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EYE Guide



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Dear EYE participants,

Welcome to the heart of European democracy! I am very happy that you want to be present to discuss and develop your ideas at the European Youth Event – EYE.

Today we are in urgent need of new ideas for Europe. The European Union faces bigger challenges than ever: the refugee crisis, increasing nationalism, the economic and monetary union that still needs to be finished, a possible exit of the UK from the EU and the danger from terrorism are only some of the most pressing problems.

It would be dangerous to think that there are no alternatives to the EU. There is one. It is a Europe of nationalisms, of borders and walls, a Europe of antagonism and egoism. A Europe of less prosperity, less security, less freedom and less cooperation. And now we have come dangerously close to this alternative, as for the first time in history the failure of this grand idea and incomparable success story is unfortunately a realistic scenario.

Everyone who puts our common project in jeopardy puts in jeopardy the future of coming generations. It is thanks especially to young, active people like you that I believe in the future of Europe. With your contribution to a vibrant European democracy, you will make the difference in the future. This leaves me optimistic regarding the huge tasks ahead of us.

So thank you very much for your interest in European politics and the European Parliament – an exciting, multilingual, unique political institution. And the European Youth Event will be equally international and multilingual. My wish for you all is to have fun, hold interesting discussions, come up with many good ideas and enjoy your experience here in Strasbourg.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Martin Schulz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr Martin Schulz,
President of the European Parliament



Dear participants,

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

The EYE 2016 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 other 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 2016 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 the youth groups contributing to the event.

You are all invited to get involved in the many indoor and outdoor activities on offer during the EYE 2016.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Strasbourg.

Ms Mairead McGuinness and Ms Sylvie Guillaume,
Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament



Dear young Europeans,

I am very happy to welcome you to the seat of the European Parliament. Given the success of the first edition of the European Youth Event – EYE2014, the President and Vice-Presidents decided to invite all of you to a second edition on 20 to 21 May 2016, for an exciting weekend of ideas, debate and encounters.

The European Parliament has organised 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 is also organised with young people.

The EYE is a unique event. It brings together young people from all backgrounds and from all over the European Union. Politicians, scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, academics and other experts have come here to listen to your ideas and join in your discussions.

The EYE 2016 will include a wide variety of activities, focusing on five main themes:

- **War and Peace:** Perspectives for a Peaceful Planet
- **Apathy or Participation:** Agenda for a Vibrant Democracy
- **Exclusion or Access:** Crackdown on Youth Unemployment
- **Stagnation or Innovation:** Tomorrow's World of Work
- **Collapse or Success:** New Ways for a Sustainable Europe

The EYE motto is “Together we can make a change”: the future of the EU belongs to you, the younger generation. This weekend you have the opportunity to contribute to shaping it. I wish you all a successful and enjoyable weekend!

Mr Klaus Welle,
Secretary-General of the European Parliament

Programme overview

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Friday, 20 May 2016

- 10:00 - 10:30 **Opening Ceremony**
- 11:00 - 13:00 **Opening Plenary Session** in the hemicycle of the European Parliament
- 11:00 - 19:00 **Debates, talks, hearings, idea labs, digital games and workshops** organised by the European Parliament in cooperation with EYE partners and youth groups
- 10:30 - 18:30 **YO!Village:** political debates, interactive workshops, live music, artistic performances, games and educational activities, organised by the European Youth Forum
- 20:00 - 22:00 **EYE in the city: Mix Art – Mix Europe:** welcome event organised by the City of Strasbourg

Saturday, 21 May 2016

- 10:00 - 18:00 **Debates, talks, hearings, ideas labs, digital games and workshops** organised by the European Parliament in cooperation with EYE partners and youth groups
- 10:00 - 19:30 **YO!Village:** political debates, interactive workshops, live music, artistic performances, games and educational activities, organised by the European Youth Forum
- 18:00 - 19:30 **Closing Plenary Session** in the hemicycle of the European Parliament
- 19:00 - 00:00 **YO!Fest at the EYE: music has no borders.**
Free, open air concert organised by the European Youth Forum

Friday 20 May

Time	Title	Venue
11:00/13:00	The Future of Europe: Together we can make a change (Pchange)	Hemicycle
11:00/12:30	Learning by doing – citizenship education in practice (APAcitizenship)	YO!Village
11:00/12:30	Guess my age, I'm an MEP! (APAguess)	YO!Village
11:00/12:30	Entrepreneurial campfire: Let the creativity sparks fly! (TWAcampfire)	YO!Cafe
11:30/15:00	We are not afraid! (WPAafraid)	LOW N3.2
11:30/15:00	The 360° strategy: Moving things around in a circle (SUAcircle)	LOW R3.1
11:30/13:00	A Youth Business Plan for Europe (YUAsixpack3)	LOW N1.1
11:30/13:00	Golden eye: Who rules tomorrow's Europe? (APAgoldeneye)	LOW S2.1
11:30/13:00	20 years on – what has changed for YOUTH? (APACHange)	YO!Village
12:00/12:30	Digital game "Papers please" (WPApapers)	LOW S3.7
12:00/13:30	Democratic life: Remember we have a choice! (APAchoice)	LOW S1.4
12:00/13:30	Fun in the pool or riding the wave? (APApool)	LOW N1.3
12:00/13:30	European Voluntary service: Change your life by changing the lives of others! (YUAEvs)	LOW S2.2
12:00/13:30	Climate change on our doorstep (SUAdoorstep)	LOW S4.3
12:00/13:00	In somebody else's shoes... (Cshoes)	Open Space LOW
12:30/14:00	Freedom of (hate) speech? (WPAspeech)	LOW R5.1
12:30/14:00	Hunger games (SUAhunger)	WIC200
12:30/14:00	Skills gap: Bridge over troubled water (YUAskills)	LOW N1.4
12:30/14:00	Design Thinking - everyone is creative! (TWAdesign)	LOW S2.3
12:30/14:00	Student participation - next level (APAstudent)	LOW S4.4
12:45/13:15	Digital game "Papers please" (WPApapers)	LOW S3.7
13:00/14:30	Vocational education and training: Time for equal status! (YUAvet)	LOW R1.1
13:00/14:30	Economic sanction – effective action or punishing the poor? (WPAAsanctions)	LOW N4.3
13:00/14:30	Stand up, speak up - lobbying for beginners (APAsandup)	LOW N2.1
13:00/15:00	Human rights: Heroes of our time (WPPheroes)	Hemicycle
13:00/14:30	Bullying: Not in my classroom! (WPAbullying)	YO!Village
13:00/14:30	Mobility for all! (YUAmobility)	YO!Village
13:30/17:00	Young migrants: New kids on the block (YUAmigrants)	LOW N3.2
13:30/14:00	Digital game "Papers please" (WPApapers)	LOW S3.7
13:30/15:00	Sustainable Development - goals for youth, goals for Europe? (SUAddevelopment)	LOW N1.1
13:30/15:00	Patents, pirates and fair play (TWApirates)	LOW S2.1
13:30/15:00	Digital storytelling: Youth work at the heart of the story! (APAstorytelling)	
14:00/14:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
14:00/14:45	Digital game "Spent" (YUAspent)	LOW S3.7
14:00/15:30	Career: Next generation of researchers (YUAcareer)	LOW H-1.1
14:00/15:30	Hairdressing: New look for an old profession (YUAhairdressing)	LOW S4.5
14:00/15:30	Climate: High priority for low carbon (SUAclimate)	LOW S1.4
14:00/15:30	Don't wait for a dream job - create it (YUAdreamjob)	WIC 100
14:00/15:30	Destination "Holy war" – roundtrip (WPAdestination)	LOW N1.2
14:00/15:30	EYE contact: Speed briefing with MEPs (APAbriefing)	YO!Village
14:30/15:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
14:30/16:00	"Papers, please!" (WPApapers)	LOW S1.5
14:30/16:00	Fair trade: Shopping with a little added love? (SUAsshopping)	LOW N1.3
14:30/16:00	Design Thinking - everyone is creative! (TWAdesign)	LOW S2.3
14:30/16:00	Cyberattacks: Visible danger, invisible enemy (WPAcyber)	LOW R5.1

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Time	Title	Venue
14:30/16:00	EU digital toolbox for successful e-participation (APAtoolbox)	LOW S4.3
14:45/15:30	"Spent": Out of money, out of work (YUAspent)	LOW S3.7
15:00/15:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
15:00/16:30	"Passages" (WPAPassages)	Open Space LOW
15:00/16:30	Europe - a global player for peace? (WPApeace)	LOW N1.4
15:00/16:30	Peace negotiations - a tough job (WPANegotiations)	LOW N4.3
15:00/16:30	Young patients: Ready, brilliant and able to work! (YUApatients)	LOW S4.4
15:00/16:30	Youth organisations: A laboratory for youth empowerment? (APAempowerment)	YO!Village
15:00/16:30	Tweet-up – changing politics one hashtag at a time... (APAtweet)	YO!Village
15:30/19:00	Smart workplace: The relativity of space and time (TWAworkplace)	LOW N3.2
15:30/19:00	Human rights: The online pursuit of life, love and happiness (APAonline)	LOW R3.1
15:30/16:00	"Spent": Out of money, out of work (YUAspent)	LOW S3.7
15:30/17:00	A Transparent Future? Opening EU Democracy (APATransparent)	LOW N1.3
15:30/17:00	Splash - protect our oceans (SUAsplash)	LOW S2.1
15:30/17:30	Youth unemployment: Down to zero? (YUPzero)	Hemicycle
15:30/17:30	Documentary: Send in the clowns (WPAclowns)	Boat
16:00/16:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
16:00/17:30	Jobs and growth: Mix it right, shake it up! (TWAshake)	WIC200
16:00/17:30	Young and jobless: None of my business? (YUAYoung)	LOW S2.2
16:00/17:30	RealTime World War One: An online time travel (WPAreal)	LOW S4.5
16:00/18:30	You have a great business idea? Come and sell it (YUAsixpack2)	LOW N1.2
16:00/17:00	Who will you make peace with? (WPAwho)	YO!Village
16:30/17:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
16:30/17:00	Digital game "Climate challenge" (SUACHallenge)	LOW S3.7
16:30/18:00	"Spent": Out of money, out of work (YUAspent)	LOW S1.5
16:30/18:00	Holy books, horrific bloodshed? (WPAbooks)	WIC 100
16:30/18:00	Warnings from history: Never again? (WPAwarnings)	LOW S2.3
16:30/18:00	Sharing economy: They come in like a wrecking ball (TWAsharing)	LOW R5.1
16:30/18:00	Ecosystems: No water - no life (SUAWater)	LOW S4.3
17:00/17:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
17:00/18:30	Digital citizens: Connecting people to power (APApower)	LOW N1.4
17:00/18:30	The new frontiers of space exploration - a village on the Moon? (TWAMoon)	LOW N1.1
17:00/18:30	Britain and Europe: Breaking up or moving on? (APAbritain)	LOW N4.3
17:00/18:30	Young cooperators: Business beyond profit (TWAcooperators)	LOW S4.4
17:00/18:30	Save the Union - the social way (YUAsave)	LOW R1.1
17:30/19:00	A journey to tolerance: Words don't come easy (WPAJourney)	LOW S4.5
17:00/18:30	Research matters: New jobs on the horizon (YUAresearch)	LOW H-1.3
17:00/18:30	Discrimination divides, diversity connects (WPAconnects)	YO!Village
17:00/18:30	Boosting local democracy: Lessons learned from the Balkans (APAbalkans)	YO!Village
17:15/17:45	Digital game "Climate challenge" (SUACHallenge)	LOW S3.7
17:30/18:30	Express yourself: Music, dance, theatre and more (Cexpress)	Flower bar
17:30/18:30	Circus performances: A feast for the EYE(s) (Ccircus)	YO!Village
17:30/19:00	Kidnap and ransom (WPAransom)	LOW N1.3
17:30/19:00	Tax evasion: Stairway to heaven (TWAheaven)	LOW S2.1
18:00/18:30	Digital game "Climate challenge" (SUACHallenge)	LOW S3.7
18:00/19:00	EU Aid Volunteers: We Care, We Act (APAeuaid)	LOW S2.2

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10:00/13:30	We are not afraid! (WPAafraid)	LOW N3.2
10:00/13:30	The 360° strategy: Moving things around in a circle (SUAcircle)	LOW R3.1
10:00/10:30	Digital game "Democracy" (APAChange)	LOW S3.7
10:00/11:00	Web documentary: Multiple views on Europe (APAdocumentary)	LOW S4.5
10:00/11:30	"Climate challenge" (SUACHallenge)	LOW S1.5
10:00/11:30	Democracy ranking: Learning from the top countries (APAranking)	WIC 200
10:00/11:30	I changed my life - I am now entrepreneur (YUAsixpack4)	LOW N1.2
10:00/11:30	Design Thinking - everyone is creative! (TWAdesign)	LOW S4.3
10:00/11:30	Stand up, speak up – lobbying for beginners (APAstandup)	YO!Village
10:00/11:30	Europe for the "happy few" ... or social inclusion for all? (YUAINCLUSION)	YO!Village
10:30/12:00	What's happening, Europe? Participation and exclusion of young Roma (WPAroma)	YO!Village
10:30/12:00	Digital revolution: A fountain of jobs and innovation? (TWAinnovation)	LOW S1.4
10:30/12:00	Are Refugees Welcome? (WPAwelcome)	LOW N1.4
10:30/12:00	Climate ambassador - a cool activity (SUAambassador)	LOW N4.3
10:45/11:15	Digital game "Democracy" (APAChange)	LOW S3.7
11:00/11:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
11:00/12:30	Put your money where your youth is! (YUAYOUTH)	LOW R1.1
11:00/12:30	Science or fiction: Will robots rise to power? (TWARobots)	WIC 100
11:00/12:30	Open borders or fortress Europe? (WPAborders)	LOW S2.3
11:00/12:30	Think globally - act locally (APALocally)	LOW S4.4
11:30/12:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
11:30/12:00	Digital game "Democracy" (APAChange)	LOW S3.7
11:30/13:00	Volunteer angels: Non-formal education gives you wings! (YUANGELS)	LOW N1.1
11:30/13:00	Peer-to-peer: how can I start my own blog? (APAblog)	LOW S4.5
11:30/13:30	Earth from above: My extraordinary 200 days in space (SUPearth)	Hemicycle
12:00/12:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
12:00/15:30	Young migrants: New kids on the block (YUAmigrants)	LOW N3.2
12:00/13:30	"Democracy" (APAChange)	LOW S1.5
12:00/13:30	I have a business idea - do I have the skills? (YUAsixpack5)	LOW N1.2
12:00/13:30	No kids please, we are Europeans (SUAkids)	LOW S4.3
12:00/13:30	Religious and political extremism: A gentle drift or a tidal wave? (WPAextremism)	YO!Village
12:00/13:30	Sustainable Development – goals for youth, goals for Europe? (SUAdevelopment)	YO! Village
12:30/14:00	Fresh money: What would you do with 300 billion euros? (YUAmoney)	LOW S1.4
12:30/14:00	USA - Europe: Big deal or no deal (TWAdeal)	LOW N1.4
12:30/14:00	Hello Brussels...? Young people have something to say to you! (APAhello)	LOW N2.1
12:30/14:00	Mental health: The last taboo? (YUAmental)	YO!Village
13:00/13:30	Digital game "Data dealer" (TWAdata)	LOW S3.7
13:00/14:30	Erasmus+: the intercultural experience of your life! (YUAERASMUS)	WIC 100
13:00/14:30	Social gap: the winner takes it all (APAWinner)	LOW N1.3
13:00/14:30	Enter "Dignityland": Making social rights a reality for all! (YUAdignityland)	LOW S2.3
13:00/14:30	Minority report: a network of solidarity (WPAminority)	LOW S4.4
13:00/14:00	Voices of refugees (WPAvoices)	Boat
13:00/14:00	Music is my life (Cmusic)	Flower bar
13:30/14:30	Become an agent of positive change! (WPAagent1)	LOW N1.1
13:30/15:00	Animals and us: Time for a new relationship? (SUAanimals)	LOW S2.2
13:30/14:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar

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13:30/15:00	App "Action Bound" - watchdogs welcome (APAapp)	LOW S4.5
13:45/14:15	Digital game "Data dealer" (TWAdata)	LOW S3.7
13:45/15:45	Euroscola special: Voting time! (Pvoting)	Hemicycle
14:00/14:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
14:00/17:30	Smart workplace: The relativity of space and time (TWAworkplace)	LOW N3.2
14:00/17:30	Human rights: The online pursuit of life, love and happiness (APAonline)	LOW R3.1
14:00/15:30	"You say goodbye... and I say hello" (APAgoodbye)	WIC200
14:00/15:30	Apprenticeship - a first step towards a good job and career? (YUAapprenticeships)	LOW S2.1
14:00/15:30	Participation in the right way (APAparticipation)	LOW S4.3
14:00/15:30	Meet young refugees (WPAmeeet)	YO!Village
14:00/15:30	The quality job hunt: Mission impossible? (YUAquality)	YO!Village
14:30/15:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
14:30/15:00	Digital game "Data dealer" (TWAdata)	LOW S3.7
14:30/15:30	A guide to the galaxy... (SUAgalaxy)	LOW S1.4
14:30/16:00	Start-up: I can fly (YUAsixpack1)	LOW N1.2
14:30/16:00	Urban sustainability: The green transformation of our cities (SUAcities)	LOW N4.3
15:00/16:00	"The Marshmallow Challenge": How to generate fresh ideas? (TWAmarshmallow)	LOW S2.3
15:00/16:30	EU-Russia relations: Breaking bad... (WPAussia)	LOW N1.3
15:00/16:30	Youth Unemployment: Solutions for hopeless cases? (YUAsolutions)	LOW S4.4
15:00/17:00	Social challenge! Can Europe do better than Silicon Valley? (TWA Silicon)	WIC 100
15:00/16:30	Let's talk recognition (YUAreognition)	YO!Village
15:00/16:00	Free trade across the Atlantic Ocean: Fair or foul? (SUAttip)	Boat
15:30/16:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
15:30/17:00	"Data dealer": Grabbing people's private data (TWAdata)	LOW S1.5
15:30/17:00	EU "youth guarantee": A success story-really? (YUAsuccess)	LOW S2.2
15:30/17:00	"Cowspiracy": The Sustainability Secret (SUAsecret)	LOW R5.1
15:30/17:00	Peace in Europe - an unstable balance? (WPAbalance)	LOW S4.5
15:30/17:00	Europe 2030: Megatrends shaping our future (SUAmegatrends)	LOW S3.7
16:00/16:30	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
16:00/17:00	Faith and belief - a puzzle of humanity (WPApuzzle)	LOW R1.1
16:00/17:00	Life is a stage... (Cstage)	LOW N1.4
16:00/17:30	Young connectors: Stairway to the cloud (YUAconnectors)	LOW S2.1
16:00/17:30	Design Thinking - everyone is creative! (TWAdesign)	LOW S4.3
16:00/18:30	Youth up! – your ideas for youth-friendly politics (APAYouthup)	LOW N1.3
16:00/18:00	Migration: Across the universe (WPPmigration)	Hemicycle
16:00/17:00	Become an agent of positive change! (WPAagent2)	YO!Village
16:00/17:30	Next generation leaders: Here we go girls (YUAleaders)	YO!Village
16:30/17:00	Meet and play (Cplay)	Swan bar
16:30/18:00	I have a good idea - give me the money (YUAsixpack6)	LOW N1.2
16:30/18:00	Digital democracy: From e-participation to real influence (APAinfluence)	LOW N4.3
16:30/17:30	Don't shoot... (APAcomedian)	LOW S1.4
17:00/18:30	Can you hear me? (YUAhear)	YO!Village
17:00/18:00	Alors on danse (Cdanse)	Flower bar
17:30/19:00	Europe: Building and supporting civil society? (APAcivil)	YO!Village
17:30/18:00	Awards Ceremony (Cawards)	Swan bar
18:00/19:30	A head full of ideas (Phead)	Hemicycle
18:00/19:30	Circus performances: A feast for the EYE(s) (Ccircus)	YO!Village

Come together

Code: *hello*

Opening ceremony: Hello

Welcome message by **Sylvie Guillaume** and **Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament. In the presence of **Johanna Nyman**, President of the European Youth Forum, and **Roland Ries**, Mayor of Strasbourg. Artistic performances will include comedy theater and music.

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

Venue: in front of the European Parliament

Languages: EN, FR, DE

Welcome messages and artistic performances

Moderator:

- **Méabh Mc Mahon**, Freelance journalist

Artists:

- **Noah Chorny**, comedy acrobat (supported by the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen)
- **Gimnazija Maribor**, choir

Code: *Pchange*

The future of Europe: Together we can make a change

Mairead McGuinness and Sylvie Guillaume, Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament, discuss hot issues and the future of Europe with young people.

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

Venue: Hemicycle, 1200 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Opening Plenary Session

Speaker:

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

Moderators:

- **Andrea Fies**, Journalist, ARTE
- **Dorothee Haffner**, TV Journalist, ARTE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *Phead*

A head full of ideas

Young people present and discuss some of the most inspiring ideas created during the EYE2016 with **Ms Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-President of the European Parliament.

Day, Time: Saturday, 18:00-19:30

Venue: Hemicycle, 1400 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Closing Plenary Session

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Activities without booking

Evening programme

EYE in the city: Mix Art – Mix Europe

The City of Strasbourg and its partners associations - Ariana and Passages – have the pleasure to invite you to an exceptional evening in the heart of Strasbourg, sponsored by the famous graffiti artist «Seen» from New York. Fifteen graffiti artists and European musicians will offer a completely new performance by merging graphic and musical experiences in a visual concert created especially for EYE2016. With the graffiti artists Blo YZ, Ben Slow, Zap, Sönke Busch, Klef, Julia Benz and the musical ensemble «Contraste», Karol Beffa, and the Fergessen.

Open air concert and street art

Organised by the City of Strasbourg,
in cooperation with the associations Ariana and Passages

Day, Time: Friday, 20:00-22:00

Venue: Place du Chateau, Strasbourg
(open to all participants without booking)

Code: live

YO!Fest at the EYE: Music has no borders

The YO!Fest does not end as the sun goes down! Join thousands of EYE participants and local young people for a spectacular open-air concert on migration.

Music and people have no borders! Hear testimonies collected from thousands of asylum seekers risking their lives to cross borders into the EU. We will tell their stories through powerful images and a blend of voices and music mixed by Mr Breadstick DJ.

The winners of the Emerging Band Contest, run in partnership between the European Youth Forum and Jeunesse Musicales International (JMI), will open the show. The funky music experience of **Danny Kalima** and the groovy rock of **Ginger H.** will warm up the stage for the cumbia-ska cocktail of the **Chico Trujillo**. Then the eclectic sound of **Balkan Beat Box** will mix Balkan, reggae and electronic music to end the night on a high.

Open-air concert

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Day, Time: Saturday, 19:00-00:00

Venue: Tivoli car park (5 minute walking
distance from the European Parliament)
(open to all participants without booking)



The YO!Fest at the EYE

Day, Time: Friday, 10:30-18:30
Saturday, 10:00-19:30

(open to all participants without booking)

The programme will not stop at the doors of the European Parliament! The European Youth Forum will bring its **YO!Fest** ("Youth Opinion" Festival) to the EYE, unleashing young people's powers of expression and creativity by combining politics, culture, education and fun in a multicultural festival atmosphere.

The YO!Fest is a **vibrant, interactive space** for young people to meet, discuss and create with each other and with EU decision-makers. **Co-created for young people by young people**, it will include:

- Political debates and interactive workshops
- Live music, theatre, dance and circus performances
- Games and educational activities

The **YO!Village**, located just in front of the European Parliament, will be a space to learn, share and interact. It will be built around six **thematic hubs** on the main EYE themes. Each hub will cluster youth and civil society organisations, working together to offer an exciting and innovative programme.

Make sure you save some time for activities in the YO!Village during the EYE! There will be plenty to join on the spot, with no pre-registration necessary. This is just a glimpse of the many other surprises waiting for you in the YO!Village:

- Join a game or quiz, test your knowledge on youth rights and learn how to protect them
- Take part in the YO!Passport, make connections to Sustainable Development and win YO!Fest prizes!
- Pass by the chill-out area dedicated to health and well-being
- Borrow a human "book" in the Living Library and challenge yourself to better understand groups facing discrimination
- Catch a documentary screening and debate the issues brought up in the film
- Enjoy one of the open-air circus or theatre performances
- Hang out in the cosy YO!Cafe and grab a cup of fair trade coffee or local juice made of "wonky apples" to avoid food waste

Activities open to all participants

Living Library

The Living Library is an equalities tool that seeks to challenge prejudice and discrimination. It works just like a normal library: visitors can browse the catalogue and borrow a Book for a limited period. The only difference is that in the Living Library, Books are people, and reading consists of a conversation! The Living Library attempts to challenge prejudice by facilitating a conversation between two people.

Organised by the Council of Europe

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-18:00
Saturday, 10:00-18:00

Venue: YO!Café

Languages: EN, FR, DE

Tracking my Europe: A digital mapping project

Ahead of the opening of the House of European History - scheduled for November 2016 - the EYE participants will have the opportunity to test an interactive exhibit that will feature in the House's first temporary exhibition, and react on it. The exhibition, which explores encounters and exchange across borders throughout history, will start with a collaborative piece. The piece will rely on contributions from online and onsite visitors from everywhere to produce a unique map of people's experiences and preferences beyond borders. On this map that will keep developing as long as this exhibition is open, the lines will not be borders delimitating countries but instead links connecting people to places across Europe and beyond. You are invited to drop by the stand that will be up throughout the event. Take a few minutes to contribute to this collaborative experiment and have a chat with the team: your experience and ideas will help us make this work!

