

European *youth* event

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#EYE2018



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Friday, 1 June 2018

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

Saturday, 2 June 2018

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

KEY OF ACTIVITIES

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

- Debate:** Speakers address a controversial issue from opposing points of view and challenge participants with clear pros and cons.
- Discussion:** Speakers tackle complex subjects and shed light on many viewpoints and angles rather than just on two opposing positions regarding a topic.
- Hearing:** Experts or young people affected by the subject present their cases or arguments from different angles and then have a discussion with participants.
- Ideas check:** Young people present their ideas and proposals, and Members of the European Parliament respond. Quick exchange ping-pong format related to a pressing issue.
- Ideas lab:** Participants take the role of young advisors to a Member of the European Parliament concerning a project for future legislation. They propose ideas for change and solutions. Work starts online several weeks before the event, and concludes during the EYE. Learn more [here](#).
- Key note:** High-level speakers present and explain a concept of key importance for the future of Europe.
- Talk:** In an informal ambience, speakers share personal stories, views, experiences and ideas.
- Workshop:** Interactive, hands-on activity in small groups.

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

- **Poetry slam:** Young slammers among the participants present their original poetry and a jury from the audience votes for the most impactful slam.
- **Speed debate:** Two groups confront each other with opposite positions on a series of topics, presenting their own position and responding to the others' points. The audience actively participates and votes on the group who managed to change their original opinion.
- **Political comedy:** Comedians will make you think and laugh about current issues, funny situations and stereotypes.
- **Rap battle:** Two rap gangs battle against each other's ideas with the weapon of music. The audience votes for its favourite rapper.
- **Science slam:** Young researchers present their findings in a concise, clear and entertaining way. The audience votes for the most talented future scientist.



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



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



Webstreamed: These activities will be Webstreamed live.



SPECIAL EYE EVENTS



Opening ceremony: Come together

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

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

Venue: in front of the European Parliament, 8000 places

Languages: EN, FR, DE

Welcome messages and artistic performances

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

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



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 1200 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Opening Plenary Session

Speaker

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

Moderator

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

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

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

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

Discussions, workshops, performances

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Living Library

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

Living Library

Organised by the Youth department of the Council of Europe

Yo!Fest Open-Air Concert

Yo!Fest does not end as the sun goes down! Join thousands of EYE participants and Strasbourg locals for a spectacular open-air concert with an international headliner. Winners of the Emerging Bands Contest will open the show. Then join in the fun as you dance in to the night with our DJ.

Open-air concert

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



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village

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

Venue: Living library garden, open to all without restriction

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, 11000 places

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

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

Open-air cinema

Organised by the City of Strasbourg

Closing session: Don't stop me now

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

Closing Plenary Session

Speaker

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

Moderator

- **Leila Ghandi**, Journalist

Day, Time: Saturday, welcome from 19:00, projection at 21:30-00:00

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

Languages: EN with FR subtitles



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 1200 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE, ES

1. YOUNG AND OLD: keeping up with the digital revolution



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

- Bob Dylan, *Forever young*

PANELS

Forever young: Survive me if you can

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

Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas givers

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

Ideas catchers

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

Moderator

- **Stefanie Hintzmann**, Journalist, ARTE

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

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

Presentations and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

Robots and Artificial Intelligence: The new force awakens

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

Hearing

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

Schools of tomorrow: Learning for ever-changing times

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

Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

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

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

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

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

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

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

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

Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

- **Stephen Clark**, Director of the EP Liaison Offices in the Member States, European Parliament

Youth unemployment: The race to zero

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

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Key-note speaker

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

Speakers

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

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



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

Quantum leaps: This time it's Europe!

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

Hearing

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

Battle of ideas: Man versus machine

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

Poetry slam

Organised by the European Parliament

Slam Master

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

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

Day, Time: Friday, 15:00-16:30
Venue: WIC open battle space, 150 places
Languages: slams in EN, FR and DE (not interpreted)

Tell me about it

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

Moderator

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

Combating fake news: What can we do?

