enterprises
- **Dilek Topkara**, founder, dilekerei cake company
- **Yorgos Zois**, Director of "Party Animal"

#### Moderator

- **Gemma Milne**, Journalist

## #EuropeForCulture: Engaging in the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018

Young people passionate about Europe's cultural heritage conservation and valorisation will share their personal stories, from volunteering for heritage at risk to raising awareness on history and culture through digital means. Come and learn more about the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 and have your say on how can youth contribute! Participate to this interactive session and get inspired by the exciting stories of our young guests!

### Workshop

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

#### Speakers

- **Lorena Aldana**, European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 task force
- **Manon Champier**, PHD in History, youtuber "Manon Brill"
- **Fábio Gouveia**, former volunteer of the European Solidarity Corps in the earthquake-hit region in Italy
- **Zuzanna Stanska**, Founder of Daily Art, tech entrepreneur and art historian

#### Moderator

- **Chiara Bellani**, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW R1.1, 130 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW R5.1, 180 places

**Language:** EN

## Celebrating 10 years of Youth Capitals

'European Youth Capital' is a synonym for a city that is committed to young people and truly seeks to embrace youth participation in decision-making processes. The end of 2018 will mark 10 years since the first city held the title of European Youth Capital. Over the years it has already benefited millions of young people across Europe. Before we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we want to reflect on the work done by Youth Capitals and the impact it has had at local and EU level. We'll also look to the future to think about how the European Youth Capital title can be developed further to achieve even more for young people.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

## Languages: An endangered species

Do you know how many languages are spoken in Europe? Not just the official languages, but regional and minority ones too? Language diversity is a fundamental part of European diversity. Is it a strength for Europe or does it weaken its cohesion? Do we even need minority languages? Join experts and youth activists to discuss these questions.

### Discussion

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-16:00

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW N4.3, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## Erasmus+ change-maker stories: The butterfly effect

Have you ever wondered if your choices can have a knock-on effect on you, others or society? Small acts, when performed by millions of people, can transform the world. Erasmus+ change-makers have made and are continuing to make remarkable contributions to Europe's challenges, including through solidarity, inclusion, democracy and active citizenship, and have brought about change in their community. Get inspired by those who, supported by Erasmus+, have changed the status quo and you yourself can become an agent of change! Get involved in Erasmus+!

### Talk

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

#### Speakers

- **Wannes Croonenberghs**, Erasmus+ youth exchange participant and organiser
- **Ikram Lamrabet**, former Erasmus+ participant in the field of vocational training
- **Safi Sabuni**, former Erasmus+ participant in the field of higher education

#### Moderators

- **Violeta Birzniece** and **Mathieu Savary**, European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

## Headstrong school students: A call for better mental health support

The mental health of young people has received increasing attention in the past few years, as it has become clear that depression, anxiety, eating disorders and other mental illnesses are widespread. These illnesses have significant effects on the ability of young people to participate in education and society in general, and can have long-lasting effects on individual health and social and employment life if not addressed early. How can we address mental health issues effectively in our education systems and what can we do to advocate better mental health support?

### Discussion

Organised by the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU)

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW R5.1, 180 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:00

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## What is populism?

Populism is frequently discussed, to the point it has become an overused term. But how well is it understood? What is populism really, and what is it not? How and why do populist ideas gain traction? How does the rise of populism shape our political landscape and citizens' lives? Join this discussion to get more insight.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

#### Speakers

- **Petros Fassoulas**, Secretary General, European Movement International
- **Jörn Fritzenkotter**, Project Officer, World Forum for Democracy, Council of Europe
- **Jon Roozenbeek**, Researcher, Drog
- **Vesna Wessenauer**, Analyst, Project Manager, Political Capital

#### Moderator

- **Alexander Damiano Ricci**, President, Babel International – Cafébabel; Content manager, Reporter, @EuVisions

## Euroscola special: Voting time!

Six hundred students from all over Europe will step into the shoes of the Members of the European Parliament for a day and debate draft resolutions relating to the five EYE themes in their committee meetings and vote on them during their closing plenary session. Come and see what they propose, and vote on their resolutions as well!

### Closing plenary session Euroscola Special

Organised by the Liaison office of the European Parliament in Strasbourg

(Attention: Euroscola participants do not need to register separately for this activity!)

## Election Hackathon: Harvesting time!

25 EYE participants have spent a day engaging in brainstorming and planning in a creative Hackathon session to come up with a concrete project or action plan for how to get young people actively involved in the upcoming 2019 European Parliament elections. Curious to see what they have come up with? Then join this harvesting session, and enrich their final proposals with your feedback and ideas on how to encourage young people to vote!

### Closing plenary session Hackathon 'European Elections 2019'

Organised by ARTE Creative

(Attention: Hackathon participants do not need to register separately for this activity!)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:30-12:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space, 359 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:30

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 250 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-17:30

**Venue:** LOW S1.5 150 places

**Language:** EN

## WORKSHOPS

### **Election Hackathon:** From the desktop to the polls!

For the first time at the EYE, ARTE Creative hosts a one-day Hackathon! Are you a student or a young professional? A creative thinker or an analytical type? A social media expert or an event manager? Or just someone with an interest in politics who loves to think out of the box? Join us in this unique, fast-paced and creative session. Brainstorm with like-minded, talented people to come up with a concrete project or action plan for how to get young people actively involved in the upcoming 2019 European Parliament elections. From online engagement to real world action: get hacking and come up with great ideas to encourage young people to vote!

#### **Hackathon**

*Organised by ARTE Creative*

### **In the shoes of an MEP:** The Parliament role-play game

Become a Member of the European Parliament and learn how the Parliament works, how laws are discussed and voted, and which stakeholders are involved in the legislative process! During the game, you will get to form alliances with other MEPs, to negotiate with other institutions of the European Union and to communicate with media. All this in a most innovative and interactive way! Hurry up, get in the game!

#### **Role-play game**

*Organised by parlamentarium*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 09:30-17:30  
**Venue:** LOW North Gallery, 25 places  
**Language:** EN

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:00-14:30  
b) Friday, 16:00-18:30  
c) Saturday, 11:00-13:30  
d) Saturday, 15:00-17:30  
**Venue:** parlamentarium, 32 places  
**Language:** EN

### **I WANT YOU** (for the European elections 2019)!

The result of the Brexit referendum has proven once again that the older generations make our decisions for us. How can we encourage our fellow young people to take their fate into their own hands and make sure that everyone participates in the European Parliament elections in 2019? Active citizenship goes beyond voting: how can we use social media to convince people our age to play a more active role in democracy? How can we boost the democratic involvement of young people at local, regional, national and EU level?

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the European Youth Society*

### **Why vote?** IVote4EU!

Why is it so important to vote for the individual and for society? Share your point of view and put forward ideas on how to transform the individual democratic vote into an act of (transnational) solidarity and societal responsibility. In small groups we'll look for arguments to motivate others to vote. How could your vote make a difference in the life of a friend or relative? How could it change society?

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by MoveOnEurope, Belgium*

### **European elections 2019:** The EP needs you!

The European Parliament elections 2019 are fast approaching. This is your chance to put young people and youth issues on the European agenda! Be outspoken, be creative and come up with ideas to motivate young people to engage in real political activism. This is the time and the place – make sure that young people have a say in the upcoming EP elections!

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the EYE Team, European Parliament*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:00  
**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 35 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00  
**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00  
**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

## Your Europe, your vote!

Who said democracy is not cool? Let's brainstorm the most innovative ways to mobilise young Europeans to vote in the 2019 European elections! You'll be helping to design a European campaign encouraging non-organised young people to rock the vote and become change-makers and voter educators among their peers.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Card Association - EYCA

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** LOW North Gallery, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## 90 seconds of European campaigning

The next European parliamentary elections will take place in 2019, but there is time for some campaigning already during the EYE2018, and you can be at the centre of it! After a brief introduction on the history, characteristics, themes, and analysis of the European election campaigns, it will be your turn to prepare a political speech on your vision for the EU, and to address the public in a 90 seconds long video.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Press and Roma Tre University

#### Facilitators

- **Martin Maska** and **Mariell Raisma**, European Youth Press

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00  
**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

## Are you old enough to vote at 16?

In several countries across Europe, citizens aged 16 and 17 are deemed mature enough to pay taxes, marry, join the army and face criminal charges, but not to choose the government that will represent them. Only Austria, Estonia and Malta recognise the right to vote at 16 as a key element of participation in democratic processes. How can we promote the Votes at 16 campaign? Join this discussion to share good and bad practices in different Member States and initiate a discussion around this burning issue.

### Workshop

Organised by the British Youth Council (BYC)



**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:45-13:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## The other side of the ballot paper: Election simulation game

Can you win a political election? Can you keep the promises you made to the people who voted for you? What role would you play in an election? Join this election simulation game to learn about local-level governance and the world of politics from the other side of the ballot paper.

### Role-play game

Organised by the National Youth Council of Estonia (ENL)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 17:15-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## Why so serious? EU politics can be fun!

Have you always thought that the EU was run by a bunch of unpleasant bureaucrats in suits and ties working behind closed doors? In this workshop we'll take EU politics cool and easy. Come and experience how role-playing, simulations and even board games can encourage young Europeans to engage with the EU and help to promote it in a fresh, interactive and informal way.

### Workshop

Organised by the YES Forum

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-13:30  
**Venue:** LOW S3.4, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

## Lunch with Emily O'Reilly, the European Ombudsman

Would you like to meet the European Ombudsman and find out what she can do for young people? The Ombudsman supports the EU institutions in becoming more transparent, effective and accountable. Emily is the former Irish Ombudsman and an awarded journalist. She will explain what kind of complaints she receives, including from young citizens, as well as her strategic work on how EU decision-making can become more open. We are all affected by EU laws and need to know how our national governments and ministers vote in Brussels. Otherwise, the 'Blame Brussels culture' will continue and harm the European project. Join us to discuss this and more and have a sandwich with Emily O'Reilly.

### Lunch talk

Organised by the European Ombudsman



**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30  
**Venue:** Ombudsman tent, 25 places  
**Language:** EN



## Coffee time with European Ombudsman colleagues

You think the EU institutions are distant, too bureaucratic and not citizen-friendly enough? Join colleagues from the European Ombudsman to discuss how this institution helps to improve the way the EU institutions work, which complaints from young people have been taken on board and what career opportunities are available at the Ombudsman office. Drop by for a chat with coffee and cookies!

### Coffee talk

Organised by the European Ombudsman

## Digital advocacy for generation 2.0: Make yourself heard by decision-makers

Young people often feel they do not have the power to influence politicians and drive change. At the European Ombudsman, they believe that social media can advance your efforts. Find out how they do it and how you can participate! Elena Kindyni, Digital communications officer, will help you understand a variety of issues related to digital advocacy. What constraints do public organisations face and how can young people help our common cause? How can we overcome the challenges of misinformation? Join us to learn more!

### Workshop

Organised by the European Ombudsman

## Explore e-participation tools to get your voice heard

You have an idea to make a change, but don't know how to reach politicians and get public interested in it? You would like to influence decision making and get your voice heard, but find it very difficult? During this interactive panel you will learn how tools such as YouthMetre and GeoCitizen can help you collect supporting data, connect with public and decision makers, and gain advocacy skills. You will be able to test the YouthMetre on the spot with your smartphone or laptop.

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Youth Press and EUROGEO, ALDA, CESIE, ARS for Progress of People and the University of Zaragoza

#### Ideas catchers

- Karl Donert, EUROGEO
- Rafael de Miguel, University of Zaragoza

#### Facilitators

- Martin Maska and Mariell Raisma, European Youth Press



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 16:00-17:30  
b) Saturday, 14:00-15:30

**Venue:** Ombudsman tent, 25 places

**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 14:30-16:00  
b) Saturday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** Ombudsman tent, 15 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## In or out? Open access to decision-making for all young Europeans

Does everyone have the same access to political decision-making? Does it matter whether you live in the city or the countryside? What problems do young people all over Europe have in common – and how could we solve them in an innovative way? Join our workshop, which combines interactive role-playing with mind-mapping techniques, to come up with a solution report' which we hope to publish.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Student Think Thank, The Netherlands

## How to get involved (in Europe)!

Learn which projects you can get involved in, with your school or as an individual. Many European youth organisations, like the European Youth Parliament (EYP), aim to reach out to young people who would otherwise not have access to such programmes. Join the discussion to give your ideas on how to be as inclusive as possible!

### Workshop

Organised by Europa-Team Aachen, Germany

## Your needs, your interests – your EP!

Are you interested in European politics, either as an individual or as part of a youth organisation? Would you like to know more about what's discussed in the European Parliament and get more involved in the decisions made, but can't find an easy way in? Do you have good ideas about what the EP could do to bring its Members and debates closer to young people and include them in the political dialogue? Then this is your chance to speak up and improve the way the EP connects with young people!

### Workshop

Organised by the EYE Team, European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 40 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.5, 40 places

**Language:** EN

**Days, Times:** a) Saturday, 10:00-11:30  
b) Saturday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.5, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## EYE revisited: Ideas for a better EYE?

Imagine you were part of the European Parliament team organising the EYE and you had the power to shape the EYE programme and the format of future events. What themes would you go for? Whom would you invite to speak? How would you make sure that there was more diversity among participants? How could the EYE 'go local' and be organised by young people at local level? In this workshop we are looking for your creative ideas on how to improve future editions of the EYE and tailor the event to your expectations!

### Workshop

Organised by the EYE Team, European Parliament

## Get in on the action: The community needs YOUth!

How can young people create an effective grassroots campaign? How can we tap the power of young people to change the way we think and talk about politics and activism? What works well and what doesn't? Join this interactive boot camp to learn from effective grassroots campaigns. Get empowered, create your own campaign and rally around issues important to your community.

### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Macedonia-FYROM (NYCM-FYROM)

## Change agents: Empowering minority women to act in local communities

'I raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. [...] We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back' – Malala Yousafzai. Despite all the talk about equality these days, women – and especially young women from minority communities – are still stereotyped and face discrimination on a daily basis in many different aspects of their lives, from employment opportunities to access to leadership roles. How can they have a voice in society and achieve their full potential? How can they secure leadership roles and have a say in the political decisions affecting them? Join this workshop to learn about activities and practical strategies to empower young women from minority groups.

### Workshop

Organised by the Ubele Initiative

**Day, Times:** a) Saturday, 14:00-15:30  
b) Saturday, 16:00-17:30  
**Venue:** LOW S4.5, 40 places  
**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 17:00-18:00  
b) Saturday, 15:30-16:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 15:00-16:00  
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## You(th) and gender equality

Gender equality has recently been in the spotlight and we are engaged in an ongoing conversation about the inequalities, whether great or small, that affect us on a daily basis. It seems there is still a lot of work to be done to reach true equality. What does gender equality mean for you? How can gender equality be strengthened in your daily life? Who can make this happen? Bring your stories and experiences of gender equality to this workshop to share ideas and gain inspiration!

### Workshop

Organised by the Division for Women's Affairs and Equality in the Austrian Federal Chancellery, the National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV) and the European Youth Forum

## Youth-friendly cities: Warning – youth zone

Young people use public spaces just as much as anyone else, if not more. And yet all too often young people are not included in the process of placemaking. What do young people want to see in their cities? How can youth spaces become places of creativity, community and social activity? How can public places become platforms for youth civic involvement and urban education? Join this discussion to identify different types of youth spaces and look at their added value in the development of society at large. This activity will include brainstorming sessions, the mapping of youth spaces in Europe and the development of recommendations for policy-makers to make cities youth-friendly.

### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Bulgaria (NYF)

## Cities4Europe - Europe for citizens

At a time when politics is striving to retain its legitimacy and relevance in the face of growing disillusionment, more participative cities can provide a critical link between citizens and policy makers, and play a crucial role in co-creating a more positive future for Europe. Now it's your turn to share your ideas on what city governments should do to create a society where citizens come first, and where the civic involvement of young people is enabled. Could some of these actions be also scaled-up to the European level?

### Workshop

Organised by EUROCITIES in cooperation with the City of Strasbourg



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-15:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 11:00-11:45  
b) Saturday, 16:30-17:15  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30  
**Venue:** LOW S3.4, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

## June kaj kune: Young and together

Have you ever thought about learning Esperanto? Esperanto is a constructed language created by Ludwig Zamenhof in 1887 who had a dream that a common language would help unite people of different backgrounds. Esperanto is designed to be easy and fast to learn, so that it can act as a bridge language between people with different native languages. Considered the most widely spoken constructed language, it enables people to develop the confidence to learn and speak a foreign language. Join an enthusiastic community of Esperanto speakers to learn the basics of this universal language.

### Workshop

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)

## Does the media speak our language?

Most media stories about young people are negative. Young people are singled out in the media to create a dramatic, sensationalised stereotype that is often inaccurate. Where are the stories young people care about? Are their voices being heard and disseminated by the media? Is it possible for young people to challenge the way they are represented? Join this discussion to analyse how young people are portrayed in the media and discuss what can be done to improve the current situation.

### Discussion

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)

## 'Hope without memory is like memory without hope': What can Europe learn from its past?

The words of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel remind us to learn from our past. Let's look back at Europe's history to help us see things more clearly. What principles does the EU stand for? How can European nations work both independently and together to address Europe's challenges? Together we will look at a selection of key events in European history: what can we actually learn from our past to ensure a future in which we thrive?

### Workshop

Organised by the Young Ambassadors of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW), France and Germany



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 16:00-16:45  
b) Saturday, 11:00-11:45  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

## Back to the future: Learning from the past?

How does it feel to be unwelcome in your home country? To be forced to move to another and lose your home, family and friends? And then to have to find your place in a new environment? 70 years on, these topical questions are answered by four members of the war generation (Generation 'N') from the Czech-German border regions in a documentary demonstrating how 'big policy' influences the lives of 'normal people' – now just as in the 1940s. Meet the 27-year-old filmmaker who created this documentary and rethink your concepts of identity, collective historical memory and stereotypes!

### Workshop and screening

Organised by Generation 'N', Germany/Czech Republic

## RE:forming Europe

New dividing lines have emerged in Europe in the wake of the economic and migration crises. How can we bridge the North-South and East-West divides? This workshop marks the start of a longer journey to reform Europe through the development of a powerful common vision for young people, based on concrete regional and local actions. Join the workshop, share your ideas and lay the groundwork for pilot initiatives to be implemented in at least a third of EU Member States.

### Workshop

Organised by Buergerforum Europa, Austria

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** LOW H-1.2, 60 places  
**Language:** DE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00  
**Venue:** LOW S3.4, 35 places  
**Language:** EN

## Take your turn to shape the European Citizens' Constitution

What if Europeans had a chance to influence the creation of the Union's constitution? As it would definitely bring the EU closer to its citizens, the Young Europeans - France called a European Youth Convention (EYC) in 2017 whose participants drafted the Citizens' Constitution. Now it is your turn to shape this document. Brainstorm your ideas within three parallel thematic groups with those who worked on the first draft, and present your proposals for the EU's future via YouthMetre e-participation website.

### Talk and workshops

Organised by Young Europeans - France (*Jeunes Européens - France*), EYC Ambassadors and European Youth Press

#### Speakers/Facilitators

- **Martin Maska**, European Youth Press (EYP) and EYC ambassador
- **Louise Guillot**, **Lucie Pagnat**, **Hervé Moritz**, Young European Federalists (JEF) France

## Europe on trial: Who's to blame for the break-up?

In the light of Brexit and the rise of Euroscepticism and populist movements, let's put the EU on trial. Who's to blame for the break-up? Is it nation states, the EU institutions, disillusioned populations, separatists or populist actors? You'll issue a ruling based on arguments from the prosecution, the defence and witnesses invited to testify, suggesting a roadmap to improve the relationship between the EU and its citizens.

### Role-play game

Organised by Argo, France

## A Westminster-style debate: Is Britain still welcome?

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Britain decided to turn back time and remain in the EU against all odds? If so, you are welcome to join in this British-style debate on the motion: 'This House believes that the EU should allow the UK to remain a Member State if the UK so wished'. The setting: a panel of speakers with two in favour of the motion and two against. The floor will then be opened to all participants: let the debate commence!

### Debate

Organised by the Young European Movement UK, United Kingdom

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-19:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 50 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-16:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 40 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-18:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Post-Brexit: Is there a future for Erasmus+?

With Brexit just around the corner, serious questions about education loom: what is the future of Erasmus+? Will the UK have a part in it and, if so, what form will it take? If not, what might be the repercussions? What new skills should be at the core of Erasmus+? Vote on the resolution to be presented to the European Commission!

### Workshop

Organised by Europeers UK, United Kingdom

## Pressure cooker

Do you like cooking up innovative solutions to Europe's most pressing challenges? Pick a topic to throw in the pot, close the lid and turn up the heat! In this workshop, you'll put forward your creative recipes to increase citizens' trust in the EU's longevity and strengthen unity in a post-Brexit Europe. Once you've built up enough pressure, don't forget to let off steam!

### Workshop

Organised by Promoters for European Democracy, Romania

## The EU and us: Europe wasn't built in a day either

What is 'European identity'? And is there a link between young people and the EU institutions? What role do education and the national media play? And what are the EU success stories that define us? Génération UE's web documentary will give you some inspiration to kick-start the discussion on how to build and understand what unites us. Let's come up with some recommendations for how to reinforce our sense of European identity!

### Workshop

Organised by Génération UE, France

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 40 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 18:00-19:00

**Venue:** LOW N2.1, 40 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.2, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Connecting citizens: Building bridges over troubled water

Europe is in disarray and its different nations, institutions and groups of citizens act like strangers with no understanding for one another. How can citizens from different backgrounds bridge divides and establish connections in Europe? Join us to come up with ideas for projects and get the support you need to put them into practice!

### Workshop

Organised by the European Future Forum (EFF)

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Back to School+: Developing a sense of European identity

Have you ever heard of the Back to School programme developed by the European Commission? This programme sees EU staff head back to their former schools to share their European journey with current students and debate a variety of EU-related topics. The Back to School+ programme is a variant of this, broadening its reach and adding an intergenerational angle: retired EU officials are invited to all types of schools and universities to connect with the younger generation. Come and learn how to invite former EU officials to your schools and universities. Why would you miss this great opportunity to get to know the European project close up?

### Workshop

Organised by Stand up for Europe

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-17:30

**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Let's build an agenda for European solidarity

The concept of European solidarity is at the core of the EU. But what does it actually mean? What are the obstacles to its evolution and what makes it difficult in practice?

How does solidarity work in our societies (at local, regional, national and transnational level) and how can we promote it in Europe? Join us to draft an Agenda for European Solidarity.

### Workshop

Organised by Alternative Europa!, Germany

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-18:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Connecting young people, connecting Europe: Volunteer networks for integration

All over Europe, local and international volunteers engage in communities, promote intercultural dialogue and serve as models of youth participation. Who better than a young European volunteer to promote mobility among other young people? Would a network creating ties between foreign and national volunteers help to create a stronger sense of belonging? Come and discover the ways in which volunteers contribute to a more active form of European citizenship and explore best practices in youth engagement from all over Europe.