Interactive Map

Organised by the House of European History

Day, Time: Friday, 11:00-18:30
Saturday, 10:00-18:00

Venue: Emilio Colombo space

Circus performances: A feast for the EYE(s)

Enjoy artistic performances created and performed by students from renowned European circus schools.

Artistic performances

Organised by European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

Day, Time: Friday, 13:30-14:00
15:30-16:00
Saturday, 12:00-12:30
15:00-15:30

Venue: Flower Bar

EYE Social Media Lab

The Parliament's social media team is waiting to meet you... Brave enough to take part in our Twitter challenge? Sufficiently agile for our EYE jumping photos? Want to feature in our Snapchat stories, or simply meet fellow Instagrammers? Come and visit us at the EYE Social Media Lab!

Social lab

Organised by WebComm of the European Parliament

Day, Time: Friday 11:30-18:30
Saturday 10:00-18:00

Venue: Espace Emilio Colombo

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 (Friday) and outside (Saturday) the Parliament. You'll snap pictures with Instagram and receive tips on how to master the tool, while also having an opportunity to meet fellow Instagrammers at the EYE.

Reward? The best #EPinstameet pictures will be regrammed on the Parliament's official Instagram account!

Instameet

Organised by photographers of the European Parliament

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

Venue: EYE info point in front of the EP

Exo Mars: Here is the robot...

...to solve the mysteries of Mars. The ExoMars Test Rover (EXOTER), is a mobile robot replicating ESA's ExoMars 2018 rover in a 1:2 scale. The rover and its lander platform have been developed in order to test autonomous operations. The rover will just be back from a week of field tests simulating the first few sols (Martian days) on Mars. Martin Azkarate and Marco Pagnamenta, engineers at ESA's Automation and Robotics section, will be available for questions and explanations.

Organised by the European Space Agency (ESA)

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

Venue: Next to Hemicycle, 1st floor

Special activities during the EYE

(reserved for targeted groups)

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.

See and learn more about us on:

#Euroscola

www.europarl.europa.eu/euroscola

www.facebook.com/euroscola

Day, Time: Saturday, 09:45-15:45

Venue: Hemicycle

Who: reserved for groups selected in national Euroscola competitions organised and coordinated by the Information Offices of the European Parliament in each EU Member State

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

European Youth Media Days Special

The European Youth Media Days (EYMD) are a platform for discussion and hands-on insight into European journalism. This year's special edition of the EYMD will send its EYE Reporters on the prowl to take the journalistic viewpoint on pressing issues among young people but also to capture the fun moments during the event. It is a unique chance for young journalists from across Europe to familiarise with youth expectations towards EU policy makers and critically reflect on their message to the wider public.

Day, Time: Friday & Saturday

Venue: All over the EYE2016

Who: Young media makers from across Europe

"YOUROPE" TV magazine

The weekly European magazine YOUROPE reports from the European Youth Event in Strasbourg! Moderator Andreas Korn attends panels, workshops and the Yo!Village. He will make surveys and interviews on site, participate in actions and visit the YOUROPE TV workshop. This YOUROPE special programme will be broadcasted on Saturday, 28.5.2016, at 14:00 on ARTE.

Day, Time: Friday & Saturday all day

Venue: inside and outside the EP

TV magazine

Organised by ARTE

You are a reporter

It is easy to make a few second video with your smartphone, everyone can do it. But do you know how to produce a TV report? The editors of the ARTE Europe magazine YOUROPE will show it to you!

In this workshop, you will shoot, edit and write a 3-5 minute report about the EYE event in French, German or English. The editors of the YOUROPE team will show you how to shoot exciting images, how to ask the right questions and how to make a report by using the video material efficiently. Your finished film about the EYE event will be shown on the Arte.info website and on YOUROPE's Facebook page.

TV workshop

Organised by ARTE

Day, Time: Friday & Saturday all day

Venue: all over the EYE2016

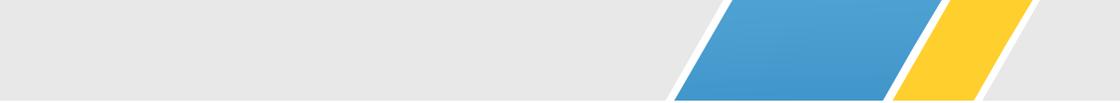
Who: EYMD participants

The EYE Report

The European Youth Event – EYE2016 – is a chance for young people across Europe to make their voices heard on the issues that matter to them.

Following up to the event, the EYE2016 report will be conducted by a dozen specialists and editors from across Europe, using data gathered from discussions, interviews, ballots and social media. It will summarize the outcomes of the EYE2016, tell the stories of the young participants, and present the ideas for a better Europe they have come up with during the event.

In September the report will be handed over to all the Members of the European Parliament; in autumn, the most interesting ideas of the EYE2016 will be discussed in the relevant Parliamentary committees. This will ensure that the leaders of Europe hear the voice of young people.



Bookable activities

Key activity formats

The EYE will offer a wide variety of activities that need to be booked in advance. These will be carried out in the following formats:

- Debate:* Address an issue in a polarised way and challenge participants with clear pros and cons.
- Digital Games:* Participants will play digital games related to the EYE themes. Gaming will be followed by a discussion on the specific topic.
- Discussion:* Deal with complex subjects and shed light on many viewpoints and angles rather than just two opposing positions regarding a topic.
- Hearing:* Experts or young stakeholders affected by the subject of the activity present their cases or arguments from different angles (3-5 min), and then have a discussion with participants.
- Ideas check:* In this quick-fire format, devised especially for the EYE event, young people will bounce their ideas and proposals off political leaders, who will have two minutes to respond.
- Ideas Lab:* What could or should be changed in today's world? Participants take the role of young advisors to Members of the European Parliament responsible for a new legislation. Young Europeans decide both on the agenda for discussion and their concrete proposals for change, before (online) and during the EYE.
- Question time:* Top-level speakers take and answer participants' questions on their positions, actions and ideas.
- Talk:* In a more informal ambience, the focus here lies more on personal stories, views, experiences and ideas than on official policies and statements.
- Workshops:* Interactive, more hands-on or specialised activities in smaller groups.

Activity codes

The codes you will find in front of every activity title are easy to “decode” once you know what the different parts of the code stand for:

The *first two letters* indicate under which of the five main themes the activity falls:

- **WP** for War and Peace
- **AP** for Apathy or Participation
- **YU** for Youth Unemployment
- **TW** for Tomorrow World of Work
- **SU** for Sustainability

The *third letter* indicates the booking category of the activity:

- **P** for Panels in the **Plenary** chamber (Hemicycle) of which each participant can book only one
- **A** for the **Activities** of which each participant can book two
- **C** for **Culture** and arts for change

I. War and Peace: Perspectives for a *peaceful* planet

*“Mama, life had just begun. But now I’ve gone
and thrown it all away”.*

Freddy Mercury (Bohemian Rhapsody)

Code: *WPP*migration

Migration: Across the Universe

Millions of refugees and migrants come to Europe in search of a safe haven and a better life. Keep them out or take them in? What should the spirit and the major components of a new European migration and asylum policy be? Legal aliens or new citizens: how can host societies improve the integration of new citizens? How is migration changing Europe?

Idea check

Speakers:

Young idea givers:

- **Matthäus Fandrejewski**
- **Mohammed Nour Machlah**
- **Sabrina Konzok**

Idea catchers:

- **Mariana Barbosa**, Coordinator of the Volunteer Programme at Lesvos (Greece), Refugee Support Platform (PAR)
- **Nawel Rafik-Elmrini**, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg
- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President, European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Méabh Mc Mahon**, Freelance journalist

Day, Time: Saturday, 16:00-18:00

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming +**  **Twitter wall**

Code: *WPA*peace

Europe – a global player for peace?

Are we Europeans stuck in our own problems or should we assume greater responsibility worldwide? How can the European Union speak with one voice, take common action and reach out to people in need or danger? Should we envisage more forceful or more humanitarian engagement – more guns or more roses for the world?

Question time

Speakers:

- **Ulrike Lunacek**, Vice-President, European Parliament
- **Denis Mukwege**, Gynaecologist, Panzi Hospital, Sakharov Prize Winner 2014

Moderator:

- **Julia Held**, Reporter and moderator, ZDF

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming +**  **Twitter wall**

Code: *WPAbooks*

Holy books, horrific bloodshed?

Messages of love and hate in the name of God: what is the role of religion in our open society? Should state and religion be strictly separated in all European countries? Can religion ever justify violence or does it contribute to tolerance and respect for human rights? How can young people help to build understanding and a sense of community between people of different faiths and origins?

Debate

Organised in cooperation with the Anne Frank House

Speakers:

- **Mariam Inayat**, Youth Ambassador, British Youth Council
- **Tobias Traxler**, Student, Amsterdam University College
- **Natascha van Weezel**, Filmmaker, Mo&Moos Mokum

Moderator:

- **Cihan Tekeli**, Program Manager and Educator, Anne Frank House
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Day, Time: Friday, 16:30-18:00

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *WPAcyber*

Cyberattacks: Visible danger, invisible enemy

Cyberattacks are a new and growing danger to states, companies and citizens. How can Europe fight cyber criminals and terrorists? Can democratic control keep pace with technological innovation?

Discussion

Speakers:

- **Eva Jobs**, Historian and cybersecurity analyst, Bundeswehr Military History Museum
- **Christian Liflander**, Deputy for political aspects, Cyber defence section, Emerging security challenges division, NATO
- **Patrick Pirker**, Student, Team Austria at European Cyber Security Challenge

Moderator:

- **Patryk Pawlak**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service
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Day, Time: Friday, 14:30-16:00

Venue: LOW R5.1, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *WPAdestination*

Destination “Holy war” – roundtrip

An alarming number of young Europeans – boys and girls – are leaving their families, having been lured by messages glorifying jihad and the creation of a new Islamic state. What can be done to break this fatal attraction? Why is the Internet a focal point for recruitment? How can we prevent Europeans from joining extremists abroad and from returning eager to stage attacks back home? How can we give young people of different origins a sense of belonging, perspective and value as citizens of Europe?

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Hearing

Speakers:

- **Katherine Brown**, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, University of Birmingham
- **Asiem El Difraoui**, politologist
- **Asmaa Jaber**, PhD candidate, Science Po

Moderator:

- **Martina Prpic**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service

Code: *WPArussia*

EU-Russia relations: Breaking bad...

...or keeping the door open for peace? Living next door to Russia and Ukraine: what does it take for EU countries to be good neighbours in bad times? What is the situation and perspective of young people caught up in this conflict? The EU between tough response and soft power.

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Discussion

Speakers:

- **Kirill Koroteev**, Legal Director, Human Rights Centre Memorial
- **Linas Kojala**, Researcher
- **Andrejs Mamikins**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Dmytro Belotserkovets**, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament (Rada)

Moderator:

- **Arnoldas Pranckevicius**, Adviser to the President, European Parliament

Code: *WPP*heroes

Human rights: Heroes of our time

Each year, the European Parliament awards the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to courageous people who fight for human rights across the globe. Sakharov Prize winners tell their stories and share their experiences.

Talk and discussion

Speakers:

- **Ensaf Haidar**, President, Raif Badawi Foundation for Freedom
- **Denis Mukwege**, Gynaecologist, Panzi Hospital
- **Kirill Koroteev**, Legal Director, Human Rights Centre Memorial

Moderator:

- **Ulrike Lunacek**, Vice-President, European Parliament
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Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-15:00

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *WPA*ransom

Kidnap and ransom

Kidnapping is a brutal means of fundraising for criminals and terrorists. Victims include growing numbers of women and children. Should European states negotiate with kidnappers? Should governments refuse to pay ransoms?

Debate

Debaters:

- **Kiza Magendane**, International Debate Education Association (IDEA)
- **Sara Anna Maria Verbeek**, International Debate Education Association (IDEA)

Speaker:

- **Vincent Cochetel**, Director, UNHCR Bureau for Europe

Moderator:

- **Osiris Hoepel**, Project Coordinator and Trainer, House of Youth
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Day, Time: Friday, 17:30-19:00

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *WPA*afraid

We are not afraid!

Kalashnikovs vs democracy: what is Europe's answer to terrorist attacks and organised crime? How do we shape democratic life in the space between courage and caution, freedom and security in Europe?

Examples:

- Free movement across the continent or a return to border controls and security checks?
- More surveillance to tackle terror or strict respect for private communication?
- New ways of protecting the lives and human rights of people inside and outside of Europe?

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament responsible for new legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! The Ideas lab starts online with your contributions from 10th March on www.eye-ideaslab.eu.

Ideas lab

Idea catchers:

- **Jaume Duch**, Director for Media and Spokesperson of the European Parliament
- **Tasos Georgiu**, Head of the Events and Exhibition Unit, European Parliament

Code: *WPA*papers

"Papers, please!"

The digital game "Papers, please" offers players the role of an immigration inspector at a border checkpoint: a nerve-wracking game that may change your attitude towards immigrants.

Digital game and discussion

Organised in cooperation with Arte and Games for Change Europe

Speakers:

- **Cheija Abdahahe**, Human rights defender, Spanish Youth Council (CJE)
- **Sylvie Guillaume**, Vice-President, European Parliament
- **Stéphanie Mader**, Game Designer and Researcher, Centre d'études et de recherche en informatique et communications (CNAM/CEDRIC)

Moderator:

- **Florent Maurin**, President, The Pixel Hunt

Day, Time: Friday, 11:30-15:00
Saturday, 10:00-13:30

Venue: LOW N3.2, 130 places

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

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 190 places

Languages: EN, FR, DE

Gaming sessions:

Friday a) 12:00-12:30 (35 places)
 b) 12:45-13:15 (35 places)
 c) 13:30-14:00 (35 places)

Venue: LOW S3.7

Languages: EN

Partner and youth activities and workshops

Code: *WPAwelcome*

Are refugees welcome?

How do we deal with the refugee crisis? Is there a right way? What problems do immigrants face entering Europe and starting a new life? How can the EU benefit from immigration? Debate your ideas for an improved European migration policy together with politicians, experts in the field and young refugees!

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Language: EN

Panel debate

Organised by the European Confederation of independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth), the Deutscher Bundesjugendring (DBJR) and the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

Speakers:

- **Sarah Mardini**, Student, German Federal Youth Council
- **Ashraf Sarawi**, Young refugee
- **Jihad Suliman**, Young refugee from Palestine
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Johanna Nyman**, President, European Youth Forum

Code: *WPAmeet*

Meet young refugees

Hear experiences and thoughts directly from young refugees living in Europe, seize the opportunity to talk directly with refugees in small groups on a variety of issues. How does it feel to be a refugee in Europe? What challenges do refugees face in accessing education and employment? What can we do to support their inclusion in and contribution to society?

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Talk and speed briefing

Organised by the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth), the Deutscher Bundesjugendring (DBJR), and the European Students Union (ESU)

Code: *WPA*passages

“Passages”

What does it mean to be a refugee? What challenges do refugees face on the way to their new lives? What does the future hold for refugees? Participate in this simulation game and look at the crisis from a new angle. Discuss the roles and responsibilities of youth organisations and young people in the refugee crisis.

Simulation game

Organised by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), and the National Youth Council, Portugal (CNJ)

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

Venue: Open space on 1st floor, N-area in LOW (130 places)

Language: EN

Code: *WPA*voices

Voices of refugees

Hear the voices of refugees captured in this fascinating new documentary. Featuring interviews with asylum seekers coming to Europe, it was filmed on location across Europe, including the island of Lesbos, the Balkan route and a refugee camp in Brussels.

Documentary screening followed by a discussion with the authors

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: Boat, YO!Village, 70 places, limited accessibility

Language: EN

Code: *WPAextremism*

Religious and political extremism: A gentle drift or a tidal wave?

Are young people becoming more and more extreme? Is the youth of today more easily attracted by extreme viewpoints or is an unrepresentative minority getting disproportionate attention? Does extremism really represent the threat to society the media and politicians claim it does? Come and debate the root causes and challenges and possible strategies to create inclusive and democratic societies with representatives from party political youth organisations.

Panel debate

Organised by the European Youth Forum in cooperation with party political youth organisations

Speakers:

- **Ioan Bucuras**, Secretary-General, Young European Federalists (JEF Europe)
- **Sissel Kvist**, Vice-President, European Liberal Youth (LYMEC)

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

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 150 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPApuzzle*

Faith and belief – a puzzle of humanity

How does religion affect politics, communication and our daily lives? How does religion interfere with human interaction? How can inter-religious dialogue help to create peace at community level? Come and discuss these issues and consider the role of young people in contributing to inter-faith dialogue.

Workshop

Organised by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the European Student's Union (ESU)

Speakers:

- **Salaheddin Aboulgasem**, Muslim Scout Fellowship UK
- **Roberto Cociancich**, President, International Catholic Conference of Scouting

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

Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPA*speech

Freedom of (hate) speech?

The Internet is full of hate. Do we have a responsibility to protect and defend other users of the online space? How can freedom of expression and protection from hate speech go hand in hand? Is more regulation or more encouragement needed to combat hate speech? Discuss these issues and more with representatives of the Council of Europe's No Hate Speech Movement and Twitter.

Workshop

Organised by the No Hate Speech campaign of the Council of Europe

Speakers:

- **Iana Minochkina**, No Hate Speech Movement
- **Viktor Szabados**, No Hate Speech Movement

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 60 places

Language: EN

** This workshop will also be repeated in the YO!Village with registration on the spot. Check the daily programme of the thematic hubs*

Code: *WPA*bullying

Bullying: Not in my classroom!

Have you ever been the victim of bullying? Or witnessed someone being bullied and not known how to react? One particularly frequent and brutal form is homophobic and transphobic bullying. When it happens in the classroom, it violates the basic right to education and can undermine educational achievements. Do you want to stand up against bullying in the educational sector? Join this interactive workshop and examine ways to prevent bullying and make the classroom a safe place for everyone.

Workshop

Organised by the Be the Change Initiative, MAG Jeunes, and La Station

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-14:30

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 50 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPAconnects*

Discrimination divides, diversity connects

What does it mean to be part of a minority in Europe today? Beyond the perspective of one single minority group, what are the intertwined forms of discrimination marginalising Europe's diverse youth? A discussion, illustrated by examples and testimonies, of how young people and youth organisations are affected by and respond to multiple discrimination.

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum, Phiren Amenca (Network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organisations), and Youth of European nationalities (YEN)

Speakers:

- **Urooj Arshad**, Associate Director, International Youth Health and Rights, Advocates for Youth
- **Ulrike Lunacek**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Roman Roblek**, Vice-President, Youth of European Nationalities (YEN)
- **Vincente Rodriguez**, Phiren Amenca
- **Zara Todd**, Youth Network Chair, European Network on Independent Living
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPAminority*

Minority report: A network of solidarity

What are the core elements of integrating minorities in Europe? This workshop is organised by Roma, Armenian, Jewish and minority youth activists and youth organisations that have started to build a network of solidarity in the past year. The workshop raises a debate about the position, challenges, interests and potential of minorities in Europe to strengthen peace, solidarity and equality.

Workshop

Organised by the European Union of Jewish Students, Phiren Amenca and AGBU (Armenian General Benevolent Union)

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 38 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPAroma*

What's happening, Europe? Participation and exclusion of young Roma

What is antigypsyism and how does it affect the lives of young people? How can we increase the participation of young Roma and make their existing contribution visible? Join the discussion and explore strategic tools for participation and inclusion.

Round table

Organised by Phiren Amenca (network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organisations)

Speakers:

- **Vincente Rodriguez**, ternYpe - International Roma Youth Network
- **Orsolya Szabó**, Project Assistant, Phiren Amenca International Network
- **Atanas Stoyanov**, Policy Coordinator, European Roma Grassroots Organisations (ERGO) Network

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

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Become an agent of positive change!

How can young people take on a social leadership role in their communities? How can you, as an individual, trigger a lasting change of mindset and attitudes including a positive domino effect on those around you? Discover "Youth as agents of behavioural change", the Red Cross and Red Crescent's flagship initiative for promoting a culture of non-violence and peace. Empathy, active listening, critical thinking, non-judgement and non-violent communication are some of the main skills that the workshop will teach you!

Workshops

Organised by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Code: *WPAagent1*

Intercultural dialogue: Prejudice, fear and exclusion. Is it really so? Come and experience how intercultural dialogue can help you open up your mind, respect diversity, encourage the respectful sharing of ideas and explore different thinking processes to achieve mutual understanding.

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPAagent2*

Gender equality: Gender-based stereotypes, discrimination and violence. Is it really so? Come and challenge your perception of social differences between men and women. Question unequal power relations in all aspects of society and learn how to promote gender equality and respect for diversity.

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

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPAclowns*

Documentary: Send in the clowns

Ciné ONU: How successful and effective are aid organisations in delivering lasting solutions and empowering victims of conflicts or natural disasters? What about the power of laughter to relieve stress and suffering in areas of crisis? The touching and humorous documentary tells the story of idealistic volunteer performers from the organisation “Clowns without Borders”. It captures their work in Haiti, both before and after the 2010 earthquake, and questions whether Haiti’s crippling and conflicted relationship with aid organisations is actually more absurd than sending in the clowns.

Documentary screening

Organised by the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC)

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

Venue: Boat, YO!Village, 70 places, limited accessibility

Language: EN

Code: *WPAwho*

Who will you make peace with?

Actor turned film-maker Jeremy Gilley began his campaign for an annual day of ceasefire and non-violence in 1999. Working with politicians at the highest levels, celebrities and leaders of armed groups, he succeeded in establishing peace day and recording staggering reductions in levels of violence on peace day. Come and listen to Jeremy’s inspirational story and ask yourself “who will you make peace with?”

Talk

Organised by Peace One Day and the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 150 places

Language: EN

Speaker:

- **Jeremy Gilley**, Founder, Peace One Day

Code: *WPAreal*

RealTime World War One: An online time travel experience

Peace is the greatest achievement of European integration. The European Union was built on the ruins of two world wars – wars of which our generation (luckily!) hardly understands the impact. With our Twitter project @RealTimeWW1, we want to use social media to convey a sense of omnipresent misery in wartime, and at the same time the value of peace.

Workshop

Organised by the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and the University of Luxembourg, European Charlemagne Youth Prize winner 2015

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 38 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPA negotiations*

Peace negotiations – a tough job

This workshop offers a role-play game that imitates peace negotiations and will contribute to the discussion on how to make peace and resolve conflicts. Different scenarios will be presented in which participants learn to negotiate. We will also discuss ideas on how to empower youth in a peace process.

Workshop

Organised by the International Committee of Swedish Youth of Finland

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 50 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPA sanctions*

Economic sanctions – effective action or punishing the poor?

This workshop offers a Parliament simulation game in which participants will discuss sanctions as a foreign-policy tool of the European Union. With a special focus on the current situation in Ukraine and Russia, participants will discuss whether different kinds of sanctions against Russia should be maintained or stopped. Finally, the participants will draft a resolution that tries to give answers to the questions.

Workshop

Organised by European youth Parliament Finland

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-14:30

Venue: LOW N4.3, 55 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPAbalance*

Peace in Europe – an unstable balance?

Can European mobility programmes help in the prevention of radicalisation of young people? Can they foster the development of a critical debate within society? Which lessons are to be learned from previous wars? How can peace education and active remembrance work be used in youth encounters?

In this workshop we will assess the peace prospects of the EU rather than taking peace for granted. We want to discuss how European mobility programmes can be used to spread peace values and thus foster equality, solidarity and constructive dialogue between different groups in society. Intercultural learning, the deconstruction of prejudices and the prevention of radicalisation tendencies can help fight against discrimination and exclusion – and thus for peace in Europe.

Workshop

Organised by the Office franco-allemand pour la jeunesse (OFAJ)

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places

Languages: FR, DE

Code: *WPAwarnings*

Warnings from history: Never again?

The House of European History, a project of the European Parliament, will soon open its doors. Join our workshop and let's see what we can create together. This hands-on workshop invites you to put forward ideas on how historical events relating to war and peace may help our understanding about human rights and social justice today. Ideas to emerge from the session will stimulate thinking on the development of learning resources at the museum.

Workshop

Organised by the House of European History

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPA*borders

Open borders or fortress Europe?

Should internal and external borders in the European Union be open or controlled? Young Europeans living close to European borders tell their stories.

Talk and discussion

Organised by Fronterras – European (border)lines, 2nd Prize Winner of the 2015 European Charlemagne Youth prize

Facilitators:

- Sarah Fröb, Responsible European affairs, All Contents / ParisBerlin
- Laura Majchrzak, All Contents, Responsable projet Tumblr Thumb Up Europe

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *WPA*journey

A journey to tolerance: Words don't come easy

This workshop takes you on a journey to explore cultural diversity using body language. It aims to break down gender, cultural and social stereotypes through self-reflection, dialogue, theatre and performance. During this journey, you will learn active tolerance skills needed to live in a multicultural society in which conflicts between communities might be unavoidable.