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Education and training at your fingertips!

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

Discussion

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

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 150 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

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

Discussion

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

Speakers

- **Joe Pak**, Head of Business Development for Europe, Middle East and Asia, LinkedIn, London
- **Dimitrios Pikios**, European Commission, European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion
- **Simone Ravaioli**, Business Development Executive, Digitary, Italy

Moderator

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

Help: A robot stole my job!

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 150 places

Language: EN

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

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

Keynote speech and talk

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

Key-note speaker

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 140 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: LOW H-1.2, 60 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

Workshop

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

Facilitator

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

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

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

Discussion

Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding

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

Venue: LOW H-1.2, 60 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venue: LOW N 4.3, 70 places

Language: EN

Let's make big tech accountable

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers

- **Mady Delvaux**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Giuseppe Porcaro**, Head of Communications and Events, Bruegel, and author
- **Gloria Gonzalez Fuster**, Research Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)
- **Maria Axente**, Programme Driver - Artificial Intelligence, PricewaterhouseCoopers

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

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

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

Workshop

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

Speakers

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

Moderator

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



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

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

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 150 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

WORKSHOPS

#digitalrevolution: Risks and opportunities

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

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Cyprus (CYC)

Jobs in the era of digitalisation and automatisisation

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

Workshop

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

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

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

Workshop

Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)



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

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

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN

Homo technologicus: How can technology increase political participation?

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

Discussion

Organised by the National Youth Council of Slovenia (MSS)



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

Empowering young women: Use of technology in advocacy

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

Workshop

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



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

Experience intergenerational learning and bring it home

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

Talk and workshop

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

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

How can digitalisation connect young and old people?

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

Workshop

Organised by VITA Jeunes, France

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

New coalition scenarios in the digital age

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

Discussion

Organised by the Young European Socialists (YES)



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

How can we benefit from the digital revolution?