### Workshop

Organised by the Youth Volunteer Network of Normandy, France

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 14:00-15:30  
b) Friday, 16:00-17:30  
c) Saturday, 10:00-11:30  
d) Saturday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** Swan bar, 25 places

**Language:** EN

## YEP! Engage for tomorrow's Europe!

Ever heard of 'YEP!?' In this workshop, you'll gain an insight into YEP!, a policy proposal developed by Young European Leadership which focuses on the recognition of youth councils and educational institutions. You'll even get the chance to help the organisers shape this programme to make it the best it can be.

### Workshop

Organised by Young European Leadership (YEL), Belgium

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## 4. SAFE AND DANGEROUS: Staying alive in turbulent times



*'I don't want a never-ending life,  
I just want to be alive  
While I'm here.'*

- The Strumbellas, *Spirits*

Instagram: @AndyHendrata

## PANELS

### Cross-border crime scene: Making Europe a better place

Words of war written on a wall: 'I fought against the law – and I won'. Transnational organised crime tries to creep into every country and every region all over Europe. The global spiral of violence threatens citizens and our European way of life. How can we make Europe a safer place?

- How to enhance European cooperation and law enforcement against transnational criminal networks, dealing with drugs and weapons, trafficking humans and toxic waste?
- How to crack down on criminals smuggling migrants and causing the deaths of thousands in the Mediterranean Sea?
- How to stop money laundering related to organised crime, corrupt dictators, warlords and their European facilitators?
- How to protect public spaces against organised criminals?
- How to reduce street gang violence and provide exit opportunities for young gang members?

### Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

### Ideas givers

- **Simón Cabrera Ebers**, Project Manager, Fryshuset
- **Miranda Patručić**, regional editor, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project
- **Sanaz Zolghadriha**, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Security and Crime Science, University College London

### Ideas catchers

- **Jan Kleijssen**, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe
- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Tomáš Zdechovský**, Member of the European Parliament

### Moderator

- **Dorothee Haffner**, Journalist, ARTE

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.4, 420 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Sakharov prize: Voices of humanity

The Sakharov prize – Europe’s top human rights award – honours individuals and groups who have courageously dedicated their lives to the defence of human rights. Laureates tell their story and share their experience.

### Talk

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Lamy Hajj Bashar**, Sakharov prize winner 2016
- **Denis Mukwege**, Sakharov Prize Winner 2014

#### Moderator

- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

## Europe’s fight against terror: Die another day

Counterstrike of democratic countries: What is the best way to stop terrorists, counter violent attacks and hateful impulses, aimed at our free and tolerant way of life? What are the chances and the limits of our open society fighting its enemies and keeping citizens safe? How can European countries improve cooperation and take joint action? What are the best preventive actions to break the fatal attraction of jihad and extremist ideology?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Rajan Basra**, Research Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King’s College London
- **Simón Cabrera Ebers**, Project Manager, Fryshuset

#### Moderator

- **Leila Ghandi**, Journalist

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30

**Venue:** LOW S1.4, 420 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:30

**Venue:** Hemicycle, 900 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Corruption index: Why countries fail or prosper

The tentacles of corruption creep into cities and countries across Europe and the globe. Corruption creates massive opportunities in public office for self-enrichment while locking millions of men, women and children into poverty. The level of corruption is not just about money – it’s a key indicator of why states fail or prosper. What does corruption look like and how can we measure it? The corruption index ranks countries from very clean to highly corrupt. What can we learn from the cleanest countries to get things in order? What should the European Union do to tackle corruption?

### Presentation and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Florin Badita**, Founder, Corruption Kills
- **Coralie Pring**, Research Expert, Transparency International

#### Moderator

- **Laura Ferrara**, Member of the European Parliament

## Sport without corruption: Give me freedom, give me fire...

... give me reason, take me higher! We love waving the flag for the Olympics, football world cups and international sporting events, but we cannot always trust what we see before our eyes. We feel betrayed when games are not determined by fair competition on the field of play but by doping or corruption. Can we get the ball rolling to clean up sport in favour of fans and athletes worldwide? What do you propose? Would you demand greater transparency? Should autocrats with dodgy human rights records be allowed to host the world’s most prestigious sporting events?

### Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Ideas catcher

- **Bence Garamvölgyi**, Committee Member, ENGSO (European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation) Youth

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! To make sure you develop the best ideas, we’ll start extra early! In May, you’ll be asked to answer a quick online survey to share your views on where you want things to change, and why you want the European Institutions to act. What is going wrong, and why? Then, at the EYE, you’ll dive into developing joint answers to these problems. You’ll brainstorm in small groups and at the end you’ll have the chance to present the most innovative and significant ideas you came up with to an expert of the European Parliament, and get direct feedback!

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.5, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-18:30

**Venue:** LOW N3.2, 120 places

**Languages:** EN, FR, DE  
(interpretation only in plenary sessions)

## Marijuana: Smells like teen spirit – or escape from reality?

The weed chases my blues away – and I'll be okay? High time to debate drug laws in Europe. How harmful is the use of cannabis, including high-potency skunk, for the user and for society? Should it remain illegal or be tolerated as part of the European way of life? Should we rely on criminal law – or just issue public health warnings for cannabis, cigarettes and alcohol alike? Legal or illegal use: What works better to fight organised crime?

### Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Redwan Maatoug**, Psychiatrist, Sainte-Anne Hospital Paris
- **Lucas Nilsson**, Director, Nocturum
- **Kenzi Riboulet Zemouli**, Head of research, FAAAT think & do tank

#### Moderator

- **Irina Deneva**, TV Journalist, bTV

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.3, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## The DNA revolution: We better talk this over!

The DNA revolution gives scientists the power of rewriting the genetic code in humans, animals and plants. The new technology enables humans to change the code of life. Darwin only observed the course of evolution – we can change it now. The question is: Should we use the power to hack and edit DNA? No discovery of the 21st century holds more promise – or raises more troubling ethical questions. Should we put such ground-breaking science into practice?

### Hearing

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Louison Charmoillaux**, Volunteer, Greenpeace Lyon
- **Adrien Pasquier**, PhD student, Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine (TIGEM)
- **Jonathan Pugh**, Research Fellow in Applied Moral Philosophy, Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford

#### Moderator

- **Jonathan Hendrickx**, Freelance journalist

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** WIC 100, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject



## Cyber-attacks: Not just a phantom menace

Cybercrime has moved from science fiction to reality. The danger crosses from cyber into the real world. Hackers attack our open society to weaken key infrastructure, disrupt communications and spread disinformation. In a worst case scenario this could trigger armed conflicts in the future. What does it take to make vulnerable infrastructure resilient and to protect private data of individuals and companies? Do we need new legislation and international agreements to ensure peace in the digital era?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Mustafa Al-Bassam**, Researcher, Information Security Group, University College London
- **Aglika Klayn**, Cybercrime Specialist, Europol European Cybercrime Center
- **Francesca Spidalieri**, Senior Fellow for Cyber Leadership, Pell Center, Salve Regina University

#### Moderator

- **Poisson Fécond**, Video creator, Youtuber

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** WIC 100, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject



## European security: Shelter from the storm

Turbulent times ahead: Who will give us shelter from the storm? America on one side and Russia on the other side are following their own agenda and interests. A growing case for a common peace and security policy in Europe? Should Europe play a stronger role in the world and speak with one voice? What should be our purpose: act like a selfish giant – or reach out to people in need? Democrats versus autocrats: soft power – or hard sanctions?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Mykola Bielieskov**, Deputy Director, Institute of World Policy, Kiev
- **Jens Gieseke**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Lorena Mohr**, Policy and Advocacy Officer, World Vision Brussels EU Representation
- **Mari Strömsvåg**, Board Member, European Youth Forum

#### Moderator

- **Adam Isaacs**, Head of Unit, Transatlantic relations and G8, European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Friday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.4, 420 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject





## Is access to rights the key to tackling populism?

Ensuring that young people have full access to their rights is an essential element of a culture of democracy, human rights and the rule of law. How can improved access to rights for young people prevent and counter populism in Europe and strengthen the democratic foundations of the European construction process? Youth leaders and experts will present testimonies from individuals who have experienced difficulties in accessing their rights or been denied them altogether. Together we'll discuss how populist movements build on voter disenchantment – especially among young people! – to undermine their rights.

### Discussion

Organised by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW S2.2, 150 places

**Language:** EN

## Tolerance is not enough: Break the norm!

When we talk about equality and non-discrimination, we talk about fostering understanding and tolerance for victims of discrimination or abuse. But shouldn't we consider the bigger picture? Discrimination happens when someone doesn't fit into societal norms. Instead of focusing on how to accept those who don't fit in, shouldn't we take a closer look at the norms themselves? What norms and expectations exist in our societies? How do they affect our societies and young people in particular?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-15:30

**Venue:** LOW N1.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

## The legacy of mega-sports events

From the Olympic Games to the FIFA World Cup, what is the economic, social and environmental impact of mega-sports events? The kick-off of the 2014 FIFA World Cup, which saw Brazilians protesting over the cost of its organisation, was a reminder that such events have many lasting repercussions for the host country. What are the effects of the world's biggest sporting events on local, regional and national economies? What about the issue of sustainability and the subsequent use of the event infrastructure? What role can young people play in ensuring that sports (and politics) are a force for good? Join the debate and influence the legacies of major sports events.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO Youth)

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-15:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

# WORKSHOPS

## International crisis 2020

The EU is experiencing an international crisis and you need to find a way out. You will take on various roles and apply crisis management principles to save the EU. Join this simulation: will the outcome be war, humanitarian intervention or a diplomatic agreement – you decide!

### Role-play game

Organised by Stuzák, Czech Republic

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:00-12:30

**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

## The debate challenge: Conflict resolution 101

Are you passionate about debating? Join this session to train the peacemaker in you and come up with solutions to some of Europe's burning political issues – from Brexit to separatism. Can you look at both sides of a story? Are you aware of different political perspectives? Can you walk in someone else's shoes? Take part in this debate challenge: discover your potential and the power of conflict resolution!

### Debate

Organised by the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 13:30-15:00  
b) Saturday, 16:30-18:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## G8 in 2030: Will you defend your interests or solve the crisis?

It is 2030 and we are facing a major security crisis – the world is counting on you to represent one of the members of the G8 Summit. You will negotiate on behalf of China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Russia, the US or... the EU. From cyber-proxy warfare to controlling strategic resources, your interests will shape the outcome of the crisis!

### Role-play game

Organised by the ESPAS Young Talent Network, made up of EU civil servants from all EU institutions

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:00-15:00  
b) Friday, 12:00-15:00  
c) Saturday, 11:00-14:00  
d) Saturday, 11:00-14:00

**Venues:** a) & c) LOW S3.5, 24 places  
b) & d) LOW S3.6, 24 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

## Rethinking conflict resolution: The case of the Minsk II agreement

Inspired by the Model United Nations, this simulation will kick off with an introduction to the Ukrainian crisis and the Minsk II agreement. We'll then get into groups representing delegations from Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine to formulate a common position and negotiate with the other delegations. Our goal will be to come up with an agreement and produce a joint declaration.

### Role-play game

Organised by students at the Centre for EU-Russia Studies of the University of Tartu, Estonia

## Convincing policy-makers: Advocating for young people, peace and security in Europe

Do young people have a role to play in peacebuilding? What can they do to promote international peace and security? What would you do in peacebuilding negotiations? Join this simulation to find out! You'll hear first-hand accounts from young Syrians involved in peacebuilding and learn from their experiences. Your voice can be a powerful tool in making this world a better and safer place.

### Workshop

Organised by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders)

## Everyone can make a difference

Do you think racism and hate are some of the most pressing challenges our planet is facing? Then come along to our workshop, in which we follow the example of the international One Billion Acts of Peace campaign and come up with a concrete action project to tackle this problem. Discuss the root causes, get into groups to produce a brief plan for a project, optimise the plans and then put them into a format to be presented to EU politicians for possible support and funding.

### Workshop

Organised by PeaceJam Europe

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:00-14:30

**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject



**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Western norms and values: A long-standing notion from both sides of the Atlantic

We often refer to the concepts of the Western world and Western values. But does the term the 'West' still mean anything? Can we still attribute distinct social norms, ethical values, traditional morals and governing systems to it? Is this a notion we should be protecting? Should we promote it? Do we need to reinvent it? What difference can EU-US cooperation make? European and US students connected via video link in Strasbourg and Washington DC will analyse and debate the concept of Western norms and values through three interrelated topics: migration, national security, and data protection.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC

#### Facilitator in Strasbourg

- **Adam Isaacs**, Head of the Transatlantic Relations and G8 Unit, European Parliament

#### Facilitator in Washington DC

- **Ryan Meilak**, Administrator at the European Parliament Liaison Office, Washington DC

## Stopping the pendulum: From disenchantment to extremism

To some young people, the EU may seem like a monster – in this workshop, we'll try to get to the bottom of these feelings and explore the consequences they might have. Why did this happen, what went wrong and how do these individuals convey their disappointment? Is it expressed through political extremism, religious radicalisation or nationalism, and why is it so prominent in the internet era? How will this affect their vote in 2019, their societies and our Union's progress? And in the worst-case scenario, how long will we remain free and safe? The more dangers we spot, the more solutions we can find. Let's do it Europeans!

### Workshop

Organised by Europe Direct Komotini and Friends, Greece

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:30

**Venue:** LOW T03.037, 20 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Security and freedom: Is terrorism endangering our individual rights?

Europe is going through difficult times. The constant threat of terrorism is forcing us to strengthen security measures. How do the younger generations perceive the need for security? Can protection measures against terrorism jeopardise the fundamental principles of freedom and democracy? Join the discussion and try to find a compromise between national and international security and the protection of human rights.

### Workshop

Organised by Young Europeans for Human Rights, Italy

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:30-14:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Safe or free? That is the question

Can the EU manage safety risks while preserving one of our fundamental values: freedom? In stormy times, safety comes first. But at what cost? As we are forced to deal simultaneously with important questions such as the refugee crisis, its origin and terrorist attacks, the line between security measures and the infringement of liberties is often blurred. This walking debate will encourage participants to think about all sides of an argument and find solutions, by physically moving from one side of the room to the other.

### Moving debate

Organised by the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO) and Etudiants Musulmans de France (EMF), France

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:00-12:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Satire in politics

In the wake of the attacks on Charlie Hebdo in Paris there has been widespread endorsement of satire as a cultural achievement in Europe. Yet many people – and especially politicians – claim that satire should only monitor the political process from the outside. Come and discuss with Martin Sonneborn, current Member of the European Parliament and former editor-in-chief of the satirical magazine Titanic, the role that satire plays/should play in the political landscape.

### Workshop

Organised in cooperation with Martin Sonneborn, MEP

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW H-1.1, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Online abuse against women & hate speech: Hindering democracy in Europe?

Is online abuse and online harassment of women, particularly politically active women a threat to democracy? Across Europe we have seen elected politicians, heads of youth organisations, online activists, bloggers, journalists and young women face online abuse. The result is often that women and those from diverse groups choose not to participate in politics, in public leadership, political debates and ultimately refrain from expressing their opinions. We've seen various government interventions in Europe but is this enough? How can we tackle this new challenge to democracy, digital inclusion and progress towards gender equality? Join this discussion and help develop innovative strategies to keep our online communities safe for everyone.

### Discussion

Organised by Glitch!UK, United Kingdom

#### Speakers

- **Catriona Graham**, Campaigns and Policy Officer, European Women's lobby (EWL)
- **Cécile Kyenge**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Yentyl Williams**, Founder of the ACP Young Professionals Network

#### Moderator

- **Seyi Akiwowo**, Founder, Glitch!UK

## Coloured glasses: Promote tolerance, fight inequality

We all observe and interpret reality through different cultural filters. We all see the world through these 'coloured glasses'. But we are not necessarily aware of it. Cultural self-awareness plays a key part in how we perceive and interact with other people. In our increasingly diverse society, it is especially important to develop our intercultural communication skills and fight intolerance through understanding. What form do your 'coloured glasses' take? Join this workshop to learn more!

### Workshop

Organised by European Educational Exchanges – Youth for Understanding (EEE-YFU)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.5, 40 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Times:** a) Friday, 15:00-16:30  
b) Saturday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

### **Birth, adulthood and third age:** Intercultural dialogue from a gender perspective

Cultural and gender norms are often implicit, but they have a bigger impact on us than we might think. Are you ready to question those preconceived norms and gender stereotypes? This workshop will make you reflect on how exactly these stereotypes can affect your personal development. Join us to discover how gender stereotypes persist through different stages of our lives and what can we do once we are aware of them.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)*

### **Riding the waves** of democracy

The 'ocean' of democracy is particularly choppy in Europe nowadays, with the emergence of many populist parties and politicians. Their activities threaten our democratic societies and could lead to the rise of authoritarian regimes limiting our rights and freedoms. The solution to this issue is educated and competent citizens. Join this workshop to develop your social and civic competences. Learn how to make informed and responsible decisions to safeguard our democracy and rights.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the Czech Council of Children and Youth (ČRDM)*

### **Generation Y:** What's your greatest fear?

What fears do young people have about their future and the future of the societies they live in? Fears can lead to extremist thoughts if left unaddressed, which is why it's important to discuss them openly. Join us to address your concerns and discuss how to tackle them. How can we use fear to build a narrative of hope?

#### **Discussion**

*Organised by the youth organisation of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth)*



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-15:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-16:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

### **Mind the gap:** Life science train is about to leave!

Are we ready for life science revolution? In the last few years, our knowledge of human genetic diseases strongly improved. We are witnessing the emergence of new promising tools to prevent, detect and treat human disorders, even before birth. Are these technologies safe enough to be applied to humans? Can we treat each genetic disease? Are European countries sharing the same vision? To give keys to reflect on these questions, you'll be guided through genomic tools and debate together on their ethical aspects.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by The disease killers, France*

### **Speak your mind!** A playful experience of mental wellbeing

We live in a society that our brain perceives as fast, unstructured, highly pressured and with too many choices to make. As a result, we sometimes feel lost, uncertain, sad and anxious, or even delirious, excited and highly motivated. Are you keen to get to grips with these emotions, understand them and learn how to use them to our advantage? Then join our 'Speak your mind!' workshop and find out how you can raise awareness about youth mental health and wellbeing through clowning, games and theatre.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by Euro Youth Mental Health (EuroYouthMH), United Kingdom*

### **Working together** for safer roads in the EU

Did you know that more than 30 000 people die on EU roads every year, which is the equivalent of a medium-sized town? That's why it's all the more important to raise awareness among young people about road safety. So fasten your seatbelts and join us for a road safety simulation game in which you'll pass through five different activity pit stops. Will you manage to drive while drunk or writing a WhatsApp message? Get ready for a fun, yet safe, ride!

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by Agros Youth Club, Cyprus*

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** LOW S4.4, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:30-17:00  
**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## 5. LOCAL AND GLOBAL: Protecting our planet



*'Imagine holding Planet Earth  
in the palm of your hand.  
50 years from now – what will they say about us here?  
Did we care for the water and the fragile atmosphere?'*

*- Prince, Planet Earth*

Instagram: @Mikecleggphoto

## PANELS

**The burning question:** Should Europe take the lead on climate action?

We only have one planet, and we need to work together to protect it. Scientific evidence gives us a strong sense of urgency to fight against global warming. Ignoring the voice of scientists would only push the risk of climate collapse to the next generation. Should Europe become a clean-energy superpower?

- How to cut greenhouse gas emissions and shift from dirty fossil fuels to clean energy sources?
- How to create more green jobs and a new climate for doing green business to foster renewable power, energy-saving technologies and the circular economy?
- How to speed up electric cars, bicycles and low-carbon mobility on the road to a greener future?
- How to transform mining areas for a post-coal future?
- How to protect rainforests and eco-systems?

### *Ideas check*

*Organised by the European Parliament*

#### *Ideas givers*

- **Lennart Budelmann**, Co-founder, aQysta
- **Anna-Maria Renner**, Grassroots Coordinator, Greenpeace Greece
- **Philipp Voß**, Junior Researcher, Ecologic Institute

#### *Ideas catchers*

- **Jakop Dalunde**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Karima Delli**, Member of the European Parliament

#### *Moderator*

- **Diana Bologova**, Board member, European Youth Press

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.4, 420 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## A spacewalker's life: Zero gravity and a hundred new horizons

My mission to the International Space Station. A European astronaut talks about one of humanity's greatest exploration adventures and shares his experience with young people.

### Talk

Organised in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA)

#### Speaker

- **Paolo Nespoli**, Astronaut, European Space Agency (ESA)

#### Moderator

- **Kata Karáth**, Freelance Science Journalist

## Race to planet Mars: A place to see before you die?

Europe 2020: Time for a new mission to Mars, our nearest planetary neighbour. The EXO MARS rover – Europe's famous next-generation space robot – will travel across the surface of the red planet to search for signs of life. What could it find and bring home to Earth: new evidence of life in the universe or even habitable stars?

### Presentations and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Jan Lukacevic**, Researcher, Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Department of Space Physics
- **Michaela Musilová**, Chair of the Slovak Organisation for Space Activities (SOSA)
- **Elliot Sefton Nash**, Planetary scientist, European Space Agency (ESA)
- **Martin Zwick**, Automation and Robotics Engineer, European Space Agency (ESA)

#### Moderator

- **Monika Hohlmeier**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.4, 420 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:30

**Venue:** WIC 200, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



## Biodiversity and wildlife crime: On safari to extinction

Wildlife crime and habitat loss have pushed many rare animals to the brink of extinction. Crime syndicates are behind the trade in endangered species, operating across continents, without mercy for elephants, rhinos, tigers or gorillas. What can the European Union and the member states contribute to stop criminals and to protect threatened animals? Support park rangers and local communities against poachers? A worldwide ban on ivory trade without loopholes? Serious punishment and sanctions? Sustainable tourism without licence to kill?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Catherine Bearder**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Lois Lelanchon**, Animal Rescue Program Officer, International Fund for Animal Welfare
- **Francis Massé**, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Sheffield

#### Moderator

- **Kata Karáth**, Freelance Science Journalist

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-17:30

**Venue:** LOW R3.1, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Sustainable city: Global picture, local colour

Protecting the planet: The United Nations outline the big picture in the 'sustainable development goals'. Cities add local colours. That's where the action is to improve life for future generations. Cities play an even more important role in the era of globalisation, offering local solutions to global challenges. What is your model for a sustainable city?

- Better ways to move around the city: New mobility solutions leading to less emissions and cleaner air?
- Better ways to live together: What are your proposals for the well-being of young people and families - cohesion between all generations, affordable housing, safe public spaces, and fitness areas?
- Better ways to work: How would you attract green jobs and foster start-ups with an environmental impact, save resources and avoid waste?

### Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Ideas catchers

- **Eleonora Evi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Edouard Martin**, Member of the European Parliament

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! To make sure you develop the best ideas, we'll start extra early! In May, you'll be asked to answer a quick online survey to share your views on where you want things to change, and why you want the European Institutions to act. What is going wrong, and why? Then, at the EYE, you'll dive into developing joint answers to these problems. You'll brainstorm in small groups and at the end you'll have the chance to present the most innovative and significant ideas you came up with to an expert of the European Parliament, and get direct feedback!