Workshop

Organised by Rooftop Theatre Group (Cyprus)

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places

Language: EN

II. Apathy or participation: Agenda for a *vibrant* democracy

*“So I sat quietly, agreed politely.
I guess that I forgot I had a choice.”*

Katy Perry (Roar)

Code: *APAchoice*

Democratic life: Remember we have a choice!

I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath...now you hear my voice. Ready to push for democratic change? Which innovations for participation and active citizenship can change Europe for the better? Young people press “play” on democracy-boosting ideas.

Ideas check

Speakers:

Young idea givers:

- **Seyi Akiwowo**
- **Benjamin Bodson**
- **Mariam Inayat**

Idea catchers:

- **Irena Guidikova**, Head of Division of the World Forum for Democracy, Council of Europe
- **Nathalie Griesbeck**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Juana Lahousse**, Director-General for Communication, European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming** +  **Twitter wall**

Code: *APApower*

Digital citizens: Connecting people to power

How can online participation change laws in Europe? Is politics changing, are we seeing grassroots movements taking over? How can civil society organisations, citizens' initiatives and petitions be linked to the Members of the European Parliament? Are new forms of direct democracy using online referenda the way forward? Can online voting boost voter turnout among young people? Social media – a platform for free speech or a tool for spying?

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Discussion

Speakers:

- **Heinz Becker**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Maud Descamps**, Project Assistant, VoteWatch Europe
- **Sanne Kruikemeier**, Assistant Professor, Amsterdam School of Communication Research ASCoR

Moderator:

- **Jaume Duch**, Director for Media and Spokesperson of the European Parliament
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Code: *APApool*

Fun in the pool or riding the wave?

The European Union is a model in which countries pool power and connect people. Should we dive deeper into this pool striving for an ever closer union? Or should we instead ride the European wave to get more value for money? European integration – running out of puff or ready for the “next big thing”?

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Debate

Speakers:

- **Klaus Welle**, Secretary General, European Parliament
- **Johanna Nyman**, President, European Youth Forum

Moderator:

- **Julia Held**, Reporter and moderator, ZDF
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Code: *APAgoodbye*

“You say goodbye...and I say hello”

Out or in? Cut or connect? Breaking up – or better together? Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union? Britain's EU membership ahead of the referendum.

Debate

Speakers:

- **James Albert Earley**, Infacts
- **Liam Beattie**, Vice President, Young European Movement in Edinburgh
- **Anna Sonny**, EU Project Manager, Civitas: The Institute for the Study of Civil Society
- **Bruno Waterfield**, Journalist, The Times

Moderator:

- **Geoff Meade**, Journalist
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Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming** +  **Twitter wall**

Code: *APAwinner*

Social gap: The winner takes it all

Is the widening gap between the richest and the poorest people – a threat to democracy? One citizen, one vote – or can money and economic power influence political decisions? Parliaments and governments standing between the voice of citizens and the whisper of interest groups.

Discussion

Speakers:

- **Pierre Baussand**, Director, Social Platform
- **Imke Dierssen**, Political Director, LobbyControl
- **Justin Greenwood**, Professor of European Public Policy, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
- **Peter Jahr**, member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Emily Mansfield**, Europe Analyst, The Economist Intelligence Unit
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Day, Time: Saturday, 13:00-14:30

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *APA*comedian

Don't shoot...I'm only the comedian!

Enissa Amani is shaking up the comedy scene in Germany - and now in Europe. Her own experience as a refugee child and her life in two different cultures is the background for her spicy messages on stage.

Geoff Meade, British journalist with over 35 years' experience of covering EU affairs is best known in Brussels for the annual Press Revue, an evening of comedy with songs and sketches about what's happening in the EU.

Political comedy

Comedian:

- **Enissa Sahar Amani**, Comedian

Comedian and host:

- **Geoff Meade**, Journalist

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *APA*goldeneye

Golden eye: Who rules tomorrow's Europe?

Democracy in times of big data mining. Is democratic control evaporating into the cloud? What data should be made available to governmental authorities and what should be kept private? Will internet giants and secret services take control of personal data and the life of citizens? Or will the European Parliament have the power to take decisions as guardian of the digital galaxy?

Talk

Speakers:

- **Heinz Becker**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Juan Hardoy**, Assistant General Counsel and the Director of Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit in EMEA
- **Eva Jobs**, Historian and cybersecurity analyst, Bundeswehr Military History Museum
- **Christian Georg Strobl**, Freelance Digital Campaigns Manager, Co-Founder, @Buildmethisapp and @Hackevents

Moderator:

- **Katrin Ruhrmann**, Director for Information Offices, European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S2.1, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *APA*ranking

Democracy ranking: Learning from the top countries

What are the ingredients of a truly open and democratic society? Where are Member States and candidate countries placed on the global index? What can we learn from each other?

Presentation and brainstorming

Speakers:

- **Yannik Bendel**, Transparency International
- **Emily Mansfield**, Europe Analyst, The Economist Intelligence Unit
- The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) (tbc)

Moderator:

- **Martina Prpic**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service

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

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *APA*online

Human rights: The online pursuit of life, love and happiness

A charter of human rights for the internet age. What are your proposals for citizens' rights in the digital era?

You take the role of a young advisor of a Member of the European Parliament responsible for new legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! The Ideas lab starts online with your contributions from 10th March on www.eye-ideaslab.eu.

Ideas lab

Idea catcher:

- **Thibault Lesenechal**, Head of Web Communication Unit, European Parliament

Day, Time: Friday, 15:30-19:00

Saturday, 14:00-17:30

Venue: LOW R3.1, 130 places

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

Code: *APA*change

"Democracy": You can make a change

Do you have what it takes to run a country and to make it a better place in the future? Discover the fun and social impact of the digital game "Democracy 3".

Digital game and discussion

Organised in cooperation with Arte and Games for Change Europe

Speaker:

- **Francis Gutmann**, Member of Team Europe-France
- **Milan Pingel**, Narrative and interaction game designer, Vibrant Core
- **Sofian Meguellati**, CEO, Blaast

Moderator:

- **Katharina Tillmanns**, Co-President, Games for Change Europe

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 120 places

Languages: EN, FR, DE

Gaming sessions:

- Saturday
- a) 10:00-10:30 (35 places)
 - b) 10:45-11:15 (35 places)
 - c) 11:30-12:00 (35 places)

Venue: LOW S3.7

Language: EN

Partner and youth activities and workshops

Code: *APAeuaid*

EU Aid Volunteers: “We Care, We Act”

Do you want to support people in need and contribute to humanitarian work in countries all over the world? Be among the first participants in the new “EU Aid Volunteers” initiative. Meet pioneer volunteers and discuss your involvement.

Presentation and Discussion

Organised by the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

Speakers:

- **Apostu George Ciprian**, EU Aid Volunteer
- **Caterine Ebah-Moussa**, Team Coordinator EU Aid Volunteers, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
- **Katarzyna Tusiewicz**, EU Aid Volunteer
- **Caroline White**, Policy Assistant, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAyouthup*

Youth up! – your ideas for youth-friendly politics

Are you tired of hearing about young people’s political apathy? Do you believe that there are plenty of innovative ways to increase youth participation in decision-making? Take part in a creative brainstorm to find the best ideas for a politics that’s responsive to young people, and put them to your MEP representatives!

Series of ideas-workshops followed by a discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers:

- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General for Democracy, Council of Europe

Day, Time: Saturday, 16:00-18:30

Venue: 16:00-17:30 5 working groups:

LOW N1.1a (25 places)

LOW N1.1b (25 places)

LOW N2.1a (25 places)

LOW N2.1b (25 places)

Open space on 1st floor,
N-area in LOW (25 places)

17:30-18:30 plenary session:

LOW N1.3

Language: EN

Code: *APAstandup*

Stand up, speak up – lobbying for beginners

Eager to learn a few tricks on how to advocate your concerns or the demands of your organisation effectively with decision-makers? This learning-by-doing workshop is meant for you! You will have the opportunity to apply these newly learned skills immediately to a case study.

Advocacy training and role-play

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speaker:

- **Nawel Rafik-Elmrini**, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg

Day, Time: a) Friday, 13:00-14:30
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:30

Venue: a) LOW N2.1, 40 places
b) Octagon, YO!Village, 40 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAchanged*

20 years on – what has changed for YOUth?

What were the priorities of the pan-European youth movement 20 years ago? Have all the battles been won or is the process only just beginning? Join us for a fascinating journey with illustrious European Youth Forum alumni, linking the struggles of the past with the challenges of the present and celebrating 20 years of European youth cooperation.

Talk

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers:

- **Richard Amalvy**, International Consultant (Leadership, Development, Branding), Ops&co
- **Jillian van Turnhout**, Senator, Seanad Éireann

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

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 150 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAempowerment*

Youth organisations: A laboratory for youth empowerment?

Youth organisations empower young people to be at the centre of the action, take decisions and lead the way forward while learning to live and work together. But are decision-makers aware of the unique contribution youth organisations make to developing young people's potential and their impact on society? Join this panel debate and help us demonstrate the social value of youth organisations.

Panel discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers:

- **Duncan Holtom**, Head of Research, People and Work
- **Noor Kaabi**, NET-MED Youth Tunisia, UNESCO
- **Jean-Claude Lazaro**, Head of the European Youth Foundation, Council of Europe
- **Zuzana Vanecková**, Board member, Czech Council of Children and Youth (CRDM)
- **Jan Vanhee**, International Youth Policy, EU Youth Affairs Attaché, Department for Culture, Youth, Sports and Media & PR of Belgium to the European Union - Flemish Representation
- **Floor van Houdt**, Deputy Head of Youth Unit, DG EAC - European Commission

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

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 80 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAcitizenship*

Learning by doing – citizenship education in practice

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand". What exactly is citizenship education and how are youth organisations making a crucial contribution to fostering a culture of democratic participation in Europe? Come and experience this firsthand! The best way to understand what we do is through learning by doing. Join this participatory workshop open to all – practitioners and politicians alike!

Participatory workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Day, Time: Friday, 11:00-12:30

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 50 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAhello*

Hello Brussels...? Young people have something to say to you!

Have you ever heard of the Structured Dialogue on Youth? It is a participatory process enabling young people to have a say on EU youth policies through continuous dialogue between youth representatives and decision-makers. Come to get useful tips on how to get involved or share your personal experiences. This interactive workshop will also focus on collecting your ideas on how to improve the skills young people need to build an inclusive society (the current topic of the Structured Dialogue). Open to all – policy geeks or newcomers to the Structured Dialogue!

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 60 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAbriefing*

EYE contact: Speed briefing with MEPs

Everyone knows what speed dating is all about... But what about turning the format into an interactive session allowing you to meet face-to-face with a Member of the European Parliament for 15 minutes? In groups of 10 young people, you will have the opportunity to ask the questions you've always wanted to ask outside the usual set-up of Q&A sessions. Join this speed briefing and see how euro-parliamentarians respond to your questions around the themes of this year's European Youth Event.

Speed briefing

Organised by the European Movement International

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

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 150 places

Language: EN

Speaker:

- **Linnea Engstrom**, The Greens/EFA (tbc)
- **Eva Paunova**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Tom Vandenkendelaere**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament

Code: *APAguess*

Guess my age, I'm an MEP!

Have you ever wondered how it feels to be a young Member of the European Parliament? Do you want to discover how they actually got there? Can young MEPs become role models for young activists and youth leaders? Join us for this unique talk – No politics, no prepared speeches, only you and MEPs ready to share their stories and answer all your questions!

Talk

Organised by the European Movement International

Speaker:

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

Moderator:

- **Caroline Kellner**, France 3

Day, Time: Friday, 11:00-12:30

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAcivil*

Europe: Building and supporting civil society?

What are the conditions for civil society organisations to thrive? How can we respond to the restrictions of civil space and fundamental rights occurring at national level in EU and non-EU countries? This interactive workshop will involve you in identifying solutions to current challenges faced by young activists in making their voices heard. Findings from an online survey on civic space in Europe and national case studies will feed into the discussion.

Workshop

Organised by Civil Society Europe

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

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 60 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAtransparent*

A transparent future? Opening up EU democracy

From trade to pollution to the euros in your pocket, EU legislation affects us all in every aspect of our daily life. As citizens, how can we make the EU more transparent and hold the institutions more accountable? Come to discover tricks and tools to help you understand and influence power in the EU. After listening together to the introduction on the principles of transparency and accountability, participants will split in four thematic groups - with input from different expert practitioners:

- Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership – Behind closed doors – Will transparency of the process bring more accountability?
- Lobbying – Hacking political corruption – How to use technology to hold the EU to account
- Whistleblowing – Do people who expose corruption for the greater good get the protection they deserve?
- Eurozone governance – After years of crisis and mutual recriminations, can only transparent and accountable Eurozone decision-making end the division between “debtor” and “creditor” countries?

Workshop

Organised by Transparency International (TI)

Speakers:

- **Lora Verheecke**, Corporate Europe Observatory
- **Edward McMillan**, Transparency International EU
- **Yannik Bendel**, Transparency International EU
- **Daniel Freund**, Transparency International EU
- **Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm**, Transparency International EU

Code: *APAtweet*

Tweet-up – changing policies one hashtag at a time...

Can a hashtag change the world? Let's explore the real impact of social media with young activists and politicians. Run in partnership with Twitter, this interactive session will reveal the secrets of online advocacy. Inspirational online activists will share their lessons for success.

Conversation

Organised by the European Youth Forum and Twitter

Speakers:

- **Joey Kavanagh**, Campaigner and founder, Get The Boat 2 Vote
- **Sylvain Lapoix**, #Portesouvertes
- **Mark Little**, Vice President, Media in Europe and Africa, Twitter

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

Venue: 15:30-16:30 4 working groups:

LOW N1.1a (25 places)

LOW N1.1b (25 places)

LOW N2.1a (25 places)

LOW N2.1b (25 places)

16:30-17:00 plenary session:

LOW N1.3

Language: EN

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

Venue: Tipi, YO! Village, 100 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAstorytelling*

Digital storytelling: Youth work at the heart of the story!

We all have a story to tell! Come and discover how you can use the method of digital storytelling to tell your personal story behind youth work. On the menu of this interactive workshop: screening of inspiring digital stories, reflection on the impact they have on us and presentation of the method you can use to do it yourself. All you need is...a story!

Interactive workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: Boat, YO!Village, 70 places, limited accessibility

Language: EN

Code: *APAblog*

Peer-to-peer: How can I start my own blog?

Bloggers are an essential part of civil society and can discuss their topics and opinions directly. As an introduction, we will present the award-winning peer-to-peer youth blog eu2014.at. The participants will then discuss questions such as “what are bloggers’ contributions to active citizenship and democracy?”, “how can I start my own blog?”, as well as topics including youth empowerment and active citizenship through media.

Workshop

Organised by Europe Direct Wien (EDi Wien)

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAapp*

App “Action Bound” – watchdogs welcome

This workshop is based on the app “Action Bound” via which participants will form teams and compete in missions connected with participation and democracy. They will delve into democracy and voting, watchdogging and political accountability. Through interactive exercises, teams will find out how to become active members of society and how to develop a critical attitude towards politicians. Participants are required to have a smartphone using which the app can be downloaded free from Google Play Store.

Workshop

Organised by Young MEPs seek changes (Lithuania)

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAinfluence*

Digital democracy: From e-participation to real influence

The European youth of today lack involvement in e-citizenship and e-participation. Inspired by the recent experiences of young people who shared ideas online and then organised events in real life, this workshop will show how participants can use digital tools to raise public awareness and support their cause.

Workshop

Organised by Promoters for European Democracy (Romania)

Day, Time: Saturday, 16:30-18:00

Venue: LOW N4.3, 60 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAtoolbox*

EU digital toolbox for successful e-participation

Do you think that digital tools can get young people's voices heard at the political level? This workshop will use interactive online means to explore the ways we can enhance youth e-participation. Be ready to share your thoughts on how policy-makers can engage better with you!

Workshop

Organised by European Citizen Action Services (ECAS)

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAparticipation*

Participation in the right way

This workshop will address hate speech – what it is, how to prevent it and what youth workers and youth organisations can do to counteract it. At the same time, some MEPs will present what they have been doing to combat hate speech. You will be welcomed to share your opinion on hate speech, its occurrence in your environment, and the dangers of hate speech in active participation and citizenship.

Workshop

Organised by Active Slovenian Youth

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30

Venue: LOW S4.3, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAbalkans*

Boosting local democracy: Lessons learned from the Balkans

How can young people, civil society organisations and public authorities find innovative ways to cooperate for vibrant local democracy? What can EU countries learn from successful practices from their Balkan neighbours? With an interactive “world café” methodology, this workshop will pick your brain on challenges and solutions for boosting youth participation, local democracy and regional cooperation, and introduce you to inspirational best practice from youth activists in the Balkan region.

Workshop

Organised by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 50 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAlocally*

Think globally – act locally

How can you be socially responsible in your local community? In this workshop, we aim to make participants aware of their own possibilities as members of diverse and multicultural European states. Groups of six people from different countries will be formed, guided by two of our students aged between 16 and 18. They will exchange perspectives on issues such as inclusion, collaboration, cultural encounters and receiving refugees in local communities.

Workshop

Organised by Frijsenborg Efterskole (Denmark)

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *APAstudent*

Student participation – next level

This workshop provides participants with tools with which they can lobby efficiently. Are you in need of better resources for your student society or do you want to have a say in your school’s course selection? We’ll share our best tricks for achieving any goal and you can share your tricks with us!

Workshop

Organised by the Union of Upper Secondary School Students in Finland

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *APA*britain

Britain and Europe: Breaking up or moving on?

Whether the United Kingdom decides to stay in the EU or not is of crucial importance to every European and member state. This debate will involve an active discussion of both sides of the argument, followed by an analysis of the potential benefits and threats that a “Brexit” would present for Europe.

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Parliament United Kingdom

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: LOW N4.3, 50 places

Language: EN

Code: *APA*documentary

Web documentary: Multiple views on Europe

“Why are some people in favour of European integration while others show an increasing distrust of the EU?” In this workshop participants will not be limited to this binary thinking, but will be exposed to a wide range of perceptions among young people, as well as multiple ways of interpreting “European citizenship”. Participants will watch extracts from our web documentary about European youth and then discuss the topic by sharing their experiences.

Workshop

Organised by Sciences Po Forum EU digital toolbox for successful e-participation

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 35 places

Languages: EN, FR

APATHY OR PARTICIPATION HUB



YO!Fest partners in the hub

European Youth Forum | European Educational Exchanges – Youth for Understanding | Informagiovani di Sarezzo | National Youth Council, Estonia | National Youth Council, Portugal | National Youth Council, Spain | SHARE Cluj | YES Forum | Young European Federalists | Youth Express Network | European Movement International

What to expect in the hub?

Discover how you can engage and ensure your voice is heard at the Apathy or Participation hub! Listen to inspiring examples of active participation, share your ideas on how politicians can better engage with young people and learn some advocacy tips and tricks! Come to the hub to:

- Refresh your digital activism skills in the YouthUP bootcamp
- Take the vote at 16 challenge,
- Build your concreCITY in the simulation game
- Share your youth work stories and adventures at the photobooth
- “Pimp” your EYE bag with a design of your choice
- Explore the “snapchat democracy” interactive exhibition
- Become an ambassador of the structured dialogue



III. Exclusion or access: Crackdown on *youth* unemployment

*"People try to put us down.
Talkin' about my generation."*

The Who (My generation)

Code: *YUPzero*

Youth unemployment: Down to zero?

Young people in Europe are eager to move on, to work and participate, but over 5 million of them are stuck and shut out. How can we reduce youth unemployment to close to zero within 10 years? Will Europe take decisive action for a final crackdown?

Ideas check

Speakers:

Young idea givers:

- **Lidija Globokar**
- **Athanasia Konstantinou**
- **Bastien Le Coz**

Idea catchers:

- **Marianne Thyssen**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
- **Andrey Novakov**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Carolyn Höfchen**, Journalist, ARTE

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

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming** +  **Twitter wall**

Code: *YUAmoney*

Fresh money:

What would you do with 300 billion euros?

Europe's investment package – what's in it for the younger generation? The most promising projects for opportunities, education and jobs. How would you invest the money? Explore, select and discuss!

Discussion

Speakers:

- **Fabian Breuer**, Head of the Communication Planning, Evaluation and Brand Unit, European Investment Bank
- **Andrea Gelfi**, First Vice-president, JEUNE– Young Entrepreneurs' Organisation of the European Union
- **Antonija Parat**, Advisory board member, AEGEE-Europe

Moderator:

- **Christian Mangold**, Director of the Secretary-General's Office, European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *YUAskills*

Skills gap: Bridge over troubled water

Young people's qualifications and job vacancies don't always match. What do employers want? How can your skills match what they need? Do schools prepare you for the world of work? How can Europe empower schools and universities to teach the right skills and build a bridge to a successful future for young people? Commissioner Marianne Thyssen will introduce with a key-note speech.

Hearing

Organised in cooperation with the European Commission
Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Opening and closing speeches:

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

Speakers:

- **Marcio Barcelos**, Board member, European Youth Forum
- **Antoine Hubert**, Didactics Area Coordinator, European Space Agency (ESA)
- **Salvatore Iacobello**, Mechatronic technician, Wiesheu GmbH
- **Eva Paunova**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Kathryn Penaluna**, Enterprise Manager, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Moderator:

- **Méabh Mc Mahon**, Freelance journalist

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *YUAdreamjob*

Don't wait for a dream job – create it

How about becoming your own boss and flying to...wherever you want? How can you get your business off the ground? How can you go from a business idea to an income...and make a living? Empower yourself – share your dreams and your doubts with successful entrepreneurs and high-level experts.

Discussion

Organised in cooperation with the European Commission – Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Speakers:

- **Stefania Druga**, HackIDemia
- **Mads Ehrhardt**, Founder, Copenhagen Concept, Fashionfinder
- **Andrey Novakov**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mauricio Ortiz**, CEO and founder, WRIHA Project
- **Rick Watson**, Managing Director and Head of Capital Markets, Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME)

Moderator:

- **Andre Meyer**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, EC

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

Venue: WIC100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *YUA*erasmus

Erasmus+: The intercultural experience of your life!

All over Europe young people are preparing for the journey of their life – the adventure of Erasmus+. They know that by studying, training and taking part in youth projects abroad, they can gain experience and skills that will help them succeed in today's world. 4 million people will participate in Erasmus+. What will be the next level of this successful programme? How could even more young people benefit? More fun or more focus on professional skills? Three young people – an entrepreneur, an apprentice and a participant in a youth exchange – share their experiences and expectations.

Hearing

Organised in cooperation with the European Commission – Directorate-General for Education and Culture

Speakers:

- **Madeleine Clare**, Founder, MAJ
- **Jens Nymand Christensen**, Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- **Carsten Schulz**, Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Mobility apprentice, Baden-Württembergischer Handwerkstag e.V.
- **Michael Ward**, Youth project participant, Youth Work Ireland
- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President, European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Méabh Mc Mahon**, Freelance journalist

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

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming** +  **Twitter wall**

Code: *YUA*connectors

Young connectors: Stairway to the cloud

A new generation of internet pioneers are building bridges to the future...

...connecting scientists across borders

...connecting jobseekers to companies

...connecting business with social impact

...connecting students to on-line universities

Young entrepreneurs and innovators tell their stories. Meet and discuss.

Talk and networking session

Speakers:

- **Karim Mustaghni**, Entrepreneur, Investor and Artist, KM Venture Capital
- **Alex Pazaitis**, Research fellow, P2P Lab
- **Sebastian Schaefer**, Online Marketing Manager, 22CONNECT AG, Talents Connect
- **Iseult Ward**, CEO, FoodCloud

Moderator:

- **Kirsten Lueddecke**, Head of Unit, Office of the Secretary-General, European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S2.1, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *YUAresearch*

Research matters: New jobs on the horizon

A chain of success: education – research – innovation. How can scientific research contribute to creating the jobs of the future? Scientists tell their stories and discuss with young people.

Talk

Organised in cooperation with the Institut d'Études Politiques de Strasbourg

Speakers:

- **Mir Wais Hosseini**, Professor, University of Strasbourg
- **Kathrin Valerius**, Junior Research Group Leader, Karlsruhe Institut of Technology (KIT)
- **Gianfranco Visentin**, Head of Automation and Robotics Section, European Space Agency (ESA)

Moderator:

- **Richard Freedman**, Web Editor, European Parliament Research Service

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: LOW H-1.3, 110 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *YUAjobless*

Young and jobless: None of my business?

How can business managers work hand in hand with policy makers to offer more high-quality internships, vocational training and jobs? The "Alliance for YOUth" and Members of the European Parliament discuss opportunities with young people.

Discussion

Speakers:

- **Cristina Alonso García**, Journalist, eEconomista
- **Valentine Barmont**, Quality Specialist, Nestlé Suisse S.A
- **Miroslav Hajnos**, Head of International Relations Department, Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic
- **Anne Sander**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Stefan Jahnke**, Project Coordinator, European University Foundation

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *YUAmigrants*

Young migrants: New kids on the block

Standing in the corner, the first day they arrive. How can we support the social, economic and cultural inclusion of young migrants? What can we do in our cities, at schools, in the workplace and in sports? Discrimination: what are you going to do about it?

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament responsible for new legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! The Ideas lab starts online with your contributions from 10th March on www.eye-ideaslab.eu.