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

Workshop

Organised by the Young Diplomats, Italy

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

Venue: LOW S4.2, 50 places

Language: EN

Pedagogical revolutions: Europe at the school of tomorrow

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

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW S3.4, 30 places

Language: FR

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

Workshop

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



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

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

Language: EN

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

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

Workshop

Organised by the House of European History, European Parliament

Days, Times: a) Friday, 14:30-16:00
b) Saturday, 14:00-15:30

Venue: LOW -1 Triangle, 30 places

Language: EN

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

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

Workshop

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



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

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

Language: EN

Surf smart: Navigating a new frontier

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

Workshop

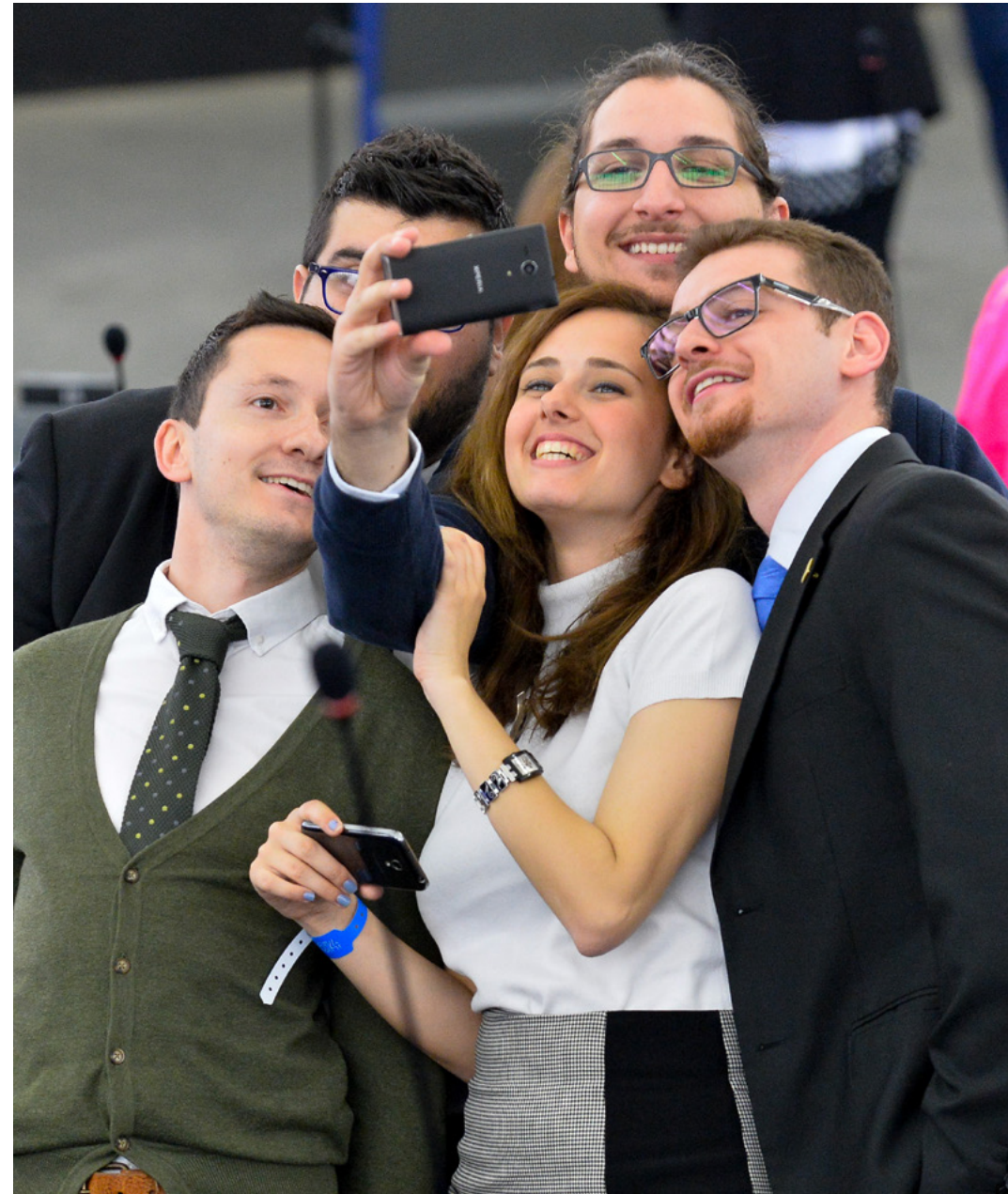
Organised by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)



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

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

Language: EN



2. RICH AND POOR: calling for a fair share



PANELS

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

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

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

Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas givers

- **Carolina Cordeiro**, Regional Director Europe, AIESEC International
- **Matthäus Fandrejewski**, President, European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI-Youth)
- **Jonathan Goupille-Lebret**, Postdoctoral fellow, Paris School of Economics

Ideas catchers

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

Moderator

- **Carolyn Höfchen**, Journalist, ARTE

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

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

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Globalisation: In the twilight zone

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Willem Pieter De Groen**, Research Fellow, Head of Financial Markets & Institutions Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- **Daniele Grasso**, Journalist at El Confidential and member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)
- **Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm**, Research & Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International EU

Moderator

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

Sharing economy: Say, you want a revolution?

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

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Camille Colbus**, Founder & Director General, Too Good To Go
- **Tomáš Mejzlik**, FabLab Manager, South Moravian Innovation Centre
- **Eva Sadoun**, CEO & Co-founder, LITA.co
- **Anne Sander**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator

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

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Equal opportunities: Forever poor or born to be free?

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

Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas catcher

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

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

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

Basic income: Return of Robin Hood?