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 13:00-16:30  
b) Saturday, 10:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW N3.2, 120 places

**Languages:** EN, FR, DE  
(interpretation only in plenary sessions)

## Farm of the future: Do you think cows like robotic milking?

In an ideal world: Sustainable farms produce a wide variety of healthy food, provide a good living for farmers and their families, respect animals and plants and maintain the surrounding nature for future generations. In real life: Current food production is not within the boundaries of the planet. Industrial agriculture as we know it is unsustainable, a dead end. The European Union needs fresh ideas and better solutions. Which is your preferred model for the farm of the future?

- Technological approach: Precise technology including computer controlled watering and fertilising crops. Robots milking the cows and assisting the farmer. A green business, resource-efficient and highly productive.
- Ecological approach: Organic farming, minimising human pressure on animals and plants, including protection of biodiversity around the farm. Animal welfare and animal rights, significantly higher standards for the well-being of farm animals.

### Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Beverley Flatt**, Farmer and Content Creation Manager for Bayer Animal Health
- **Isabella Lang**, Policy Analyst for organic agriculture, IFOAM EU
- **Jannes Maes**, President, European Council of Young Farmers
- **Robbe Van Beers**, Scientific Researcher, Mechatronics, Biostatistics and Sensors (MeBioS) division, KU Leuven, Belgium

#### Moderator

- **Marijana Petir**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW S1.5, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Water for all: Born to run...

... out of water? Clean, freshwater is critical for human survival, short in supply and at the source of sustainable development. Who protects the planet's most vital resource in times of climate change? What action should the European Union take...  
... at the global level to support access of all poor people to clean and safe water,  
... at the European level to follow up on the successful citizens' initiative 'Right 2 water',  
... at the local level to improve water management as part of a healthy eco-system?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Clara Cuartero de Frias**, Board Member, ONGAWA; End Water Poverty
- **Hugh McDonald**, Researcher, Ecologic Institute
- **Antonella Vagliente**, Co-Founder & Director General, Young Water Solutions

#### Moderator

- **Lynn Boylan**, Member of the European Parliament

## Ocean protection: Hooked on heavenly habitat

The ocean – covering 70 percent of our blue planet – sustains all life on Earth and regulates the climate. Fishing provides jobs for millions and food for billions worldwide. We love to dive into the blue, magnificent habitats for health, recreation, sports and exploration. Our oceans are in trouble – so are we. How can Europe stop ocean exploitation, degradation and overfishing? How can we ensure a sustainable marine life in the future? How to remove plastic waste from the ocean or keep it out of water in the first place?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Speakers

- **Marcella Hansch**, Architect & Founder, Pacific Garbage Screening
- **Eugene Kitsios**, Photographer
- **Lina Röschel**, Junior Researcher, Ecologic Institute

#### Moderator

- **Tiemo Wölken**, Member of the European Parliament

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.3, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.3, 190 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE

## Changing Africa: New perspectives in the smartphone era

Africa's young generation has the potential to climb out of poverty and to emerge from the bottom to the mainstream of the global economy. Equipped with smartphones and Internet access a growing number of young people will find new ways to crack the continent's long-standing problems. On their rough ride to the future they need our help to succeed. What are your ideas to build new and better connections with Africa? A European investment plan? Investment with social or sustainable impact? Supporting start-ups? Rewriting trade rules? Empowering girls in education? Transferring green technologies? Supporting sustainable tourism and biodiversity?

### Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

#### Key-note speaker

- **Denis Mukwege**, Sakharov Prize Winner 2014

#### Speakers

- **Iman Malek**, CEO & Founder, AQUASafe
- **Ameni Mansouri**, Co-founder & CEO, Dabchy
- **Rohit Subramanian**, Investment Associate, CDC Group

#### Moderator

- **Felix Lutz**, Administrator in the International Trade Committee, European Parliament

## Century of the city

Cities are the most promising place in which to find sustainable development solutions to address the major challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What makes cities so important and what is the role of local governments in addressing challenges such as climate change, economic inequality and youth unemployment? How can young people take on their role as active citizens, social entrepreneurs and social innovators? Join this discussion to learn how you can shape the future of your city.

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-19:00

**Venue:** WIC 100, 240 places

**Languages:** interpreted into EN, FR, DE



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-15:30

**Venue:** LOW N1.2, 150 places

**Language:** EN



## #renewJobs: The opportunities of renewable energies

Young people want a job that can give them a good life. They also have the right to live in an undamaged environment. Renewable energies have the potential to tackle both issues: creating jobs and mitigating the effects of climate change. Join us to explore common ground between trade unionists and environmentalists and discuss how we can harness the potential of renewable energies.

### Discussion

Organised by the International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)

## Sustainable Development Goals and young people:

Time to change the world!

Is it really possible to change the world? Do young people have a role to play? The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been identified as a tool to address our biggest global challenges. Join us to find out what has actually been done to reach these goals and what's still left to do. Learn how young people have played a key role in achieving the SDGs at national, regional and global level and how they can continue to support this global agenda.

### Discussion

Organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI)

## Working towards a better world: Young people and sustainable development

The United Nations set out to address some of the biggest global challenges, such as eradicating poverty, protecting our planet, building long-lasting peace and developing strong and stable democratic societies. Young people play a key role in that process and their participation is vital to ensure this ambitious agenda is implemented. How can young people take the lead on working towards peaceful and prosperous societies?

### Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

#### Speaker

- **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

#### Moderator

- **Dejan Bojanić**, Vice-President, European Youth Forum

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-17:00

**Venue:** LOW N1.1, 70 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW N4.3, 70 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-17:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Opinion space tent, 359 places

**Language:** EN

# WORKSHOPS

## Travel far, get closer

How can we take out "distance" as a physical obstacle to a better world? Faces2Hearts is a worldwide blogging initiative that has taken 4 young bloggers on a journey across Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific for 5 months to discover projects that have changed people's lives for the better, supported by the EU. Come and listen to the amazing stories of places and people they have encountered off the beaten track! Learn about the small steps that matter, hear the heartbeat of entire communities, let their faces touch your hearts...

### Talk

Organised by the Faces2Hearts project supported by EuropeAid (European Commission)

#### Speakers

- **Ariel Contreras**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in Latin America
- **Jean Luc Habimana**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in Western & Central Africa
- **Lauren Kana Chan**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in Asia-Pacific
- **Ellie Tomassi**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in East & Southern Africa

#### Moderator

- **Sara Fonseca Silva**, Digital Campaign Manager, EuropeAid

## Development cooperation, solidarity and international youth work

How can you act in your local area and still contribute to a sustainable world? What is Solidarity Action Day? Come and learn how you can contribute to a fairer world, even with the smallest act. Together we'll discuss what solidarity and development cooperation should look like if they're to be sustainable and how to create long-term youth solidarity networks all over the world.

### Workshop

Organised by the Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe (SAME), Belgium

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:00-13:30  
b) Saturday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Swan bar, 20 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:30

**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

### **The green toolbox:** Sustainability in your daily life

Every choice that we make on a regular basis, from how much paper we print to how much energy we use, has an impact on the environment. Do you want to learn how you can reduce your environmental footprint? Knowing where to begin and what exactly you can do can be overwhelming. This workshop will help you get started. Join us and challenge yourself! Discuss how you can adapt your habits and adopt a more environmentally conscious lifestyle.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)*

### **#SportForAll:** Sport for sustainable development

What is the link between sport and sustainable development? Sport can contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the sport sector can benefit from implementing them. Drop by this workshop to hear stories and practical examples of how we can move closer to sustainable development through sport. Discuss how you can take inspiration from those ideas and introduce them in your local communities.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO Youth)*

### **Sustainable Development Goals** in everyday life – explained

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We've heard these three words on repeat, but how can young people relate to them on a practical level? How we discuss the SDGs in a way that makes them relatable and relevant to our day-to-day existence? How can you support your community in the fight against hunger, poverty, inequality and climate change? Drop by this workshop to look at the relevance of SDGs at personal, local, national, European and global level. Contribute to positive change in your community and start creating a social impact now.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI)*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 15:00-16:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-17:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

### **May the force be with us:** A future for the planet and later generations?

We have so much work to do! Pollution, climate change, heavy industry, pesticides, the extinction of species: how can we ensure the future of our planet and mankind? That the way we use the Earth's resources meets our needs and still leaves enough for future generations? How can we make learning about sustainability fun and encourage people to get involved? Join our workshop and explore how youth work can help and how each and every one of us can make a difference. Be the change you want to see!

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by the Partnership on Youth between the Council of Europe and the European Commission*

### **From Dungeons and Dragons to projects and power**

In a world where the environment and population are under threat, what would you do to save the planet? Join us in this role-playing adventure to learn how to build successful coalitions and develop strategies to fight for environmental causes. The game will empower you to analyse issues and take action on the things you care about.

#### **Role-play game**

*Organised by the Jeunes Écologistes, France*

### **One is not enough:** Everyone must do their bit!

When we talk about protecting our planet, 90 % of the time we mean the little things that we can do in our personal life, homes and surroundings. But that's not enough. We need to create an impact in our communities, using 'nudges' to encourage everyone to perform these tiny little acts. How? Join us and discover how to take the first step.

#### **Workshop**

*Organised by AIESEC Strasbourg, France*

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 40 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 11:00-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Humans destroying Mother Earth: A fifth international crime?

Human rights and protection of the environment on one side; economic, political and diplomatic considerations on the other. Two topics which are all too often hard to reconcile. How can we make environmental protection legally binding and ensure recognition of the notion of 'ecocide'? We all own this planet, but it's us humans who are destroying it. What role could the EU play in this global issue?

### Workshop

Organised by the Young Ambassadors of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW), France

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-18:30  
**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

## Is the fight against climate change a feminist battle?

Climate change creates and exacerbates gender inequalities. Gender stereotypes and the imbalance of power place a great burden on women, as they are less likely to have access to resources and to be able to make their voices heard. Learn more about how different climate change scenarios affect different genders. Find out how they would affect your community and how your gender identity would play into each scenario. Get inspired to take action: fight climate change and fight for gender equality!

### Discussion

Organised by the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

#### Speaker:

- Terry Reintke, Member of the European Parliament



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:00-16:30  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## White Paper on best practices in the field of energy and the environment

Pick an EU country and a topic related to the environment or energy and come up with a project to tackle the issue in that country. Taking inspiration from the most successful initiatives collected in the White Paper on best practices in the field of energy and the environment, come up with ideal solutions to the problems. Then it's up to citizens to push their governments to apply them!

### Workshop

Organised by the College of Europe White Paper project, Belgium's national winner of the 2017 Charlemagne Youth Prize

**Day, Time:** Friday, 18:00-19:00  
**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

## Become a change agent of a sustainable energy future

When you look at the state the world is in, you can either remain cynical and disenchanted or decide to change society for the better! If you want to be empowered and become a change agent for a more sustainable energy future, then this is the workshop for you. Come and discover how the sustainable energy community has helped others in the past, how it can support you in putting your ideas into practice and how you can use the community's platform to connect with people and resources.

### Workshop

Organised by InnoEnergy

## Green cities: how can young people be a part of the change?

Cities can play a key role in protecting our planet by committing to environmental protection and sustainable development. However, in practice this is often not so easy. What are the main challenges in greening our cities and how can they be solved? How can young people be a part of that process? This discussion brings together representatives from European Youth Capitals to discuss their experiences and exchange ideas on how to move forward. Join us and share your perspective!

### Debate

Organised by Varna - European Youth Capital 2017

## Transforming mindsets: 'Cross-pollination' for smarter cities

Have you ever heard of 'cross-pollination'? If not, this is the ideal opportunity to put this methodology into practice as we explore how to create sustainable smart cities. In this workshop, you'll gain multidisciplinary expertise and combine technical and commercial skills. Come and create a space for the cross-pollination of ideas and skills where we'll develop ideas for safe, sustainable and resilient cities.

### Workshop

Organised by the Millennial Education Project, United Kingdom

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:00  
**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 50 places  
**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:30-18:00  
**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00  
**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 40 places  
**Language:** EN

### Smart mobility: Towards emission-free public transport

Today's big cities are facing rising pollution levels due to traffic. How do we advance public metropolitan and inter-city transport to the level of emission-free smart mobility? How can we connect local and regional transport systems to a fast, intermodal mobility network and simplify cross-border mobility for long distances? Come and discuss these and other burning questions of today.

#### Workshop

Organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF) in Stuttgart, Germany

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** LOW S3.7, 40 places

**Language:** EN

### One voice, one vote, one chance: Less plastic in Europe and our lives!

Plastic consumption is a tangible environmental concern and we must take action to reduce it, both through EU policy and individually. How can we achieve a life with less plastic through trendy alternatives? Join this workshop to come up with campaigns and policy proposals to reduce plastic (at EU and local level) and explore how to enhance existing ones. Kick-start a life with less plastic!

#### Workshop

Organised by Stay With Me, Germany

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places

**Language:** EN

### #Double\_WTF: Where's The Food Without The Farmer?

Have you ever thought of becoming a farmer? Would you even know where to start or how to access farmland? Can innovative business models for the future farming sector tackle rural depopulation? Meet young professionals who'll share their first-hand experiences. Join us to come up with future strategies to support young farming start-ups and set sustainable rural development and organic agriculture in motion!

#### Workshop

Organised by Young Farmers for Organic Agriculture, Belgium

**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:00-17:00

**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

### Water and peace: A cooperative process

Play the role of a water-stressed country, a water-rich country, decision-makers, businessmen and individuals. You'll get a scenario based on your freshwater resources and paper water bottles containing different amounts of water. Now it's up to you to negotiate how to share out the available water so that everyone has enough to live: have you got what it takes to solve the world's water conflicts?

#### Role play game

Organised by the Solidarity Water Europe European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW)

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 17:00-18:30

**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

### The ethical consumer: The impact of our choices on the planet

Surveys show that more and more Europeans are willing to pay more for products when they are produced in an environmentally friendly way that respects social conditions. Do you consider yourself a responsible and ethical consumer? Do you have a good understanding of how our individual and collective choices as consumers affect the environment? And how does our socioeconomic background play into those choices? Join this role-play game to find out!

#### Role-play game

Organised by the International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

### Don't waste it, taste it! How responsible is your food consumption?

Roughly one third of the food produced for human consumption every year - approximately 1.3 billion tonnes - is lost or wasted. Responsible consumption and production are therefore key to achieving sustainable development. What can you do as an individual? What can the EU and the UN do? Join this workshop to find out more about successful policies implemented throughout Europe and how you can help to prevent food waste.

#### Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Germany (DBJR)

#### Speaker

- **Tiemo Wölken**, Member of the European Parliament



**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## How fair is our trade?

What is fair trade? Is there a single 'model' everyone should follow or are there lots of different ways to achieve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of marginalised small producers without maximising profit at their expense? How can the EU support marginalised small producers, whether independent family businesses or belonging to associations and co-operatives? Can the EU help them to move from income insecurity and poverty to economic self-sufficiency and ownership?

### Workshop

*Organised by the Young Cyprus Greens, Cyprus*



**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:00-18:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



## Skills, networking and creativity: Workshops and games



### **I have a business idea:** Do I have the skills?

Can you learn a mindset? Can you learn to be creative or think strategically? Can you learn to be flexible but still deliver according to plan? Try entrepreneurial education – combining theory and practice, soft and hard-core skills and so much more – to help you become a successful entrepreneur. See what incubators and accelerators can offer you.

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW R1.1, 130 places

**Language:** EN

### **Skills workshop**

*Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs*

#### **speakers**

- **Falko Döring**, President, EIT Alumni Board
- **Ricardo Marvao**, Co-founder & Head of Education, Beta-i
- **Engy Youssef**, Head of Scouting, Wayra

### **I have a business idea:** Anybody got any money?

A crash course in three potential sources of funding for your business: Family, Friends and Fools. Venture capitalists, angel investors, banks, crowdfunding...and don't forget the EU!

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-15:00

**Venue:** LOW R1.1, 130 places

**Language:** EN

### **Skills workshop**

*Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs*

#### **speakers**

- **Alessio Beverina**, General Partner, Panakès Partners
- **David Ford**, Angel Investor, Arrowfield Capital
- **Yves Martinez**, Credit Manager, Banque Populaire Méditerranée

## Leadership and social action: Engaging young people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Can leadership and community organising go hand in hand? In this workshop we'll present parts of a pilot course combining leadership development skills with social action. Learn the techniques you need to drive social change through dynamic and innovative community organising knowledge and techniques!

### Skills workshop

Organised by the Leeds Muslim Youth Group, United Kingdom

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00  
**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 35 places  
**Language:** EN

## Start your own awareness-raising campaign (on children's rights)!

Want your voice to be heard but don't know how to make it happen? It's easier than you think! Together we'll learn how creativity can help us overcome any obstacle in our lives. Join our workshop and learn how to run an effective awareness-raising campaign. Existing campaigns on children's rights will serve as examples of potential obstacles and solutions. You'll launch a campaign by producing a short video to be shared on social media. The messages will then be delivered to MEPs.

### Skills workshop

Organised by the YouSmile Team, Greece

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-15:30  
**Venue:** LOW S4.1, 50 places  
**Language:** EN

## #Speakup for climate action: You(th) power the planet

Young people will be hit hardest by climate change but are underrepresented in the debate on climate action. Advocacy (working in the public interest to influence decision-makers) can help you to speak up and make your voice heard. In this workshop, you'll find out why climate change should matter to you and how to integrate climate advocacy into your future activities or work, whatever your field of interest. Learn the practicalities of the field and develop strategic advocacy skills. Join us to build lasting connections with young people across Europe and develop a proposal to deliver to an MEP!

### Skills workshop

Organised by Youth for Climate Ambition

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30  
**Venue:** LOW S3.3, 30 places  
**Language:** EN

## Tell us your stories: Become a citizen journalist

Citizen journalism – where citizens report on what they observe – is an extremely useful form of media coverage that has become increasingly popular in the past decade. The internet enables everyone to produce content and distribute it around the world through social media. The media landscape is changing, becoming more participative and in touch with local realities. How can citizen journalism bridge the gap between access to information and news? How can we ensure that citizen journalists are accurate, check their facts and seek multiple sources for their news stories? Are you interested in learning how to interview people and engage audiences and in discovering basic editing techniques? Join this hands-on workshop to learn how to be a citizen journalist covering issues important to your community.

### Skills workshop

Organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF)

## EU write the script: Youth reporting on Europe

Want to learn how to create a radio show? Then this workshop is for you! You will be guided by media professionals who'll share some of their tips and tricks and give you their insight into how to prepare a radio show. Become a radio editor for the day, broadening your knowledge and expertise in the fields of communication, the media and reporting on EU policies.

### Skills workshop

Organised by RadUni, Italian National University Radio Network, Italy

## Radio workshop: Lend Europe your voice!

Is radio a nostalgic machine from the past? Some consider it old-fashioned – yet it remains one of the most accessible and inclusive forms of media out there. How can young people use radio to spread their opinions far and wide? Join this workshop to learn how to harness the medium of radio and make it appealing to young people across Europe!

### Skills workshop

Organised by National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV) and Panthersie für Europa, Austria



**Days, Times:** Two-parts activity:  
a) Friday, 11:00-12:00  
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Digital revolution tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:00-16:30

**Venue:** LOW H-1.1, 45 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Saturday, 12:00-13:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Crash course: Learn international sign language

Sign language, gestures and communicative expressions are used all around the world, but it is not so common in Europe to see deaf people using sign language. Sign language helps people build a rapport with one another. A stronger Europe is one built on mutual understanding and communication, but how can we overcome existing barriers in communication? How can we highlight the importance of sign language? How can we make sure that it is recognised and used widely within society? Join us for a crash course in international sign language and be a part of this movement.

### Skills workshop

Organised by the European Union of the Deaf Youth (EUDY)

## Model European Union: Joining forces to simulate European politics

Have you ever taken part in a Model European Union (MEU) simulation? Would you like to organise a MEU session within your school or organisation? Do you have ideas about how to improve simulations? Then join this workshop to learn how you can become an MEU coordinator – share your experiences and get feedback from experienced organisers.

### Skills workshop

Organised by the Bringing Europeans Together Association (BETA), Italy

## Year of Young People: Building a legacy beyond 2018

Did you know that Scotland has designated 2018 the Year of Young People? Would you like to learn more about what this entails and how you could bring this concept to your home country? Then join this workshop and meet some of the Scottish co-designers of the Year of Young People who will share best practices to help you use this format to make a real impact on young people in Europe.

### Skills and networking workshop

Organised by Young Scot, United Kingdom



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 13:30-14:00  
b) Saturday, 13:30-14:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places

**Languages:** EN, international sign language

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:30-12:00

**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 30 places

**Language:** EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 14:30-16:00

**Venue:** LOW S2.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Will it juggle... or will it fall?

Do your fingers itch when you're holding an apple, an orange and a tangerine? Are you fascinated when you see people juggling with six balls at a time, without dropping any? If the answer is yes, come and learn to juggle with us at this workshop for beginners run by the Graine de Cirque Association in Strasbourg. Yes, you'll juggle, but not on your own! This workshop is designed to help break the ice: a chance to have fun meeting other EYE participants!

### Skills and networking workshop

Organised by the Graine de Cirque Association in Strasbourg, member of the European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

## Sing to inspire

Do you like singing? Have you always wanted to try it out, but never dared? Then come and explore how we can use music to unite communities and bring people together to overcome any number of boundaries and barriers. An interactive music-making session with Paul Smith, co-founder of VOCES8.

### Creative workshop

Organised by VOCES8, United Kingdom

## Yoga: Come as you are

Find time between mingling, advocacy, dialogues and shaping the future of Europe to take a deep breath at the EYE2018. Relax and explore the connection between body and mind by tapping into the expression of the elements in nature. How does consciousness manifest itself through the essence of water and earth? And how are we, human beings, a reflection of the elements? This is an ancient, insightful and beginner-friendly yoga practice. It includes yoga postures, relaxation, breath work and meditation. Come as you are.

### Workshop

Organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO Youth)

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:00-12:45  
b) Friday, 15:00-15:45  
c) Saturday, 10:00-10:45  
d) Saturday, 11:00-11:45

**Venue:** Flower carpet stage, 30 places

**Languages:** EN, FR

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 15:30-16:30

**Venue:** WIC 200, 240 places

**Language:** EN



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 11:00-12:00  
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN



### Peace doves: Make your own, let it fly!

Ever heard of 'craftivism'? This workshop is where craft and activism meet. Learn about the UN resolution on youth, peace and security and get creative by making a visible statement on the themes of youth participation and peacebuilding. Don't miss this interactive DIY workshop to let your creativity flow and the peace doves fly!

#### **Creative workshop**

*Organised by the National Youth Council of Finland (Allianssi)*

### Drawing the future of Europe!

Do you have your own ideas about Europe and how it should be? Do you like drawing? Then join this creative workshop, tell your story and create a comic that puts all participants' stories into one! Learn about how to produce a comic successfully and discover what it looks like to draw different European values.

#### **Creative workshop**

*Organised by Iuventia and the Young European Federalists in Spain, Spain*

### With the EYES of a camera: InstaMeet at the European Parliament

Follow our @europeanparliament Instagram photographers who will guide you to some unseen spots inside and outside Parliament. You'll take and share pictures and stories, receive tips on how to master Instagram and have the opportunity to meet fellow Instagrammers at the EYE. The best #EPinstameet pictures will be regrammed on Parliament's official Instagram account!