Ideas lab

Ideas catchers:

- **Gerolf Falter**, Administrator, Visits and Seminars Unit, European Parliament
- **Martina Prpic**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service

Day, Time: Friday, 13:30-17:00
Saturday, 12:00-15:30

Venue: LOW N3.2, 130 places

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

Code: *YUAspent*

"Spent": Out of money, out of work

Play: In this game, players experience what life is like for someone trying to find a job and survive poverty on a day-to-day basis.

Discuss: Can we turn things around in Europe and give poor and unemployed young people a chance?

Digital game and discussion

Organised in cooperation with Arte and Games for Change Europe

Speakers:

- **Alvin Carpio**, Global Shaper, World Economic Forum
- **Carmen Johann**, Game Designer and Researcher, Cologne Game Lab
- **Pavel Trantina**, President of the section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, European Economic and Social Committee

Moderator:

- **Florent Maurin**, Founder PixelHunt

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 120 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Gaming sessions:

Friday a) 14:00-14:30 (35 places)
b) 14:45-15:15 (35 places)
c) 15:30-16:00 (35 places)

Venue: LOW S3.7

Language: EN

Partner and youth activities and workshops

Code: *YUApprenticeships*

Apprenticeships – a first step towards a good job and career?

Is university the only road to a good job with a good salary? Or can apprenticeships, which combine school education with training in a company, be a better route for many? Why is it that Europe needs more apprentices?

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30

Venue: LOW S2.1, 140 places

Language: EN

Workshop

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

Speakers:

- **Amer Alomari**, Higher VET, Advisor and coordinator of projects for refugee and youth
- **Sercan Baykal**, Manager, Blue Lab Amsterdam
- **Mira Copini**, VET provider, Coordinator, Jean School
- **Yaser Eyup**, KAUSA
- **Scott William Grootsholten**, Apprentice, Jean School
- **Salvatore Iacobello**, KAUSA
- **Margarida Segard**, Vice-president, European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB)
- **Michel Servoz**, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, EC
- **Nathan James Wedlin**, OBESSU

Moderator:

- **Laufey Maria Johannsdottir**, Board Member, OBESSU (Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions)

Code: *YUAsuccess*

EU "youth guarantee": A success story – really??

Apparently all young people under 25 looking for a first job will get a tailor-made offer of employment, apprenticeship, traineeship or continued education...really? What new policies have been put in place by Member States, which projects have been launched and what is the result? A critical review and a reality check!

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 55 places

Language: EN

Workshop

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

Speakers:

- **Paul Carroll**, Head of Employer Relations, Irish department of social protection
- **Isabelle Deganis**, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, EC

Moderator:

- **Allan Päll**, Secretary General, European Youth Forum

Code: *YUAcareer*

Career: Next generation of researchers

More researchers will be needed in the changing world of jobs and skills. Why not considering a research career? How can more girls and women get involved in science, technology and research? How do you combine work and private life? Three Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellows tell their stories, including career paths, setbacks and how to succeed in the research area – and discuss with the audience. After the session you can meet the researchers face to face.

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

Venue: LOW H-1.1, 60 places

Language: EN

Talk and networking session

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education and Culture

Speakers:

- **Ofure Obazee**, Postdoctoral researcher, German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ), former Marie Skłodowska-Curie researcher
- **Laura Odasso**, Marie Skłodowska-Curie researcher, Group for research on Ethnicity, Racism, Migration and Exclusion (GERME), Université Libre de Bruxelles
- **Maanasa Raghavan**, Senior Research Associate, University of Cambridge, former Marie Skłodowska-Curie researcher

Moderator:

- **Manuel Laporta Grau**, Unit Innovation in education, EIT and MSCA, European Commission

Young entrepreneurs: A "six-pack" to start

Series of six workshops

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

Code: *YUAsixpack1*

1. Start up: I can fly

The Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Programme is a runway for setting up your first business. Find out how to participate and gain skills, find an experienced business partner to run your project with, build your Europe-wide network of contacts... Meet new and experienced entrepreneurs, start your start-up right here, right now!

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Speakers:

- **Markus Espeter**, EYE New Entrepreneur
- **René Gouw**, Owner, Kolibri Logistiek, EYE Host Entrepreneur
- **Christian Weinberger**, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria
- **Hajar Zamouri**, Project Coordinator, EYE intermediary organisation

Moderator:

- **Katerina Nejdlova**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, EC

Code: *YUAsixpack2*

2. You have a great business idea? Come and sell it

Contest for business ideas. Pitch your project 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 the others! Ten finalists will be selected to pitch their idea live to the panel of business experts, coaches and investors. If you want to be one of them, register on www.e-unlimited.com/EYE and you will be contacted about submitting the pitch for your business idea in due course.

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Jury Members:

- **Julie Cruyt**, Beta Group
- **Diana Páti**, Startups.be
- **Cécile Sevrain**, AlloTools

Moderator:

- **William Stevens**, Europe Unlimited

Code: *YUAsixpack3*

3. A youth business plan for Europe

What can we do together to turn the best business ideas into the best businesses in Europe? What do you need to do to become a successful entrepreneur? How can Europe help you? Or maybe you can help Europe as well? Join this interactive World-Café-style workshop. We will put similar small groups together, in which we will discuss the challenges involved in making a business plan for Europe.

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 60 places

Language: EN

Moderators:

- **Katarzyna Balucka-Debska**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- **Andre Meyer**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

Code: *YUAsixpack4*

4. I changed my life – Now I'm an entrepreneur

Talk to people who redirected their career path towards entrepreneurship. 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 ask when choosing your career.

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Speakers:

- **Mads Ehrhardt**, EYE host entrepreneur
- **Martin Saive**, graphic designer and illustrator entrepreneur
- **Dilek Topkara**, Food Scientist, dilekerei

Moderator:

- **Katarzyna Balucka-Debska**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

Code: *YUAsixpack5*

5. I have a business idea – do I have the skills?

Are you more of a business leader, a social entrepreneur, a freelancer or maybe an intrapreneur? Can you learn to be creative or think strategically? Can you learn to be flexible but deliver according to plan? Try entrepreneurial education – it gives both theory and practice, soft and hard-core skills and a lot more – to help you become a successful entrepreneur.

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Speakers:

- **Pål Simon Fernvall**, Project Manager, DTU Skylab
- **Bianca Gfrei**, CEO and Co-Founder, Kiweno
- **Natalia Kritsali**, Founder and CEO, Bloode
- **Christian Michelsen**, Co-founder, Relibond
- **Armelle Quentel-Kaesmann**, Regional Manager for JA in Alsace
- **Daniela Runchi**, President, JADE European Confederation of Junior Enterprises

Moderator:

- **Katarzyna Balucka-Debska**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

Code: *YUAsixpack6*

6. I have a good idea – give me the money

The three F's. Three sources of money for your business – Family, Friends and Fools. Or maybe there are some other options... A crash course on crowdfunding, fooling each other with a venture capitalist or being watched over by a business angel? And, by the way, there is money available from the EU too.

Day, Time: Saturday, 16:30-18:00

Venue: LOW N1.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Speakers:

- **Dario Mazzella**, Project Manager, Meta-Group
- **Claire Munck**, CEO, Be Angels - Women Business Angels Club

Moderator:

- **Armando Melone**, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, EC

Code: *YUA_{evs}*

European Voluntary Service: Change your life by changing the lives of others!

In 2016 we celebrate the 20th year of the European Voluntary Service (EVS) – come and join the party! Since 1996 more than 100 000 volunteers have made a difference to the lives of others by working for worthwhile causes in other countries. The number of EVS volunteers supported through the Erasmus+ programme is increasing every year, and one of them can be you! Join us to hear about exciting EVS projects and have a piece of the EVS birthday cake. Speed-date with EVS organisations that may be interested in taking YOU on board of their project!

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 140 places

Language: EN

Presentation and networking session

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education and Culture

Speakers:

- **Mina Jaf**, Former EVS participant, Founder, Women's Refugee Route, DK
- **Jens Nymand Christensen**, Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- **Katarzyna Stepien**, EVS organisation representative, Leonard Cheshire Disability, UK

Moderator:

- **Jacki Davis**, moderator

Speed-dating session with EVS organisations:

- **Maria Diaz Durillo**, Kieu Project, Spain
- **Mette Jensen**, Ranum Efterskole, Denmark
- **Natasha Johnson-Richards**, Go Digit All, United Kingdom
- **Pedro Muñoz**, Intercambia, Spain
- **Attila Nagy**, Youth from Ardeal Association, Romania
- **Kjell Sjelin**, Vatthomla Ecofarm, Sweden
- **Katarzyna Stepien**, Leonard Cheshire Disability, United Kingdom
- **Urška Trojar**, Zavod Manipura/Institute Manipura, Slovenia

Code: *YUA_{quality}*

The quality job hunt: Mission impossible?

How has the world of work changed? What is it like to be a young person looking for a quality job today? A role play game to look at the different scenarios that young job-seekers find themselves in today, and the new issues that Europe must tackle in the face of a changing labour market – an intern vs an employer refusing to pay them; an Uber driver vs a taxi driver... Join this role play game to debate and discuss the meaning of a quality job in today's Europe.

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30

Venue: Octagon, YO!Village, 40 places

Language: EN

**This workshop will also be repeated in the YO!Village with registration on the spot. Check the daily programme of the thematic hubs*

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Code: *YUA*leaders

Next generation of leaders: Here we go, girls!

How can girls and young women advance on the ladder of opportunity? Why do women still not participate equally in politics, science and the economy? How can more women take key positions? Come and explore these issues and come up with proposals!

Debate

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

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

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 150 places

Language: EN

Code: *YUA*youth

Put your money where your youth is!

Is Europe investing enough in young people? Should young people and youth organisations be consulted on setting priorities for EU spending? 2016 is an important year for the EU budget and the EU programmes, such as Erasmus+. Join this panel and help us build a constructive dialogue with the EU institutions on how to target better investment in youth.

Debate

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places

Language: EN

Speakers:

- **Floor van Houdt**, Deputy Head of Unit for Youth programme, outreach tools and traineeships, European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture

Moderator:

- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, Vice President, European Youth Forum

Code: *YUAinclusion*

Europe for the “happy few”...or social inclusion for all?

Nearly 1 in 3 young people in Europe today are on the brink of poverty and social exclusion. Is the crisis to blame? Has Europe become anti-youth? Join this panel discussion to re-examine the real impact of the crisis and austerity measures on social rights and the welfare safety net. Add your voice to the debate on what Europe must urgently do to “catch” its young people before they fall...

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

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village, 150 places

Language: EN

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers:

- **Seyi Akiwowo**, Youth Activist and International Non-Formal Education Facilitator, Spark+Mettle
 - **Pierre Bausand**, Director, Social Platform
 - **Alvin Carpio**, Global Shaper, World Economic Forum
 - **Maya Doneva**, Founder, The Social Tea House
 - **Henrik Kristensen**, Department of the Social Charter, Council of Europe
 - **Tom Vandenkendelaere**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Tom Vrijens**, European Trade Union Confederation - ETUC Youth
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Code: *YUAvet*

Vocational education and training: Time for an upgrade!

Can vocational education and training (VET) become a more attractive alternative to academic education? How can work-based learning open doors to the labour market? Can we overcome negative perceptions and give it equal status?

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-14:30

Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places

Language: EN

Panel discussion

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

Speakers:

- **Sigve Bjørstad**, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Nathan James Wedlin**, National society of Apprentices

Moderator:

- **Giuseppina Tucci**, Board member, Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU)
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Code: *YUAsave*

Save the Union – the social way

Can we really be called a union, when citizens of Europe have very different levels of access to education and health? Is the economy the limit of our European cooperation project or is a social Europe possible? Take up the challenge to save Europe, this time with the welfare of its citizens in mind. Join our talks on social Europe, and listen to three perspectives on the issue: business, policy and civil society.

Talk

Organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF)

Speakers:

- **Stine Bosse**, Business leader
- **Narcis George Matache**, Vice-President, European Youth Denmark

Moderator:

- **Christopher Glück**, President, Young European Federalists

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: LOW R1.1, 110 places

Language: EN

Code: *YUAngels*

Volunteer angels: Non-formal education gives you wings!

How can sports skills be an asset in community development? How can I best communicate my volunteering experience to a possible employer? Have I learned transferable skills as a student activist? Come and discover the benefits of participation in youth and sports organisations.

Workshop

Organised by AIESEC, ENGSO Youth (Network of European Youth Work in Sports), the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), the European Students Union (ESU), the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

Facilitator:

- **Pavel Trantina**, President of the section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, European Economic and Social Committee

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 55 places

Language: EN

Code: *YUA*recognition

Let's talk recognition

Can games teach us anything? What do we learn outside the formal sphere? Is a year spent in a school abroad of equal value to a year spent at home? Come and debate these issues with MEPs and youth organisations and join the campaign for official recognition. Our learning should be recognised!

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

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Round table

Organised by European Educational Exchanges – Youth For Understanding (EEE-YFU), the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL), the Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) and the Erasmus Students Network (ESN)

Speakers:

- **Max de Boer**, Liaison Officer, Erasmus Students Network (ESN)
- **Ulrike Lunacek**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Marta Medlinska**, Co-ordinator, EU-CoE youth partnership
- **Eleni Michail**, Youth Worker, Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)
- **Valentina Pomatto**, Advocacy and Projects Coordinator, EEE-YFU
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderators:

- **Elisa Briga**, Programme, Projects and Advocacy Coordinator, EFIL
- **Igor Jojkic**, Trainer (PET), YEU

Code: *YUA*mobility

Mobility for all!

How can we make Erasmus opportunities accessible to everybody? Going abroad to study or work can be challenging for young people – even more for people with disabilities. How can we ensure that people with special needs receive the necessary support at their university or workplace? Can we learn from best practices?

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-14:30

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Round table

Organised by the Erasmus Students Network (ESN)

Speakers:

- **Marie Brensson**, European Deaf Youth
- **Matthieu Chatelin**, Youth Committee member, European Disability Forum (EDF)
- **Thomas Pappas**, Erasmus Student Network
- **Safi Sabuni**, Erasmus Student Network
- **Daphne Scherer**, Higher Education and Culture, European Commission
- **Zara Todd**, Chair, Youth Network of the European Network for Independent Living

Moderator:

- **Max de Boer**, Liaison Officer, Erasmus Student Network

Code: *YUAhear*

Can you hear me?

What does it mean to be deaf? What challenges do deaf people face in the pursuit of quality education and employment? How can the hearing world engage better with young deaf people and avoid their marginalisation? Join us to discuss these issues and consider ways to overcome challenges.

Day, Time: Saturday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Languages: EN, international sign language

Panel debate

Organised by the European Union of Deaf Youth (EUDY)

Speakers:

- **Max de Boer**, Liaison Officer, Erasmus Student Network
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Code: *YUAmental*

Mental health: The last taboo?

Why is there such a stigma attached to mental health? How can we raise awareness and support the growing number of young people suffering from mental health problems? What can we do to ensure young people receive the treatment they need? Come and debate these issues with medical students and politicians.

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

Venue: Tipi, YO!Village, 120 places

Language: EN

Debate

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

Speakers:

- **Diogo Fernandes da Silva**, Regional Director for Europe, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
- **Orphelie Martin**, Mental Health Europe
- **Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament

Facilitator:

- International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
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Code: *YUApatients*

Young patients: Ready, brilliant and able to work!

Young people with chronic conditions face obstacles and stigma in the job market. With appropriate support, they can be assets for employers like every other enthusiastic person. This workshop aims to challenge expectations, change attitudes and open a dialogue between experts and participants to explore concrete solutions and develop practical actions for young people and their allies.

Workshop

Organised by European Young Patients

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *YUAolutions*

Youth unemployment: Solutions for hopeless cases?

Youth unemployment is a problem that can affect all of us. For this reason, we want to look at the causes of this problem and work on concrete cases of youth unemployment. This workshop provides a platform through which participants can exchange ideas to find creative solutions.

Workshop

Organised by ELSA Slubice office (Poland)

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 30 places

Language: DE

Code: *YUAhairdressing*

Hairdressing: New look for an old profession

How do you make a traditional profession such as hairdressing fit for new and better chances in the labour market? In this workshop we will give answers to this question. It includes activities in which participants can do practise design and make-up or act as models. In these interactive tasks students will present basic but efficient techniques to change hairstyles, make-up and nails.

Workshop

Organised by Kranj School Centre (Slovenia)

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *YUAdignityland*

Enter “Dignityland”: Making social rights a reality for all!

Exclusion, discrimination and violence affect young people's access to their rights. What can be done about this? In this workshop you will discover and discuss social rights as you make a policy priority plan for an imaginary country by playing a game (that could, indeed, be real). You will be able to provide input about how young people and youth work can make a contribution to social rights for all.

Debate

Organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department

Speakers:

- **George-Konstantinos Charonis**, Policy Officer, Youth Rights, European Youth Forum
 - **Rui Gomes**, Head of Division, Youth Directorate, Education and Training Division, Council of Europe
 - **Anna Kuznetsova**, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
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Day, Time: Saturday, 13:00-14:30

Venue: LOW 52.3, 40 places

Language: EN

EXCLUSION OR ACCESS HUB



YO!Fest partners in the hub

European Youth Forum | AIESEC | Erasmus Student Network | European Confederation of Independent Trades Unions | European Students Union | European Trade Union Confederation Youth | European Union of Deaf Youth | Organising Bureau of European School Students Unions | World organization of young Esperantists | European Disability Forum

What to expect in the hub?

Education, employment, volunteering and mobility, come to the Exclusion or Access hub to tackle some of the issues that are closest to young people. Have your say on what makes a quality job, share your views on the right to (free) education and join your peers in taking a stand about vital issues for young people.

- Get tips from the experts in setting up a school student union with an impact
- Paint your path to independence
- Leave a message for a brighter future in the time capsule
- Have your say on what makes a quality job in today's world of work
- Find out everything you need to know to take a year abroad to study or work
- Learn a few words of Esperanto or international sign language and open your mind to new ways of communicating
- Discover what it means to live with a disability and fight for inclusive mobility



IV. Stagnation or innovation: Tomorrow's world of *work*

*“Have you ever wished your life would change?
Woke up and you lived your dreams.”*

Iggy Azalea (Change your life)

Code: *TWA*innovation

Digital revolution: A fountain of jobs and innovation?

How can Europe create attractive jobs in a connected economy and society? How do you...

...boost public and private investments to foster digital champions in Europe?

...empower young people to take advantage of job opportunities in a changing labour market?

...set high standards for consumer and data protection in a European digital market?

...profit from digital progress for a green economy?

Proposals and projects for Europe's digital future.

Ideas check

Speakers:

Young idea givers:

- **Karim Mustaghni**
- **Kassandra Petersen**
- **Pascal Weinberger**

Idea catchers:

- **Markus Bell**, Global Head of Vocational Training, SAP SE
- **Edouard Martin**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Andreas Schwab**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Stephen Clark**, Director for Relations with Citizens, European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *TWAshake*

Jobs and growth: Mix it right, shake it up!

A stimulating “job booster” cocktail for Europe: what are the best ingredients? Fiscal discipline or new investments? Enforced austerity or higher social standards? Free competition or state protection? Try to find the smoothest blend!

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

Venue: WIC 200, 250 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Question time

Speakers:

- **Fabian Breuer**, Head of Communication Planning, Evaluation and Brand, European Investment Bank
- **Andrea Gelfi**, First Vice-president, JEUNE– Young Entrepreneurs’ Organisation of the European Union
- **Thiébaut Weber**, Confederal Secretary in charge of youth, education and training, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Moderator:

- **François Brunagel**, Former Head of Protocol, European Parliament

Code: *TWAdeal*

USA – Europe: Big deal or no deal

What does the biggest free trade deal in the world (TTIP) mean for employment and quality of life in Europe? Will this transatlantic “marriage of elephants” work to the benefit of both?

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Debate

Speakers:

- **Timothy Adamson**, Research Specialist – TTIP, American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU)
- **Jonas Emmerich**, President, Young Transatlantic Initiative
- **Emma Jayne Geraghty**, Project Coordinator, Young Friends of the Earth Europe
- **Pauline Weinzierl**, Policy Analyst and Trade Negotiator, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission

Moderator:

- **Madeeha Mehmood**, Consultant

 **Live streaming** +  **Twitter wall**

Code: *TWAsharing*

Sharing economy: They come in like a wrecking ball

Creative disruptors in action: they shake up and destroy established business models. They create platforms and apps to connect freelancers to consumers everywhere: taxis, cars, vacations, food, music, etc. What should European lawmakers do to regulate this new economy: encourage innovation or protect workers and consumers?

Talk

Speakers:

- **Edouard Martin**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Chelsea Rustrum**, Author and consultant, It's a Shareable Life

Moderator:

- **Karim Mustaghni**, Entrepreneur, Investor and Artist, KM Venture Capital
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Day, Time: Friday, 16:30-18:00

Venue: LOW R5.1, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *TWAsilicon*

Social challenge! Can Europe do better than Silicon Valley?

Silicon Valley – the place for start-ups, creative disruptors, internet champions...and all the talk of opportunities. A society of winners and losers, right? What can we learn from Silicon Valley – and what can we do better in Europe? Why is there no European Google or Facebook? What is our European vision of society and lifestyle in the digital age? Commissioner Öttinger will give a key-note speech.

Key-note and discussion

Key-note speech:

- **Günter H. Öttinger**, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

Speakers:

- **Karl Ryan**, European Public Policy, Google
- **Diana Filippova**, Startup connector, Microsoft
- **Hervé Lebreton**, Head of Entrepreneurship Unit, Ecole Polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- **Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-President, European Parliament

Moderator:

- **Edie Lush**, Executive Editor, Hub Culture
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Day, Time: Saturday, 15:00-17:00

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *TWA*robots

Science or fiction: Will robots rise to power?

Will robots and super-intelligent computers threaten or save the future of humanity? Will ever-smarter computers take away many of our jobs – and even our thinking? Or will they always remain under human control? A ride into the future between fascination for science and respect for human values.

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

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Talk

Speakers:

- **Cristina Andersson**, Entrepreneur, Develor Productions Oy/Robotics Finland
- **Florian Kondert**, Digital Director, Zukunftsinstitut GmbH
- **Gianfranco Visentin**, Head of Automation and Robotics Section, European Space Agency (ESA)

Moderator:

- **Patryk Pawlak**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service

Code: *TWA*pirates

Patents, pirates and fair play

How do we want to play the game of innovation in the Internet era?

- “Candy crush” for consumers, featuring free and open access to knowledge, music and research for all?
- “Monopoly” for innovators, including exclusive use of European patents, penalties for copycats, copyright fees and rewards for creators, writers and musicians?
- What should the rules of fair play be in a digital society?

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

Venue: LOW S2.1, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Hearing

Speakers:

- **Amelia Andersdotter**, Chairperson, Dataskydd.net
- **Wally Badarou**, Composer, musician
- **Moritz Schumacher**, Attorney at law, Hoyng Rokh Monegier

Moderator:

- **Anja Waltereit**, Journalist and Reporter, ARTE Journal

Code: *TWA*heaven

Tax evasion: Stairway to heaven

Multinational companies shift profits around using hidden stairways to a tax-free heaven. Legal practice or mockery of solidarity? How can the European Union fight tax evasion and tax fraud and reduce speculation?

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

Venue: LOW S2.1, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Question time

Speakers:

- **Achim Doerfer**, Lawyer and Author, Rechtsanwalt Dr. Achim Doerfer
- **Jeremie Requis**, Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect, European Parliament
- **Cécile Schilis-Gallego**, Journalist, The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)

Moderator:

- **Artjoms Konohovs**, Brussels correspondent/Editor, Latvijas Radio

Code: *TWA*workplace

Smart workplace: The relativity of space and time

Employment in the 21st century – how is the job market changing in the digital era? A new flexibility regarding how, where and when you work in a digital universe. A different workplace and working culture: better for the boss or for the employee? Easier or more stressful life for parents with small children?

Day, Time: Friday, 15:30-19:00

Saturday, 14:00-17:30

Venue: LOW N3.2, 130 places

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

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament responsible for new legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! The Ideas lab starts online with your contributions from 10th March on www.eye-ideaslab.eu.

Ideas Lab

Idea catcher:

- **Stephen Clark**, Director for Relations with Citizens, European Parliament

Code: *TWA*data

“Data dealer”: Grabbing people’s private data

This sharp, clever game is all about personal data and privacy – the most entertaining way to learn the depressing news about your vanishing privacy. Play the part of a data dealer and see what it’s like to grab and monetise people’s private data. Are you able to protect your own data or do you expect regulation from the European Parliament?

Digital game and discussion

Organised in cooperation with Arte and Games for Change Europe

Speakers:

- **Amelia Andersdotter**, Chairperson, Dataskydd.net
- **Leo Cervera**, Head of Unit, European Data Protection Supervisor
- **Carmen Schneidereit**, Artist and game designer, CGL

Moderator:

- **Björn Bartholdy**, Co-Director, Cologne Game Lab
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Day, Time: Saturday, 15:30-17:00

Venue: LOW S1.5, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Gaming sessions:

Saturday a) 13:00-13:30 (35 places)
 b) 13:45-14:15 (35 places)
 c) 14:30-15:00 (35 places)

Venue: LOW S3.7

Language: EN

Partner and youth activities and workshops

Code: *TWA*moon

The new frontiers of space exploration – a village on the moon?

From Christopher Columbus to Apollo 11: what does exploration mean to individuals and mankind? James Carpenter, scientist at the European Space Agency, will take us through the drivers of human exploration and its impact on society through history. Has the meaning of exploration changed in the space era? What are our next frontiers as a species?