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

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

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

Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

World happiness index: Where the happy people are

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

Presentation and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Guillaume Lecaros de Cossio**, Policy Analyst, Rural Policy Unit, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Jannes Maes**, President, European Council of Young Farmers
- **Raquel Sánchez Villorojo**, Major of the City of Olivares de Duero

Moderator

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

Start-ups: The power of home-grown innovation

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

Talk and networking session

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Battle of ideas: Love versus money

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

Speed debate

Organised by the European Parliament

Moderator

- **Kai Klandorf**, President of the board of directors, International Debate Education Association (IDEA)

Erasmus+ 2020

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

Discussion

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

Erasmus+ for younger people

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

Discussion

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

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

Venue: WIC open battle space, 150 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places

Language: EN

Got a great business idea? Come and sell it!

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

Pitching contest

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

OMG, I am now an entrepreneur! Awesome.

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

Talk

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

Entrepreneurship: A new educational pathway in the suburbs

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

Discussion

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

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

Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places

Language: EN

Creating a new economy bottom-up

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

The future of work: Tackling the big challenges

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers

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

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN

Youth-friendly employment policies under the spotlight

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

Discussion

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

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places

Language: EN

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

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

Discussion

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

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 70 places

Language: EN

Sexual awakening: What next?

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers

- Terry Reintke, Member of the European Parliament
- Charlotte Webb, Digital Learning Coordinator, Feminist Internet

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

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 150 places

Language: EN

Say no to cheap labour

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum in cooperation with Interns Go Pro

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 150 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Let's talk about apprenticeships!

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

Discussion

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

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places

Language: EN

Full social inclusion: Make it a reality!

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

Debate

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

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 70 places

Languages: EN, international sign language

Welcoming 'forced migrants': Driving force for innovation

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

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW R3.1, 30 places

Language: EN

WORKSHOPS

Trade agreements: is your deal my deal?

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

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW S3.7, 30 places

Language: EN

Tea with an MEP

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

Talk

Organised by Youth Work Ireland, Galway

Speaker:

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



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

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

Language: EN

Power up! Uphold the right to education

The voice and energy of students are vital in holding governments accountable for their education commitments – a key finding of the youth version of the 2017/8 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report produced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). How can young people ensure the provision of equitable quality education for all? Come along, give us your input and discuss the right to education and the key findings of the youth version of the 2017/8 GEM Report with European student activists, experts and GEM Report youth ambassadors.

Workshop

Organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the European Students' Union (ESU)

Facilitators:

- **Manos Antoninis**, Director of the GEM Report, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- **Helge Schwitters**, President of the European Students' Union (ESU)

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

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

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW H-1.2, 60 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 30 places

Language: EN

Erasmus+ for everyone: Naïve dream or future reality?

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

Workshop

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

Housing abroad: Brightening the dark side of mobility programmes

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

Workshop

Organised by Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs: Start-up with us!

Develop your entrepreneurial capacity, acquire skills, find an experienced business partner and mentor, establish a Europe-wide network of contacts...

Meet new and experienced entrepreneurs from the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme. Find out how to join the club.

Start your start-up today!

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 30 places

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places

Language: EN

Know your worth: Surviving the challenging labour market

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

Workshop

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

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

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

Workshop

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

How do we guarantee the right to work?

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

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Italy (FNG)



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

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



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

Pay Day: Role-play challenge!

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

Role-play game

Organised by Lycée Charles Poncet, France

Let's play Jenga with welfare systems!

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

Workshop

Organised by EUnion Jack, United Kingdom

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

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

Workshop

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

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

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

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

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

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Resilience (doughnut): The key to happiness?

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

Workshop

Organised by Leonard Cheshire Disability, United Kingdom

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 30 places

Language: EN

Can diversity, happiness and safety coexist?

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

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW S4.2, 40 places

Language: EN

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

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

Workshop

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

The bystander approach and the prevention of sexual violence

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

Workshop

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



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

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

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN

The gender unicorn: Is medicine sexist?

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

Workshop

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

Equal rights: Fighting for social protection and inclusion for all

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

Discussion

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



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



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

Not me, we. How inclusive is Europe?