#### **Creative workshop**

*Organised by European Parliament photographers*



**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 11:00-12:00,  
b) Saturday, 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Friday, 11:30-13:00

**Venue:** LOW North Gallery, 30 places

**Language:** EN

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:30-13:30  
b) Saturday, 12:30-13:30

**Venues:** a) meeting point Yo!Fest Village EYE tent, 25 places  
b) meeting point Agora, 25 places

**Language:** EN

### Travelling for a cause: The toolbox

Capturing a feeling, a fleeting moment, a whole life... in a snapshot, in a filmed minute, in a couple of words! Faces2Hearts is a worldwide blogging initiative that has taken 4 young bloggers on a journey across Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific for 5 months to discover projects that have changed people's lives for the better, supported by the EU. Come and meet them as they are ready to share and exchange with you tips and lessons learnt on photography, videography / filming in 360°, blogging, storytelling. Learn how a sensitive heart and amazing subjects can be sublimated by modern equipment and techniques.

#### **Skills and networking workshop**

*Organised by the Faces2Hearts project supported by EuropeAid (European Commission)*

### Refugee crisis: Compassion and empathy through theatre

How does it feel to be a refugee? You'll hear stories from young people who have been forced to flee their countries in search of a better life. How does such an experience affect an individual? How can you relate to it and how do you express your compassion? This activity will challenge you to communicate your empathy through theatre. Challenge yourself, learn about the real-life experiences of young refugees and use your creativity to foster understanding and intercultural communication.

#### **Creative workshop**

*Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)*

### Youth values

Take part in our Eurodesk game on European values: pick a word, build a storyline, challenge yourself to create a mime and help the other group discover the value behind it.

#### **Interactive game**

*Organised by Eurodesk*

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 18:00-19:30  
b) Saturday, 15:30-17:00

**Venues:** Swan bar, 20 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Time:** Friday, 16:30-18:00

**Venue:** Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

**Language:** EN

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 10:00-11:30

**Venue:** LOW -1 Triangle, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## The peace spaceship: Challenging prejudice

No matter who we are, we have all experienced stereotypes and prejudice at some point in our lives. The future of Europe will not be white but multi-ethnic, made up of many different cultures, races and nationalities. Migrations and movements of people from all over the world are contributing to a new way to be 'European'. We'll start by playing the peace spaceship game and move on to a discussion on *jus soli*, *jus culturae* and the way forward.

### Interactive game

Organised by Servas Youth, Italy

**Day, Time:** Friday, 14:00-15:00

**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Youropeans

In this role-play game you will play the role of a citizens of a hypothetical new European country that, after a period of dictatorship, is asking to enter the European Union. Through the creation of local committees it will be up to you to find solutions to issues such as youth unemployment, integration of migrants, cultural diversities, and environmental problems. Will you manage to build the ideal society?

### Role-play game

Organised by Eurodesk Est Lombardia

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** LOW North Gallery, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Changemakers: Find the key to a better Europe

This game takes you on the journey of a young migrant experiencing the hardships of integration into the European reality. Teams will come up with proposals using different methodologies: sketches, debating, song-writing or drawing. Solve the problems to gain the key to the next room: be the change in your community and receive the Changemaker Award!

### Interactive game

Organised by the Center for Intercultural Dialogue, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

**Day, Time:** Friday, 17:30-18:30

**Venue:** LOW North Gallery, 50 places

**Language:** EN

## Active Europeans squared

The power is in the squares! Engage with your peers in an interactive setting: come along to this fun workshop to identify what connects you with the rest of Europe's young people! Which virtual square do you belong to: are you an optimistic influencer or a pessimistic spectator? Find ways to tackle your common concerns and propose practical solutions in this thought-provoking activity. Who will win?

### Interactive game

Organised by the Rotaract Club of Nicosia, Cyprus

**Day, Time:** Friday, 12:00-13:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.5, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## On the road from 'apart' to 'together': The first step

How can we include people from different cultures in a Europe which is as diverse as ever? Come along to our workshop and take part in two games focused on self-insight: what possible prejudices might European societies have against refugees and migrants? Put your own experiences under the microscope and (re)consider your actions for the future integration of young refugees and migrants in European society.

### Interactive game

Organised by the Youth Representation of the Service Civil International (SCI), Belgium

**Day, Time:** Friday, 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** LOW S4.3, 40 places

**Language:** EN

## Stamp your cultural passport!

You're an EU citizen with a passport that holds no stamps. You're just starting your journey through the 28 EU Member States. Your sole aim? Complete tasks at each stop on your journey to get your passport stamped. Ready to guess traditional meals, write a poem in a foreign language or teach each other traditional dancing steps? Play this learn-by-doing game to increase your knowledge of the 28 Member States and have fun while you're at it!

### Interactive game

Organised by Youth Dynamics, Cyprus

**Day, Time:** Saturday, 16:00-17:00

**Venue:** LOW C00.101, 30 places

**Language:** EN

## Urban strolls

The Urban strolls will give you an opportunity to discover the richness of the European cultural heritage in Strasbourg: its cathedral, the Neustadt, the European Institutions and the Lieu d'Europe as well as the cultural diversity and the living space of youngsters in Strasbourg. We will also tell the stories of historic characters who have contributed in Strasbourg to the European project. The cultural walks will stimulate your creativity and innovative thinking by suggesting ways to engage in the promotion and protection of the tangible and intangible European cultural heritage.

### Guided city tours

Organised by Association Migration Solidarité et Échanges pour le Développement (AMSED), France

### Euroscola Special: The one-day role play on EU parliamentary work

600 students from all over Europe will step into the shoes of the Members of the European Parliament for one day and debate in committee meetings and plenary, draft and vote on resolutions on current EU topics (youth employment, environment, ICT, future of Europe...), practise their language and rhetorical skills and meet their fellows from other EU countries.

### Role-play game

Organised by the European Parliament

[www.europarl.europa.eu/euroscola](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/euroscola); [f](#) euroscola; [t](#) @Euroscola

**Days, Times:** a) Friday, 12:00-14:30  
b) Friday, 12:00-14:30  
c) Friday, 15:00-17:30  
d) Friday, 15:00-17:30  
e) Friday, 18:00-20:30  
f) Saturday, 10:30-13:00  
g) Saturday, 10:30-13:00  
h) Saturday, 13:30-16:00  
i) Saturday, 13:30-16:00  
l) Saturday, 16:30-19:00

**Venue:** Starting point: accreditation tent,  
12 places

**Language:** EN



**Day, Times:** Saturday, 09:00-16:30

**Venue:** Hemicycle

**Who:** reserved for groups selected in national Euroscola competitions organised and coordinated by the Liaison Offices of the European Parliament in each EU Member State



## SPEAKERS' BIOS



In this year's EYE edition, the floor is almost entirely up to young people. In fact, not only EYE participants, but also the vast majority of all EYE2018 speakers are younger than 30 years! Speakers above this age – mainly Members of the European Parliament and other European decision makers – have been asked to listen («catch») and react to the ideas by all young Europeans present at the EYE, and take them on board in their legislative work after the event.



**Aardal Kristina** (29, Norway)

Kristina earned her bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern studies and her master's degree in Arabic studies from the University of Bergen, Norway, the American University in Cairo and the University of Oslo. Today, she works with the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT) which uses purpose-made recognition methods to determine refugees' qualifications in Europe. NOKUT has two procedures for this, both of which are interview based: the UVD procedure and the Qualifications Passport for Refugees.

[www.nokut.no/en](http://www.nokut.no/en); [@NOKUT\\_No](https://twitter.com/NOKUT_No)



**Abbara Salam** (27, France)

As a passionate health advocate, Salam studied for her interdisciplinary master's degree in life sciences before becoming a resident in internal medicine and infectious diseases at Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris, France. The 26-year-old is of Syrian origin and has participated in many events in the field of e-health, med-tech and future innovations in healthcare.

[www.aphp.fr](http://www.aphp.fr); [in csalamabbara](https://www.linkedin.com/company/csalamabbara)



**Abel Ewa** (30, Poland)

Ewa gained her bachelor's degree in business and international finance from Oxford Brookes University, UK, and her master's in finance from the EDHEC Business School in Nice, France. Having worked as a partner at the Giza Polish Ventures fund in Warsaw, Poland, she joined the European Investment Fund as an investment manager, where she currently invests in European Venture Capital (VC) funds.

[www.eif.org](http://www.eif.org); [in ewajenniferabel](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ewajenniferabel)

**Accordi Rickards Marco** (Italy)

Marco is an academic and journalist in the field of interactive entertainment. As a full-time journalist for over 20 years, he was Editor-in-Chief of a number of famous video-game magazines. Now a professor at the University of Rome «Tor Vergata», he founded one of the first courses focusing on interactive entertainment, called History and Journalism of Interactive and Multimedia Works. He has published a number of books on video games, and currently works for some important cultural institutions.

[www.vigamusacademy.com](http://www.vigamusacademy.com); [@Metalmark](https://twitter.com/Metalmark)

**Aigro Kristen** (25, Estonia)

Kristen is a board member for the European Youth Forum, a youth-led platform of youth organisations standing #ForYouthRights in Europe and all over the world. She specialises in youth participation: challenging the myths of youth disengagement; calling for politics to #YouthUp by lowering the voting age to 16; and empowering young candidates and boosting participation through the European Youth Capital programme.

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**Akhtar Daniel** (28, United Kingdom)

Daniel is a human capital consultant at Deloitte in Belgium, where he aligns the talent, culture and leadership skills of his clients with their long-term business strategies. In the growing world of business technology, Daniel believes that sustainable and innovative change is still people driven and should reflect the changing workforce demographic.

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**Akiwowo Seyi** (26, United Kingdom)

After speaking at EYE 2016, Seyi faced significant online abuse and harassment when her speech went viral. She founded Glitch!UK, a non-profit which speaks out against online abuse. As founding manager and director, Seyi lobbies social media companies and key decision-makers and has produced a recommendations report to promote good online citizenship. Most recently, she spoke at the UN, in Geneva, to voice her concerns about the online abuse women face in the political sphere.

[www.glitchuk.net](http://www.glitchuk.net); [@seyiakiwowo](https://twitter.com/seyiakiwowo)

**Al-Bassam Mustafa** (23, United Kingdom)

As a teenager, Mustafa made headlines when he co-founded the hacktivist group LulzSec, which targeted government and corporate institutions. The group was banned from the internet for two years. Today, Mustafa is a PhD researcher at the Information Security Research Group at University College London and works as a security advisor at Secure Trading, a company which secures online payment processes.

[www.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ucl.ac.uk); [@musalbas](https://twitter.com/musalbas)

**Aldana Lorena** (29, Mexico)

Lorena Aldana is a member of the taskforce implementing the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 in the European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture. She works on the design, management and communication of the Year's activities at EU level. Before joining the Commission, she worked for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in the research and design of heritage-led local development strategies. She has addressed the issue of youth engagement in cultural heritage by presenting interventions at international conferences like the UNESCO Italian Youth Forum 2018 in Matera and the Cultural Heritage for a More Reliable Europe Conference in Plovdiv.

[www.europa.eu/cultural-heritage](http://www.europa.eu/cultural-heritage)

**Alizadeh Madeleine** (28, Austria)

In 2010, Madeleine founded Dariadaria, a lifestyle blog which promoted a sustainable and conscious lifestyle. She later moved on to create the podcast 'A Mindful Mess' and produced her own sustainable clothing line, 'dariadéh'. A dedicated environmentalist, Madeleine is on the advisory board of The Earthbeat Foundation and continues to promote sustainable ways of living. She has also dedicated time to NGO projects in Iraq, Jordan and Gaza and hosted a TED Talk in 2016.

[www.dariadaria.com](http://www.dariadaria.com); [@dariadariablog](https://www.instagram.com/dariadariablog)

**Alvarado Martinez Luis** (28, Spain)

Originally from the Canary Islands, Luis became the President of the EYF in January 2017. Luis is a true European at heart, having studied in Spain, Britain, France and Belgium. He completed his master's degree at the College of Europe in Bruges, and was President of AEGEE-Europe. He has worked on youth policy with the European Parliament, the Commission, and the UN, amongst others. For the EYF, Luis has negotiated Erasmus+ funding and EU Youth Policy, and was named «Young European of the Year» by the Schwarzkopf Foundation in 2014.

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**Arendt Isabella** (25, Denmark)

Isabella works as an analyst at the Happiness Research Institute, a think tank that quantifies happiness through research. Isabella has focused on the Danish workplace model and job satisfaction rates in Denmark to inform decision-makers about what leads to happiness and how to boost it.

[www.happinessresearchinstitute.com](http://www.happinessresearchinstitute.com); [@Happi\\_Research](https://twitter.com/Happi_Research)



**Asseraf Madiana** (30, Spain)

Madiana used her studies in digital media and digital business to respond to the issues faced in public broadcasting services and storytelling in the digital age. Head of Media Strategy & Development at the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) since 2012, she has worked closely with strategists and senior position-holders to support public broadcasters, facilitate digital storytelling and create a number of networks in these fields.

[www.ebu.ch](http://www.ebu.ch); [@MadiAsseraf](https://twitter.com/MadiAsseraf)



**Autengruber Carina** (28, Austria)

Carina is Vice-President of the European Youth Forum, responsible for EU affairs and migration. She has been an active European youth delegate at the Austrian National Council and has worked in Luxembourg, Germany, Portugal and South Africa. She is currently studying for a master's degree in political science, development and gender studies at the University of Vienna.

[www.youthforum.org](http://www.youthforum.org); [@CAutengruber](https://twitter.com/CAutengruber)



**Badita Florin** (30, Romania)

Florin Badita was nominated Forbes 30 under 30 Europe 2018, was awarded "European Personality of the Year in 2018" by Euronews in the European Leadership Awards. After a night-club fire killed 64 people, he founded Coruptia Ucide (Corruption Kills), a platform which has been fighting against corruption. Biggest protest had over 600.000 people in the streets. In 2019 he aims to organise the European Activists Conference (EAC), a co-created space for 1000 civic society activists from Europe, with the aim to gather, learn, share knowledge, know-how (e.g. investigative journalism, fighting corruption, a cross-border collaboration amongst NGOs across Europe...)

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**Bart Menno** (36, The Netherlands)

Menno is public affairs manager at the Adecco Group. As such, he is responsible for managing the Group's relationship with global and European institutional stakeholders, and for positioning the Group as a labour market leader. Menno regularly contributes to discussions on the future of work, (youth) employability and skills, and a range of other labour market related topics. Previously, Menno worked as a lobbyist in Brussels for the World Employment Confederation, and as a consultant for Russchen Consultants. Menno is a former diplomat for the Dutch government in Prague and on Aruba.

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**Basra Rajan** (31, United Kingdom)

Rajan is a research fellow at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR), where he focuses his research on the overlaps between crime and terrorism. He is also completing a PhD at the Department of War Studies, King's College London.

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**Bearder Catherine**

(Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe – ALDE, United Kingdom)

Elected to the European Parliament in 2009, Catherine Bearder is a committed campaigner and spokesperson in Europe for her constituents, the environment and the Liberal Democrats. Founder of the MEPs for Wildlife group, Catherine Bearder recognises the threats to biodiversity and wildlife. She was rapporteur for the report entitled 'EU action plan against wildlife trafficking', subsequently adopted by the European Parliament, and is a leading voice in Parliament on issues related to human trafficking. She campaigns for lowering the voting age and increasing the representation of women in politics. Catherine Bearder sits on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

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**Becker Heinz K.** (European People's Party – EPP, Austria)

Heinz K. Becker, MEP since 2011, is a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and a substitute member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. He is also Vice-Chair of the Intergroup on Active Ageing, Intergenerational Solidarity and Family Policies. His major political commitments in the field of youth concerns have been combating unemployment among young people and the development of the student and apprentice exchange programme Erasmus+. Prior to becoming an MEP, he ran an advertisement company with his wife.

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**Bellani Chiara** (29, Italy)

Chiara is a Policy Assistant for the DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission. She holds a Master's Degree in International Relations and Political Science from LUISS University Rome, and studied in the USA, Norway and Canada. After working for the United Nations and the Brussels liaison office of LUISS University, she now works on EU cultural policies, and she is in the Task Force for the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

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**Benifei Brando** (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats – S&D, Italy)

Brando Benifei, European Federalist, is – at 32 – one of the youngest MEPs. His main fields of work are employment and foreign affairs. He is Co-Chair of the Youth Intergroup and Vice-Chair of the Disability Intergroup. He is currently rapporteur for the Employment and Social Affairs Committee opinion on the report on the European Solidarity Corps and is responsible for the Youth Employment Initiative and the Youth Guarantee on behalf of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament.

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**Bennett Hugh** (26, United Kingdom)

Hugh worked on the Vote Leave campaign during the UK's referendum on EU membership in 2016, before becoming Deputy Editor of the news channel BrexitCentral. He is a keen traveller and has visited 24 of the 28 EU Member States to date.

[brexitcentral.com](#); [@HughRBennett](#)



**Beverina Alessio** (Italy)

Alessio is co-founder and General partner of Panakes Partners, a new VC firm that finances medical companies, early-stage startups and SMEs in Europe and Israel, improving patient outcomes and healthcare economics. He began his career in 1997 as a researcher at LETI, before joining the central R&D group of STMicroelectronics. He graduated from Politecnico di Milano, with a degree in chemical engineering, and with an MBA from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (ESCP-EAP). Alessio is a Kauffman Fellow.

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**Bielieskov Mykola** (25, Ukraine)

Mykola graduated with a MA with honours in International relations from the Institute of International Relations at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv in 2016. Since September 2016 he has been working for the Institute of World Policy as an analyst where he was made the Deputy Executive Director in December 2017.

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**Birzniece Violeta** (35, Latvia)

Violeta has been working for the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ Youth in the European Commission for the past eight years. She covers areas related to information, communication and outreach.



**Bologova Diana** (25, Russia/Sweden)

Diana is an international journalist and researcher, currently based in Brussels. Between 2011 and 2013 she worked as a journalist and investigative filmmaker for the popular state-owned Russian TV channel Channel One, in Moscow. In 2013, when freedom of speech was heavily restricted in Russia, she moved to The Netherlands to complete an exchange programme in European journalism. She has Masters in Human Rights and International Journalism. Together with the European Youth Press she organised and facilitated several training programmes for young journalists. She is currently a board member for the European Youth Press focusing on the environmental journalism.

[www.youthpress.org](#); [diana-bologova](#)



**Boven Harro** (24, The Netherlands)

A portfolio holder at the Youth Wing of the Dutch Liberal Democrats (D66), Harro was the primary author of a financial proposal for universal basic income (UBI) in The Netherlands. Over the following two years, his work was adopted as a blueprint for UBI in the country and Harro has been invited to discuss the topic on Dutch national television and in the Dutch Parliament.

[international.d66.nl](#); [harro-boven](#)



**Boylan Lynn** (European United Left-Nordic Green Left – GUE/NGL, Ireland)

Lynn Boylan is the Sinn Féin MEP for Dublin. She has a keen interest in environmental and food regulation issues, as well as gender equality and human rights. She is a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Employment & Social Affairs (EMPL) and the Special Committee on Terrorism. Over the last three years, she has authored the follow-up to the European Citizens' Initiative on the Right2Water and acted as rapporteur for the EMPL opinions entitled 'Poverty: a gender perspective' and 'Gender equality in the media sector in the EU'.

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**Budelmann Lennart** (30, The Netherlands)

Lennart is co-founder and Managing Director of aQysta, a start-up from Delft, based in The Netherlands, that focuses on the development and commercialisation of hydro-powered water pumps. He gained a bachelor's in industrial engineering and management from FH Wedel, Hamburg, while completing internships at Mercedes Benz and Airbus, and has a master's degree in management of technology from Delft University of Technology. It was during that time that he co-founded aQysta. In 2016, Lennart was listed as a promising social entrepreneur in Forbes' 30 Under 30 Europe list.

[www.aqysta.com](#); [in lennartbudelmann](#)



**Budisteanu Alexandru** (24, Romania)

Alexandru is one of TIME magazine's 16 Most Influential Teens of 2013 and the founder of VisionBot, a company he started in his parents' garage consisting of a small production line of pick and place robots that assemble electronics. He is the proud winner of the Gordon E. Moore Award for his creation of AI algorithms that power self-driving cars. Since then, he has founded WebDollar, a digital cryptocurrency which he plans to spread worldwide.

[webdollar.io](#); [f budisteanu.ionut](#)



**Bugaj Michael** (35, Sweden)

Michael is a Sweden-born Danish entrepreneur. He is the founder, CEO and product architect of meploy, and is co-founder and board member of the Danish Association for The Platform Economy.

[www.meploy.me](#)



**Cabrera Ebers Simón** (28, Sweden)

Simón is a project manager at the Swedish NGO Fryshuset. He has worked with the organisation's two disengagement programmes, Passus and Exit, supporting individuals who are motivated to leave extremist groups and criminal gangs. He has also developed a collaborative initiative with Swedish municipalities to equip the Swedish workforce with the necessary tools to counter violent extremism. He is currently managing an international leadership programme, across three continents, in response to UN Security Council resolution 2250.

[www.fryshuset.se](#); [in simón-cabrera-ebers-84409691](#)



**Champier Manon** (31, France)

Manon aka Manon Bril is a videographer on youtube, who produces the show "C'est une autre histoire" (That's another story). At the same time, she is working on her PhD thesis in history at the University of Toulouse-2-Jean Jaurès.

[t C'est une autre histoire](#)



**Charanzová Dita** (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe – ALDE, Czech Republic)

Dita Charanzová is a Czech Member of the European Parliament in the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). She is a former diplomat, whose postings include the Czech Permanent Representation to the EU. She has also worked at the Council of Europe. Dita Charanzová is the Vice-Chair of and ALDE spokesperson for the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and a substitute member of the Committee on International Trade. She was rapporteur for the IMCO opinion on civil law rules on robotics.

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**Charmoillaux Louison** (23, France)

After finishing her studies in humanities, German, French literature and sustainable territorial development, Louison volunteered with Greenpeace in 2015. In 2016, she took part in the Nuit Debout gathering in Lyon and was jointly responsible for the Food For Life campaign at Greenpeace Lyon. She later travelled to Hamburg to help implement Greenpeace's Peace and Democracy project at the G20 Summit.

[www.facebook.com/greenpeacefrance](#); [f louison.charmoillaux](#)





**Cheung Xavier** (29, France)

Along with his group Osons Causer, Xavier breaks down current affairs on Facebook and Youtube. Their short and uncompromising videos documenting governmental actions have garnered millions of views. If you don't know them, their sharp minds and their frank speaking style make a visit to their website worth your while!

[f](#) [osonscauser](#)



**Cicek Aylin Ece** (29, Turkey)

Aylin Ece graduated from the School of International Relations at the University of California, before continuing her studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna where she analysed the science of policy implementation. She returned to her home country to study at Sabanci University, with the hope of setting up an academic foundation at the University's Faculty of Social Sciences. Today, she is a PhD student studying global governance, institutions and cooperation, and the European Union.

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**Cordeiro Carolina** (29, Portugal)

Carolina, who is known as Carol, is originally from Portugal. In her youth, she was passionate about the promotion of human rights and wanted to change the world – the first time she asked to volunteer, she was only 4 years old. As Regional Director of AIESEC International, Carol has already lived in Spain, Ireland, the Czech Republic and Egypt. She now lives in The Netherlands in pursuit of her dream to give all young people the same opportunities.