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: LOW N1.1, 60 places

Language: EN

Talk

Organised by the European Space Agency (ESA)

Speaker:

- **James Carpenter**, Directorate of Human Space Flight and Exploration, European Space Agency (ESA)

Code: *TWA*design

Design Thinking – everyone is creative!

Have you heard of the innovative methodology “Design Thinking”? It is a structured approach to generating new ideas and developing innovative solutions to existing problems. It originates from the business world but can be applied to many other fields such as education. Want to boost your creativity and problem-solving skills? Join us for a challenging exercise, which will give you the opportunity to learn the basics of Design Thinking, try it out for yourself and network with other creative minds on the way.

Day, Time: a) Friday, 12:30-14:00,

b) Friday, 14:30-16:00

c) Saturday, 10:00-11:30,

d) Saturday, 16:00-17:30

Venue: a) b) LOW S2.3, 35 places

c) d) LOW S4.3, 35 places

Language: EN

Interactive workshop

Organised by Czech National Youth Council (CRDM) with SAP

Code: *TWA*campfire

Entrepreneurial campfire: Let the creativity sparks fly!

What is life as an entrepreneur like? How does it feel to start up your own company? What are the toughest decisions founders of start-ups have to take? What motivates and drives them? What are their biggest fears and challenges? Nobody knows this better than those who have experienced founding a start-up themselves. Sharing their stories with YOU in very small groups, start-up founders and European Youth Award winners from all over Europe will answer your burning questions and give you insight in their lives as entrepreneurs!

Day, Time: Friday, 11:00-12:30

Venue: YO!Cafe, YO!Village, 150 people

Language: EN

Interactive session

Organised by European Youth Award and Child and Youth Finance International

Start-Up Founders:

- **Ana Alibegova**, Director of Program Development, Association for Education Mladinfo International
- **Erika Becerra**, Asperger Pride
- **Dušica Birovljević**, Founder and Director, Nomcentar
- **Jindrich Fialka**, Founder and CEO, Contiqua
- **Henrique Goncalves**, Networking Coordinator, International Young Naturefriends
- **Matthias Haas**, CEO and Curator SuperSocial, TEDx
- **Tereza Jurecková**, Pragulic
- **Tudor Mihailescu**, Co-Founder, GovFaces
- **Fenna Plaisier**, Business: Suit Me
- **Jon Mark Walls**, GovFaces

Moderators:

- **Birgit Kolb**, European Youth Award
- **Lucie Schubert**, International Young Naturefriends

Code: *TWA*cooperators

Young cooperators: Business beyond profit

This workshop will investigate the added value of cooperatives. How can cooperatives contribute in shaping a more sustainable economy?

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:30

Venue: LOW S4.4, 35 places

Language: EN

Workshop

Organised by Cooperatives Europe network of Young Cooperators

Code: *TWAmarshmallow*

“The Marshmallow Challenge”: How to generate fresh ideas?

The Marshmallow Challenge is a fun activity that invites young people to be challenged by stimulating innovative and creative collaboration. Participants will work in groups, draft a plan, create prototypes and then build the tallest design using simple materials. All you need is innovative ideas, strong teamwork and a sense of adventure to complete the challenge!

Workshop

Organised by Youth Dynamics (Cyprus), 2nd prize winner European Charlemagne Youth Prize 2014

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 35 places

Language: EN

STAGNATION OR INNOVATION HUB



YO!Fest partners in the hub

European Youth Forum | Child and Youth Finance International | European Youth Award | National Youth Forum Bulgaria | System & Generation Turkey | Xchange Scotland | Young democrats Gdansk | Your Choice Association Poland | Cooperatives Europe

What to expect in the hub?

Creativity, society and entrepreneurship – challenge your perceptions and try something new at the “Stagnation or Innovation” hub! Consider how we can create green and social jobs to tackle youth unemployment, improve your financial literacy and open your mind to the world of co-operatives as an alternative, sustainable model for business.

- Get inspired by success (and failure!) stories of social entrepreneurs
- Roll up your sleeves and create a better society—starting with building blocks!
- Take control of your finances in the financial literacy workshop
- Network, meet potential project partners and make new friends
- Experience the extraordinary art of painting with coffee
- Laugh your way to inspiration by trying laughter yoga
- Join us for an inspirational coffee. Exchange ideas with young innovators, social changers and artists
- Fly higher with power jumping!
- Perfect business pitch with help from experts

YOUTH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
CREATIVITY
SOCIAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Financial literacy
GREEN
JOBS
Arts and crafts
NETWORKING
WITH OTHER
PARTICIPANTS

V. Collapse or success: New ways for a *sustainable* Europe

*“One life, but we’re not the same.
We get to carry each other, carry each other.”*

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Code: *SUPearth*

Earth from above: My extraordinary 200 days in space

European astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti shares magical moments and scientific challenges from her mission aboard the International Space Station. Looking at the blue planet from space – how did it change my perspective about life on Earth?

Talk and discussion

Organised in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA)

Speaker:

- **Samantha Cristoforetti**, Astronaut, European Space Agency (ESA)

Moderator:

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

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

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *SUAgalaxy*

A guide to the galaxy...

...and to the survival of humanity on our planet.

Pierre Philippe Mathieu, Earth scientist at the European Space Agency, will address sustainable life on earth from the space perspective. How can the observation of Earth from space help us understand our planet better and give us the tools we need to take timely action for our own survival and wellbeing?

Bert Vercocke, young string theorist, will explain the cosmic context of our planet. Gravity waves: messages from the stars? How can a deeper understanding and explanation of the universe help to safeguard mankind's future here on Earth?

Talk and discussion

Organised in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA)

Speakers:

- **Pierre Philippe Mathieu**, Earth Observation Data Scientist, European Space Agency (ESA)
- **Bert Vercocke**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Amsterdam

Moderator:

- **Anya Sitaram**, Journalist, Rockhopper TV

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:30-15:30

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *SUAclimate*

Climate: High priority for low carbon

Will Europeans take disruptive and decisive action to stop a future climate collapse? Will a turn to a low-carbon economy derail or boost sustainable growth? Will it cost or create jobs? How will new technologies change the future energy landscape? How can Europeans continue to provide the natural resources and ecosystem services for the needs of future generations of life on the planet?

Ideas check

Speakers:

Young idea givers:

- **Daniel Macmillen Voskoboynik**
- **Hadleigh Roberts**
- **Andreas Sieber**

Idea catchers:

- **Jens Gieseke**, Member of the European Parliament
- Member of the European Parliament

Moderators:

- **Dorothee Haffner**, Journalist, ARTE
- **Frank Rauschendorf**, Journalist, ARTE

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Code: *SUA*hunger

Hunger games

Hunger, disease and extreme poverty in the world are not inevitable – the rules of the game are unfair. How can we empower people living in poverty to create their own sustainable solutions? Can we bring hunger down to zero within a generation? Initiatives for better access to decent food, clean water and basic healthcare for all.

Hearing

Speakers:

- **Arne Gericke**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Djordje Marilovic**, University of East Sarajevo
 - **Julie Van Mulders**, Student Social Work, Young Caritas
 - **Iseult Ward**, CEO, FoodCloud
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Day, Time: Friday, 12:30-14:00

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 **Live streaming** +  **Twitter wall**

Code: *SUA*splash

Splash – protect our oceans!

Oceans are the largest ecosystems on Earth. Our survival depends on clean and healthy oceans. How can we manage to protect them – and the animals living in them – for all of us and future generations?

Debate

Speakers:

- **Giulia Mo**, Researcher, Department of Protection of marine biodiversity and habitats, ISPRA (Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale)
- **Simone Niedermüller**, Marine officer, WWF
- **Mirta Smodlaka Tankovic**, Researcher, Center for Marine Research, Ruder Boškovic Institute

Moderator:

- **Didier Bourguignon**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service
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Day, Time: Friday, 15:30-17:00

Venue: LOW S2.1, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Code: *SUshopping*

Fair trade: Shopping with a little added love?

The consumer has the power: are you ready to pay a fair price in order to bail out workers and small farmers living in extreme poverty? Are you ready to stop unfair labour practices and human-rights abuses at the opposite end of the supply chain? Examples from local initiatives and non-profit organisations.

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 130 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Talk and discussion

Speakers:

- **Azita Berar Awad**, Director, Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- **Adrien Brondel**, Partnerships and Sourcing, SCOP Ethiquable
- **Sébastien Maes**, Oxfam MDM
- **Jean-Baptiste Gernet**, Councillor on active and innovative mobility, City of Strasbourg

Moderator:

- **Anya Sitaram**, Journalist, Rockhopper TV

Code: *SUanimals*

Animals and us: Time for a new relationship?

We agree: animals have rights. We disagree: what rights? Happy cows: should the EU stop factory farming and put animals back on extensive land-based farms? Happy taxpayers: no EU subsidies without high and ambitious standards for animal welfare? Happy monkeys: no animals for medical tests?

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Talk

Speakers:

- **Manon Dené**, Animal rights activist
- **Tuula Heinonen**, Researcher, FICAM Finnish centre for alternative methods, University of Tampere
- **Juha Tenho**, Vice-President and young organic livestock farmer, European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)

Moderator:

- **Lorenzo Vicario**, Administrator, European Parliament

Code: *SUAcircle*

The 360° strategy: Moving things around in a circle

In a traditional economy there is a straight line from production to consumption to waste. Now Europe is moving towards a resource-efficient and regenerative circular economy without waste.

You take the role of a young advisor to a Member of the European Parliament responsible for new legislation. Your ideas set the agenda! The Ideas lab starts online with your contributions from 10th March on www.eye-ideaslab.eu.

Ideas lab

Idea catchers:

- **Didier Bourguignon**, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service
- **Tasos Georgiu**, Head of the Events and Exhibition Unit, European Parliament

Code: *SUAchallenge*

“Climate challenge”

In this game you take the role of the “president of Europe”, attempting to reduce CO2 emissions and to save the climate. Play and discuss the chances of stopping global warming.

Digital game and discussion

Organised in cooperation with Arte and Games for Change Europe

Speakers:

- **Simon Bachelier**, Curator and Community Manager, Games for Change Europe
- **Peter Jahr**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Andreas Sieber**, Manager, Climate Tracker Europe, Climate Tracker

Moderator:

- **Björn Bartholdy**, Co-Director, Cologne Game Lab

Day, Time: Friday, 11:30-15:00
Saturday, 10:00-13:30

Venue: LOW R3.1, 130 places

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

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 120 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Gaming sessions:

Friday a) 16:30-17:00 (35 places)
 b) 17:15-17:45 (35 places)
 c) 18:00-18:30 (35 places)

Venue: LOW S3.7

Language: EN

Partner and youth activities and workshops

Code: *SUAdevelopment*

Sustainable Development – goals for youth, goals for Europe?

Did you know that our governments have committed to a new 15-year global plan for achieving sustainable development locally and globally? Now they need to put it into action! Why is this plan more than ever relevant for Europe and for young people? What does it mean for the way we approach economics and social policies? What urgent changes do we need to see now? Join this workshop to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals and discover how young people and youth organisations can get involved to make change happen.

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Day, Time: a) Friday, 13:30-15:00
b) Saturday 12:00-13:30

Venue: a) LOW N1.1, 40 places
b) Octagon, YO!Village, 40 places

Language: EN

**This workshop will also be repeated in the YO!Village with registration on the spot. Check the daily programme of the thematic hubs*

Code: *SUAttip*

Free trade across the Atlantic Ocean: Fair or foul?

In this workshop we will take a closer look at the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and how it affects people, our planet and the fight for climate justice. Following the interactive presentation there will be time to ask questions and debate what youth organisations can do to address the issue of TTIP.

Talk

Organised by the European Youth Forum Climate Change Network and the European Students Union (ESU)

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

Venue: Boat, YO!Village, 70 places, limited accessibility

Language: EN

Speaker:

- **Lora Verheecke**, Corporate Observatory Europe

Code: *SUAsecret*

Documentary: “Cowspiracy”: The Sustainability Secret

Ciné ONU: This eye-opening documentary reveals the devastating environmental impact large-scale factory farming has on our planet and investigates why the world’s leading environmental organisations are too afraid to talk about it. Is animal farming the leading cause of deforestation, water consumption and pollution? Can we save the planet by changing our eating habits and moving to a meat-free diet?

Documentary screening followed by Q&A

Organised by the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

Speaker:

- **Mustapha Sinaceur**, FAO Director, Liaison Office with the EU and Belgium

Moderator:

- **Frederik Bordon**, United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC)

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 164 places

Languages: EN

Code: *SUAkids*

No kids please, we are Europeans

Striving for environmental sustainability has become one of the key focuses of present leaders. The EU has put itself at the forefront of eco-friendliness. However, the demographic trends in certain EU countries threaten the sustainability of society as such. In this interactive workshop, participants will investigate how the concept of sustainability can be extended to population structures.

Workshop

Organised by MoveOnEurope

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 35 places

Languages: EN, DE

Code: *SUA*megatrends

Europe 2030: Megatrends shaping our future

No one knows what the future holds, but we can at least try to predict it. Whether Europe will turn into a land of our dreams or the scene of a nightmare depends on many factors. Using driving forces in society, four potential scenarios will be developed that show how Europe may look in 2030. We will analyse past, present and future trends and try to determine how they might shape our societies, policies and borders. How can we stimulate positive developments and how can we correct negative trends?

Workshop

Organised by Croatian Youth Network

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

Venue: LOW S3.7, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *SUA*ambassador

Climate ambassador – a cool activity

This workshop is addressed to people who want to be a climate ambassador. Participants engage in activities that address climate problems and find ways to reduce the negative impact climate change has on our earth. We hope to prepare the next generation of climate leaders for a sustainable Europe.

Workshop

Organised by Agros Environmental Group (Cyprus)

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

Venue: LOW N 4.3, 50 places

Language: EN

Code: *SUA*water

Ecosystems: No water – no life

How can we protect our water-related ecosystems such as mountains, rivers and forests? How can we achieve access to safe and clean water for people in Europe and across the world?

Workshop

Organised by the World Youth Parliament for Water

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 35 places

Language: EN

Code: *SUAcities*

Urban sustainability: The green transformation of our cities

In this workshop, you will simulate the process of city planning in a role play game. Participants will share ideas about green areas, nature conservation, health challenges and social needs and these ideas will then be integrated into the development strategies for the city's environment.

Workshop

Organised by University of Bucharest (Romania)

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 55 places

Language: EN

Code: *SUAdoorstep*

Climate change on our doorstep

How can we discuss climate protection after the International Climate Conference in Paris in December 2015? What role does energy, food and our way of living play? This workshop will look into different approaches to climate protection, including the scarcity of resources, food production processes, food chains, and the increase in worldwide hunger, as well as Europe's role in energy distribution and our own consumer behaviour.

Workshop

Organised by the junior ambassadors of the German-French Youth Organisation (OFAJ)

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 40 places

Languages: FR, DE

COLLAPSE OR SUCCESS HUB



YO!Fest partners in the hub

European Youth Forum | Alliance | Allianssi Finland | Federation of Young European Greens | International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International | International Union of Socialist Youth | International Young Nature Friends | Association Migration Solidarité et Échanges pour le Développement

What to expect in the hub?

Sustainability is not just a synonym for protecting the environment. Sustainable development affects all aspects of our daily life and the 'Collapse or Success hub has plenty to keep you occupied! Tackling the big global issues and considering how we can have an impact, take the time to go to the hub to challenge your pre-conceptions.

- Take part in the YO!Passport, make connections to sustainable development and win YO!Fest prizes!
- Think outside the box and design your own economic model
- Turn trash into treasure in the waste workshop
- Explore the role of the media in shaping politics and learn to critically analyse what you watch, hear and read
- Learn about trade agreements and their potential impact on many areas of our lives
- Plant your wooden spoon and watch the garden grow
- Find out how you can reduce your carbon footprint and lobby governments to do their bit



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING HUB



YO!Fest partners in the hub

European Youth Forum | ACTIVE | ENGSO Youth | Galway – candidate city for the European Youth Capital | International Federation of Medical Students Associations | West Sussex Youth Cabinet

What to expect in the hub?

The health and well-being of young people is a topic often overlooked. Come to the well-being zone, chill out and focus on taking care of yourself and others! Explore a range of issues from basic life support to mental health and the importance of exercise. Challenge yourself to improve your diet and raise awareness of gender-based violence.

- Challenge the taboo: develop skills for maintaining good mental health
- Make your pledge to stop violence against women
- Take a breather in the chill-out area and chat informally about physical and mental well-being
- Try yoga and consider the role of sport in healthy lifestyles
- Have tea with an MEP
- Learn basic life support skills in a fun and relaxed atmosphere
- Create your “song for Europe”
- Try our beer goggles and question young people’s relationship to alcohol

DIET
Basic life support
Domestic violence **MENTAL** **Sports and physical activities**
HEALTH
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Culture and Arts for change

Culture and arts for change

Code: *Cstage*

Life is a stage...

Two theatre plays

War, what if it were here?

Based on the novel "War, what if it were here?" by Janne Teller, this play is fiction twisting reality: imagine a world in which the European states are at war, while there is peace in the Arab world. Everyday life in Europe is dominated by hunger, coldness, a serious housing shortage and the fear of bomb strikes. The democratic system has failed and fascist dictators have seized control of the government. This crisis situation is carefully examined from the point of view of different protagonists.

Performed by Kreisgymnasium St. Ursula (Gruppe: "Ausdruck macht Eindruck") (Germany)

Hello, it's me

This play raises questions on how young people can define their role in today's ever-changing masses. Where do you stand in the world? How can you meet others, not to be left alone? Can you – and do you want to – actively respond to societal challenges, or should you turn a blind eye to them? How can you remove the labels that society has assigned to you?

Performed by Les Théatreux de Pécs (Hungary)

Code: *Cexpress*

Express yourself: Music with a message

Two musicals

"European Wonderland": We don't care, we care

This musical is inspired by the famous story of Alice in Wonderland. Instead of focusing on Alice, this play will show the story of the European "Wonderland" and address ideas about apathy, aggression, fear and participation.

Performed by English Student Theatre II Gimnazija Maribor (Slovenia)

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: EN, FR, DE (each play in different languages)

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

Venue: Flower Bar

Language: EN

Pop and pantomime for peace

This musical will combine music and pantomime and endeavour to show the audience the power of peace. It is inspired by Athenian Old Comedy, written and produced by the Greek playwright Aristophanes.

Performed by Youth Dynamics (Cyprus)

Code: *Cshoes*

In somebody else's shoes...

Creative workshops and interactive performance

"Theatre of the oppressed": A vibrant voice for victims

"Theatre of the oppressed" shows people that it is possible to actively influence social and political developments. In this play, we perform situations of bullying and involve spectators to give their contribution to the performance. By doing this, "Theatre of the oppressed" makes participants understand what it means to be both a bully and a victim of bullying.

Performed by Non Bull-Arti di Me Team (Italy)

Code: *Cdanse*

Alors on danse

Two artistic performances

Steps into the world of jobs

This Hungarian dance and music performance shows the story of young people starting their careers in Hungary and elsewhere in the EU. The characters represent different professions; they have just received their certificates and are seeking for a career with equal chances. The performance focuses on the obstacles these young people have to face and the different opportunities they receive in the world of work.

Performed by Friends from Hungary

Ships over troubled water

A modern dance about refugees who are trying to reach Europe in order to escape death and protect their children.

Performed by Apostolon Petrou Kai Paylou highschool (Cyprus)

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

Venue: Open space LOW 35 places

Language: EN

Day, Time: Saturday, 17:00-18:00

Venue: Flower bar, 100 places

Language: EN

Code: *Cmusic*

Music is my life

Three music performances

A special job: Raising children

This Maltese and English song, accompanied by a video, will illustrate the social impact on families in which the unemployed mother is responsible for the upbringing of the children. These mothers have to sacrifice their careers in order to devote their unpaid work to the family. The song conveys a message about family values: although young mothers don't have a job with an income, they contribute to society by raising children and giving them all the support and motherly love that is most important to those children.

Performed by the MCAST Institute for the Creative Arts (Malta)

Peace – yes, we are one and the same

Latvian Songpower will sing popular songs about peace, such as Michael Jackson's song "Black or White" and the audience will be invited to sing along specific verses of the songs.

Performed by Songpower (Latvia)

Europe: Rhythm of change

In this performance the audience will be introduced to the culture of brass music. Wind instruments such as trumpets, horns and trombones will be used to perform a variety of musical pieces. The music has a European character and resembles pieces from baroque times, the romantic period and contemporary music.

Performed by Men in Blech (Austria)

Code: *Ccircus*

Circus performances: A feast for the EYE(s)

Enjoy an artistic performance created and performed by students from renowned European circus schools. The performance will be followed by a "meet & greet" with the young artists. Keep an eye open: you may also spot them in the YO!Village doing unscripted performances and animations.

Artistic performances

Organised by the European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

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

Venue: Flower bar, 100 places

Language: EN

Day, Time: a) Friday 17:30-18:30

b) Saturday 18:00-19:30

Venue: Magic Mirror, YO!Village,
80 places

YOUROPE Game Challenge

Code: *Cplay*

Meet and play

Play the best digital games from YOUROPE Game Challenge, and meet the young game developers.

Digital Gaming

Organised by Games for Change Europe

Code: *Cawards*

Awards Ceremony

As a conclusion to the YOUROPE Game Challenge, the YOUROPE Award Ceremony will honour the nominated games and their creators. The session will introduce participants into the exciting opportunities offered by games as activist tools. During the ceremony, the winning team of the 2016 Audience Award will be announced by the jury.

Awards Ceremony

Organised by Games for Change Europe

Moderator:

- Katharina Tillmanns, Co-President, Games for Change Europe

Code: *Pvoting*

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 Information office of the European Parliament in Strasbourg

Day, Time:

Friday 14:00-14:30; 14:30-15:00;
15:00-15:30; 16:00-16:30; 16:30-17:00;
17:00-17:30 (each 10 places)

Saturday 11:00-11:30; 11:30-12:00;
12:00-12:30; 13:30-14:00; 14:00-14:30;
14:30-15:00; 15:30-16:00; 16:00-16:30;
16:30-17:00 (each 10 places)

Venue: Swan bar

Languages: EN, FR, DE

Day, Time: Saturday, 17:30-18:00

Venue: Swan bar, 150 places

Languages: EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: Hemicycle, 200 places

Languages: EN, FR, DE

(Attention: Euroscola participants do not need to register separately for this activity!)

 Live streaming +  Twitter wall

Speakers' bio



Abdalahe, Cheija

Cheija is a Saharawi woman who was born in the Saharawi refugee camps. She arrived in Spain in 2007 and had to stay without papers for 4 years. After receiving her documentation, Cheija finished her studies and obtained a Master's in Legal Translation and another in Human Rights. She currently studies and works in Madrid. She has conducted research on gender studies and the concept of home. As a stateless person, she works to support immigrants and refugees and to promote the rights of stateless people and their integration. She collaborates with the Spanish Youth Council (CJE).

 www.cje.org



Aboulgasem, Salaheddin

Salaheddin is a Scout leader from the UK Muslim Scout Association. He has extensive experience in inter-religious dialogue and inter-religious educational programmes for young people.

 [UKMuslimScout](https://www.facebook.com/UKMuslimScout/);  www.ukmsf.org;  [ukmuslimscout](https://twitter.com/ukmuslimscout)



Adamson, Timothy

Timothy Adamson is Research Associate at the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU) in Brussels, Belgium. He is responsible for researching and advocating on trade and investment issues. Prior to joining AmCham EU, Timothy was Research Associate at The George Washington University, Washington, DC. Previously, he was an MEP assistant in the European Parliament. Timothy holds an MA from The George Washington University and a BA from Newcastle University.

 www.amchameu.eu;  [@AmChamEU_Trade](https://twitter.com/AmChamEU_Trade)



Akiwowo, Seyi

At the age of only 22 Seyi was elected as a Councillor for Newham Council. Having developed a keen interest in active citizenship while studying at the London School of Economics, Seyi became an activist for encouraging marginalised young people in democracy. Seyi is a Fellow at Royal Society of the Arts and currently is a Facilitator for 'Move Forward', a joint project with Spark+Mettle, the British Council and HSBC.