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

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Sweden (LSU)

The privilege walk

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

Workshop

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



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



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

My new neighbour: Supporting the integration of refugees

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

Workshop

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



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

The truth about the refugee crisis

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

Workshop

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



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

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

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

Discussion

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



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

Promoting better mental health: What can we do?

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

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Sweden (LSU)



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

3. APART AND TOGETHER: working out for a stronger Europe



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

- Bruno Mars, *Count on me*

Instagram: @sr_tirano

PANELS

Future of Europe: Comeback of the champion

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

Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas givers

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

Idea catchers

- **Danuta Hübner**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mairead McGuinness**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Helmut Scholz**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator

- **Magali Kreuzer**, Journalist, ARTE



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

... and to be active – alone and together! Time to take a fresh look at things, time to push for new approaches and long-term solutions. The young generation can start to shake things up, knowing that democracy is not a 'one dance' around the polling station – it's a way of life. How can the European Union and civil society...

- ... encourage young citizens to make their choices in elections?
- ... promote pro-social engagement and voluntary work?
- ... empower young people to take things into their own hands and to participate in social and democratic life?

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Key-note speaker

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

Speakers

- **Nikos Foros**, Board of Directors Member, Ethelton
- **Matteo Mascolo**, Pro bono adviser, The Good Lobby
- **Niamh Webster**, Democratic Engagement Officer, The Democratic Society

Moderator

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

Brexit: Take a sad song and make it better

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Hugh Bennet**, Deputy Editor, BrexitCentral
- **Roch Dunin-Wąsowicz**, Research Officer, Generation Brexit (LSE)
- **Olivia Elder**, PhD student, University of Cambridge
- **Joe Porter**, co-Leader of Undivided, West Midlands Regional Representative for UK Youth Voice

Moderator

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

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

Venue: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Open versus closed: Europe and the philosopher's stone

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

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

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

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

Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas catcher

- **Stephen Clark**, Director of the EP Liaison Offices in the Member States, European Parliament
- **Patrick Penninckx**, Head of the information society department, Council of Europe

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

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

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

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

Dress code debate: Ban on burqa and burkini?

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

Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Tugay Sarac**, Ibn Rushd-Goethe-Mosque, Berlin
- **Ruqaiya Haris**, Fashion blogger and journalist
- **Aqilah Sandhu**, Legal Research Assistant, University of Augsburg

Moderator

- **Jonathan Hendrickx**, Freelance journalist

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

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

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: LOW R3.1, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

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

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

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

Moderator

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

New citizens: Finding a place in this world

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

Presentations and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Kristina R. Aardal**, Higher Executive Officer, Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education
- **Sarah Affani**, Policy Officer, Singa France
- **Armando Gkezos**, Author and poet
- **Mursal Hedayat**, Founder & CEO at Chatterbox

Moderator

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

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

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venues: LOW N1.4, 300 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Battle of ideas: Facts versus fake

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

Political comedy

Organised by the European Parliament

Comedians

- **Jacqueline Feldmann**, Stand-up comedian
- **Akim Omiri**, Humorist and Youtuber

Host

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

What's next for Europe?

Marking 25 years since the creation of the European Union - is now the time for us to come together to look forward to what Europe holds for us? Join the former President of the European Convention to look back over where Europe has been and where we're heading next. Have your say on the Europe you want to see in this passionate, engaging debate alongside some of the key players in the European Project.

Talk

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers

- **Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**, President, Re-Imagine Europa
- **Luis Alvarado Martinez**, President, European Youth Forum

The European future is digital!

The youth organisations of the European political parties will meet to debate the digital future of Europe, one year in advance of the European elections. Artificial intelligence, social security systems, democracy, accountability, the future of work and innovation are all on the agenda! Join us to hear different perspectives on what the digital revolution will bring in the future.