[globe](#) [aiesec.org](#); [in](#) [carolina-cordeiro](#)



**Croonenberghs Wannas** (20, Belgium)

Since he was 16, Wannas has been active as a volunteer in various organizations. During his experiences as a youth worker, he evolved from giving a summer camp to drafting proposals for policies and youth exchanges. He is currently studying at the university of Brussels.

[globe](#) [www.theoutsiderclub.be](#); [f](#) [club.theoutsider](#)



**Cuartero de Frias Clara** (25, Spain)

An agricultural engineer, Clara began volunteering with End Water Poverty (ONGAWA) when she started university. She has twice worked in Nicaragua with local farmers, developing their Human Right to Water programme. She has now moved away from engineering to study in the educational field.

[globe](#) [www.endwaterpoverty.org](#); [f](#) [clara.cuartero.1](#)



**Dalunde Jakob** (The Greens-European Free Alliance – Greens-EFA, Sweden)

Jakop Dalunde has been a Member of the European Parliament since June 2016, representing the Swedish Green Party. He is a full member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, the Green group's coordinator in the Committee on Transport and Tourism and a substitute member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Before entering the European Parliament, he was a member of the Swedish Parliament and the Swedish Greens' spokesperson for security policy. He was also the spokesperson for the Swedish Young Greens.

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**Dedopoulou Angeliki** (Greece)

Angeliki is an expert in digital solutions in the field of European skills and employment policy. Since 2014, she has been advising the European Commission on policy projects related to the acquisition of skills and qualifications. Her main focus is the ESCO project and associated initiatives, such as the EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals and the Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills. Angeliki studied Political Science with History, Sociology and European Governance in Greece, France and Luxembourg.

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**De Gregori Guglielmo** (30, Italy)

Guglielmo has been working for 9 years as a game journalist, contributing to some of the most important online and print magazines related to video games and entertainment, such as the Italian edition of EDGE. Afterwards, he started working in VIGAMUS Foundation as Research Center Coordinator. Since 2015 he has been studying in VIGAMUS Academy / Link Campus University, focusing on the game development aspect of the course. He serves as GamesVillage.it and VR Gamer Vice Director, and is the Lead Designer of Studio V. His prototype Last Song on Earth, developed with university colleagues from VIGAMUS Academy, was awarded Third Place in the last European Culture Forum Game Jam.

[globe](#) [www.vigamusacademy.com](#); [globe](#) [www.gamesvillage.it](#)



**De Groen Willem Pieter** (31, The Netherlands)

Willem Pieter joined CEPS in 2009, where he has co-authored studies and coordinated projects on EU and Near East financial institution regulations, diversity in bank ownership, retail financial services and financial instruments. He also focuses on obstacles to financial growth for small and medium-sized enterprises, the collaborative economy and taxation. He holds a master's degree in finance from VU University, Amsterdam, and is currently enrolled in a PhD programme at Tilburg University.

[globe](#) [www.ceps.eu](#); [t](#) [@CEPS\\_thinktank](#)



**Dejean Guillemette** (31, France)

Guillemette is the Chief Operating Officer at Chatterbox. Following an honours degree in Political Science and International Development from McGill University (Canada) and experience in the public sector in Australia, she founded two technology companies and is a Y Combinator alumni. Combining her social work and entrepreneurial background, Guillemette joined Chatterbox to scale its refugee tutor recruitment and business, as well as measure their impact on refugee integration.

[www.wearechatterbox.org](http://www.wearechatterbox.org)



**Delli Karima** (The Greens-European Free Alliance – Greens-EFA, France)

Elected to the European Parliament in 2009, Karima Delli is Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism and Vice-Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector. She is also a member of the Conference of Committee Chairs and the Delegation for relations with India, and substitute member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. She is French and a member of the Greens-European Free Alliance in the European Parliament.

[www.karimadelli.com](http://www.karimadelli.com); [@KarimaDelli](https://twitter.com/KarimaDelli)



**Delvaux Mady** (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats – S&D, Luxembourg)

Mady Delvaux-Stehres is a Luxembourgish Socialist MEP. She is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs and a substitute member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. She was rapporteur for the JURI report on civil law rules on robotics and Chair of the Working Group on Robotics and Artificial Intelligence. Prior to being elected to the European Parliament in 2014, she held various ministerial positions in Luxembourgish governments over the past 20 years. She served notably as Minister of Education and Minister of Social Security, Transport and Communication.

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**Deneva Irina** (30, Bulgaria)

Irina is a Bulgarian TV journalist with ten years' experience in national television and is a daily producer on the Before Noon show. Her primary interests lie in fashion, music, cinema and lifestyle. She has conducted interviews with celebrities such as Roger Waters, Goran Bregovic, Emir Kusturica, Philipp Plein, Roberto Botticelli and Caroline Scheufele and runs her own successful fashion blog, 'When You Wonder What to Wear'.

[www.whenyowonder.net](http://www.whenyowonder.net); [whenyowonderwhat](https://facebook.com/whenyowonderwhat)



**Diržinskaitė Aušrinė** (24, Lithuania)

Aušrinė is a Lithuanian graduate of Political Science in Vilnius University Institute of Political Science and International Relations. For years now she has been working in the NGO sector coordinating and implementing projects encouraging civic participation and civic awareness of society, especially amongst young people. Currently she is a coordinator of the initiative group of Lithuanian watchdog initiative "Learn before You Vote" (Lt.: Žinau, ką renku) and works at the Lithuanian NGO "Europos namai" (House of Europe)

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**Do Diem** (32, The Netherlands)

Diem is the co-founder of CodeGorilla, a coding school for people who want to learn how to code and work as a (web) developer. Diem also organizes hackathons and is soon to be a member of the expert commission of the Samenwerkingsverband Noord-Nederland (SNN). In the past she has been a board member of a co-working space where she was responsible for the business development. The co-working space grew from 14 to 60 members within a year.

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**Doring Falko** (28, Germany)

Falko manages a Community of entrepreneurs and innovators in the energy field. He aligns the passion and energy of a bottom-up movement including more than 100 active representatives with the goals and objectives of InnoEnergy, a knowledge innovation community by the EIT. He graduated from a double-master degree in energy engineering at IST, Lisbon, and INP Ense3, Grenoble. Complementary to his technical education he successfully absolved a course at Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics and absolved a 5 month training on entrepreneurship with the banc of Santander.

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**Duch Guillot Jaume** (Spain)

Jaume Duch is the European Parliament's spokesperson and Director-General for Communication. He joined the European Parliament's press service in 1990 and became spokesperson for the former President José Maria Gil-Robles in 1997. He would go on to lead the press service until 2006, when he became Media Director. In 2017, he was appointed Director-General of Communication, with joint responsibilities as Parliament's Spokesperson.

[www.europarl.eu](http://www.europarl.eu); [@jduch](https://twitter.com/jduch)



**Dunin-Wąsowicz Roch** (31, Poland)

Roch is a sociologist. He is managing editor of LSE Brexit and a research officer at the Generation Brexit project based at the LSE European Institute. He was the co-author of the LSE Commission on the Future of Britain report regarding the question of sovereignty and 'ever closer union'. His most recent research focuses on the social organisation and civic identity of Polish migrants in the UK.

[www.generationbrexit.org](http://www.generationbrexit.org)



**Elder Olivia** (26, United Kingdom)

Olivia is currently completing her PhD in classics at the University of Cambridge, UK, where she studies the relationship between language and identity. Alongside her PhD, Olivia works with The Willberforce Society, Cambridge's student-run think tank organisation. She recently edited a policy paper on the impact of Brexit on higher education and research, which she presented at the European Parliament as part of the Cambridge Brexit Report, commissioned by the MP for Cambridge.

[thewilberforcesociety.co.uk.gridhosted.co.uk](http://thewilberforcesociety.co.uk.gridhosted.co.uk); [@CamClassics](https://twitter.com/CamClassics)



**Episcopo Francesca** (27, Italy)

Francesca earned her degree in Law from the University of Pisa and her MJur from the University of Oxford. She is currently a PhD candidate in European private law at the University of Pisa. As a research fellow at the DIRPOLIS Institute at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, she works on various European projects, focusing on liability rules and insurance models for robotics, standardisation, product safety certification, data protection, and user acceptance of robotics and AI.

[www.santannapisa.it/en](http://www.santannapisa.it/en); [in francesca-episcopo](https://www.linkedin.com/in/francesca-episcopo)



**Evas Tatjana** (Estonia)

Tatjana is a policy analyst at the European Added Value Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Tallinn University of Technology. Her research focuses on the legal implications of new technologies. In 2017, Tatjana acted as scientific coordinator of the first European Parliament public consultation on the future of robotics and artificial intelligence (AI), and in 2018, she published the European Added Value Assessment on the liability of autonomous vehicles. She is currently working on the EPRS report on the cost of non-Europe on robotics and AI.

[www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank); [@EP\\_ThinkTank](https://twitter.com/EP_ThinkTank)



**Evi Eleonora** (Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy – EFDD, Italy)

Eleonora Evi is an Italian MEP for the Five Star Movement in the Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy group. She is a member of the Committee on Petitions, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and the Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides. She was rapporteur for the ENVI opinion on sustainable urban mobility. Eleonora Evi believes that transparency in decision-making processes and public involvement in politics are fundamental requirements for a better life in today's society and for future generations.

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**Falco Paolo** (33, Italy)

Paolo is a Labour Market Economist at the OECD in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, where he is currently investigating how different megatrends will shape the future of work. He has previously worked at the University of Oxford and collaborated with different international organisations, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. His research interests are in the fields of Applied Micro, Labour and Behavioural Economics. He holds a PhD from the University of Oxford.

[www.paolofalco.com](http://www.paolofalco.com); [www.oecd.org/employment/future-of-work](http://www.oecd.org/employment/future-of-work); [@paofal](https://twitter.com/paofal)



**Fandrejewski Matthäus** (28, Germany)

As its President, Matthäus organises the activities of CESI-Youth, the youth branch of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI), which was established in 2013 when youth unemployment throughout Europe was at its highest. Since then, he has been active in proposing youth policies within CESI and other European institutions. He has been involved in the organisation of several events to facilitate debate and conversation with CESI's young affiliates.

[www.cesi.org](http://www.cesi.org); [f matthaus.fandrejewski](https://www.facebook.com/matthaus.fandrejewski); [@CESIYouth](https://twitter.com/CESIYouth)



**Fat Stash / Jack Corfield** (23, United Kingdom)

Jack is co-founder of Boom Sound and a DJ for MC Gardna. Providing riddim after riddim and matching those beats, Jack Corfield is a key actor in the Bristol music scene.

[www.boomsound.co](http://www.boomsound.co); [f BoomSoundRecordings](https://www.facebook.com/BoomSoundRecordings)

**Feldmann Jacqueline** (23, Germany)

23-year-old Jacqueline Feldmann from Lüdenscheid, western Germany, craves knowledge. An ambitious and cool comedian, she has been on stage since 2011, with over 200 live shows to her name. She often appears on acclaimed comedy shows, including 'Quatsch Comedy Club', 'NightWash', and 'GOP Varieté'. After her successful debut tour of Germany, 'Luckily crazy', she is currently on her second comedy tour, 'Suddenly it's the future. Many may have missed it', which is touring across Germany.

[www.jacqueline-feldmann.de](http://www.jacqueline-feldmann.de); [f](https://www.facebook.com/Feldmann.Jacqueline) *Feldmann.Jacqueline*

**Felman Adam** (28, United Kingdom)

Felman is a UK battle rap stalwart who has been performing on the scene for over seven years and has claimed battle victories in Belgium, Germany and the United States. He is a regular at Brighton's live hip-hop nights and a member of the Chicken Grease movement, and has self-produced several albums. His newest album, Tidings, is due for release this year.

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**Ferencz Janos** (29, Hungary)

Previously a jurist in the field of EU law, Janos is a trade policy analyst at the Trade in Services Division of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). He analyses barriers to services trade in the context of the OECD Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) and coordinates the annual update of the STRI regulatory database. In addition, he explores how digitalisation and technological developments improve services trade and analyses new trade barriers to positive digitalisation within the field.

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**Flatt Beverley** (27, United States)

Beverley is the Content Creation Manager for Bayer Animal Health, Germany. She also runs a family farm that produces beef cattle, and meat and dairy goats. Bev's passion for agriculture stems from her early involvement in the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organisation. She was a representative at the Global Youth Agriculture Summit in 2015, where she worked with 100 other delegates to develop a declaration that was presented before the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation.

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**Ford David** (United Kingdom)

Having spent 20+ years as a fixed income and private equity fund manager, David is now a full time angel investor focusing on the life sciences space. He is particularly interested in working with science-led start ups as they build their proposition to get themselves investment ready.

**Foros Nikolaos** (27, Greece)

Nikos is an active member of the Board of Directors at Ethelon, a non-profit organisation that promotes the notion of volunteering among individuals, non-profit organizations and companies within the Greek society. Nikos has extended experience as a trainer, having worked in various companies, with the latest position being in the telecommunication sector.

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**Fosch-Villaronga Eduard** (28, Spain)

Eduard works at the Microsoft Cloud Computing Research Centre and at Queen Mary University of London, where he investigates the legal and regulatory implications of cyber-physical systems such as robots and clouds.

[www.researchgate.net/profile/Eduard\\_Fosch\\_Villaronga](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Eduard_Fosch_Villaronga); [t](https://twitter.com/eduardfosch) *@eduardfosch*

**Freitas Maria** (31, Portugal)

Maria works as a Policy Advisor at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), the only progressive think tank at the EU-level. Maria is responsible on the issues of democratic participation, extremism and new political movements. At FEPS she is also leading the Millennial Dialogue, a global youth engagement initiative that aims to create a better understanding of the priorities and values of the Millennial generation and their interaction with politics, political systems and institutions. Maria holds a law degree from Lisbon University and a Master of Arts in European Political Studies from the College of Europe.

[www.feps-europe.eu](http://www.feps-europe.eu)



**Gaasbeek Rolf** (29, The Netherlands)

Rolf is an experienced control engineer with a special interest in medical robotic applications and is a PhD candidate at the Eindhoven University of Technology. As part of his research, Rolf studied the control of shape-memory-alloy wire-actuated miniaturisable steering mechanisms, to allow for robotic-assisted minimally invasive surgery.

[www.medicalroboticstechnologies.nl](http://www.medicalroboticstechnologies.nl); [in rolf-gaasbeek](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rolf-gaasbeek)



**Gardna Luke** (23, United Kingdom)

Luke is a Bristol lyricist and DJ, known as Gardna, who has made a name for himself on the UK bass scene as an artist who uses a mixture of traditional reggae music and dub beats.

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**Garrote David** (26, Spain)

David is Talent acquisition and employer branding specialist for Lidl Spain, leading the strategy of the company' talent brand. He holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Santiago de Compostela and a Masters in Human Resources from the School of Finance in La Coruña (Galicia, Spain). He is currently studying an Executive program in Digital Marketing at The Valley Business School in Barcelona. His key areas of interest are people, and he soon identified that using branding and marketing technics can bring employer brands to a new level, making a huge difference on the employees lifecycle and having an important impact on the global business results.

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**Geissmann Céline** (26, France)

Céline is an executive board member of the Young European Federalists (JEF), a political NGO striving for a united and democratic Europe through Europe's youth. More than 15 000 members across Europe have been getting involved, holding street rallies and conferences and educating students about EU affairs. Céline will be graduating this summer with a master's in European economic studies from the College of Europe.

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**Gemenne Bruno** (31, Belgium)

Bruno is a coordinator in the Youth Mobilisation Department of Oxfam-Magasins du Monde. He spreads Oxfam's message around Europe and coordinates educational activities focused on fair trade for young audiences. As part of his role, he also develops educational tools and training sessions in schools and universities.

[www.oxfammagasinsdumonde.be](http://www.oxfammagasinsdumonde.be); [@oxfam\\_mdm](https://twitter.com/oxfam_mdm)



**Ghandi Leila** (France)

A bi-national TV host and journalist with millions of viewers on TV and an audience of over 700 000 people on her digital platform, Leila Ghandi advocates for women empowerment, inspiring the youth, promoting dialogue between cultures and fighting extremism. She is an international speaker and moderator at high level conferences organised by the United Nations, the European Parliament and the UFM. She graduated from Sciences Po Paris and Harvard, was named Opinion Leader and has won several awards internationally.

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**Gieseke Jens** (European People's Party – EPP, Germany)

Jens Gieseke studied law in multiple cities across Europe. For nearly a decade he was Head of the Brussels Liaison Office at the Working Group of German Airports (ADV). In 2014 he became a Member of the European Parliament, engaging most of all in issues concerning the environment, farming and transport. For him, European cohesion in defence policy is one of the most pressing aims of the coming years.

[www.jens-gieseke.de](http://www.jens-gieseke.de); [f gieseke.europa](https://www.facebook.com/gieseke.europa)



**Giscard d'Estaing Valéry** (France)

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing is one of the founding fathers of Europe. In May 1974 he was elected President of France. He unflinchingly pursued a policy of rejuvenating the building of Europe, supported by Helmut Schmidt. They pushed monetary union by initiating the European Monetary System (EMS), which was launched on 13 March 1979. He actively sought during his seven-year incumbency, to give new impetus to the European institutions. Founder of the G8 (then G6), the man behind the creation of the European Council, supporter of increasing the democratic power of the European Parliament, President of the Convention on the Future of the European Union, he was also responsible for drafting and editing a constitution for Europe.

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**Gkezos Armandos** (29, Greece)

Armandos (pen name: Christos Armando Gezos) was born in 1988 in Himara, southern Albania, and grew up in Greece. He has published a poetry collection (for which he received the State Award for First Time Author in 2013), a novel and a short story collection. He has represented Greece in international book fairs (Frankfurt, Kiev, Thessaloniki).

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**Glod Alexandru-Gabriel** (29, Romania)

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**Gouveia Fábio** (26, Portugal)

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[www.womenlobby.org](http://www.womenlobby.org)



**Gramatikova Boryana** (28, Bulgaria)

Boryana is a journalist at Bulgarian National Television. She currently co-hosts a morning TV show that focuses on foreign and domestic culture, minorities and human rights. She also hosts the TV show 'Sofia 2018', which reported on the events leading up to Sofia being declared European Capital of Sport. Boryana was the official spokesperson for Bulgaria at the Eurovision Song Contest in 2017 and has previously hosted international conferences at the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2015

[www.bnt.bg/bg/a/otblizo-s-mira-dobrev](https://www.bnt.bg/bg/a/otblizo-s-mira-dobrev); [f boryana.gramatikova](https://www.facebook.com/boryana.gramatikova)



**Guillaume Sylvie** (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats – S&D, France)

Sylvie Guillaume was first elected Member of the European Parliament in 2009, for the constituency of South-East France (Rhône Alpes, Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur and Corsica). She was re-elected in 2014 and became Vice-President of the European Parliament, in charge of communication and information policy, the Transparency Register and the European Citizens’ Prize. She is also an active member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, dealing in particular with migration policies, the harmonisation of the European asylum system and human rights.

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**Haji Bashar Lamya** (21, Iraq)

Lamya was captured by Islamic State terrorists in 2014 and survived 20 months of sexual enslavement. When she finally managed to escape, a landmine exploded leaving her injured and almost blind. Luftbrücke Irak brought her to Germany for medical treatment, where one of her eyes was saved. Since her recovery, Lamya has become the voice of the voiceless, in support of the victims from her Yazidi community in Iraq and the women and children who suffered at the hands of Islamic State.

[Lamya.haji.bashar](https://www.facebook.com/Lamya.haji.bashar)



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Aurélie has been an advocate, spokesperson and community organiser for the cause of universal basic income (UBI) since 2015. She is a member of Unconditional Basic Income and participate to several UBI working groups, focusing on policy-making in the field of child poverty and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

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**Hansen Lukas** (23, Germany)

Currently a trainee at Deutsche Welle, Germany’s foreign broadcaster, Lukas previously wrote for a number of German newspapers. His work focuses mainly on data journalism, innovation, tech, mobile journalism: just about anything which is fun and nerdy.

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Monika Hohlmeier was elected as a German Member of the European Parliament in 2009. She is currently Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgets and member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and the Special Committee on Terrorism. She is also the Chair of the Sky and Space intergroup. Before joining the European Parliament, Monika Hohlmeier served as State Secretary in the Bavarian Ministry for Education and Culture between 1993 and 1998 and Bavarian Minister for Education and Culture between 1993 and 2005. She was a member of the Bavarian Parliament between 1990 and 2008.

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**Huitson Lloyd** (28, United Kingdom)

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Céline has been working at the French Public Employment Service since February 2017, first as an intern then as an assistant project manager of EU labour mobility programmes, such as Your first EURES Job or Reactivate. She has been involved in the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps from the onset.

Before that, she graduated with a Master's in EU Affairs and Project Management and a B.A. and maîtrise in English. Céline had two Erasmus + experiences, spending a year in Ireland and a semester in Finland.

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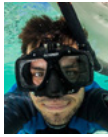
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His Directorate carries out standard-setting, monitoring and co-operation activities on a wide variety of issues including: freedom of expression, data protection, internet governance, cybercrime, terrorism, criminal law, fighting corruption and money laundering, and action against drug trafficking and drug abuse.

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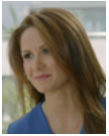
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**Lambert Stéphane** (31, France)

Stéphane creates Facebook and Youtube videos on politics with two friends in France. Topics range from ecology and democracy to economic issues. Their channel, «Osons Causer», has around 700k followers on Facebook and 190k on YouTube. They want to make much easier to navigate complex topics for anyone who is curious to better understand the world and how we can make it better.

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**Lamrabet Ikram** (19, Belgium)

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[www.oecd.org/regional/regional-policy/](http://www.oecd.org/regional/regional-policy/); [@OECD](https://twitter.com/OECD)



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Jo Leinen has been a MEP since 1999. Since 2014, he has been Chair of the Delegation for relations with China and a member of the Committees on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO), on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), and on Foreign Affairs. He chaired the AFCO Committee from 2004 to 2009 and the ENVI Committee from 2009 to 2011. Jo Leinen was President of the Union of European Federalists from 1997 to 2005 and of the European Movement International from 2011 to 2017. He was named Honorary President by both organisations.

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**Lelanchon Lois** (28, France)

Lois joined the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) in 2017 as an animal rescue programme officer, where she improves the lives of animals rescued from trade and provides relief to wildlife affected by man-made disasters, such as conflict. She has a background in international environmental law and is currently a PhD candidate in animal law at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

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[www.haaretz.com/misc/writers/davide-lerner-1.708971/](http://www.haaretz.com/misc/writers/davide-lerner-1.708971/); [@DavideLerner](https://twitter.com/DavideLerner)



**Lesénécal Thibault** (France)

Thibault is currently the head of the European Parliament's Web Communications Unit after working in online editorial production and strategy for ten years. His team produces up to three stories a day in 24 languages, as well as weekly infographics, all aimed at the general public. Mr Lesénécal contributed to the establishment and development of the Parliament's presence on 12 social media platforms, including interaction with Europeans online. Under his leadership, the European Parliament has grown to become a social-media heavyweight amongst institutions, such as the White House and UNICEF.