 [@SeyiAkiwowo](https://twitter.com/SeyiAkiwowo)



Alibegova, Ana

Ana obtained a Master's in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe at the University of Bologna. She also completed a Master's in Media and Communications at Saints Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. She is specialised in the fields of NGO management and journalism. At Mladiinfo International, her focus has been on youth information, education, new media, youth empowerment, intercultural dialogue and social entrepreneurship.

 www.mladiinfo.eu;  <http://mladiinfo.net>;  [mladiinfo.eu](https://www.facebook.com/mladiinfo.eu);  [ana.alibegova](https://www.facebook.com/ana.alibegova)



Alomari, Amer

Amer Alomari is 24 years old and comes from Syria where he studied civil engineering and was involved in several youth projects. When the revolution started he had to quit his study and leave the country. Since two years he has been living in the Netherlands where he studies business IT management at HU University of Applied Sciences in Utrecht. He is also the coordinator of youth projects such as «Fountain of youth» and the adviser of a project about refugees. Amer's work focuses on peace, talent, coexistence and tolerance. His dream is to help young people to find their way to success through a project, idea or by being a person of contact or coordinator.

 www.weekly.com



Alonso, Cristina

Cristina is a journalism student, about to finish her bachelor degree. Since June 2015 she is working as a journalist editor at El Economista, a newspaper on the top of economic journalism in Spain. She had started a degree in economics but she didn't like it, so she changed to journalism. Ironically she finally ended up working at an economic newspaper. There she started with an internship just for the summer and ten months later they hired her.

 www.eleconomista.es;  [crisalonso25](https://twitter.com/crisalonso25)



Alvarado, Luis

Luis is the Vice President of the European Youth Forum, responsible for EU affairs and EU institutional advocacy process, with particular focus on EU funding and the Structured Dialogue where he chairs the European Steering Committee with the European Commission and the Presidencies of the Council of the EU. He currently combines his job at the European Youth Forum with his job at the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities initiative which he joined after graduating with an MA in European Political & Public Administration studies from the Collège d'Europe in Bruges.

 www.youthforum.org



Amalvy, Richard

Board Member of the European Youth Forum (1996-1998) in charge of the Global Cooperation. Co-founder of the Mediterranean Youth Forum (1997). Director of the Peace Cruise (1999). Director for Communications and External relations at the World Scout Bureau (2000-2010). Consultant for the World Bank Youth Strategy (2004). Vice chairman of the Conference of NGOs enjoying the consultative status with the UN (2008-2010). Senior strategic consultant at the OECD (2010-2013).

www.opsandco.com; [@RichardAmalvy](https://twitter.com/RichardAmalvy)



Amani, Enissa Sahar

Enissa Amani is the new discovery of the German political satire scene. The German-Persian comic was born in twentieth-century Iran and fled with her family to Frankfurt in 1985. After graduating from high school, Enissa studied law, but left her legal studies behind after passing the intermediate examination to follow in the footsteps of her father and study literature. In 2013, she started to perform stand-up comedy on open-mic nights and appeared on TV shows 'TV Total', 'NightWash', 'Satire Summit' and 'StandUpMigranten' just a short time later.

www.enissa-amani.de



Andersdotter, Amelia

Amelia Andersdotter was a Member of the European Parliament in the 7th legislature, working with information society topics in the intersection of technology and politics. After 2014 she has primarily worked with public advocacy work on data protection in Sweden.

www.dataskydd.net; [@teirdes](https://twitter.com/teirdes)



Andersson, Cristina

Cristina is the leader of the Robotics Finland movement. Her book BohoBusiness talks about robotisation and its impact on companies, societies and people. She is also a founding member of Airo Island, an association which helps robotics start-ups and aims to build the artificial-intelligence and robotics ecosystem in Finland and the Nordic countries.

www.cristinaandersson.com; [@winninghelix](https://twitter.com/winninghelix); [in cristinaandersson](https://www.linkedin.com/in/cristinaandersson)



Arshad, Urooj

Urooj works at Advocates for Youth where she builds the capacity of youth-driven organizations in the global south. She is a steering committee member of the Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MASGD) and currently on the Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership Global Advisory's Board and Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice's Board. She served on the U.S delegation to the 59th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

 www.advocatesforyouth.org/liyan;  [AdvocatesforYouthiYAN](https://www.facebook.com/AdvocatesforYouthiYAN)



Bachelier, Simon

Simon Bachelier is a freelancer, independent curator and producer based in Paris. He is active in the alternative digital game scene, where he organises events and produces projects. He is Curator and Community Manager at Games for Change Europe.

 www.g4ceurope.eu



Badarou, Wally

Musician, composer, long-time associate of British band Level 42 and member of the Compass Point All Stars, Wally Badarou has worked with, among others, Grace Jones, Joe Cocker, Mick Jagger, Robert Palmer, Marianne Faithfull, Talking Heads, Foreigner, Miriam Makeba and Fela Kuti.

 www.wallybadarou.com



Barbosa, Mariana

Mariana Barbosa is the coordinator of the Refugee Support Platform's Volunteer Programme at Lesbos, Greece. She is a Lecturer at the Faculty of Education and Psychology of the Catholic University of Portugal. She has a PhD in Justice Psychology and has experience of research and intervention in the area of psychology and human rights, namely concerning humanitarian intervention and the refugee population.

 www.refugiados.pt;  [Plataformadeapoioaosrefugiados](https://www.facebook.com/Plataformadeapoioaosrefugiados)



Barcelos, Marcio

Marcio Barcelos is a youth activist based in Lisbon, Portugal. He has been involved in Youth Organisations since an early age, first as a beneficiary, and then as a young leader, practicing youth work and representing young people at local, national and European Level. Among other work, he has been especially active in the field of recognition of Non-Formal Education and its role in a holistic approach to Quality Education for young people.

 www.youthforum.org;  [@marciobarcelos](https://twitter.com/marciobarcelos)



Barmont, Valentine

Valentine is an Agriculture and Food Sciences engineer (ISARA Graduate School). During her apprenticeship, she worked in the Quality Department at Herta Nestlé and integrated the Nestlé Professional Company in Austria for her internship abroad. After her training, she worked for 6 months in the Quality Department at Herta Nestlé. Since March 2016, she has integrated the Quality Department of the Cailler (Nestlé) chocolate Factory in Broc.

<https://cailler.ch/en/maison-cailler/la-chocolaterie-suisse/>



Bartholdy, Björn

Björn Bartholdy started the initiative to found the Cologne Game Lab (faculty for Cultural Sciences, Technical University Cologne), where he teaches Media Design. He co-directs the institute together with Prof. Dr. Gundolf S. Freyermuth.

www.colognegamelab.de/; www.th-koeln.de



Baykal, Sercan

Sercan was born in 1986 in Turkey. He studied his bachelor degree in Textile Engineering in Izmir and his master degree in Fashion Management in Milan. He's been living in Amsterdam since last two years as Manager of Blue Lab Amsterdam, which is the first and only R&D Denim Laundry in the world dedicated to education and sustainability. He strongly believes that Amsterdam is capital of denim thanks to Denim City and Blue Lab Amsterdam.

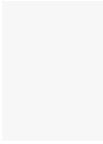
www.bluelab.amsterdam



Baussand, Pierre

Pierre Baussand is the Director of Social Platform, the largest civil society alliance fighting for social justice and participatory democracy in Europe. Bringing together 45 social NGOs, Social Platform's values are grounded in a rights-based approach to ensure that EU policies are developed in partnership with the people they affect, respecting fundamental rights, promoting solidarity and improving lives. Social Platform achieves this by mobilising members and providing them with a strong voice with the aim of influencing European policy and legislation.

www.socialplatform.org/; [social_platform](https://twitter.com/social_platform); [socialplatform](https://facebook.com/socialplatform)



Beattie, Liam

Liam Beattie is a 24 year old youth activist based in Edinburgh and works for an HIV NGO. He has previously worked in London and Brussels, where he undertook an internship at the European Parliament. Liam is currently Vice President of the Young European Movement in Edinburgh and is active in the Brexit debate. He was previously a panelist for a BBC young voter's project and blogs for the Huffington Post on equality issues.

 [@Liam_Beattie](#)



Becker, Heinz K.

Heinz K. Becker, an Austrian MEP since 2011, is a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home affairs and substitute for the committee on Culture, Education and Youth. His major political commitments for concerns of the youth have been the combat against unemployment among young people and the development of the students and apprentice exchange program «Erasmus+». Prior to becoming an MEP he ran an advertisement company with his wife.



Bell, Markus

Markus Bell is heading the Global Vocational Training department at SAP. He joined SAP in 1997 and worked in different areas throughout the company. He was involved in the development of SAP R/3, was Vocational Trainer and participated in the build-up of the Shared Service Center in Prague. Since 2005, he has been responsible for the internship and dual study program as global lead and implemented similar programs in China, India, Brazil, Hungary, Ireland and the US.

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Birovljević, Dušica

A Master of Law, Dušica is currently head of Nomcenter, an NGO for law, education and publishing, where she creates projects using social innovation and digital technologies, mostly aimed at making education accessible to all. Dušica has worked as an entrepreneur, a consultant at a law office, an editor and a researcher. She also writes legal books and is interested in copyright law.

 <http://nomcentar.com>;  [nomcenta](#);  [NomotehnickiCentarBeograd](#)



Bjorstad, Sigve

Sigve Soldal Bjorstad is a member of the Skills for the Young team in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Sigve focuses on vocational education and training policies and in particular apprenticeships, work-based learning and business-education partnerships. He manages the European Alliance for Apprenticeships, a multi-stakeholder initiative to boost the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships in Europe.

www.ec.europa.eu/apprenticeships-alliance



Bodson, Benjamin

European by heart, Belgian by birth, he is a dedicated, alert citizen who is involved in EU, national and local politics. Having studied law in Belgium and international relations at the LSE, he is now a teaching assistant at UCL and about to begin his PhD in EU Public Law. He is passionate about finding ways to increase citizen involvement in public life and about transparency in decision-making processes at all political levels.

[f benjamin.bodson](https://www.facebook.com/benjamin.bodson/); [@BodsonBenjamin](https://twitter.com/BodsonBenjamin); www.1989generationinitiative.org;
www.thegoodlobby.eu



Bordon, Frederik

Frederik is Team Assistant at the United Nations regional Information Centre (UNRIC). As a young professional he is very passionate about sustainable development, the environment, climate change as well as sustainable production and consumption patterns. Through informing and engaging the public and private sectors as well as the civil society, his aim is to show how each and every one of us can make a difference in helping to build a caring and sustainable future.

<https://unric.org>



Bosse, Christine

Stine Bosse is a Danish businesswoman with a global mindset. She has distinguished herself by her dedication to ambitious company goals, growth and sustainability and by the remarkable results she has achieved through strong leadership, clear governance and efficient turnarounds. Today Stine Bosse works full-time as board member in international orientated companies. She serves as director of the board in Allianz and TDC and as chairman of BankNordik. Additionally, she serves as chairman of BAERNEfonden and The Danish European Movement as well as she is actively engaged with the European Council on Foreign Relations.



Bourguignon, Didier

Didier Bourguignon has worked as a university lecturer and a translator. He currently works at the European Parliamentary Research Service as a policy analyst in the field of environment. He regularly publishes policy notes to Members of the European Parliament focusing on sustainability and innovation.

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Breuer, Fabian

Fabian heads the Communication Planning, Evaluation and Brand Unit at the European Investment Bank (EIB). Previously, he served as Counsellor in the Communications Directorate of the OECD, as advisor to the President of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence and was project manager of the European Union Democracy Observatory and EU Profiler. He holds a PhD in political science from the European University Institute and an MA in international relations from the University of Amsterdam.

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Briga, Elisa

Elisa holds a Master Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy (University of Trieste) with a thesis on the role of youth information centres in the promotion of youth mobility. In the past she has worked for the European Knowledge Center for Youth Policy at the EU-CoE youth partnership. She has been working for European Federation for Intercultural Learning - EFIL for the past 5 years. In her spare time she volunteers for the international youth organisation CISV, promoting Peace Education.

www.efil.afs.org; [@EFILafs](https://twitter.com/EFILafs); [f EuropeanFederationForICLI/](https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanFederationForICLI/)



Brondel, Adrien

Holding a diploma in tropical agriculture and political sciences, for four years Adrien volunteered with French NGOs in various developing countries, working with small farmers to develop autonomous cooperatives through organic and fair trade production and direct relationships with buyers. He now works in France, bringing high-quality, environmentally and socially responsible products sourced from 39 cooperatives in Latin America, Africa and Asia to consumers in Europe.

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Brown, Katherine

Dr K E Brown is lecturer in Islamic studies, specialising in Muslim women's participation in extremism and the gendered impact of counter-terrorism policies on Muslim communities. Her research is currently focused on 'Daesh' (the so-called Islamic State group), but longer standing interests centre on human rights, gender, and terrorism in the UK and Pakistan. Her published work is aimed at academic, public and practitioner audiences.

 [katherineebrown](https://www.linkedin.com/in/katherineebrown)



Bucuras, Ioan

Leading a European Youth NGO network of over 30.000 members in over 35 countries, Ioan has been raised in a multicultural environment in Timisoara before pursuing a European academic and working career. He has been active in the field of Civil Society Youth organisations since 2009. He is currently the Secretary General of the Young European Federalists and a member of the Task Forces for Funding and Security and Defence of the Youth Forum and the European Movement International.

 www.jef.eu;  [@JEF_Europe](https://twitter.com/JEF_Europe)



Brunagel, François

Aged 69, EU official for 42 years. Served as a member of cabinet of 3 presidents of the European Parliament, spokesman of the President, budgetary adviser, head of cabinet. Head of the communication unit, promoted the interinstitutional cooperation on major information campaigns like the Euro one. Head of the Protocol Service for more than 10 years, welcomed numerous high ranking political leaders from all over the world and managed the organisation of numerous events.



Carpenter, James

James Carpenter works with the European Space Agency's Lunar exploration team to develop the exploration systems of the future. These systems are being developed with scientists, international partners and the private sector to enable future human exploration of the Moon and the utilisation of this destination to achieve broad societal benefits. James works largely with a broad scientific community to define research which can be both enabled by and enabling for exploration.

 www.esa.int



Carpio, Alvin

Alvin Carpio campaigns for policy changes to address poverty. He also advises governments and global corporations on social impact. He is a former board member of the UpRising Leadership Programme and as a community organiser he led the Citizens' Inquiry into the Tottenham Riots. He is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and was selected to represent the UK at Davos 2016. He holds a Master's degree in social policy from the London School of Economics.

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Carroll, Paul

Paul Carroll is Head of Employer Relations in the Department of Social Protection, Ireland. He previously managed the PES in north Dublin. He was also Project Manager of the Ballymun Youth Guarantee pilot, an initiative co-funded by the EU under the Preparatory Action, which established a broad partnership to design and implement a Youth Guarantee model in an area of severe disadvantage.

 www.welfare.ie



Cervera Navas, Leonardo

Since 2010, Leonardo Cervera Navas has been Head of Human Resources at the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), the smallest of the EU institutions. Before joining the EDPS, Leonardo worked for 10 years as a desk officer at the European Commission, in the Data Protection and Copyright units. Before moving to Brussels in 1999, he worked as a practising lawyer in his home town, Malaga (Spain). He is an expert on human resources and data protection and a published writer, his passion for writing consuming most of his weekends and holidays and provoking some family tensions.

 <https://secure.edps.europa.eu>



Chatelin, Matthieu

Matthieu was born at 25 weeks and thus suffers from severe Cerebral Palsy and associated deficiencies. He requires daily assistance for his basic needs to be met as well as his enablement. Matthieu has a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Politics, a Masters of Arts in Human Rights, and one in International Affairs, Civil Society Development and Conflict Resolution. Matthieu has to overcome many obstacles due to very restrictive/potentially discriminating laws and related to studying abroad and keeping the vital support and assistance he received as a severe disabled person. Matthieu was a member of Youth Council City of Paris and Disability Affairs of his district, delegate of Commonwealth People's Forum, Founding member of "La Fondation Motrice" and Member of EDF's Youth Committee.

 www.edf-feph.org



Chorny, Noah

Noah Chorny's specialty is the 2000-year-old art of Chinese pole climbing, with a twist. He learned acrobatics from the former director of the Chinese National Circus of Nan Jing. Originally from New York, Noah has made Europe his home over the past 15 years, professionally climbing poles in more ways than one thought humanly possible and holding his body in horizontal flags to the pole that seem to defy the laws of gravity.

www.vertical-theater.com; [@powerpole1](https://www.instagram.com/powerpole1); [vertical-theater](https://www.facebook.com/vertical-theater)



Clare, Madeleine

From the United Kingdom, where she studied her Bachelor's degree in Modern Languages, Madeleine spent her Erasmus in France and Italy, and then moved to Brussels in 2014, where she founded her own company. MAJ is a lifestyle brand that incorporates originality, simplicity and fun into a single hand-painted phone case, focusing on making art, quality and design widely available. This inspired Madeleine to take up a Master's in International Business Economics and Management alongside running her own business.

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Clark, Stephen

Steve Clark has worked for the European Parliament since 1991. Along the way, he has dealt with a variety of issues - political, budgetary, organisational - experiencing different facets of such a large and fascinating institution. For the last nine years, he has worked in the field of communication, specialising first in Parliament's online and social media presence and, later, in broader public relations and face-to-face contact with the public. After all this time, he is still an enthusiast.



Cochetel, Vincent

Vincent Cochetel has served as UNHCR's Director of the Bureau since 2013. Vincent Cochetel joined the Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in 1986 initially working in Europe, managing field offices in Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Middle East as well as participating in several emergency missions in Asia, West Africa, and Europe (North Caucasus). Before joining UNHCR, he collaborated with the European Commission of the European Communities and with the European Court of Human Rights. Vincent Cochetel holds degrees from the Law Faculty of Tours, France, Paris II and Paris XI universities.

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Cociancich, Roberto

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Copini, Mira

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 www.Jeanschool.com



Cristoforetti, Samantha

Samantha Cristoforetti is a Captain in the Italian Air force, and an ESA astronaut. She has over 500 hours of experience in military flying and aeronautics, world-wide training, and a strong academic background, winning the Honour Sword for best academic achievement. Samantha worked and lived on the International Space Station for almost 200 days during her Futura mission. Her recent experience includes a mission in the Soyuz spacecraft from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in 2014.

 www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Human_Spaceflight/Futura



Davis, Jacki

Jacki Davis is a leading commentator on EU Union affairs. She is an experienced journalist, speaker and moderator of high-level events in Brussels and other EU countries, the editor of many publications, a regular broadcaster on television and radio, and is on the European Policy Centre think tank's governing board. She was previously the EPC's Communications Director, editor-in-chief of E!Sharp magazine, and launch editor of European Voice, a Brussels-based weekly newspaper on EU affairs.

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de Boer, Max

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www.esn.org; [in](https://www.linkedin.com/in/max-de-boer-a5b094a7) max-de-boer-a5b094a7; [tw](https://twitter.com/mbdeboer) mbdeboer



Dené, Manon

Manon is a French political science graduate and an animal rights activist. Dedicated to spend her life advocating for animals and environmental issues in Europe, she has made several interventions in classes and conferences to raise awareness of these different issues. She is currently working for the animal protection organisation Humane Society International/Europe as a wildlife policy consultant.



Descamps, Maud

Maud is a young graduate in European Studies from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. She holds a bilingual Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the Saint-Louis University in Brussels. Being particularly interested in international and European affairs, she has been involved in various organisations with a view to raising citizenship and leadership awareness.

www.votewatch.eu; [tw](https://twitter.com/VoteWatchEurope) @VoteWatchEurope; [f](https://www.facebook.com/VoteWatchEurope) VoteWatchEurope;
www.youtube.com/channel/UCL8VlqS532fboaX3e822VIA



Dierssen, Imke

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Doerfer, Achim

Achim Doerfer studied law and philosophy in Germany at Göttingen and Freiburg Universities. Having spent time as a visiting scholar at Cornell Law School and with a Paris law firm, and doing academic research, he has been practising law since 1997. His articles, interviews and contributions regularly appear in newspapers, on radio or TV. As a follow-up to his 2014 book on tax justice, his new book on consumer rights will be released in autumn 2016.

 www.radoerfer.eu



Doneva, Maya

Maya Doneva is international trainer and educator for youth in the topics of empowerment and inclusion. She is a co-founder of a start-up based in Varna, Bulgaria - The Social Teahouse which provides long-term mentorship and first job of youngsters, raised in orphanages. Maya has been a board member of the Bulgarian Youth Forum for 2 mandates and has been a consultant for the social innovation based concept of Varna's title for European Youth Capital 2017.

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Duch Guillot, Jaume

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Earley, James

James has worked in digital communications and campaigns for several pro-European think tanks and advocacy organisations. He is currently working for a digital agency in London and due to commence an EPSRC funded PhD at Newcastle University where he will be working on the design, deployment and evaluation of community-driven digital technologies to support public service provision and local democracy.



Ebah-Moussa, Caterine

Policy Officer working for the European Commission since 2003 in the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), and Team Coordinator for EU Aid Volunteers.

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/what/humanitarian-aid/eu-aid-volunteers_en



Ehrhardt, Mads

A former investment banker from Copenhagen and New York that broke the corporate career path, pursued a dream to sail around the world, and then went into digital photography and build Phase One's US business on the west coast. He created a fashion accessories company with clients including Barneys and Zara, venturing into the gaming and online community space with Europe's largest online gaming tournament community. That became social media, crowd-sourcing and entrepreneurship, and he is now an active mentor for start-ups, and companies such as Startupbootcamp, Venture cup and Sony.

www.copenhagenconcept.com; [in madsehrhardt](https://www.linkedin.com/in/madsehrhardt); www.fashionfinderapp.com



El Difraoui, Asiem

Dr Asiem El Difraoui is the Co-Founder of the Candit Foundation in Berlin. From 2010 to October 2012 he was a Research Associate at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin. Previously, he taught at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po.) from where he obtained his doctorate. El Difraoui holds an M.Phil from Sciences Po. and a BA from SOAS in London. He has extensively published about Jihadism, on Jihadist propaganda, de-radicalisation and prevention and consulted a large number of German and European institutions on these issues.



Emmerich, Jonas

Jonas Emmerich, 21, was born in Losheim am See, Saarland, Germany. After graduating from high school, he took classes at the International College in New York. Jonas now studies law at Saarland University in Saarbrücken. He serves as President of the Young Transatlantic Initiative, a NGO committed to strengthening cooperation between the younger generations of the United States of America and the European Union. Jonas is a founding member of Lions Club Saarschleife.

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[t Transatlantiker](https://www.twitter.com/Transatlantiker)



Eyup, Yaser

Yaser Eyup, 20, is in the second year of training as a construction mechanic at WIE-SHEU GmbH. The training lasts 3.5 years and offers a range of professional development options.

 www.wiesheu.de



Fandrejewski, Matthäus

Matthäus Fandrejewski is 26 years old young professional with a migration background. As a child his family immigrated from Poland to Germany. He worked from 2009 to 2015 in a German migration office and in 2013 he was elected to become the Representative of CESI Youth. In this position he is running the Youth Organisation of a European Trade Union Confederation (CESI) where he, amongst many other things, developed CESI's policies on migration.



Fernandes da Silva, Diogo

Diogo Silva is the current Regional Director for Europe, responsible for representing medical students worldwide in the European Institutions and together with European Partners. IFMSA has recently approved Mental Health as one of its priorities, in an effort to raise awareness and focus attention on the importance of mental health in youth and in the workplace, particularly high in health professionals.

 www.ifmsa.org;  [ifmsa](https://www.facebook.com/ifmsa)



Fernvall, Pål Simon

Pål Simon is a project manager at DTU Skylab, a melting pot for student innovation and entrepreneurship at the Technical University of Denmark. The 1500 m² of workshops and office facilities can be used for free by students. It aims to create a vibrant, experimental space where creativity and entrepreneurial spirit flow. Furthermore, the project enhances cooperation between students, the business world and other external partners. At DTU Skylab, students are welcome to play, learn, fail and succeed.

 www.skylab.dtu.dk



Fialka, Jindrich

Jindrich is the founder of Contiqua. The organisation brings together a team of designers with a fresh take on industrial waste. They give the leftover materials from industrial production a new lease of life by designing products from what would normally be thrown away, working with both the world's biggest companies and small local craftsmen. Interested in ecology and the stories behind products, Contiqua thinks it is essential to be part of the solution to a growing problem. Contiqua uses design to deal with waste.

 www.contiqua.co



Fies, Andrea

Andrea Fies is a German Journalist and one of the most known faces of ARTE. In addition to studying the general rhetoric at the University of Tübingen, she studied at the Sorbonne French literature and completed several semesters at the Henri Nannen School of Journalism in Hamburg. Since 1996 she has been working for the Franco-German television channel ARTE. There she moderates since 2004 the program arte Reportage. In addition, she also moderates Thema am Dienstag. Since 2000 she has lead the ARTE correspondent office in Berlin. In 2000 Andrea Fies was awarded got together with Véronique Barondeau the Franco-German journalism prize for their short reportage RU 468 - the abortion pill.



Filipkova, Diana

Diana connects Microsoft with the startup ecosystem in France, with the mission to help talents build startups, help startups create value and turn into awesome companies. At OuiShare, her personal engagement is to bring progress and fairness to individuals, organizations and institutions by engaging the not-always-smooth transition to collaborative and innovative models. Diana writes, both fiction and non-fiction, about economic and social perspectives, work, governance, and politics. She coordinated and co-wrote a book, 'Collaborative Society, The End of Hierarchy', published on May 21, 2015. She is also a speaker (TEDxParis, etc.).

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Freedman, Richard

Richard Freedman works for the European Parliamentary Research Service the field of communication. He has been working with the media for many years as a press officer for the European Parliament including for two Presidents of the Parliament. He is a graduate of the College of Europe in Bruges and the University of Kent having studied political science. A fan of social media but understand its limits.