Discussion

Organised by European Endowment for Democracy (EED), Belgium

Speaker

- **Valentin Dupouey**, Secretary General, Young European Federalists (JEF)

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

Venue: WIC open battle space, 150 places

Languages: FR, DE (non interpreted)



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE



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

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

Language: EN

The distance between dreams and reality: Active engagement

A strong Europe starts with shared values and continues with active engagement. What are the values that bring us together? What makes us fall apart? What role does education, be it formal or non-formal, play in creating a strong Europe built on tolerance and inclusiveness? How can Erasmus+ help? Come and discuss what you and policy-makers can do to promote active citizenship through education, training, youth policies and Erasmus+.

Discussion

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

Reinventing Europe: For citizens by citizens

Europe is at a crossroads: torn between competition and cooperation, between breakdown and the protection of common interests, it faces choices which will have a decisive bearing on its future. Reinventing Europe is not just a State business; first and foremost, the initiative must come from the citizens. How can young citizens re-shape the European project thanks to a broad democratic debate led at the European scale? This workshop will present concrete initiatives and provide a forum for exchange of views on the issue.

Workshop

Organised by the City of Strasbourg in collaboration with Les Jeunes européens France

European Solidarity Corps: A factory of agents of positive change

Are you interested in volunteering? Looking for work experience abroad? Or just want to discover something outside your comfort zone? Do you believe that helping others is what really matters and want to leave your mark where help is needed most? Whatever your motivation, the European Solidarity Corps might just be for you. Come and find out what's in it for you and how to get involved!

Talk and networking session

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion and with the European Youth Card Association - EYCA

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 180 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW R3.1, 190 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 180 places

Language: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

European Solidarity Corps: Exploring new opportunities for young people

Working and volunteering on different projects that tackle societal issues offers numerous opportunities for professional and personal development of young people. European Solidarity Corps, the recently established initiative of the European Union, aims to give this opportunity to young people. How has it been working so far and what can be done better? Join us to discover more!

Discussion

Organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in cooperation with the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and the National Youth Council of Germany (DBJR)

Young activists rocking the European Neighbourhood

“Young people these days, they don’t care about anything, let alone politics.” Aren’t we fed up of hearing this mantra a thousand times? Young people around the world face different political challenges. In the context of war, post-conflict setting or oppressive political regime ruling their country, they still want to push for a change. In this case, the struggle for democracy and human rights often stands for taking great personal risks. Their strength, creativity and adaptability are vital for the constriction of more progressive, democratic future of the European Neighbourhood. Plunge into our fishbowl debate and meet young activists who rock the democratic foundations in the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Partnership regions.

Discussion

Organised by European Endowment for Democracy (EED), Belgium

Speakers

- Svitlana Kolodii, Coordinator, Go East
- Hamza Jouaarane, Tililla
- Jamal Saleh, Megaphone
- Michael Abrahamyan, OPERA TV

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN

Political parties: What’s happened?

Young people are turned off by traditional politics. Membership is in decline and representation is even worse. They’ve ignored young people and are now feeling the impact, as young people are using new ways to tackle issues and fight for causes they believe in. How can political parties better engage with young people, what’s in it for them, and how can they involve new political tools to influence traditional politics?

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Political parties: Working together

Disagreement is at the core of democracy, and moving forward requires compromise. Policy-makers often have very different perspectives on how to tackle Europe’s big challenges, not only across different parties but within the same party. How do they move past those differences and find common solutions? Join us to hear their first-hand experiences.

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers

- Edouard Martin, Member of the European Parliament

Young people in the new political era

In a politically unpredictable environment, young people are taking the lead on creating innovative grassroots movements. Technology and social media have transformed the way these movements are organised, and they have a potential to be very effective in achieving their goals. But how can this potential be leveraged? Are policy-makers listening? Are all young people equally represented and heard on the political scene? Join us to discuss these questions and more!

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speakers

- Kenny Imafidon, Managing Director, Clearview Research
- Julie Ward, Member of the European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 150 places

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN



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

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

Language: EN

You got a friend in me! How can we boost volunteering in Europe?