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**Le Vernois Mackenzie** (17, Canada)

A Canadian living in Estonia, Mackenzie is a recent secondary-school graduate from the International School of Estonia. She has lived in Europe for four years, dividing her time between The Netherlands and Estonia. She has spent the last two years working for Superheroes, a programme that aims to empower young women by teaching valuable leadership and entrepreneurship skills.

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Jannes grew up on a Flemish farm in Aalter, East Flanders, and has been passionate about agriculture and horticulture since childhood. He has a bachelor's degree in agriculture and is currently President of the Conseil Européen des Jeunes Agriculteurs (CEJA), after serving as Vice-President since 2016. Prior to this, he was an international representative of Groene Kring. He now works with his family on their dairy farm, cooperating with other farmers and processing their milk produce.

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Iman is an entrepreneur and hydraulic engineer who founded the company AQUASafe. Since graduating from the École Nationale Polytechnique, Algeria, she has taken part in the International Visitor Leadership Programme on small businesses and entrepreneurship, for which she was selected by the US embassy, and has promoted entrepreneurship in the field of technology and science in Algeria.

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**Mansouri Amani** (29, Tunisia)

Amani has spent the last ten years in Paris, the fashion capital of the world, where she founded Dabchy. Amani originally studied pharmacy and biomedical engineering and undertook research in biotherapy within the pharmaceutical industry. She has since followed her passion for fashion and created the start-up Dabchy, a clothing marketplace used by 220 000 women across three countries.

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Edouard Martin is a Member of the European Parliament, elected in 2014, and a member of the committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). He initially earned a vocational qualification (CAP) in Electrical Engineering and worked as a steelworker from 1981 until 2014, in Florange, France. During this time, he was elected as a staff representative, in 1989, and since 2006, has been an active member of ArcelorMittal's European work council.

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**Martinez Yves** (France)

Yves is a Sup de Co Reims (Neoma business school in France) graduate. He began to work with LCL Crédit Lyonnais in 1986 in Canada. In 1989 in a LCL subsidiary based in Sophia Antipolis (TSD) to develop technologic park in Europe. Yves has been working for BPCE since 1991 as executive in all the fields of retail and corporate finance.

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Ricardo is an entrepreneur, an investor, a connector and a firestarter. He is co-founder of Building the Innovation Ecosystem (Beta-i).

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**Masteikienė Violeta** (Lithuania)

Violeta is a leading social entrepreneur and founder of numerous social initiatives in Lithuania. She created 'Friends' Jam', an initiative which seeks to reduce poverty by connecting families with a harvest surplus with families in need of food. Another of her projects, 'Coloured Gingerbread Day' seeks to change attitudes towards orphaned children. She was recognised by the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Lithuania as a Leader of the Year in Social Entrepreneurship in 2016, and was a semi-finalist in the international Ideas from Europe 2017 competition.

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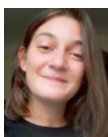
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Adrien originally studied architecture, a field which introduced him to the science of cellular and molecular biology. He studied cellular mechanisms at Wageningen University and Research in The Netherlands and continued his PhD studies in human biology, focusing on diabetes. He is currently carrying out postdoctoral research at the Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine, Italy, and experiments with gene-editing on pancreatic beta cells.

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Terry Reintke (born in 1987) was elected as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) in 2014. She belongs to the Greens/European Free Alliance group and is the youngest female MEP. At 16, she was already actively involved in the Young European Greens. She is a strong supporter of youth rights and pushes for a stronger social dimension for the EU. She was born and raised in Gelsenkirchen and studied political science in Berlin and Edinburgh.

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**Riboulet Zemouli Kenzi** (26, France)

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**Richter Julian** (31, Austria)

After finishing his master's degree in Economics in Vienna and Barcelona, Julian completed a management trainee program in technical trade, was a teaching fellow at Teach for Austria for 2 years and co-founded a social business called MTOP. At MTOP he is one of the managing directors, mainly responsible for recruiting and finances.

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Roland, a French language and literature specialist, taught university students for many years. Entering politics in 1974, he initiated the return of the tram to Strasbourg in the 1990s and was appointed Mayor in 2008. Since then he has advocated a more compact town centre and developed stronger ties with the neighbouring town of Kehl, developing a tram line across the Rhine river in 2017. He was made President of the Union of French Cities in 2014.

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**Sabuni Safi** (27, Sweden)

As for so many others, European mobility programmes opened up a new world for Safi. She is an experienced alumna, who has not only taken part in several EU opportunities but also worked as President of the Erasmus Student Network and now as policy and training officer for Eurodesk. Her interest in the topics of mobility, intercultural communication and social inclusion has brought her to India, Uganda and Belgium. Safi comes from Sweden and has been working in the field of international youth mobility for eight years.

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Raquel has been Mayor of the municipality of Olivares de Duero since 2015. She gained her master's degree in political science from the University of Salamanca in 2013 and is a PhD student in rule of law and global governance at the University of Salamanca. She won the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP) prize for her OLIVARES Young Partner for Entrepreneurship project, which sought to create a co-working centre for young people.

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Aqilah was born in Augsburg (Germany, Bavaria) and studied Law at the University of Augsburg. After successfully completing her First State Law Exam, she did her mandatory legal traineeship with the Bavarian judicial system. She became public in 2016, when she successfully took the State of Bavaria to court for being excluded from core judging activities during her legal traineeship because of her headscarf (case still pending). She is now a fully qualified lawyer and currently works as an Academic Legal Researcher and Lecturer at the University of Augsburg, doing her PhD in the Field of EU-Data Protection Law and Constitutional Law at a Chair for Public Law.

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Carlos is a founding member of Europeistas (Europeanists), a non-profit organisation founded in 2017 which supports initiatives and policies related to three pillars: Europe, ecology and sustainability, and the concept of the modern family. Carlos has bachelor's degrees in pharmacy and health law. He served as Vice-President and President of his pharmacy school's student council for three years and actively participated in the implementation phase of the Bologna Process.

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**Savary Mathieu** (29, France)

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**Schlein Elly** (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats – S&D, Italy)

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Elmar studied philosophy, economics and European social policy and is now carrying out PhD research on intergenerational justice in pension systems. Among other things, that requires that the young generation has its fair say in the whole system. To apply this practically, after a successful campaign for young voters' mobilisation at the federal elections 2017, he and other members of the Berlin-based foreign policy think tank Polis180 currently design the mobilisation campaign for the 2019 European elections.

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**Ward Julie** (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats – S&D, United Kingdom)

Julie Ward is a Labour MEP for the North West of England. She is also a writer, theatre-maker and cultural activist. She is a member of the European Parliament's committees on Culture and Education, Women Rights and Gender Equality and Regional Development. Julie also co-founded the cross-party Intergroup on Children's Rights and sits on the Labour Party's Children and Education Policy Commission.

[www.juliewardmep.eu](http://www.juliewardmep.eu); [@julie4nw](https://twitter.com/julie4nw)



**Weber Thiébaud** (35, France)

Thiébaud is a former student activist in France and Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) since 2015. Born in Mulhouse, he studied history at the University of Haute-Alsace. He is a member of the French trade union CFDT, starting off as a youth delegate, then in 2014 as a political advisor on international and European affairs. Between 2011 and 2013 he was President of the ETUC Youth Committee.

[www.etuc.org](http://www.etuc.org); [www.blogs.alternatives-economiques.fr](http://www.blogs.alternatives-economiques.fr); [@ThiebautWeber](https://twitter.com/ThiebautWeber)



**Webster Niamh** (26, United Kingdom)

Niamh has a legal background and a bachelor's in law and politics from the University of Glasgow. Based in Scotland, she is a democratic engagement officer for the Democratic Society, supporting projects across Europe and the Balkans. Her particular focus is on digital engagement and civic activism and she recently completed research on openness and participation in the context of the EU. She has previously worked at the Scottish Parliament.

[www.demsoc.org](http://www.demsoc.org); [@niamhwebster](https://twitter.com/niamhwebster)



**Welle Klaus** (Germany)

Klaus Welle was born in Beelen, Germany. He studied economics at the University of Witten/Herdecke and undertook Banking Studies at the Westdeutsche Landesbank, Munster. He worked at CDU Central Office in Bonn in the 1990s and was Secretary-General of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament from 1999 to 2003. He was then Director-General for Internal Policies at the European Parliament and Head of the Cabinet of the President of Parliament, before becoming Secretary-General in March 2009.

[www.europarl.europa.eu/the-secretary-general/en/secretary\\_general/home.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/the-secretary-general/en/secretary_general/home.html)



**Wickramanayake Jayathma** (27, Sri Lanka)

Jayathma has represented and motivated global youth development on an international level since the age of 21, notably during high-level United Nations initiatives including the declaration of World Youth Skills Day and through the creation of a large movement for civic and political engagement of young people named "Hashtag Generation." Presently working as an officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, she has previously served as Secretary to the Secretary General of the Parliament of Sri Lanka (2016-2017). She is currently completing a Master's degree in Development Studies, at the University of Colombo and holds a Bachelor degree in Science, from the same university.

[www.un.org/youthenvoy](http://www.un.org/youthenvoy); [@jayathmadw](https://twitter.com/jayathmadw)



**Wieland Rainer** (European People's Party – EPP, Germany)

Born in 1957 in Bad Cannstatt, Stuttgart, Rainer Wieland has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1997 and Vice-President of the European Parliament since 2009. He is a member of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and a substitute member of the Committees on Development, Budgets, Constitutional Affairs, Legal Affairs and Petitions. Since 2011, Rainer Wieland has been President of the non-party organisation Europa-Union Deutschland (EUD), a national branch of the Union of European Federalists (UEF).

[www.mdep.de](http://www.mdep.de); [f](https://www.facebook.com/wieland.mdep) *wieland.mdep*



**Yahi Malik** (35, France)

For French born artist, Malik E. Yahi, music was always his first love. After classical, jazz, and sound design training at various musical institutions across the world, Malik now mainly works composing soundtracks for video games and animation movies, but has also worked in theatre music. Malik's music has been influenced by a number of influential composers, such as Kondo Koji and Claude Debussy. He's currently contributing to many projects, among them, an indie video game to be announced soon.

[www.malik-yahi.com](http://www.malik-yahi.com); [i](https://www.instagram.com/malikyahi) *malikyahi*



**Wisniewski Daniel** (31, Poland)

Daniel is a Co-Founder and President of YouthProAktiv, an international coalition promoting personal and professional development and entrepreneurship among young people. He is a doctoral candidate at Cergy-Pontoise University in Paris and Warsaw School of Economics in the field of economics. Daniel is passionate about building bridges between people from different countries and cultures. He travelled the world in order to broaden his perspective on various matters related to politics, economics and philosophy. He worked at the European Parliament, Permanent Representation of Poland to the European Union in Brussels and the United States Congress. He is a speaker on entrepreneurship, history, politics.

[youthproaktiv.org](http://youthproaktiv.org); [i](https://www.instagram.com/YouthProAktiv) *@YouthProAktiv*



**Záborská Anna** (European People's Party – EPP, Slovakia)

Anna Záborská has been an MEP since 2004. Her political activities focus on family policy and intergenerational solidarity, the protection of the unborn, ethical aspects of scientific research, respect for national autonomy in development policy and the fight against the persecution of Christians in Europe and worldwide. A trained doctor, Ms Záborská has practised medicine in Slovakia and Algeria. She is married, with two children and several grandchildren.

[www.zaborska.sk](http://www.zaborska.sk); [i](https://www.instagram.com/AnnaZaborska) *@AnnaZaborska*



**Wolbers Nenja** (30, Germany)

Nenja has been a project manager at the Digital Opportunities Foundation since 2013. In her role, she is responsible for the development and implementation of EU-funded projects with the objective of promoting the digital inclusion of marginalised groups. Nenja has a master's degree in sociology with a specialisation in European societies and became a board member of All Digital in 2017.

[www.digitale-chancen.de](http://www.digitale-chancen.de); [in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/nenja-wolbers-167a0a83) *nenja-wolbers-167a0a83*



**Zamora Daniel** (32, Belgium)

Daniel is a postdoctoral sociologist at the Université libre de Bruxelles and Cambridge University. He works on social policy, inequality and intellectual history.

[cambridge.academia.edu/DanielZamora](http://cambridge.academia.edu/DanielZamora); [i](https://www.instagram.com/DanielZamoraV) *@DanielZamoraV*



**Wölken Tiemo** (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats – S&D, Germany)

Tiemo Wölken is a young politician from northern Germany. Aged only 32, he is the youngest MEP from the German Social Democratic Party. He has been active in local politics since 2003 in his home region and holds an LL.M. in international law from the University of Hull, England. Tiemo is a member of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Legal Affairs. He is also member of the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup. His YouTube channel shows the daily work of European politics from a young perspective.

[www.tiemo-woelken.de](http://www.tiemo-woelken.de); [i](https://www.instagram.com/woelken) *@woelken*



**Zarić Zona** (30, Serbia)

Zona is a PhD candidate, studying political and moral philosophy at the École Normale Supérieure, Paris. Her thesis, 'On The Political Significance of Compassion', explores how compassion can be mobilised to promote a more inclusive society. She teaches a seminar at the Philosophy Chair, Hôtel-Dieu, entitled, 'Care and Compassion: the individual and the polis'. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Belgrade and a master's degree in international relations from the American University of Paris.

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**Zdechovský Tomáš** (European People's Party – EPP, Czech Republic)

Tomáš Zdechovský is an expert on media communication, with extensive experience as a crisis media advisor and media consultant, analyst and journalist. He has worked as Director and Managing Partner of Commservis.com, a communication and PR agency in the Czech Republic, and Director of the educational agency WIFI. In 2014, he was elected to the European Parliament for KDÚ- SL (Czech Christian Democratic Party) and sits on the Committees on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and on Budgetary Control. He is a substitute member of the Committee on Budgets.

[f](#) *TomZdechovskyEP*; [t](#) *@TomZdechovskyEP*



**Zois Yorgos** (35, Greece)

Yorgos is a Greek director. He has directed three shorts and one feature that have been acknowledged with various awards and distinctions at festivals worldwide (Cannes, Venice, Rotterdam, Palm Springs, Clermont Ferrand, EFA etc). He was also in the “ Lion of the Future” official jury in the 74th Venice IFF. His latest short film called «Third Kind» will premiere at the 57th Semaine de la Critique in Cannes Film festival.

[g](#) *www.yorgoszois.com*



**Zolghadriha Sanaz** (31, Sweden)

Sanaz is a post-doctoral research fellow at University College London, where she recently completed a PhD on the investigation of transnational organised crime networks. Sanaz has a background in clinical and forensic psychology, and has worked in criminology since 2011. She is also the founder of a new research network at UCL – the UCL Organised Crime Research Network (UCL OCRN) – where she works on improved collaboration between practitioners and academics in the field of security and crime.

[g](#) *http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/organised-crime/*; [t](#) *@SanazZolgha*



**Zur Löwen Diana** (23, Germany)

Diana studies business administration at the University of Cologne. On top of that she uploads lots of content to Youtube and Instagram, and hosts her own podcast called «Growing Up» in Germany. She is interested in lots of things and is never bored. In her free time she hosts and organizes events empowering women to become braver.

[g](#) *dianazurloewen.com*



**Zwerver Anne-Marije** (29, The Netherlands)

Anne-Marije studied physics, and system engineering and management at the Delft University of Technology and wrote her master's thesis on the quantum internet. She is currently a PhD candidate at QuTech, a leading institute for quantum computation, and is fascinated by the counterintuitive nature of quantum mechanics.

[g](#) *www.qutech.nl*; [t](#) *@QuTech\_news*



**Zwick Martin** (29, Germany)

Martin is an engineer who has been working in the European Space Agency's Automation and Robotics group since 2014. He is working on locomotion as part of the ExoMars 2020 rover mission and satellite deorbiting technologies as part of the Clean Space initiative. He holds a Master of Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Munich.

[g](#) *www.esa.int*; [in](#) *martin-zwick*

## OFFICIAL EYE PARTNERS



### European Youth Forum

The European Youth Forum is the platform of youth organisations in Europe, established in 1996, representing 104 National Youth Councils and International Youth Organisations. The Youth Forum advocates to politicians so that young people can participate actively in society.

The European Youth Forum is the main EYE partner. Its role is to make sure young people are at the heart of the EYE, that it is organised not only for young people, but also by young people. The Youth Forum supports the European Parliament EYE2018 team in preparing the event, outreaching to young people and youth organisations across Europe as well as contributing with several activities to the overall programme of the event. In addition, the European Youth Forum is organizing the 10th edition of the YO!Fest, its informal, dynamic, youth-led festival, in the context of the EYE.

[www.youthforum.org](http://www.youthforum.org); [www.yofest.eu](http://www.yofest.eu)



### City of Strasbourg

Strasbourg has nowadays a privileged place in the heart of Europe. As a symbol of the restored peace, the city hosts numerous European and international institutions, and amongst them the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, and the European Ombudsman.

On the occasion of the European Youth Event, the City of Strasbourg organises workshops, supports the event with logistics and offers a welcome to the EYE participants in the old city.

[www.strasbourg.eu](http://www.strasbourg.eu)



### Institute of Political Sciences (IEP) of Strasbourg "Sciences Po Strasbourg"

Created in 1945, Sciences Po Strasbourg is a renowned public university that is part of the network of the institutes of Political Sciences in France. The IEP selects graduates and students and leads them into high-level civil servant careers or to careers in the private sector (profit or non-profit).

The IEP of Strasbourg mobilises its students to become volunteers to support the smooth flow of the EYE.

[www.iep-strasbourg.fr](http://www.iep-strasbourg.fr)



### Youth Department of the Council of Europe

The Council of Europe is a 47 member State international organisation promoting co-operation between all countries of Europe in the areas of legal standards, human rights, democratic development, the rule of law and cultural co-operation.

The Council of Europe will contribute to the programme of the EYE with activities organised by its Youth Department and European Youth Centre.

[www.coe.int/en/web/youth](http://www.coe.int/en/web/youth)



### European Commission

The European Commission is the EU's executive body and represents the interests of Europe as a whole. It takes decisions on the Union's political and strategic direction. It proposes EU legislation and is responsible for putting it into practice once the European Parliament and the Council have adopted it.

The Commission - namely the Directorate-General for Industry and Enterprise, the Directorate-General for Employment and the Directorate-General for Education and Culture will contribute with a number of panel activities and workshops to the programme of the event.

<https://ec.europa.eu/commission>



### European Space Agency

The European Space Agency (ESA) is Europe's gateway to space. Its mission is to shape the development of Europe's space capability and ensure that investment in space continues to deliver benefits to the citizens of Europe and the world. It is one of the few space agencies in the world to combine responsibility in nearly all areas of space activity: from the study of Earth and its immediate space environment, to our Solar System and the Universe, to human spaceflight, robotic exploration and launchers, as well as satellite-based technologies and services. ESA is an international organisation with 22 Member States and 2 associate Member States. By coordinating the financial and intellectual resources of its members, it can undertake programmes and activities far beyond the scope of any single country. ESA also works closely with space organisations outside Europe, in space missions and world known projects such as the International Space Station.

ESA is co-organising panels and providing speakers during the EYE.

[www.esa.int](http://www.esa.int)



## European Youth Press

The European Youth Press - Network of Young Media Makers (EYP) is an umbrella organisation of 26 members gathering more than 60.000 journalists, other media makers, and media activists under the age of 30. Its programme consists of trainings and seminars, conferences and roundtables, publications and other media products. EYP's vision is to foster the empowerment of young people, increase their employability and improve their competences, but also to encourage civic participation in Europe, support human rights, responsible journalism and democratic values. The results of EYP's projects are freely accessible online and in their Orange Magazine.

The EYP has selected ten young journalists to follow the EYE activities in detail and draft the final EYE report featuring the 100 most influential ideas. The EYE report comprising the ideas for a better Europe will be handed over to the Members of the European Parliament in September 2018.

[www.youthpress.org](http://www.youthpress.org)



## ARTE – The European public service broadcaster

ARTE, the European culture channel, was founded in 1991 by France and Germany to promote understanding among European nations through cultural programming. 165 million households in Europe can receive ARTE programmes, 85% of which is produced in Europe.

ARTE is the EYE media partner and will broadcast from the EYE. It will also contribute to the EYE through its young moderators and offering activities for participants.

[www.arte.tv](http://www.arte.tv)



OPERATING EUROVISION AND EURORADIO

## The European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) is an alliance of public service media (PSM). The EBU has 73 Members in 56 countries in Europe, and an additional 34 Associates in Asia, Africa and the Americas. The Members of the alliance operate almost 2,000 television and radio channels together with numerous online platforms. Together they reach audience of more than one billion people around the world, broadcasting in more than 120 languages. The EBU operates Eurovision and Euroradio services and is devoted to making public service media indispensable. It supports and strengthens public service media.

The EBU will be broadcasting during the EYE as well as co-organising a discussion.

[www.ebu.ch](http://www.ebu.ch); [f](#) EBU.HQ



FEDERATION EUROPEENNE  
DES ÉCHOLLES  
PROFESSEURIELLES  
UNION EUROPEENNE  
OF PROFESSIONAL CIRCUS SCHOOLS

## European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC) is a European and international network for professional circus arts education and training. Founded in 1998, the FEDEC gathers 55 members (schools, organisations, info centers, and employers) with a majority of schools - 41 schools and 14 circus arts organizations - located in 24 European countries and beyond.

FEDEC's main vocation is to support the development and evolution of pedagogy, creation, innovation, mobility and employment in circus arts.

[www.fedec.eu](http://www.fedec.eu)



**The International  
Charlemagne Prize  
of Aachen**  
For the Unity of Europe

## Foundation of the Charlemagne Prize / European Charlemagne Youth Prize - Aachen

«The European Charlemagne Youth Prize» aims to encourage the development of European consciousness among young people, as well as their participation in European integration projects. It is awarded to projects undertaken by young people that foster understanding, promote the development of a shared sense of European identity, and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community. «The European Charlemagne Youth Prize» is awarded jointly and annually by the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

Some of the Charlemagne Youth Prize winners will organise activities during the EYE.

[www.karlspreis.de/en/charlemagne-youth-prize/information](http://www.karlspreis.de/en/charlemagne-youth-prize/information)

## CONTRIBUTING ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS



### **Access for Success (AS)**, United Kingdom

AS is a project delivered by Leonard Cheshire disability and supports individuals and groups with a physical disability, sensory impairment or acquired brain injury aged between 18 and 25. AS focuses on softer outcomes such as improving confidence, engaging in the local community and encouraging positive coping techniques and independence.

[www.accessforsuccessni.org](http://www.accessforsuccessni.org); [@AccessSuccessNI](https://twitter.com/AccessSuccessNI)

### **African, Caribbean and Pacific Young Professionals Network (ACP-YPN)**

The ACP Young Professionals Network provides a platform for young people to play an active role in policy-making processes nationally, regionally and internationally, assuring equality of opportunity, inspired by the legally binding commitments that the EU and the ACP countries have undertaken on youth cooperation.

[www.acpypn.com](http://www.acpypn.com); [@acpYPN](https://twitter.com/acpYPN)

### **Agros Youth Club (ATC)**, Cyprus

ATC is working on creating a better future not only for young people, but also for future generations, laying the foundations of the ideal circumstances for young people from their community to develop their abilities and skills through non - formal education.