George, Apostu

Apostu is 22 years old and lives in Brasov, Romania. When he was 15 years old he started volunteering at the Romanian Red Cross. After taking part in his first EU project, EVRECA, he realized that he could do a lot for youth and people in need.

 www.apostugeorge.wordpress.com;  [apostu.george](https://www.facebook.com/apostu.george)



Geraghty, Emma Jayne

Emma works with Young Friends of the Earth Europe – a youth-led grassroots network of young people and youth organisations working collectively for environmental and social justice on a local, national and European level. She has previously worked with Friends of the Earth Europe on issues related to transparency and trade in the context of the EU-US trade deal, developing in-depth research on investor-state dispute settlement cases taken against EU Member States.

 www.foeeurope.org/lyfoee;  [Young_FoEE](#);  [YoungFoEE](#)



Gernet, Jean-Baptiste

A graduate from Sciences Po in Strasbourg, Jean-Baptiste Gernet is currently studying a Masters in Town and Urban Planning. He was a former Parliamentary attaché for deputies and senators at Roland RIES in 2013 and 2014. He is a councillor at Euro-métropole Strasbourg, in charge of active (bikes, walking) and innovative mobility (car sharing, electric cars and new travel practises). Jean-Baptiste is also executive City Councillor for Social and Solidarity Economy and emerging economies (additional local currency , fair trade, etc.)



Gfrei, Bianca

Bianca Gfrei, 26, is co-founder and CEO of kiweno, the leading service to offer self-tests for food intolerances. She started her entrepreneurial career in 2014 and was elected Entrepreneur of the Year by the Austrian Chamber of Commerce in 2016. kiweno's mission: empowering personal healthcare via do-at-home blood tests and appealing visualisation of medical data. Prior to founding kiweno, which employs 25 professionals, she worked for Swarovski and was Managing Director of junior enterprise icons.

 www.kiveno.com;  [kiweno](#);  [@mykiweno](#)



Globokar, Lidija

Lidija Globokar holds a BA in Languages and Business and an Executive Master in Communication and European Affairs. She considers herself a true europhile, speaks four languages fluently and decided with a group of friends during her traineeship at the Commission in 2012 to fight youth unemployment by promoting professional development. The result was the creation of Project 668. This year, Lidija made it on the Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe list in the Policy category for her work on Project 668.

 www.project668.org;  [project668](#);  [project668](#);  [company/project-668](#)



Glück, Christopher

Chris has been active in youth politics for almost 10 years. Since October 2016 he is leading JEF Europe, the largest and oldest pro-European non-partisan political youth organisation. Originally from southern Germany, he now lives (and works) between London and Brussels. He studied History and Political Science in Munich and European Studies at the College of Europe in Natolin.

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Goncalves, Henrique

Growing up in the Portuguese countryside allowed Henrique to explore and develop a deep connection with nature. At the age of 18 he went to the faculty of architecture and became interested in sustainability, community-building, social work and problem-solving. At 26 Henrique moved to the Czech Republic for a year-long volunteering service in an international organisation, where he still works today, dealing with youth work, activism and environmental education.

<http://ecomaps.eu>; [f green.ecomaps](https://www.facebook.com/green.ecomaps)



Gouw, René

René Gouw is owner of Kolibri Logistiek, a webshop specialised in fulfillment in food and non-food. In 2014 they hosted a new entrepreneur from Italy that wanted to learn insight in logistic processes, and now an entrepreneur from Germany, that wants to learn all about the food products we store as well as the logistic processes behind it.

www.kolibrilogistiek.com



Greenwood, Justin

Professor Greenwood's life-long academic career specialism has been the study of interest representation in the EU. His most recent work has focused on the role of civil society in the development of the democratic legitimacy of the EU. He is the Principal Investigator for a research project funded by the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council, on Democratic Legitimacy in the EU: Inside the 'Black Box of Informal Trilogues'.

www.rgu.ac.uk/dmstaff/greenwood-justin



Griesbeck, Nathalie

Born in Metz, Nathalie Griesbeck obtained a Masters of Law at the University of Metz and two post-graduate degrees at the University of Nancy as valedictorian. She continues to be a lecturer in public law. Very involved locally, Nathalie Griesbeck has occupied several functions in the town hall council of Metz and in the departmental council of Moselle. Elected as a Member of the European Parliament in 2004 for the French "Grand Est" constituency as a centrist candidate (for the Union for French Democracy in 2004, the MoDem - Democratic Movement - in 2009, and the list "les Européens UDI-MoDem in 2014) Nathalie Griesbeck sits in the Civil liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee, the Employment and Social affairs Committee and takes part in both the Delegations to the ACP-EU and the Latin America-Euro Joint Parliamentary Assemblies.



Grootsholten, Scott William

Scott Grootsholten, 21, is currently in his final year of studies at Jean School in Amsterdam. The school's curriculum includes internships with companies. During his studies, Scott worked at G-Star Raw Amsterdam, which allowed him to gain knowledge of the business processes.

 www.Jeanschool.com



Guidikova, Irena

Irena Guidikova has been working at the Council of Europe since 1994. Her carrier started at the Directorate of Youth and Sport where she developed and carried out a large research programme on the future of democracy in Europe producing standards on e-governance and e-voting, party financing, internet literacy and an agenda for the future of democracy in Europe. She then worked at the Private Office of the Secretary General, and is now Head of Division at the Directorate of Democratic Governance, overseeing programmes on urban policies for intercultural integration and media and diversity. Since 2013 she is in charge of the organisation of the annual World Forum for Democracy on issues relating to democratic innovation.

 www.coe.int/interculturalcities



Guillaume, Sylvie

Sylvie Guillaume was first elected a Member of the European Parliament in 2009, in the South-East constituency of 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, in particular dealing with the harmonisation of the European asylum system and human rights.

 sylvieguillaume.eu;  [@sylvieguillaume](https://twitter.com/sylvieguillaume)



Gutmann, Francis

Francis Gutmann has been working for more than 30 years for the European institutions. The first 22 years for the European Commission in the regional, social and education domains. The next 10 years for the European Parliament where he has organised numerous events such as the Open Days and award ceremonies of the Sakharov Prize, the Citizens Prize or the Charlemagne Youth Prize. True European believer, he is passionate about communication with European Citizens.



Haas, Mathias

Mathias Haas is CEO and founder of SuperSocial e.U., a social media agency, dealing with social media marketing and social responsibility.

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Haffner, Dorothée

Dorothée is a French-German 30 year-old journalist. She works in the news sector, covering European and international news for the TV channel ARTE. She has studied in France, Germany and the United Kingdom and she belongs to the generation of young Europeans who made the most of programmes such as Erasmus.

<http://info.arte.tv/fr/arte-journal-junior>



Haidar, Ensaf

Ensaf Haidar is an award-winning Saudi human rights activist known for her fight for the freedom of her husband Raif Badawi (convicted in 2012 and Sakharov Prize laureate 2015). Ms Haidar co-founded the Quebec-based Raif Badawi Foundation for Freedom, and is author of the book Freedom for Raif Badawi, the Love of my Life. Currently in Canada with her children, she continues to lead a fierce battle for the release of her husband through publications, global interviews and debates.

www.raifbadawifoundation.org; [@RBFF_FRBL](https://twitter.com/RBFF_FRBL)



Hajnos, Miroslav

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Heinonen, Tuula

Professor Heinonen is a toxicologist with over 25 years' practical experience in toxicology and alternative in-vitro methods. She was responsible for setting up FICAM, an expert centre that focuses on the development of human-cell-based validated tissue and organ models to supplement and replace animal experiments, educate scientists, give lectures and share information. FICAM is the official OECD-GLP grade validation laboratory for EURL ECVAM. Professor Heinonen is the Finnish PARERE representative.

 www.ficam.fi



Held, Julia

Julia Held was born in Bremen in 1977 as the daughter of a German mother and an Algerian father. She studied German linguistic and literature, dramatic, cinematic and television science as well as public law at the university of Cologne, and journalism at the German School of Journalism in Munich. She also studies Middle East politics and Islamic science at the Tel Aviv University. She achieved her first journalistic experiences at the Süddeutsche Zeitung (Journal of South Germany) and at the WDR (Westdeutscher Rundfunk, West German broadcasting). Since 2006 she is working at the ZDF (Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen, Second German Television) for foreign-policy programs, as a reporter and a moderator. Besides she co-worked on the development of the arte program «yourope».

 <http://info.artetv.fr/yourope>



Höfchen, Carolyn

Carolyn is a journalist at ARTE in Strasbourg. She works as moderator, editor and reporter for ARTE Journal and ARTE Journal Junior. Before she was active in SWR and EinsPlus, the youth digital television channel of ARD. She studied German-French journalism in Freiburg and at the journalistic college in Strasbourg.

 <http://info.artetv.de/artetv-journal-junior>;  <http://info.artetv.de/sendungen/artetv-journal>



Hoepel, Osiris

Osiris is the project coordinator and trainer of the House of Youth, a youth organisation in the Netherlands. The organisation promotes youth participation in society, and creates bridges and a dialogue between politicians and young people. Osiris is the Dutch Youth Ambassador of the OSCE and a Member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe. As a freelance trainer, Osiris gives workshops and training on soft skills and active citizenship.

 www.huisvandejeugd.nl



Holtom, Duncan

Duncan joined People and Work in 2004 and became Head of Research in 2009. He works on youth policy in Wales and across Europe. Prior to joining People and Work, Duncan completed his PhD at the University of Wales Swansea in 2003 and worked as an Associate of the Centre for Development Studies at the University of Wales Swansea, and the Community Service and Research Centre at the University of Queensland.

www.peopleandworkunit.org.uk



Hosseini, Mir Wais

Trained at the University of Strasbourg, PhD under the supervision of Professor Jean-Marie Lehn. Professor of Chemistry at the University of Strasbourg, Senior member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF), Chair of Molecular Tectonics. Member of Academia Europaea, Silver Medal of CNRS, Alexander von Humboldt Research Prize and Izatt and Christensen international awardee, French-Italian and French-German binational awards.

http://lcco.u-strasbg.fr/?page_id=1272



Hubert, Antoine

After having studied bioengineering in Belgium and Canada and after two years as secondary school teacher, Antoine Hubert was in charge of the development of the e-robotics lab (teacher training facility) in Belgium for the European Space Agency (ESA). He is today coordinating the production and the organisation of classroom and teacher activities for the ESA Education Office in the Netherlands.

www.esa.int www.esa.int/education



Iacobello, Salvatore

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Inayat, Mariam

Mariam has been working to engage young people in democratic processes since 2011. She is a former member of the UK Youth Parliament and a current British Youth Council Trustee. Mariam has represented young people's views on numerous European platforms at events such as EYE 2014 and the World Forum for Democracy 2014. She has been invited to attend the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe as a youth delegate and as a speaker.

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Jaber, Asmaa

Asmaa Jaber has been teaching political science in Sciences Po Paris since 2012. She is doing a PhD on children's construction of politics in highly segregated contexts. Moreover, Asmaa has also been working on the Syrian case for 4 years, within a network of hundreds of young Syrians in and out of Syria (French/Syrian NGO Syria Charity, Syria Relief Network), and is currently working in Reporters Without Borders/RSF, Middle East desk in Paris.



Jaf, Mina

Mina was born in Kurdistan. When she was 11 years old, her family was forced to flee to Denmark as refugee. Since arriving in Europe, she has worked tirelessly on refugee issues and on women's rights, bringing her personal experience and perspective to her vocal advocacy. As an EVS volunteer she has been responsible for the management of around 200 volunteers in an information point in Brussels for refugees and asylum seekers.

 about.me/minaraha88;  [Mina Halabjai](https://www.facebook.com/MinaHalabjai);  [mina_halabjai](https://www.instagram.com/mina_halabjai)



Jahnke, Stefan

Stefan Jahnke is a youth activist and volunteer in the field of youth and education. In the past he was the President of the Erasmus Student Network (2013-2015), and he is currently a board member of the Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association (ESAA). He is also a youth ambassador for the EU initiative "A New Narrative for Europe", where he encourages young people to critically discuss Europe and its future.

 [StefanJahnke](https://twitter.com/StefanJahnke)



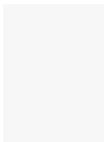
Jahr, Peter

Peter Jahr, born in 1959 in Saxony (Germany), became a Member of the Saxon State Parliament in 1990 and joined the German Bundestag in 2002. Since 2009 Peter Jahr is Member of the European Parliament. He holds a PhD in agriculture and has always been a politician with special expertise in that field. Peter Jahr is also Member of the Committee on Petitions in the European Parliament and the spokesperson of the Committee for the European Peoples Party (EPP).



Jobs, Eva

Eva Jobs is a PhD candidate at the University of Marburg. In her dissertation she addresses the role of trust in transatlantic intelligence cooperation. She currently works for the German Military History Museum. Prior to that, she held positions as a visiting scholar at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as a research fellow at AICGS and as an advisor for public history media. Ms Jobs holds a Master's degree from Philipps University, Marburg. In 2011/12 she was a research assistant for the Independent Research Commission for the History of the German Intelligence Service in Berlin and Washington, DC.



Johann, Carmen Katharina

Carmen Johann is a researcher, developer and interdisciplinary designer for interactive media from Cologne / Germany. She holds a Master of Arts from TH Köln Cologne Game Lab focusing on Game Development and Research. Parallel to her work she supports the NOTGAMES FEST exhibition since 2011, strengthening artists and designers all over the world, working in the field of interactive media to keep an open and free exchange. Creating valuable concepts embedded and participating with social processes in everyday life and the culture of knowledge is an important guideline for her work.

 www.carmenjohann.de



Jóhannsdóttir, Laufey Maria

21 years old, from Iceland. Currently on the board of OBESSU, a school student organisation working on a European level. She has been involved in school student activism for six years. She was on the board of her national school student union for three years, being the president of the union the last two. Her current responsibilities in her capacity as board member of OBESSU include working with VET, students' welfare, and school student structure development.

 <http://obessu.org>;  [OBESSU](#);  [@obessu](#)



Jurecková, Tereza

Tereza Jurecková is a social entrepreneur from the Czech Republic. She is the co-founder of Pragulic, which provides city tours guided by homeless people. Tereza, through Pragulic, is trying to promote social entrepreneurship and give people the opportunity to experience life from the homeless perspective, all while helping to improve the situation of homeless people. The project won several international prizes and Tereza became the Social Entrepreneur of the Year in 2014 and was listed in the Top 30 Under 30 by Forbes. Currently, she consults and advises on sustainable business ideas for different organisations.

 www.pragulic.cz;  [Pragulic](#)



Kaabi, Nour

Nour Kaabi was formal president in AIESEC which is an international NGO only run by students, and co-founder the project «Expolugha» which aims to promote languages and cultural diversity among youth, public, and job seekers. Then she joined the directory board of a regional project of UNV. Today, she is the project coordinator of Jamaity an associative, interactive and participatory platform that gathers CSOs and Technical and Financial Partners in the same place to facilitate their networking and give them access to information. She is also a member of the Youth Advisory Panel of the United Nations in Tunisia.



Kavanagh, Joey

Joey Kavanagh is the founder of the Get The Boat 2 Vote campaign, which called on vote-eligible Irish citizens living overseas to return home and vote yes in a referendum on same sex marriage. In May 2015, the referendum was passed and the #hometovote hashtag trended worldwide on social media. Since the referendum, Get The Boat 2 Vote have joined a number of organisations in campaigning for improved voting provisions for Irish citizens living abroad.

 www.gettheboat2vote.com;  [gettheboat2vote](#);  [gettheboat2vote](#)



Kojala, Linas

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Kolb, Birgit

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Konohovs, Artjoms

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Kath Penaluna has a background in banking and financial management, but moved to entrepreneurial education in the mid 90s. Finding herself challenged when working with creative industry students, she discovered that creative mindsets work differently to analytical ones, and that being entrepreneurial requires the development of both sets of thinking. Kath's work has led to policy development with the European Commission and OECD; she has also advised the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.



Petersen, Cassandra

JADE's Vice President, Cassandra worked for a Junior Enterprise as Quality Manager while graduating from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, with a Master's degree in International Business Law & Management. She has extensive working experience in advisory, legal and public diplomacy, is a frequent guest writer for 'The European Sting', was an international observer for the OAS during the presidential elections in Mexico and an intern for the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York.

www.jadenet.org/; [JADE.network](https://www.facebook.com/JADE.network)



Pingel, Milan

Milan Pingel has always been fascinated by all types of media. After his BA in Media Culture from Bauhaus University, Weimar, Germany, he moved on to pursue an MA in Game Research & Development at the Cologne Game Lab. He is now working as a Narrative Designer on a VR (virtual reality) Space Adventure in an Indie Studio. His main interests in the game sphere are possibilities for persuasive games, playful expression and interactive storytelling. His credo: "Games are art and so are you."

 [@milanpingel](https://twitter.com/milanpingel)



Pirker, Patrick

Part of Team Austria, winners of the European Cyber Security Challenge in 2014 and 2015.

 www.europeancybersecuritychallenge.eu



Plaisier, Fenna

As a historian, Fenna Plaisier is always looking for the story behind current events. She believes that when you want to solve a problem, you have to know its context. Her special interest is the climate problem: how can we create a fair and sustainable society? She seeks to work on innovative, creative ideas that offer a solution to this issue. She sees many great innovative projects which are part of the solution and hopes that her idea will be one of them in the future.

 [fcplaisier](https://twitter.com/fcplaisier);  [fenna-plaisier-241a3848](https://www.linkedin.com/in/fenna-plaisier-241a3848)



Pomatto, Valentina

Valentina holds a Master in International Relations and Human Rights. She has acquired working experience both on advocacy and project management, with different NGOs in Belgium and in Senegal (No Peace Without Justice, Community Promotion and Development, the International Diabetes Federation, and Tostan).

 www.eee-yfu.org



Pranckevicius, Arnoldas

External policies adviser to EP President Martin Schulz, advising on Russia, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans and Asia. Coordinated the work of Cox-Kwasniewski mission to Ukraine. At the EP since 2006, previously worked in the Cabinet of President Jerzy Buzek, Committee for Foreign Affairs and Interparliamentary delegations for Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Earlier served as domestic policy adviser to Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus. Holds MA from Sciences Po Paris and BA from Colgate University, USA.



Prpic, Martina

Martina Prpic is a Policy Analyst at the European Parliamentary Research Service, where she works in the Citizens' Policies Unit on issues related to gender, equality and diversity, migration and freedom of movement. Before joining the Parliament, she worked as a researcher and consultant on various policy topics.

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Quentel, Armelle

Armelle Quentel has been working for EPA-JA Europe since 2010. Prior to EPA she worked as a business developer for an international company. Armelle has held position as a trainer for young adult in business and entrepreneurship. She contributes to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. She holds a degree in Economics and a Master in human resources and innovation. Her key words are: entrepreneurship education, young adults' Innovation - creativity, learning by doing - enthusiasm - energy.



Rafik-Elmrini, Nawel

Nawel Rafic-Elmrini has been a lawyer since 2002 and is currently Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg. She has been in charge of European and international relations , twinning, and decentralised co-operations since 2008. She represents Strasbourg in The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in the European Council and invests a lot of time in to issues surrounding education, cultural diversity and the fight against discrimination. Ms Rafik-Elmrini chairs the Information Centre on European Institutions among other things , and is Vice President of the Regional Institution for Cooperation Development.



Raghavan, Maanasa

Maanasa Raghavan is a Canadian molecular biologist interested in human genomics. She obtained her PhD at the University of Copenhagen (2011), funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA), and was a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for GeoGenetics, Denmark (2012-2015). Currently she is a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge. Maanasa has many quotes in leading scientific publications (Nature, Science), and was awarded the 2014 'Promising Research Talent' prize by MSCA.

 www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/directory/maanasa-rhagavan



Rauschendorf, Frank

Frank studied from 2007 to 2012 at the University of Freiburg and the University of Strasbourg. He completed his studies in 2012 with a bi-national master in journalism. Frank then worked as a free-lance cameraman and TV-journalist for several local media enterprises in the region of Freiburg. Since 2014, he has mainly been working for the German-French TV-station Arte in Strasbourg, where he has been hosting the youth news show 'Arte Journal Junior' since October 2015.

 <http://info.arte.tv/fr/arte-journal-junior>



Roberts, Hadleigh

Hadleigh Roberts is a French/Spanish to English translator educated at the University of Bath, UK. He is a Member of the South West Regional Board of the UK Labour Party and Vice President of the Bristol Labour Party, and was a candidate in the European Parliament elections in 2014 and a parliamentary candidate in the UK General Elections in 2015. Hadleigh Roberts translated François Hollande's manifesto into English for the 2012 presidential campaign, and formerly worked for the Parti Socialiste in Nice, France. He studied at the Universidad de Alcalá de Henares in Madrid, Spain.

 <http://hadleighroberts.com>;  [@hadleighroberts](https://twitter.com/hadleighroberts)



Roblek, Roman

Roman was born in 1990 in Klagenfurt/Celovec, Austria as part of the Carinthian Slovene minority in southern Austria. He studies law and politics in Graz. As a student, he dedicates himself to the rights and culture of his minority and was active in the Slovenian Students Association. Since 2015 he is a Board member of Youth of European Nationalities, where he is fighting for the recognition and rights of all minorities in Europe.

 [yeni.org](https://www.facebook.com/yeni.org);  www.yeni.org



Ruhrmann, Katrin

Katrin Ruhmann has been the Director of the European Parliament's Information Offices since 2009. She started her career as a trainee with the European Commission. She then worked as a strategy consultant. In 1991 she joined the European Parliament as spokesperson for the EPP group. From 2007 to 2009 she was Spokeswoman of the Parliament and in 2009 Head of the Cabinet of the President of the European Parliament.

 www.europarl.europa.eu/the-secretary-general/en/organisation/directorategenerals/communication.html



Runchi, Daniela

Daniela Runchi is JADE (European Confederation of Junior Enterprises) President 2016. Graduating from Bocconi University (Milan) with an MSc in Economics, she has been a member of the Junior Enterprise movement since 2012: she has worked in her JE as Network Manager, Secretary and President and as Secretary and President of JADE Italia. Additionally, she has worked as a PM for a start-up in accessible tourism and for a design company in Italy.

www.jadenet.org; [f JADE.network](https://www.facebook.com/JADE.network); [@JADENetwork](https://twitter.com/JADENetwork)



Rustrum, Chelsea

Chelsea Rustrum is a sharing economy author, facilitator, and consultant with a deep practical knowledge of the collaborative economy. She is the author of "It's a Shareable Life" and "The Sharer's educational series". Her current interest is in how sharing can be integrated into value distribution models, where ownership is shared among the value creators themselves. She has advised dozens of marketplaces and enterprise audiences, spoken at TEDx Expo and contributed to WSJ, Wired and The Economist.

www.rustrum.com; [chelsearustrum](https://twitter.com/chelsearustrum)



Ryan, Karl

Karl Ryan joined Google's European Public Policy team in August 2015. His focus areas are social and economic impact, digital transformation and skills, and relations with the European Parliament. Before joining Google, Karl was a member of the cabinet of the European Ombudsman and before that an advisor to a Member of the European Parliament on the Internal Market and Consumer Affairs Committee. After graduating from University College Cork in Ireland with a dual degree in law and the Irish language, Karl spent time a summer interning in the United States Congress before moving to Brussels. Karl loves to run so all running-related comments and questions are very welcome!



Sabido, Pascoe

Working on exposing and rolling back the influence of corporate lobbyists in Brussels and at the UN, with a particularly focus on climate.

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Saigal, Anika

Anika is Founder of RoomSplit, a platform connecting those travelling solo to share their accommodation and split the cost. She is alum of Google's 30 Weeks incubator for design founders. She stays with an intentional community at an experimental co-living space in San Francisco, studying the future of work and travel, and how we choose our tribes. Having shared two-bed hotel rooms with entrepreneurs, scientists and artists over the past three years, she believes in the value of exploring one's peripheral vision - where innovation and fresh ideas happen around the edges of the expected. She encourages actively creating space in one's life for intentional serenity. Speaking on stage at South By SouthWest 2016, Anika introduced the word "serentention", which she is suggesting for entry in the Oxford English Dictionary.

 [anikasai](#)



Samardžić-Markovic, Snežana

Snežana Samardžić-Marković is since 2012 Director General of Democracy at the Council of Europe, in charge of the Organisation's action promoting democratic innovation, governance, participation and diversity. Her responsibilities include the policy areas of education and youth, local democracy, cultural policies, election assistance, the protection of human dignity, gender equality, children's rights, and the rights of minorities, societal defences against discrimination, democratic citizenship, social cohesion, intercultural dialogue and democratic responses to crisis situations. Previously, Snežana has held numerous positions in the Serbian Government.



Sander, Anne

Anne Sander obtained a PhD in Economics from the University of Strasbourg. She was Chairwoman of the 'Territories and Cooperation' Committee of the CESER from 2013 to 2014. From 2007 to 2014, she was also President of the Young Economic Chamber of Haguenau. As an MEP, she focuses on issues related to employment and social affairs, but also on issues related to industry, research and energy. She is also interested in agriculture and everything affecting cross-border regions.



Schaefer, Sebastian

Sebastian Schaefer wanted to become a teacher originally. However, he discovered that online marketing is more interesting. He is specialised on campaigns for job seeking students and young professionals. Currently, he works at 22CONNECT AG and its job platform Talents Connect. In contrast to other platforms, it compares wishes of applicants and demands of recruiters. Instead of enormous lists of job offers, Talents Connect is able to recommend the right applicants to the right jobs.

 www.talentsconnect.com;  [talentsconnect](#)



Schilis-Gallego, Cécile

Cécile Schilis-Gallego has worked with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) since 2014. She has done data analysis for projects on the World Bank, Australian mining companies and tax evasion (Swiss Leaks, The Panama Papers).