Have you ever been part of the volunteering movement? People all over Europe are volunteering in organisations more and more and increasingly getting involved in social, cultural and political movements. A Europe without volunteering is a Europe without its soul – so how can we ensure that volunteering continues to play an essential role in our societies? How can we make it easier for people to volunteer in their own countries and other countries in Europe? How can we promote volunteering and what can the EU do to help?

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum and World Organization of Scout Movement

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:00
Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places
Language: EN

Shaping the EU budget together with young people

The EU budget should be designed to serve a society that benefits every individual, community, organisation and business. The only way we can do this is by involving citizens in the process. Young people should be key stakeholders; we need to find a way of making the EU budget more accessible. How can we ensure that young people have a say in how the EU allocates its resources?

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:00
Venues: LOW N2.1, 70 places
Language: EN

A YOUrope where everybody's voice counts

Listening to the ideas and wishes of young people should be a priority for policy-makers. And not just listening, but ensuring that young people are the ones setting the agenda for their own future. What issue do you see as a priority for policy-makers? What problems need to be addressed in the coming years? As the EU prepares the next edition of its Youth Strategy, your voice can make a difference. What main issues should the strategy tackle? Pitch your ideas directly to policy-makers. Let them know what you care about.

Ideas check

Organised by the National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV), the National Youth Council of Bulgaria (NYF) and the National Youth Council of Estonia (ENL)

Speaker

- **Lukas Mandl**, Member of the European Parliament

Day, Time: Friday, 14:00-15:30
Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places
Language: EN

UN youth resolution: Transforming policy into solutions

You might hear 'youth policy' and think: 'how does that apply to my life'? If youth policies are properly implemented, they can greatly improve the lives of young people. The UN recently adopted a resolution on youth, peace and security to tackle the different issues young people face, such as the lack of political participation and work opportunities. Join us, share your ideas and find out what we can do on a practical level to benefit from this resolution.

Discussion

Organised by the National Youth Council of Italy (FNG)

Day, Time: Friday, 12:30-14:00
Venue: LOW N1.1, 70 places
Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Meeting your representatives: What happens next?

Have you ever met your political representative? And if so, did you just shake hands or actually have a meaningful discussion? When politicians interact with young citizens, it needs to be more than a photo op. Politicians should take the time to listen to the worries of young people and discuss possible solutions to the most important issues. And communication shouldn't stop after the meeting. But how can we follow up on the ideas we discussed and find out what has come of them?

Discussion

Organised by AEGEE (European Students' Forum)

Day, Time: Saturday, 10:00-11:30
Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places
Language: EN

Lights, Camera, Action! Short films about what unites us

A series of 5 short films directed by renowned European film-makers as part of the #EUandMe campaign will start a conversation on what bring us Europeans together. Meet the actors, find out what it means to be part of the EUandMe campaign; discover the stories of how the EU has empowered young people to realise their dreams; discuss what makes Europe special and how to defend the values and freedoms it stands for.

Workshop

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communication

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:30-16:00
Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places
Language: EN

#EuropeForCulture: Engaging in the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018

Young people passionate about Europe's cultural heritage conservation and valorisation will share their personal stories, from volunteering for heritage at risk to raising awareness on history and culture through digital means. Come and learn more about the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 and have your say on how can youth contribute! Participate to this interactive session and get inspired by the exciting stories of our young guests!

Workshop

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

Stories by

- **Fábio Gouveia (PT)**, European Solidarity Corps Volunteer for Cultural Heritage, in Norcia (IT)
- **Manon Champier (FR)**, PHD in History, youtuber "Manon Brill"
- **Zuzanna Stanska (PL)**, Founder of Daily Art, young tech entrepreneur and art historian.

Presentations by

- EYCH 2018 by **Lorena Aldana**, European Commission
- Google Arts & Culture contribution to the EYCH 2018

Moderator

- **Chiara Bellani**, European Commission

Celebrating 10 years of Youth Capitals

'European Youth Capital' is a synonym for a city that is committed to young people and truly seeks to embrace youth participation in decision-making processes. The end of 2018 will mark 10 years since the first city held the title of European Youth Capital. Over the years it has already benefited millions of young people across Europe. Before we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we want to reflect on the work done by Youth Capitals and the impact it has had at local and EU level. We'll also look to the future to think about how the European Youth Capital title can be developed further to achieve even more for young people.