[www.salto-youth.net/tools/otlas-partner-finding/organisation/agros-youth-club.156/](http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/otlas-partner-finding/organisation/agros-youth-club.156/);  
[kentro.agrou](https://www.facebook.com/kentro.agrou)

### **AIESEC**

AIESEC is the world's largest non-profit youth-run organisation. AIESEC provides young people with opportunities for leadership development, cross-cultural global internships, and volunteer exchange experiences across the globe. The organisation focuses on empowering young people to make a positive impact on society.

[aiesec.org](http://aiesec.org); [AIESECFrance](https://www.facebook.com/AIESECFrance)

### **ALDA - Association of Local Democracy Agencies**

The Association of Local Democracy Agencies is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to promotion of the good governance at local level. ALDA pursues this objective namely by facilitating the cooperation between local authorities and civil society and by supporting active citizenship.

[www.alda-europe.eu](http://www.alda-europe.eu)

### Alla Ribalta, Italy

Alla Ribalta is a non-profit association that promotes social progress at local level through theatre projects and productions. Alla Ribalta's goals are to promote culture through plays, multimedia performances and installations, and to develop the discipline needed to study the performing arts.

### Alternative Europa (AE), Germany

The AE is a group of young researchers, professionals and political activists from Germany. AE's aim is to contribute to the debate on the future of Europe by proposing and debating visions for the enhancement of the European Union.

[www.alternative-europa.de](http://www.alternative-europa.de); [f](#) IEPBerlin

### Argo, France

Argo is a crowdsourcing think tank established in France. Argo pools policy ideas and expertise from young professionals and academics allowing individuals, regardless of age or profession, to take a hand in shaping the policies that affect their lives.

[www.argothinktank.org](http://www.argothinktank.org); [f](#) ArgoThinkTank

### ARS for Progress of People, Belgium

The ARS for Progress of People is a non-profit organization based in Brussels. Its mission is to give advice and know-how on topics that traditionally work for the benefit of individuals, NGOs, international organizations, intergovernmental institutions and local communities.

[www.arsprogress.eu](http://www.arsprogress.eu)

### ARTE Creative, France/Germany

ARTE Creative is the label for ARTE's youth-oriented cultural formats. It includes short documentaries about urban cultures, webseries, magazines and even videogames.

[www.arte.tv/fr/creative](http://www.arte.tv/fr/creative); [t](#) @ARTEcreative

### Association Migration Solidarité et Échanges pour le Développement (AMSED), France

AMSED is a European NGO, which promotes intercultural and dialogue-driven activities for adolescents, particularly for young migrants. It aims to develop centres for solidarity and cultural exchange on all levels, and provides support to disadvantaged European citizens and youth organisations.

[www.amsed.fr](http://www.amsed.fr); [f](#) mobilite.amsed

### Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE)

AEGEE is one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organisations. As a non-governmental, politically independent and non-profit organisation, AEGEE is open to young people from all faculties and disciplines. Today, AEGEE has 13 000 members in 200 cities in 40 countries across Europe.

[www.aegee.org](http://www.aegee.org)

### ATopM, Poland

ATopM is a group created in 2015 in the Aleksander Zelwerowicz National Academy of Dramatic Art in Warsaw. This group of 10 people decided to develop their passion by creating theatre and music performances which often refer to global and interpersonal problems. This year, for the first time, the group will present its music to a European audience at the EYE2018.

### BanDazoo, Cyprus

A group of talented and well-trained musicians from the Dasoupoli Lyceum Program, who have participated in numerous school and external musical events such as the school choir and orchestra, the school's national celebrations, and cultural evenings.

### Bazaar Europa, Germany

BAZAAR EUROPA is an international theatre project involving young participants from different European countries. The project reacts to the political events of the last couple of years, including the rise of populism, racism and nationalism, which is a threat to the open society of Europe.

### Bringing Europeans Together Association (BETA), Italy

BETA-Network is a group of young people from international youth organisations who share the goal of 'Bringing Europeans Together'. The network has developed several successful projects such as Model European Union conferences.

[www.beta-europe.org](http://www.beta-europe.org); [t](#) @BETA\_Europe

### British Youth Council (BYC), United Kingdom

BYC empower young people aged 25 and under to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. They support young people in getting involved in their communities and in democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

[www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)



## Bürgerforum Europa (BE), Austria

Founded in 2010, BE is a non-party association with the aim of strengthening citizens' awareness of the European Union. BE organises a variety of events, debates, workshops and panels in order to share information and to engage with citizens.

 [www.buergerforum-europa.eu](http://www.buergerforum-europa.eu)


## Cafébabel

Cafébabel is the first European participatory magazine made for young Europeans across borders. Always dynamic with an off-the-wall style, sometimes funny but sometimes serious as well, they cover society, politics, culture and lifestyle topics that suit young Europeans.

 [www.cafebabel.co.uk](http://www.cafebabel.co.uk);  [@cafebabel\\_ENG](https://twitter.com/cafebabel_ENG)

## The Centre for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS), Estonia

CEURUS is a multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching at the University of Tartu. It serves as a contact point for scholars, students and experts who share an interest in the evolving relationship between the European Union and the Russian Federation.

 [ceurus.ut.ee](http://ceurus.ut.ee);  [utceurus](https://www.facebook.com/utceurus)

## Centre for Intercultural Dialogue (CID), FYROM

The CID is a youth organisation from FYROM working on providing educational and development opportunities to bridge the divide between young people from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

 [www.cid.mk](http://www.cid.mk);  [CenterForInterculturalDialogue](https://www.facebook.com/CenterForInterculturalDialogue)

## CESIE, Italy

CESIE is a non-profit, apolitical, and secular non-governmental organisation with member organisations in more than eight European countries. It was established in 2001, inspired by the work and theories of the pacifist Danilo Dolci (1924-1997).

 [www.cesie.org](http://www.cesie.org)

## College of Europe White Paper project, Belgium

The White Paper on Environmental and Energy Practices in the European Union was written by 25 students from various EU Member States engaged in the Energy Group of the College of Europe from October 2016 to March 2018. They were Belgium's national winners of the Charlemagne Youth Prize 2017.

## CRJ - THE Y PROJECT, France

The Youth Regional Council of Centre-Val de Loire is a gathering of young people promoting citizen participation. It aims to share and support ideas and values in order to take young people's expectations and input into account within policies led by the regional council of Centre-Val de Loire. The group consists of Youth Regional Council's members, who are either secondary school students, students or workers. Within the scope of their project on European Generation Y, they are cooperating with the association Les Compères Production, which produces cinematographic works.



## Cyprus Young Strings Soloists, Cyprus

The Cyprus Young Strings Soloists is a pioneering and effective Musical Talent Development Programme of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus aimed at identifying musically talented children aged between 3 and 18 and at providing them with high-level tuition in playing instruments.

 [www.cyss.eu](http://www.cyss.eu)

## Diem25

DiEM25 is a pan-European, cross-border movement of democrats. The movement's aims to democratise the European Union. Their long-term vision is for Europeans to write a democratic constitution for the EU.

 [www.diem25.org](http://www.diem25.org);  [@diem\\_25](https://twitter.com/diem_25)

## Disease Killers, France

The disease killers group is international, with members from different European countries who share one common passion: life-science. They are all researchers, experts in genetics, therapies for human diseases, molecular biology, immunology and the characterisation of mouse models. Their main goals are to promote and explain science and to be part of successful research studies.

 [dk\\_eye2018](https://www.instagram.com/dk_eye2018)

## EDGE international research project of the Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Through the international research project EDGE carried out at the Université catholique de Louvain, a team of political scientists, game-designers and IT specialists have created the Chronicles of Utsuq, a user-centered interactive story on the European Union designed to explain to first-voters the European elections and the EU political system.

### **Educ'Arte (EA)**, France/Germany

EA is an online platform providing schools with access to more than 900 selected ARTE-programmes (in French, German and English) covering all disciplines as well as important European topics. The programmes on offer can be easily personalised, shared and integrated into an innovative learning setting.

 [www.educarte.fr](http://www.educarte.fr);  [progettoeducarte](https://www.facebook.com/progettoeducarte)

### **Erasmus Students Network (ESN)**

ESN is the biggest student association in Europe, present in more than 900 higher education institutions from 40 countries. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing student exchanges on different levels.

 [www.esn.org](http://www.esn.org)

### **EU40**

EU40 is the network of young Members of the European Parliament. Their mission is to serve young Members under the age of 40 and strengthen their role inside the European Parliament.

 [www.eu40.eu](http://www.eu40.eu);  [@eu40](https://twitter.com/eu40)

### **EUnion Jack (EJ)**, United Kingdom

EJ is a group of young professionals from four EU Member States. Their areas of employment range from NGOs to the private and public sectors, all brought together by their common interest in politics and EU policy-making.

### **EUROGEO**, Belgium

EUROGEO is a European scientific society, which networks geographers and those from related subjects. It is an international non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation with wide membership. EUROGEO aims to develop, support and promote policies designed to advance the status of Geography.

 [www.eurogeography.eu](http://www.eurogeography.eu)



### **European Endowment for Democracy (EED)**

EED is a grant-giving organisation based in Brussels. Its goal is to provide flexible support to democracy activists, complementing other EU and member state democracy support programmes. EED provides context-based, demand driven support based on the principle of fostering democracy and facilitating initiatives of local actors.

 [www.democracyendowment.eu](http://www.democracyendowment.eu);  [@EEDemocracy](https://twitter.com/EEDemocracy)

### **EUROCITIES**, Belgium

EUROCITIES is a political platform for major European cities. Through forums, working groups, projects and events, EUROCITIES offers members a platform for sharing knowledge and exchanging ideas while influencing and working with the EU institutions to respond to common issues that affect the day-to-day lives of Europeans.

 [www.eurocities.eu](http://www.eurocities.eu);  [@eurocitiestweet](https://twitter.com/eurocitiestweet)

### **Euro-Contact-Jeune**, France

Euro-Contact-Jeune is a youth group which engages in promoting urban culture. The hip-hop dancers performing at the EYE2018 were all born and bred in the suburbs of Strasbourg.


### **Eurodesk**

Eurodesk is a youth information network with over 1 000 multipliers in 35 countries. It aims to raise awareness among young people about mobility opportunities and to encourage them to become active citizens. Eurodesk contributes to the European Youth Portal.

 [eurodesk.eu](http://eurodesk.eu);  [@Eurodesk](https://twitter.com/Eurodesk)

### **Eurodesk Est Lombardia (EEL)**, Italy

EEL is a group of 35 people from the Italian region of Lombardy who participate in the activities organised by Eurodesk Local Point of Cinisello Balsamo, Sarezzo and Chiari. EEL's focus is on active citizenship and setting up committees.

 [www.youmore.org](http://www.youmore.org)

### **Euro Youth Mental Health (EYMMH)**, United Kingdom

The EYMH consists of people who want to change the way the society perceives mental health and its interaction with young people's quality of life. The EYMH's mission is to create a Europe that enables young people to access support and talk openly about their mental health and well-being.

 [www.euroyouthmhblog.wordpress.com](http://www.euroyouthmhblog.wordpress.com);  [EuroyouthMH](https://www.facebook.com/EuroyouthMH)

### **Europa-Team Aachen (ETA)**, Germany

The ETA is a group of students from Germany who coordinate parliamentary simulations of the European Parliament with young people from all over the country on a non-profit basis. The aim is to teach European democratic values by establishing a dialogue through which young European citizens can feel represented.

 [europa.aachen](https://www.facebook.com/europa.aachen)

## European Commission's Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM)

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Communication seeks to bring the EU closer to its citizens. Its communication activities aim to make EU information accessible to the general public and to encourage discussions and dialogue on EU values and achievements.

 [EuropeanCommission](#);  [europeancommission](#)

## European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)

The Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) supports young people, students, teachers, researchers and artists by creating opportunities to improve their skills and mobility, and to take advantage of jobs and growth. DG EAC promotes lifelong learning, linguistic and cultural diversity and the engagement of European citizens, in particular young people. The flagship programmes of DG EAC are: Erasmus+, Marie Skłodowska-Curie and Creative Europe.

 [ec.europa.eu/education](#);  [@QEUErasmusPlus](#)

## European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)

The main activities of DG EMPL in the Commission are focused on the coordination and monitoring of national policies, the promotion of best practices in fields such as employment, poverty and social exclusion, and pensions, as well as the adoption of legislation.

 [www.ec.europa.eu/social](#);  [socialeurope](#)

## European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)

The Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), working under the political leadership of Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska, is responsible for a wide range of policy areas aimed at increasing overall European economic growth.

 [ec.europa.eu/growth](#);  [@EU\\_Growth](#)

## European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (EuropeAid)

EuropeAid is the EU's International Cooperation and Development department. Its main mission is to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development worldwide. To achieve this EuropeAid works closely with EU member states, UN agencies, and global and local civil society.

 [www.faces2hearts.eu](#);  [@europeaid](#); [#Faces2Hearts](#)


## European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth Committee (ENGSO Youth)

ENGSO Youth is at the forefront of youth sport advocacy at European level. They actively work on current youth sport issues such as equal opportunities, fair play, the fight against discrimination and doping, a healthy lifestyle, social inclusion, sustainable development, volunteering and youth employment.

 [www.youth-sport.net](#)

## European Patients' Forum (EPF)

EPF is an umbrella organisation that works with patients' groups in public health and health advocacy across Europe. Their members represent specific chronic disease groups at EU level or are national coalitions of patients. EPF helps to empower patients' organisations through educational seminars, policy initiatives and projects.

 [www.eu-patient.eu](#);  [@eupatientsforum](#)

## European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions - Youth (CESI-Youth)

CESI is a confederation of independent trade union organisations from more than 20 European countries and four European trade union organisations, with more than five million individual members. CESI advocates improved employment conditions for workers in Europe and a strong social dimension in the EU.

 [www.cesi.org](#)

## European Educational Exchanges - Youth For Understanding (EEE-YFU)

EEE-YFU is the umbrella organisation for national YFU organisations in Europe. It supports member organisations in developing stronger volunteer networks and leadership, having a greater influence on policy, increasing the recognition of YFU and being relevant and innovative in response to an evolving European society.

 [www.eee-yfu.org](#)

## European Federation of Intercultural Learning (EFIL)

EFIL contributes to Europe's future by promoting intercultural education, European citizenship and the active participation of European citizens in the continent's life. The European Union and the Council of Europe are EFIL's core partners for European fundraising, policy-setting and sharing.

 [efil.afs.org](#)

## European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA-Youth)

FEANTSA Youth is a network of activists, professionals, social justice advocates, policy makers and researchers committed to ending youth homelessness in Europe.

[www.feantsa.org](http://www.feantsa.org); [@FEANTSA](https://twitter.com/FEANTSA)

## European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

Founded in 1975, Eurofound is a tripartite European Union Agency, whose role is to provide knowledge for key actors in the field of EU social policy and to assist in the development of better social, employment and work-related policies.

[www.eurofound.europa.eu](http://www.eurofound.europa.eu); [eurofound.europa.eu](https://www.facebook.com/eurofound.europa.eu)

## European Future Forum (EFF)

The EFF is the first European Communication and Project Development Network. Its aim is to communicate and connect, to build bridges between citizens and use their potential to build the future.

[www.europeanfutureforum.eu](http://www.europeanfutureforum.eu); [@EuropeanFutureF](https://twitter.com/EuropeanFutureF)

## European Ombudsman

The European Ombudsman investigates complaints about maladministration in the institutions and bodies of the European Union. If you are a citizen or resident of a Member State of the Union, you can complain to the European Ombudsman. Businesses, associations or other bodies with a registered office in the Union may also lodge a complaint to the Ombudsman.

[www.ombudsman.europa.eu](http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu); [@EUombudsman](https://twitter.com/EUombudsman)

## European Student Think Tank (EST), The Netherlands

The EST is a student-led NGO bringing together international students from a diversity of backgrounds. Its aim is to empower European youth, improve their participation in the EU policy-making process and facilitate their identification with European values.

[www.esthinktank.com](http://www.esthinktank.com) [ESThinktank](https://www.facebook.com/ESThinktank)

## European Student's Union (ESU)

The ESU is the umbrella organisation of 46 National Unions of Students from 39 countries. The aim of the ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at European level.

[Europeanstudents](https://www.facebook.com/Europeanstudents)

## European Trade Union Confederation - Youth (ETUC Youth)

The ETUC Youth Committee represents the young European generation in issues related to working life. Its objective is to make the voice of young European workers and unemployed young people heard in the trade union movement and among policy makers, employer organisations, NGOs and other stakeholders.

[www.etuc.org](http://www.etuc.org)

## European Union of Deaf Youth (EUDY)

EUDY is a non-profit organisation whose membership comprises national associations of young deaf people in Europe. Their vision is of a Europe where all young deaf people can come together and share their experiences across cultures and boundaries, so that they can enjoy their rights on an equal footing with others.

[www.eudy.info](http://www.eudy.info)

## European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

The European Youth Card Association (EYCA) is a non-profit organisation that represents 38 youth card organisations in 36 countries across Europe. All of them are committed to promoting youth mobility and active citizenship to more than six million cardholders.

[www.eyca.org](http://www.eyca.org); [EuropeanYouthCardAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanYouthCardAssociation)

## European Youth Northern Denmark (EYND), Denmark

EYND is a cross-political, value-based youth organisation that promotes European identity and facilitates debates to advance the European project. EYND shares a vision of a more united European federation.

[www.euro.dk/hvem-er-villokalforeninger/euronord/](http://www.euro.dk/hvem-er-villokalforeninger/euronord/); [EuroUngdomDK](https://www.facebook.com/EuroUngdomDK)

## European Youth Society (EYS)

The EYS was founded on the basis of the multiculturalism and diversity inherited from Europe and its values. Young people coming from all over Europe, from Ukraine to France, engaged in political and societal matters, are ready to demonstrate the skills needed in order to achieve a better European Union for the future.

## Europe Direct Komotini (EDK), Greece

EDK belongs to a network of about 400 offices EU-wide. It is part of the EU information network, which citizens can reach by dialling the single free phone number 00800-67891011, or through the Internet to get information about the European Union in any of the official European languages.

[edickomotini](https://www.facebook.com/edickomotini)

## Europeers UK, United Kingdom

EuroPeers UK are young people who have travelled to other countries for education and work through the Erasmus Plus programme. Their aim is to inform, motivate and encourage others to get involved in such activities.

[www.europeers.uk](http://www.europeers.uk); [f](#) EuroPeersUK

## Federation of the Young European Greens (FYEG)

FYEG is the European umbrella organisation for Young Green organisations from across Europe. Their 42 member organisations comprise various backgrounds: local ecological groups, student unions, youth wings of Green parties and Green Youth NGOs. They are also the official youth wing of the European Green Party.

[www.fyeg.org](http://www.fyeg.org)

## Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO) and Etudiants Musulmans de France (EMF), France

The FEMYSO-EMF delegation is composed of Muslim Youth from all over Europe, whose main purpose is to bring together and give expression to Muslim youth voices, foster dialogue and engagement and take part in the democratic debate.

[www.femyso.org](http://www.femyso.org); [f](#) EMF.Asso

## Futurologues, Hungary

Futurologues is a theatre troupe made up of students of the Le wey bilingual college in Pécs, Hungary. Everyone speaks French, most of its members speak English and some speak other languages. Their plays, in French and Hungarian, have won many theatre competitions organised by the European Union.

## Generation 'N' (GN), Germany/Czech Republic

GN was founded 25 years ago, and since then it has focused mainly on environmental protection, raising awareness of environmental issues, extra-curricular activities, cross-border cooperation and international projects. It develops projects and initiatives that play an important role in local communities.

[www.experiencezethau.wordpress.com](http://www.experiencezethau.wordpress.com)

## Generation UE, France

Generation UE is a project launched by students from Sciences Po Strasbourg, currently being developed further by an enthusiastic team spread between France, Belgium and Poland. Since 2015, UE Generation's team has carried out a considerable amount of research and conducted more than 90 interviews to produce two web documentaries.

248 [www.generation-ue.com/france](http://www.generation-ue.com/france); [f](#) generation.ue

## Glitch!UK, United Kingdom

Founded by Cllr Seyi Akiwo, Glitch!UK is an organisation working to reduce online violence against women and girls (OVAWG) and online hate speech through advocacy, campaigning and training workshops. They believe online abuse is a temporary malfunction that can be fixed.

[www.seyiakiwo.com](http://www.seyiakiwo.com); [t](#) @glitchuk

## Graine de Cirque, France

Graine de Cirque is a movement centred around circus performance. They arrange a wide variety of annual and holiday courses, including a number of circus shows for persons with disabilities. The group opened their premises in Strasbourg in 1990.

[www.grainedecirque.fr](http://www.grainedecirque.fr); [f](#) GrainedecirqueStrasbourg

## House of European History (HEH), Belgium

The HEH is dedicated to the understanding of the shared past and diverse experiences of European people. It is a place where visitors can discover different points of view and common ground in European history.

[historia-europa.ep.eu](http://historia-europa.ep.eu); [f](#) HistoriaEuropa

## InnoEnergy

InnoEnergy is where young professionals from over 80 countries are empowered to make an impact in the field of sustainable energy innovation. Young Europeans can volunteer, organise events, create and develop their business ideas.

[www.innoenergy.com](http://www.innoenergy.com); [f](#) innoenergyEU

## International Debate Education Association (IDEA)

The International Debate Education Association (IDEA NL) was established in 1999. Its 15 members in 17 countries are debate (network) organisations who are very active in organising debate events for young people. IDEA has also affiliated partners such as universities, youth centres, NGOs, knowledge centres or semi-governmental institutes. "OPEN UP Let youth be heard" is a movement powered by IDEA of more than 25 partners across Europe who work with youth at risk. IDEA shares with them methods to give those youth with fewer opportunities a voice and to empower them to speak up, debate and advocate for solutions for their problems. The "Debate in the Neighborhood" methodologies was recognised as a great tool to achieve this.

[www.idebate.org](http://www.idebate.org); [www.openupconnect.org](http://www.openupconnect.org); [www.idebatepeaceanddemocracy.com](http://www.idebatepeaceanddemocracy.com)

## International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International (IFM/SEI)

IFM-SEI is the umbrella organisation for socialist, non-formal educational child and youth-led movements. With organisations all over the world, they empower children and young people to assume an active role in society and fight for their rights.

 [www.ifm-sei.org](http://www.ifm-sei.org)

## International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA)

IFMSA is a global organisation uniting 132 member organisations from 124 countries. Its aim is to unite medical students for global health, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and values to take on leadership roles both locally and globally.

 [www.ifmsa.org](http://www.ifmsa.org)

## International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)

IYNF is an international organisation bringing together Young Naturefriends and their organisations across Europe. With more than 120 000 young members organised in over 1 000 local groups, it is one of the major European youth organisations.

 [www.iynf.org](http://www.iynf.org)

## Iuventia and the Young European Federalists in Spain, Spain

Iuventia is a cooperative working in the field of youth, enabling young people to lead their own initiatives through empowerment. The workshop co-organised by European Federalists in Spain, a youth organisation created to spread pro-European ideas in Spain.