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Schneidereit, Carmen

Carmen Schneidereit is an artist and game designer with a personal interest in privacy, digital culture and activism in media. She has a background in the field of Media Law and is currently expanding her artistic skills at the Cologne Game Lab. For many years she has been an active member of Makerspaces, where she became passionate about making games. She has also co-organised several events (workshops, game jams) and a conference on user empowerment in the digital age.

 www.colognegamelab.de/institute/people



Schubert, Lucie

Lucie Schubert is working as a freelance trainer, facilitator, coach and consultant, mainly in the fields of non-formal education, youth work, social entrepreneurship, social innovation and entrepreneurship by young people, but also in connected fields in non-formal education, formal education, businesses and institutions. Lucie Schubert has been a trainer for Erasmus+, the Youth in Action Programme (for the Czech national agency), the Social Impact Award, the International Young Naturefriends (IYNF), as well as a consultant for the VIA Foundation. She is involved in projects such as Inovatori and Learn Canvas, and is a passionate Ultimate Frisbee player, slackliner and city-biker.

 www.iynf.org;  <http://socialimpactaward.net>;  www.inovatori.cz;
 www.leancanvas.cz



Schulz, Carsten

Carsten Schulz is 30 years old. He comes from Germany and is currently serving the last year of a three years' training for carpenters in the «Schreinerei Kopf GmbH» in Stuttgart. In the framework of this training, he participated in an Erasmus+ project in March 2015 to work for 4 weeks at «Colin Parker - Furniture Makers & Carpenters» in Edinburgh, a carpenters' workshop specialised in solid wood furniture.



Schulz, Martin

Martin Schulz kicked-off his political career when joining the Social Democratic Party of Germany at the age of 19. At 31, he was elected as the youngest mayor of North Rhine-Westphalia, a post he held for 11 years. Since 1994, Martin Schulz became an MEP and in 2004 he was elected leader of the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament. He was elected President of the European Parliament in 2012.



Schumacher, Moritz

Moritz studied law at the University of Cologne. During his legal traineeship he focused on intellectual property law in a law firm and worked in Cape Town, SA. He started working as an attorney in 2010 and specialised in intellectual property law by completing a postgraduate law degree (LL.M.) at the Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. He advises and represents clients in patent infringement proceedings and in the areas of trademarks, designs and copyright law.

 www.hoyngrokhmonegier.com



Schwab, Andreas

Andreas Schwab has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2004. Born in 1973, he studied law at the University of Freiburg, the Institut d'études Politiques in Paris and the University of Wales. He is the EPP Group Coordinator in the Internal Market Committee, substitute Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, member of the Bureau of the EPP Group, and substitute Bureau Member of the CDU/CSU Group in the European Parliament.



Segard, Margarida

Margarida Segard is Deputy Director of ISQ, Portugal. She is responsible for training projects and programmes in more than 20 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia, such as projects for development and innovative training services in technological areas, for "high performance work", and for "employment, better jobs and more inclusion". Margarida Segard is Vice President of the European Association for Vocational, Education and Training Institutes (EVBB), where she is responsible for European Affairs. She is an expert and advisor in the European Platform for VET Vocational Education and Training, founder and national coordinator of the Portuguese CSR Network "RSO PT", ECVT national expert and an executive member of the National Commission for Quality in VET.

 www.evbb.eu



Sieber, Andreas

24-year-old Andreas Sieber has organised some of Germany's biggest environmental youth campaigns; he attended his first UN climate conference in 2009. Last year The Guardian named him as one of the top 12 young climate campaigners worldwide. Currently Sieber lives on a Greenpeace ship and also manages the European division of Climate Tracker, a global network of 4 000 environmental bloggers and journalists. He is a big fan of climate justice, climbing and electro swing.

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Sinaceur, Mustapha

Mustapha Sinaceur, a national of Morocco, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and Jurisprudence. He began his career at the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform. Later, he became Deputy Head BNDE Representation in Casablanca and then Head BNDE Representation in Agadir for the Southern Provinces. He served as FAO Deputy Representative in Rome, FAO Representative in the Syrian Arab Republic, Subregional Representative for North Africa, FAO Representative in Tunisia, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

 www.fao.org



Sitaram, Anya

Anya Sitaram is a journalist and television producer. A former ITN Health and Science Correspondent and news anchor on Sky News and the BBC, she now works behind the camera making documentaries for international TV channels. Her company Rockhopper TV specialises in global health, environment and international development. Anya regularly moderates panels for the European Commission, UN bodies and NGO's.



Smodlaka Tankovic, Mirta

Mirta Smodlaka Tankovic is a researcher at the Center for Marine Research, Rucer Boškovic Institute in Rovinj, Croatia. She obtained her PhD in Marine Science at the University of Zagreb. Her main research interest is the marine litter issue, evolutionary ecology and ecotoxicology. She collaborated on different research projects on marine and costal monitoring and management. She was the coordinator for the EU project MARELITT in Croatia.

 www.irb.hr



Sonny, Anna

Anna started working at Civitas in 2012 and has been running the EU Project for over 3 years. She graduated from King's College London in 2011 with a degree in French and Hispanic Studies and she is currently enrolled on the Graduate Diploma in Economics part-time, at Birkbeck University.

www.civitas.org.uk/; [@Civitas_UK](https://twitter.com/Civitas_UK); www.rockhopper.tv; [@AnyaSitaram](https://twitter.com/AnyaSitaram)



Stepien, Katarzyna

Since 2012 Katarzyna has been involved in international youth work as educator, project coordinator and facilitator, working in organizations in Poland, the Netherlands, the UK and volunteering in communities globally. Her interest lies in promoting social change and empowering people to discover their potential, by supporting their learning process on various levels. She has been working in the fields of non-formal education, volunteering, inclusion, social justice, non-violent communication, embodied learning, intercultural dialogue, global education.



Stoyanov, Atanas

Atanas Stoyanov is a young Roma professional currently working in the field of the Roma Inclusion Advocacy in Brussels. Atanas has a Master degree in Public Policy from the Central European University in Budapest. He has been elected as a Municipal Councillor in Bulgaria (2011-2015) and has an extensive working experience with the Roma civil society across Europe.

www.ergonetwork.org; <http://phirenamenca.eu>



Suliman, Jihad

Jihad was born in Syria in 1983. He is a master student in Media and Communication Management and holds a bachelor in Media and Communication and a diploma in Trade and Economics. Jihad worked for almost six years for the UN before he fled Syria due to war. He works as a freelancer in the intercultural communication field and is active in many initiatives to facilitate the integration of the refugees in the community.



Szabados, Viktor

Viktor Szabados (1982, Hungary) studied business administration in Vienna, Austria. He used to work as a project manager for businesses, government bodies and international organisations. Since 2012 he has been active in Internet Governance structures. As a consultant and trainer in the No Hate Speech Movement, he supports training courses, conferences and cooperations, and represents the Movement all over Europe. Since 2014 he has been working in Switzerland in sales and marketing. He is a member of the Internet Rights and Principles Coalition and the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group ICANN.

www.nohatespeechmovement.org; [f](https://www.facebook.com/combatinghatespeech) *nohatespeech*; [t](https://twitter.com/nohate_speech) *nohate_speech*;
[f](https://www.facebook.com/groups/combatinghatespeech) *groups/combatinghatespeech*



Szabò, Orsolya

Orsolya Szabò is currently working at Phiren Amenca's Budapest office. Her main responsibility is to conduct a Europe-wide research on volunteering as a tool for Roma youth participation. Orsolya is an alumna of the Central European University's Human Rights Master's program. She has been active in the field since 2011 when she started volunteering in a Dutch NGO for victims of sexual exploitation.

[http://phirenamenca.eu/](http://phirenamenca.eu)



Tekeli, Cihan

Cihan Tekeli holds degrees in philosophy and Islamic Studies from the University of Leiden. After finishing a fellowship at the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington DC in 2009, he started working in his current position as an educator at the international department of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. He is the mentor and supervisor for former inmates at Brotherhood Rehabilitation, which he co-founded in 2013. He has been a Humanity in Action senior fellow since 2008 and is one of the founders of Mo&Moos, a network of key Jewish and Muslim figures in Amsterdam.

www.annefrank.org



Tenho, Juha

Juha Tenho is a young farmer from Ulvila, Finland. He has been a member of the board of MTK, Finland's Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners for over two years and a member of his regional young farmer committee for three years before that. Alongside this role in young farmer representation, after ten years of gaining practical experience, he began managing his own organic beef and lamb production together with his wife on their own holding, Tenho Farms, in 2012. Juha Tenho is also involved in local politics and has been part of the City Council of Ulvila since 2005, currently as a member of the City Board.

www.ceja.eu; [f](https://www.facebook.com/cejayoungfarmers) *cejayoungfarmers*; [t](https://twitter.com/_CEJA_) *_CEJA_*



Thyssen, Marianne

Marianne Thyssen holds an MA in Law. From 1998 to 2008 she was a Municipal Councillor in Oud-Heverlee. She was a Member of the European Parliament from 1991 to 2014. During this time she was also Head of the Belgian Delegation of the EPP Group and First Vice-President of the EPP Group. From 2008 to 2010 Commissioner Thyssen was Party Leader of the Flemish Christian-Democratic party (CD&V).

http://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/thyssen_en

[mariannethyssen](#); [mariannethyssen](#)



Tillmanns, Katharina

Katharina Tillmanns is a researcher, creator and lecturer for interactive media based in Cologne, Germany. In her studies and work she explores and promotes the expressive qualities of games as a means of art and activism. Katharina Tillmanns is Co-President of Games for Change Europe and Head of Research & Communications at the Cologne Game Lab – Institute for Game Development and Research at TH Köln.

www.g4ceurope.eu



Todd, Zara

Zara is the chair of the European network on Independent living 's Youth Network. She is a campaigner for disability, children's and women's rights in the UK and Europe. She works for a disabled people's organization in the UK supporting community engagement. She is also a director of a disabled women's organization in the UK called Sisters of Frida. She takes an intersectional approach to identity and a non-hierarchical approach to disability.

www.enil.eu; [@enilyouth](#) [@toddes23](#)



Topkara, Dilek

After spending several years abroad studying food science and technology and gaining first-hand experiences in leading cake companies, Dilek Topkara returned to Berlin in 2013 to found her patisserie "dilekerei". She has worked in London, New York, and Berlin and has been awarded numerous scholarships by the European Commission to study abroad. Handcrafting high-quality pastries using traditional techniques in combination with high-quality ingredients, she focuses on producing truly delightful creations.

www.dilekerei.com; [dilekerei](#); [Dilekerei](#);

<https://de.pinterest.com/dilektopkara>



Trantina, Pavel

President of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship in the European Economic and Social Committee, Pavel was born in 1975 in Czechoslovakia and studied history and political science at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague. Pavel has acted as a volunteer for more than 20 years at various levels in a number of organisations. He has worked as a political analyst in the Office of the President of the Czech Republic, and acted as International Commissioner of Junak – Association of Scouts and Guides of the Czech Republic, Chairman of the Czech Council of Children and Youth, Director of the Department of EU Affairs at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, and Coordinator of recognition of non-formal education in the project „Keys for life“. In 2011 he was President of the EESC Coordination Group for the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and Co-chair of the Working group on the Legal Framework of Volunteering. Since February 2013 he has been the first President of the European Alliance for Volunteering.

www.eesc.europa.eu; www.volunteering-alliance.eu



Traxler, Tobias

Tobias Traxler worked as an intern at the Anne Frank House between August 2014 and September 2015 as an alternative to military service. He graduated from a pioneering school project targeted at attracting highly gifted children in June 2014. For the past six months he has been involved in different Anne Frank House projects, such as peer guide training courses and translations of Free2choose clips. Currently he is pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences at Amsterdam University College.

www.annefrank.org



Tucci, Giuseppina

Giuseppina Tucci is 23 years old. She has been active in the school student movement since she was 14 at different levels, from local to national to European. She attended a Vocational Education and Training (VET) school as a pathway to the academic world of linguistics, and she is working on a variety of projects with NGOs in Italy. Since 2014 she has been a Board Member of OBESSU, where she works on VET, social inclusion, global networking and school student structure development.

www.obessu.org; [@obessu](https://twitter.com/obessu); [@giuseppinatucci](https://twitter.com/giuseppinatucci); [f obessu](https://www.facebook.com/obessu)



Tusiewicz, Katarzyna

Katarzyna Tusiewicz is a professional with national and international experience of working and volunteering for NGOs in the fields of advocacy, social mobilisation and awareness raising. She has been involved in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative since 2012, first as a volunteer in the pilot project in Colombia and later as a participant in workshops and conferences in Brussels. Since October 2015 Katarzyna Tusiewicz has been working for in Alianza por la Solidaridad in Portugal.

 www.alianzaporlasolidaridad.org



Valerius, Kathrin

Kathrin Valerius studied physics at the University of Bonn and specialised in the emerging field of Astroparticle Physics. In 2009 she obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Münster, and went on to carry out post-doctoral research in Erlangen and Paris. Since 2014 she is leading a Junior Research Group at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. Apart from her research and teaching activities, Kathrin enjoys discussing fundamental science with the public in outreach events.

 www.kit.edu



Vandenkendelaere, Tom

Tom Vandenkendelaere, PhD Internal Relations (Kent), was elected as the chairman of the youth wing of the Flemish Christian-Democratic Party CD&V in 2012. His term ended abruptly when he joined the European Parliament in November 2014, as the successor to European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen. His areas of work are economic & monetary affairs, agro-food & youth employment. In his spare time he likes to stroll in his hometown Roeselare, watching volleyball and rally and enjoys good food.



Vanecková, Zuzana

Starting with volunteering in the local scout unit Zuzana became international youth delegate and board member of CRDM responsible for international agenda, recognition of non-formal education, quality internships and youth employment in general. Apart of volunteering, Zuzana works in the HR department in SAP and study Adult Education and Personal Management at Charles University in Prague.

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Vanhee, Jan

Jan Vanhee works on international youth policy in the Division for Youth at the Department for Culture, Youth, Sports and Media in the Flemish Community of Belgium. He is youth affairs attaché in the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the European Union (Flemish Representation). He represents Belgium (Flanders) in the EU Youth Working Party and on the Council of Europe's Intergovernmental Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and follows all major political developments and debates on youth (work) issues in Europe and beyond.

 [@janvanhee1](https://twitter.com/janvanhee1)



van Houdt, Floor

Floor van Houdt is working on EU youth affairs within the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education and Culture since 2009. She currently is Deputy Head of Unit in charge of Erasmus+.



Van Mulders, Julie

Julie Van Mulders from Luxembourg, who is 22 years old, studied social work at the university of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium. Since 2003 she has been a member of the Scouts; in 2011 she joined Young Caritas in Luxembourg. Since the end of her studies in 2016, she has been taking part in many social projects.

 www.youngcaritas.com



van Weezel, Natascha

Natascha van Weezel is a 29-year-old filmmaker and journalist from Amsterdam. She is very interested in interfaith communication, because she believes people from different backgrounds benefit from getting to know each other. She therefore also works as a trainer to give Jews and Muslims the chance to mingle, understand each other and become friends.

 [natascha.vanweezel](https://www.facebook.com/natascha.vanweezel)



van Turnhout, Jillian

Jillian van Turnhout is a leading children's rights advocate and a former Senator in Ireland. Jillian is involved with a number of organisations on a pro bono basis including as Vice Chair of European Movement Ireland. In recognition of her work in Europe as one of the co-founders of the European Youth Forum and as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Jillian was appointed Honorary President of the UCC Europa Society for 2016-2017.

 www.jillianvanturnhout.ie



Verbeek, Sara Anna Maria (Sammie)

Sammie Verbeek is a Criminology student at Leiden University, the Netherlands. She started debating at the age of 15 in an exchange program with Turkey, Hungary and Latvia. In 2014, she joined the Navigators Academy, a project of the International Debate Education Association (IDEA) NL, where youngsters encourage dialogue between youth and policy makers about current issues in the Dutch society. In 2016, she will coordinate this program together with one of her colleagues from the former Navigators Academy.

 [iDebate](#)



Vercnocke, Bert

How did our universe evolve from the Big Bang to the vast space we see around us today? What is inside a black hole? To answer such questions, string theorist Bert Vercnocke followed a research path through universities in Leuven, Paris, Stanford and Amsterdam. Father of two, husband of one, Bert is passionate about communicating science, for instance through the science-meets-society platform 'Otlet Salons' he helps to organise in his native Belgium.



Visentin, Gianfranco

Mr Gianfranco Visentin is at the head of the Automation and Robotics (A&R) group supporting ESA robotics projects and Research and Development (R&D). The projects include the European Robot Arm (ERA), the Columbus Microgravity Facilities, the EUROBOT system and the ExoMars project. His R&D covers conventional robotics platforms (rovers, robot arms), alternative robotic platforms (moles, aerobots, walking robots), robot autonomy, teleoperation and remote control, and perception and subsystems (robot joints, controllers). He is the inventor of original space concepts such as 3D digital camcorders, arm exoskeletons, and throw nets for the capture of space debris.

 www.esa.int



Ward, Iseult

Iseult is co-founder and CEO of FoodCloud and it is her passion that drives FoodCloud. Iseult is a Business and Economics graduate and winner of Trinity Business student of the Year 2013. She is an accomplished and award winning social entrepreneur with strong communication, networking and influencing skills. She is passionate about creating and implementing solutions to social and environmental problems. She is highly motivated, creative and thrives in an innovative and fast paced environment.

 <http://food.cloud/>;  [@foodcloudire](#);  [foodcloudireland](#)



Ward, Julie

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.

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Wedlin, Nathan

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 www.europarl.europa.eu/the-secretary-general/en/secretary_general/home.html



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Partners



European Youth Forum

The European Youth Forum is the platform of youth organisations in Europe. Independent, democratic, youth-led, it represents over 100 National Youth Councils and international youth organisations from across the continent. The European Youth Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations vis-à-vis the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations.

The European Youth Forum is the main EYE partner.

The European Parliament has teamed up with the Youth Forum to make sure the EYE is organised not only for, but also by young people. The Youth Forum is supporting the Parliament EYE2016 team in preparing the event, mobilising youth organisations and reaching out to young people across Europe. The Youth Forum is contributing to the overall EYE2016 programme by bringing YO!Fest, its annual political youth-led festival, to Strasbourg.

Mixing political debates, thematic workshops, educational activities with live music and artistic performances, YO!Fest will run its 7th edition for the second time in the context of the EYE.



City of Strasbourg

Strasbourg, seat not only of the European Parliament, but also of the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights, has a privileged place at the heart of Europe.

On the occasion of the European Youth Event, the City of Strasbourg is offering a welcome to the EYE participants in the old city and supporting the entire event.



Institute of Political Sciences (IEP) of Strasbourg

Created in 1945, the Institute of Political Sciences (IEP) of Strasbourg – “Science Po Strasbourg” – is a renowned public university which is part of the network of nine institutes of Political Sciences in France. The IEP selects graduates and students and guides them towards civil service and private sector careers.

The IEP Strasbourg has mobilised its students as volunteers to support the smooth running of the EYE. It is also organising a debate as part of the EYE panels.



European Youth Press

The European Youth Press (EYP) is an umbrella organisation of young journalists in Europe to which more than 60 000 journalists under the age of 30 are affiliated. The aim of the EYP and its member organisations is to inspire young people to become involved in the media and to play an active part in civil society by fostering objective and independent journalism.

During the European Youth Media Days, 120 young journalists from across the EU Member States will be in charge of the daily multi-media coverage of EYE 2016. The EYP's final report will be handed over to the Members of the European Parliament in September 2016.



European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

The 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 has 55 members (schools, organisations, info centres, and employers), with the majority of the schools – 41 schools and 14 circus arts organizations – located in 24 European countries and beyond. FEDEC's main mission is to support the development and evolution of training, creation, innovation, mobility and employment in the circus arts.

FEDEC circus schools will be performing during the EYE and discussing their work with participants.

arte ARTE – The European Culture Channel

The public-service television channel ARTE provides cultural programming for better relations among Europeans. It was founded in 1991 by France and Germany to promote understanding among European nations. 165 million households in Europe can receive ARTE programmes, 85% of which are produced in Europe. ARTE is financed by the TV licence, fee levied in Germany and France, and is based in Strasbourg.

ARTE is the main EYE media partner. The ARTE TV programme YOUROPE will be broadcast from the EYE. ARTE is organising workshops during the EYE, as well as providing moderators for EYE panels.



Games for Change Europe

Founded in 2013, Games for Change Europe promotes the creation and distribution of social impact games that serve as contemporary and sustainable tools in humanitarian and educational efforts and helps support and increase the growing interest in social impact games throughout Europe. The initiative is run by individuals from academia and industry, who frequently showcase best practice to the European public and discuss the potential of the medium with companies, organisations and governments. Thanks to its free and diverse structure, Games for Change Europe offers access to leading expertise and technology to help leverage entertaining games with non-entertainment goals and transform them into a compelling and convincing communication tool.

Games for Change Europe is co-organising five digital games sessions and panels linked to the EYE themes as well as a competition among young game developers for this year's most compelling games for and about changing the face of Europe.



European Commission

The European Commission is the EU's executive body and represents the interests of Europe as a whole (as opposed to the interests of individual countries).

The Commission – in the shape of the Directorate-General for Industry and Enterprise, the Directorate-General for Employment, the Directorate-General for Education and Culture and the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid – will contribute a number of panel activities and workshops to the programme of the event.



esa European Space Agency (ESA)

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. Its job is to draw up the European space programme and carry it through. ESA 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. By coordinating the financial and intellectual resources of its members, it can undertake programmes and activities far beyond the scope of any single European country.

ESA is co-organising panels, providing speakers and organising workshops during the EYE.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



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Council of Europe

The Council of Europe is an international organisation promoting cooperation among all the countries of Europe in the areas of legal standards, human rights, democratic development, the rule of law and cultural cooperation. The Council of Europe will contribute to the programme of the EYE with activities organised by its Youth Centre.



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Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen / European Charlemagne Youth Prize

Alongside the "Charlemagne Prize Discussion" and "Charlemagne Prize Forum on Europe", the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen together with the European Parliament organises the "The European Charlemagne Youth Prize". The 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. The Charlemagne Youth Prize will be organising a workshop related to the Twitter project @RealTime WW1.

More activity organisers

A very special thanks goes to all youth groups and organisations from all over Europe that proposed and organised more than 50 workshops, debates and other activities within the 2016 EYE programme.

- Active: Sobriety, Friendship and Peace
- Agros Environmental Group, Cyprus
- AIESEC
- Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations
- Apostolou Petrou kai Pavlou highschool, Cyprus
- Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU)
- Association Migration Solidarite et echanges pour le Developpement (AMSED)
- Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)
- Be the Change Initiative
- Bretz'Selle
- Child and Youth Finance International
- Civil Society Europe
- Climate Change Network of the European Youth Forum
- Consejo de la Juventud de Espana
- Cooperatives Europe network of Young Cooperators
- Croatian Youth Network
- Czech National Youth Council (CRDM)
- Deutscher Bundesjugendring (DBJR)
- ELSA Slubice office, Poland
- English Student Theatre Gimnazija Maribor, Slovenia
- ENGSO Youth (Network of European Youth Work in Sports)
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
- Estonian National Youth Council (ENL)
- Eurodesk
- European Citizen Action Services (ECAS)
- European Confederation of independent Trade Unions (CESI Youth)
- European Disability Forum
- European Educational Exchanges - Youth for Understanding
- European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)
- European Movement International
- European Students Union (ESU)
- European Trade Union Confederation Youth (ETUC Youth)

- European Union of Deaf Youth (EUDY)
- European Union of Jewish Students
- European Young Patients
- European Youth Award
- European youth Parliament Finland
- European Youth Parliament United Kingdom
- Europe Direct Wien (EDi Wien)
- Federation of Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO)
- Finnish Youth Co-operation: Allianssi
- Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)
- Friends from Hungary
- Frijsenborg Efterskole, Denmark
- Fronterras – European (border)lines, Spain
- Galway: European Youth Capital Candidate City 2019
- Informagiovanni di Sarezzo
- International Committee of Swedish Youth of Finland
- International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International
- International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- International Young Naturefriends
- Kranj School Centre, Slovenia
- La Station
- MAG Jeunes
- MCAST Institution for the Creative Arts, Malta
- Men in Blech, Austria
- Mlodzi Demokraci (Young Democrats)
- MoveOnEurope
- National Youth Council, Portugal (CNJ)
- No Hate Speech Movement of the Council of Europe
- National Youth Forum, Bulgaria (NYF)
- Non Bull-Arti di Me Team, Italy
- Office franco-allemand pour la jeunesse (OFAJ)
- Organising Bureau of European School Students Unions (OBESSU)
- Peace One Day
- Phiren Amencia (Network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organisations)
- Promoters for European Democracy

- Rooftop Theatre Group, Cyprus
- Sciences Po Forum EU digital toolbox for successful e-participation
- SHARE - Cluj Napoca
- Songpower, Latvia
- System and Generation
- TEJO - World Esperanto Youth Organisation
- Transparency International (TI)
- Union of Upper Secondary School Students in Finland
- United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC)
- University of Bucharest, Romania
- University of Luxembourg
- West Sussex Youth Cabinet
- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
- World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM)
- World Youth Parliament for Water
- Xchange Scotland
- Young European Federalists (JEF)
- Young MEPs seek changes, Lithuania
- Youth Dynamics, Cyprus
- Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)
- Youth Express Network (Y-E-N)
- Youth political organisations
- YMCA Europe
- Youth of European nationalities (YEN)
- Your Choice Association, Poland



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