 [www.iuventia.es](http://www.iuventia.es);  [Iuventia](#)

## The Jam Music Lab Collective Ensemble, Austria

The JML Collective Ensemble is a new ensemble created and directed by Angelo Tatone from the JAM MUSIC LAB Private University and Conservatory in Vienna. It includes students from different departments of the above-mentioned institution such as Music and Theatre and JAZZ/POP Conservatory and University. The group consists of dancers, actors, singers and musicians. Its focus is on exploring the field of improvisation through artistic research.



## Les Jeunes Écologistes, France

Jeunes écologistes – the French Young Greens – bring together young people in France who are dedicated to promoting and fighting for environmental policies. They work to achieve their goals through autonomous local groups which organise a variety of actions.

 [www.jeunes-ecologistes.org](http://www.jeunes-ecologistes.org)

## Les Jeunes Européens France (LJEF), France

Founded in 1992, LJEF is an association bringing together young people between 16 and 35, who are willing to defend the European project, and to advocate a stronger and more democratic Europe.

 [www.jeunes-europeens.org](http://www.jeunes-europeens.org);  [jeunes.europeens](#)

## Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI)

JM International (JMI) is the largest youth music NGO in the world, created in Brussels in 1945 with the mission to «enable young people to develop through music across all boundaries». The JMI network reaches over 6 million young people aged 13-30 per year through more than 40,000 activities.

 [www.jmi.net](http://www.jmi.net);  [@jminetwork](#)

## Laboratory of Education Policy, Research, Development and Interuniversity Cooperation (ERDIC), Greece

The aim of the ERDIC laboratory is to become a scientific and recognised institute producing basic and applied research in the subjects of international developments in the sectors of education, research, development and inter-university cooperation.

 [www.des.unipi.gr/en/labslerdic](http://www.des.unipi.gr/en/labslerdic);  [des.unipi](#)

## Leeds Muslim Youth Group, United Kingdom

Leeds Muslim Youth Group is a community group created to serve and support the young Muslim and wider non-Muslim communities in Leeds. It aims to provide continual opportunities for social development, spirituality and holistic education for 3-19 year olds, and create an atmosphere of respect, integrity and acceptability for people of all cultures, religions and denominations.

 [leedsmuslimyouthgroup](#);  [@lmyg2015](#)

## Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP)

The Lifelong Learning Platform is the network of European civil society organisations active in the field of education. It unites 41 member organisations, representing all sectors of education and strives to voice citizens' concerns about lifelong learning, adopting an inclusive and holistic approach.

 [www.lllplatform.eu](http://www.lllplatform.eu)

### **The Limassol Folklore Association**, Cyprus

Founded in 1977, the association aims to preserve and properly promote the authentic cultural traditions of Cyprus and pass this rich heritage on to future generations.

### **Lycée Charles Poncet**, France

This group is composed of students aged between 16 and 18 and teachers from a French public secondary school. They have been working on the issue of social inequalities across Europe in class.

### **Lycée Louis Blériot Trappes**, France

The students from Lycée Louis Blériot, Trappes, France have been working collaboratively throughout the entire year in an eTwinning project with Poland and Spain to create puzzles and games in relation to electricity.

[www.lyc-blériot-trappes.ac-versailles.fr](http://www.lyc-blériot-trappes.ac-versailles.fr)

### **Millennial Education Project (MEP)**, United Kingdom

The MEP focuses on raising awareness of the importance of 21st century skills by providing opportunities to collaborate across disciplines, acquire skills and subsequently enhance students' personal development. It is a centre for knowledge exchange, commercialisation, business engagement, consultancy and professional development.

[millennial-education-project](http://millennial-education-project.com); [@ukssdnetwork](https://twitter.com/ukssdnetwork)

### **Move On Europe (MOE)**

MOE is a movement aspiring to bring the project of European integration and cooperation closer to European citizens. MOE has participated in the European Youth Events in 2014 and 2016 and is proud to take part again this time.

[www.moveoneurope.eu](http://www.moveoneurope.eu); [MoveOnEurope](https://www.facebook.com/MoveOnEurope)

### **National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV)**, Austria

ÖJV is the official and legally established body representing children and young people in Austria. Together with its 53 member organisations, it is a strong voice for expressing the diverse interests and ideas of young people.

[www.bjv.at](http://www.bjv.at)

### **National Youth Council of Bulgaria (NYF)**, Bulgaria

NYF is the biggest formal youth platform in Bulgaria, uniting 41 youth organisations. Its main aim is to represent and act as an advocate for its member organisations, and to cooperate with policymakers in the development of quality youth policies.

[www.nmf.bg](http://www.nmf.bg)

### **National Youth Council of Cyprus (CYC)**, Cyprus

CYC was founded in 1996 as a voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organisation. It aims to promote dialogue and cooperation between young people in Cyprus, connecting them with young people in Europe and globally.

[www.cyc.org.cy](http://www.cyc.org.cy)

### **National Youth Council Estonia**, Estonia

ENL is an umbrella organization established in 2002 and unites 43 youth organisations, 15 county youth councils and 70 local youth councils throughout Estonia. ENL promotes cooperation between youth associations and the active participation of young people in society.

[www.enl.ee](http://www.enl.ee)

### **National Youth Council of Finland (Allianssi)**, Finland

Allianssi is a national service and lobbying organisation in the field of youth work. It is the umbrella organisation for more than 120 national youth and educational organisations. It focuses on improving the well-being of young people, reinforcing their participation in society, improving their employment prospects and promoting equal treatment.

[www.alli.fi](http://www.alli.fi)

### **National Youth Council of Germany (DNK/DBJR)**, Germany

The German National Committee for International Youth Work (DNK) is a joint working group of the German Federal Youth Council, the Council of Political Youth Organisations and German Sports Youth. It aims to strengthen international youth work and youth policy.

[www.d-n-k.org](http://www.d-n-k.org)

### **National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI)**, Ireland

NYCI is the representative body for voluntary youth organisations in Ireland. It seeks to ensure that all young people are empowered to develop the skills and confidence to fully participate as active citizens in an inclusive society.

[www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie)

## National Youth Council of Italy (FNG), Italy

FNG is the only national platform for Italian youth organisations, with more than 75 member organisations. It represents more than four million young people, organised to stand up for their common interests. FNG works on involving young people in social and political debate.

 [www.forumnazionalegiovani.it](http://www.forumnazionalegiovani.it)

## National Youth Council of Macedonia-FYROM (NYCM-FYROM), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

NYCM-FYROM is a representative body for youth organisations in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. It unites 49 organisations, 21 youth organisations, 15 organisations for youth, one union, eight wings of political parties and four associate members, in order to promote and act as an advocate for the rights of Macedonian young people.

 [www.nms.org.mk](http://www.nms.org.mk)

## National Youth Council of Slovenia (MSS), Slovenia

MSS – the umbrella organisation for youth organisations in Slovenia – strives to create an environment that enables young people to develop into autonomous and responsible adults. The active participation of young people in decision-making and activities at local level is crucial in terms of building a more democratic and inclusive society.

 [www.mss.si](http://www.mss.si)

## National Youth Council of Sweden (LSU), Sweden

LSU is made up of 84 independent, democratically structured, national youth organisations. It is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious organisation, consisting of and working for youth organisations. LSU is a meeting place for young people and youth organisations where they can acquire knowledge, contacts and experience.

 [www.lsu.se](http://www.lsu.se)

## National Youth Council of the Czech Republic (CRDM), Czech Republic

The mission of the ČRD M is to promote the best conditions for the quality of life and overall development of children and young people. It was established in 1998. Today it is made up of 98 member organisations with more than 200 000 individual members.

 [crdm.cz](http://crdm.cz)

## Network of European Youth Capitals (N-EYC)

N-EYC reunites a group of past, present and future European Youth Capitals and aims to facilitate the exchange of best practices. The N-EYC's vision is of one Europe with cities and metropolitan areas committed to young people and actively incorporating youth policies into local and regional development, participatory processes and decision-making.

 [www.europeanyouthcapital.org](http://www.europeanyouthcapital.org)

## Non Dalla Guerra, Italy

Non Dalla Guerra (Not through War) has two main goals: to raise funds in support of educational projects targeting the children of refugees and to encourage awareness-raising initiatives in Italy, Europe and the world.

## Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Working with over 100 countries, the mission of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. The OECD provides a forum in which countries can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.

 [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org);  [@OECD](https://twitter.com/OECD)

## Organising Bureau of European School Students Union (OBESSU)

OBESSU is the platform for cooperation between the national school student unions active in general secondary and secondary vocational education in Europe. It was founded in April 1975 in Dublin. All member organisations are independent, national, representative and democratic school student organisations.

 [www.obessu.org](http://www.obessu.org)

## PeaceJam

Founded in 1996, PeaceJam uses the inspirational experiences of 14 Nobel Peace Laureates to empower young people to make positive changes in themselves and in their communities across the world.

 [www.peacejam.org](http://www.peacejam.org);  [PeaceJamFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceJamFoundation)

## Promoters for European Democracy (PED), Romania

PED is a group of young people aged between 18 and 30 from all around the country in Romania. They are active citizens and volunteers who want to help their communities to gain a better understanding of the European Union.



## RadUni, Italy

RadUni unites all of the Italian university and student radio stations promoting a media model that facilitates the dissemination of information within university communities. RadUni covers European news with a shared international format, Europhonica, broadcast live from the European Parliament throughout the EU.

[www.raduni.org](http://www.raduni.org); [@rad\\_uni](https://twitter.com/rad_uni)

## Rotaract Club of Nicosia, Cyprus

Rotaract is an international programme for adults aged between 18 and 30 who want to make a difference. The purpose of the organisation is to provide the opportunity for young people to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in their personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through friendship and service.

[rotaract-nicosia.com](http://rotaract-nicosia.com); [f RotaractN1cosia](https://www.facebook.com/RotaractN1cosia)

## Samuel von Brukenthal - Gymnasium, Romania

Samuel von Brukenthal Secondary School in Sibiu, Romania, offers Saxon folk dances as an optional class to students aged 11. Rehearsing for one hour a week, the groups perform their dances on special occasions, wearing their local traditional costumes.

## Servas Youth, Italy

Servas Youth is a multiethnic group composed of eight different nationalities sharing humanitarian values, which are the basis of the international association Servas.

[www.servas.org](http://www.servas.org); [f Servas International](https://www.facebook.com/ServasInternational)

## Service Civil International (SCI) Youth Representation, Belgium

The SCI is a voluntary organisation dedicated to promoting peace. The SCI youth representation group consists of volunteers from SCI branches and the International Secretariat working on projects on social inclusion and refugees/forced migration through intercultural dialogue.

[www.sci.ngo](http://www.sci.ngo); [f ServiceCivilInternational](https://www.facebook.com/ServiceCivilInternational)

## Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe (SAME)

SAME encourages young people to stand up for a fair and democratic world by getting involved in social commitments and actively showing solidarity. SAME believes in the power of young people and wants to make their voices heard.

[same-network.org](http://same-network.org); [f sametwork](https://www.facebook.com/sametwork)

## Solidarity Water Europe – European Youth Parliament for Water

Solidarity Water Europe and the European Youth Parliament for Water bring together European young people who feel motivated to take action for water. The network seeks to build bridges and facilitate dialogue for better water management between all stakeholders — government, civil society, education and the private sector.

[wswww.sie-see.org/en/project/eypw](http://wswww.sie-see.org/en/project/eypw); [f see.swe](https://www.facebook.com/see.swe); [f EYPWater](https://www.facebook.com/EYPWater)

## Stand up for Europe (SE)

SE is a movement of citizens reclaiming their hope for a better future that only a united Europe can bring. SE unites citizens from across Europe who are ready to stand up and build a better future through a more democratic and federal Europe.

[www.standupforeurope.eu](http://www.standupforeurope.eu); [f UnitedStatesEurope](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedStatesEurope)

## StartNet, Belgium/Italy

StartNet - a cooperation of the Goethe-Institut & Stiftung Mercator - is working on young people's transition from education to employment, locally in Italy and all across Europe. They believe that only jointly, including young people, we can achieve a positive collective impact on #TransitionToWork.

[www.start-net.org](http://www.start-net.org); [@\\_StartNet](https://twitter.com/_StartNet)

## Stay With Me (SWM), Germany

Founded in 2014, STM is a non-hierarchical movement of students, entrepreneurs, and activists. STM's focus is on plastic consumption and it uses members' voices to influence those in power to create more sustainable frameworks for consumption.

[f staywithmenoplastic](https://www.facebook.com/staywithmenoplastic)

## Stužák, Czech Republic

Stužák are university students with an interest in public affairs. As a part of their extracurricular activities, they decided to bring together student organisations and create a unique platform for motivated university students across the Czech Republic.

[www.stuzak.cz](http://www.stuzak.cz); [f studentizakum](https://www.facebook.com/studentizakum)

## System and Generation (S&G), Turkey

S&G is a non-profit organisation established in 2008. It focuses on tolerance, cooperation, social assistance and integration. It works to build tolerance among young people from different cultures and nurture their entrepreneurial spirit, helping them to acquire knowledge and qualifications.

[www.systemandgeneration.com](http://www.systemandgeneration.com)

### **Theseus**, Portugal

Theseus is a group of 16-year-old students from Porto, Portugal who are following a science-oriented course at school and are driven and motivated to change the world.

### **The Ubele Initiative**, United Kingdom

The Ubele Initiative was founded in 2014 with a mission to contribute to the sustainability of the African Diaspora community in the UK. It is a new, inter-generational community-building initiative, working to create innovative and entrepreneurial social responses to pressing social issues.

 [www.ubele.org](http://www.ubele.org)

### **United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)**

UNOY Peacebuilders is a global network of 80 youth-led organisations working on peace and security issues across 50 countries. Its vision is of a world free from violence in which young people actively participate and take the lead in the peaceful transformation of conflicts.

 [www.unoy.org](http://www.unoy.org)

### **University of Roma Tre**, Italy

The University of "Roma Tre" represents central academic point of reference at both local and national level. Since its foundation, Roma Tre has paid great importance to international cooperation. It is currently involved in around 57 international research projects.

 [www.uniroma3.it](http://www.uniroma3.it)

### **University of Zaragoza**, Spain

University of Zaragoza is a public higher education and research institution in the service of society, combining a tradition of over 500 years with constantly updated teaching approach. It's been one of the first universities adapted to the European Higher Education Area.

 [www.unizar.es](http://www.unizar.es)

### **The Visioners (formerly The Cypriots)**, Cyprus

The Visioners are multitalented students and teachers. They like to express their feelings through art and want to change the world into a better place.

### **VITA Jeunes**, France

VITA Jeunes is the youth section of the bioethics association Alliance VITA. VITA Jeunes is organising a Tour de France this summer to raise awareness about the generation gap, by visiting elderly people in retirement homes and reaching out to holidaymakers.

 [www.alliancevita.org](http://www.alliancevita.org);  [alliancevitajeunes](https://www.facebook.com/alliancevitajeunes)


### **VOCES8**, United Kingdom

VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. Touring extensively, the group performs repertoire from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary commissions and arrangements to its delighted audiences; versatility and a celebration of musical expression is central to its performance ethos.

 [www.voces8.com](http://www.voces8.com);  [VOCES8](https://www.facebook.com/VOCES8)

### **Volt Europa**

Volt is a pan-European, progressive movement that stands for a new and inclusive way of doing politics and that wants to bring real change to all European citizens. As a transnational party, they believe they can help the European people to unite.

 [www.volteuropa.org](http://www.volteuropa.org);  [@volteuropa](https://twitter.com/volteuropa)

### **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)**

WAGGGS is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world, representing 10 million girls and young women from 150 countries. For more than 100 years, Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting have been supporting and empowering girls and young women to achieve their fullest potential.

 [www.waggs.org](http://www.waggs.org)

### **World Organisation of the Scout Movement (European Region) (WOSM)**

Scouting is a global youth movement with over 40 million members worldwide, of whom more than 1.8 million are active in the European Scout Region. Scouting contributes to the education of young people to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

 [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org)

## World Organisation of Young Esperantists (TEJO)

TEJO is an organisation of young Esperanto speakers with individual members and country sections in around 40 countries. Its mission is to promote a world where people are not discriminated against on the basis of the language they speak, and to promote global peace, linguistic and cultural diversity.

 [www.tejo.org](http://www.tejo.org)

## YES Forum

The YES Forum is a network of European NGOs working with and for young people who are faced with disadvantages stemming from their socio-economic background, educational difficulties, discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity, and/or geographical isolation.

 [www.yes-forum.eu](http://www.yes-forum.eu);  [YES.Forum](https://www.facebook.com/YES.Forum)

## Young Ambassadors of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW),

France and Germany

FGYO offers more than 9 000 subsidised programmes each year for participants aged from three to 30 years of age. The principal network of the FGYO is Young Ambassadors, made up of students and young professionals whose initiatives make an active contribution to Franco-German friendship.

 [www.fgyo.org](http://www.fgyo.org);  [www.ofaj.org/contact.html](http://www.ofaj.org/contact.html);  [ofaj.dfjw](https://www.facebook.com/ofaj.dfjw)

## Young Cyprus Greens (YCG), Cyprus

YCG is the youth branch of the Cyprus Green Party. The organisation was founded in 1997. It works on cultivating environmental awareness and the use of environmentally friendly practices.

 [www.youngcyprusgreens.org](http://www.youngcyprusgreens.org)



## Young Diplomats (YD), Italy

YD are young Italian students from different cities in Italy. They met during the project 'Change the World for Democracy'. During the project they worked together to write a draft law on the issue of 'fake news', producing the overall winner of the project.

 [www.democracysimulazione.it](http://www.democracysimulazione.it);  [democracysimulazione](https://www.facebook.com/democracysimulazione)

**Young European Federalists (JEF)**, Europe / France / Macklenburg-Verpommern, Germany / Stuttgart, Germany

JEF is an independent, transnational, transpartisan political youth NGO with thousands of members in more than 35 European countries, founded in 1949. It fights for a federal Europe based on the values of peace, democracy and the rule of law.

 [www.jef.eu](http://www.jef.eu);  [www.mvjef.wordpress.com](http://www.mvjef.wordpress.com);  [www.jef-bw.de/Stuttgart](http://www.jef-bw.de/Stuttgart)  
 [JEF.Stuttgart](https://www.facebook.com/JEF.Stuttgart);  [@JEFMeckVor](https://twitter.com/JEFMeckVor)

## Young European Socialists (YES)

YES is the umbrella organisation for socialist and social democratic young people in Europe. Currently, it unites 63 youth organisations from 47 countries to advocate socialist and social democratic values in the European institutions, as well as to facilitate the exchange of ideas between their members.

 [www.youngsocialists.eu](http://www.youngsocialists.eu)

## Young European Movement (YEM) UK, United Kingdom

Formed in 1972, YEM UK is a non-partisan platform for under 35s to express their opinions on Europe. As part of the Young European Federalists, it promotes European unity and culture in the UK.

 [www.yem.org.uk](http://www.yem.org.uk);  [youngeuromove](https://www.facebook.com/youngeuromove)




## Young European Leadership (YEL)

YEL is an international non-profit and non-partisan organisation dedicated to empowering young leaders and future decision makers from Europe and beyond. Through engaging activities, YEL aims to inspire and enable these leaders from all backgrounds to shape their own future and the future of Europe.

 [www.younglead.eu](http://www.younglead.eu);  [YoungEuropeanLeadership](https://www.facebook.com/YoungEuropeanLeadership)

## Young Europeans for Human Rights (YEHR), Italy

YEHR is a student group which won the contest Ambassadors of Human Rights in Italy and has the objective of raising awareness of the articles of the Declaration of Human Rights.

 [umanitaria.it/napoli-attivita-didattiche/napoli-ambasciatori-diritti-umani](http://umanitaria.it/napoli-attivita-didattiche/napoli-ambasciatori-diritti-umani);  
 [www.umanitaria.it/milano-attivita-didattiche/ambasciatori-diritti-umani](http://www.umanitaria.it/milano-attivita-didattiche/ambasciatori-diritti-umani);  
 [youngeuropeansforhumanrights](https://www.facebook.com/youngeuropeansforhumanrights)

## Young Farmers for Organic Agriculture (YFOA)

YFOA is a group of young farmers from five different countries with a shared passion for organic food and farming. They met during their European Voluntary Service in Brussels at IFOAM EU, the European umbrella organisation for organic food and farming.

[www.ifoam-eu.org](http://www.ifoam-eu.org); [f IFOAMEU](https://www.facebook.com/IFOAMEU)

## Young Scot, United Kingdom

The Young Scot team is a combination of Young Scot staff, and Communic18 volunteers who have co-designed the Year of Young People 2018 programme of activities in Scotland. The team brings experience and knowledge of how the Year of Young People 2018 was created and how it became successful.

[young.scotlyoyp2018](http://young.scotlyoyp2018); [@YoungScot](https://twitter.com/YoungScot)

## You Smile Team (YST), Greece

YST consists of members of the European Student Volunteer Network of the Greek NGO 'The Smile of the Child'. The YST's vision is of a world where the voice of children will be taken into account by adults, while their creativity will be utilised to ensure that they enjoy their rights and develop their abilities to the full.

[www.hamogelo.gr](http://www.hamogelo.gr); [f yousmile.gr](https://www.facebook.com/yousmile.gr)

## Youth Dynamics (YD), Cyprus

YD is a youth group founded in 2011, established to empower the young people of Cyprus to broaden their minds and horizons. YD was awarded the European Charlemagne Youth Prize in 2014.

[www.youthdynamicscy.com](http://www.youthdynamicscy.com); [f youthdynamicscy](https://www.facebook.com/youthdynamicscy)

## Youth for Climate Ambition (YCA)

The YCA delegation brings together passionate people from across Europe who are deeply concerned about the impact of climate change on their futures. They believe young people need to influence and shape bold climate action.

## Youth Sexual Awareness for Europe (YSAFE)

YSAFE is an informal network of young volunteers of the Member Associations of the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN). IPPF EN is a strong global voice safeguarding sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for people everywhere, particularly young people.

[www.ySAFE.net](http://www.ySAFE.net); [f ySAFE.network](https://www.facebook.com/ySAFE.network)

## Youth Volunteer Network of Normandy (UVNN), France

The UVNN is made up of European volunteers based in Normandy. The network regroups young people engaged either in the French Service Civique or in the European Voluntary Service. Its aim is to promote youth mobility and citizen engagement as instruments of stimulating European integration.

[www.infojeunesse.fr](http://www.infojeunesse.fr); [f crijcaen](https://www.facebook.com/crijcaen)

## Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)

YEU was founded in Strasbourg in 1986. It involves young people from over 30 countries from across Europe and Africa in its activities. It works to promote peace, understanding and cooperation between the young people of the world in a spirit of respect for human rights.

[www.yeu-international.org](http://www.yeu-international.org)

## Youth Work Ireland Galway, Ireland

Youth Work Ireland Galway is a voluntary youth service on the West Coast of Ireland. It offers developmental opportunities and support for 10 to 25 year-olds from all backgrounds and promotes European mobility.

[www.youthworkgalway.ie](http://www.youthworkgalway.ie)

## Ziggurat Project & Eszter Munkácsy, Hungary

Ziggurat Project was created in 2013 by three young Hungarian dance artists as an interdisciplinary collective (dance, theatre, visual arts, music and literature) of young artists focusing on site-sensitive performances and art for society projects related to terrorism, migration and intergenerational knowledge sharing.

[zigguratproject.com](http://zigguratproject.com)

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