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 180 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places

Language: EN

Languages: An endangered species

Do you know how many languages are spoken in Europe? Not just the official languages, but regional and minority ones too? Language diversity is a fundamental part of European diversity. Is it a strength for Europe or does it weaken its cohesion? Do we even need minority languages? Join experts and youth activists to discuss these questions.

Discussion

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)

Erasmus+ change-maker stories: The butterfly effect

Have you ever wondered if your choices can have a knock-on effect on you, others or society? Small acts, when performed by millions of people, can transform the world. Erasmus+ change-makers have made and are continuing to make remarkable contributions to Europe's challenges, including through solidarity, inclusion, democracy and active citizenship, and have brought about change in their community. Get inspired by those who, supported by Erasmus+, have changed the status quo and you yourself can become an agent of change! Get involved in Erasmus+!

Talk

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

Headstrong school students: A call for better mental health support

The mental health of young people has received increasing attention in the past few years, as it has become clear that depression, anxiety, eating disorders and other mental illnesses are widespread. These illnesses have significant effects on the ability of young people to participate in education and society in general, and can have long-lasting effects on individual health and social and employment life if not addressed early. How can we address mental health issues effectively in our education systems and what can we do to advocate better mental health support?

Discussion

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

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW R5.1, 180 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 70 places

Language: EN

What is populism?

Populism is frequently discussed, to the point it has become an overused term. But how well is it understood? What is populism really, and what is it not? How and why do populist ideas gain traction? How does the rise of populism shape our political landscape and citizens' lives? Join this discussion to get more insight.

Discussion

Organised by the *European Youth Forum*

Speakers

- **Esther Bijl**, Project Manager, Debating Europe
- **Vesna Wessenaer**, Analyst, project manager, Political Capital
- **Jon Roozenbeek**, Researcher, Drog

Euroscola special: Voting time!

Six hundred students from all over Europe will step into the shoes of the Members of the European Parliament for a day and debate draft resolutions relating to the five EYE themes in their committee meetings and vote on them during their closing plenary session. Come and see what they propose, and vote on their resolutions as well!

Closing plenary session Euroscola Special

Organised by the *Liaison office of the European Parliament in Strasbourg*

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

Election Hackathon: Harvesting time!

25 EYE participants have spent a day engaging in brainstorming and planning in a creative Hackathon session to come up with a concrete project or action plan for how to get young people actively involved in the upcoming 2019 European Parliament elections. Curious to see what they have come up with? Then join this harvesting session, and enrich their final proposals with your feedback and ideas on how to encourage young people to vote!

Closing plenary session Hackathon 'European Elections 2019'

Organised by *ARTE Creative*

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



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

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

Language: EN



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 250 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: LOW S1.5 150 places

Language: EN

WORKSHOPS

Election Hackathon: From the desktop to the polls!

For the first time at the EYE, ARTE Creative hosts a one-day Hackathon! Are you a student or a young professional? A creative thinker or an analytical type? A social media expert or an event manager? Or just someone with an interest in politics who loves to think out of the box? Join us in this unique, fast-paced and creative session. Brainstorm with like-minded, talented people to come up with a concrete project or action plan for how to get young people actively involved in the upcoming 2019 European Parliament elections. From online engagement to real world action: get hacking and come up with great ideas to encourage young people to vote!

Hackathon

Organised by *ARTE Creative*

In the shoes of an MEP: The Parliament role-play game

Become a Member of the European Parliament and learn how the Parliament works, how laws are discussed and voted, and which stakeholders are involved in the legislative process! During the game, you will get to form alliances with other MEPs, to negotiate with other institutions of the European Union and to communicate with media. All this in a most innovative and interactive way! Hurry up, get in the game!

Role-play game

Organised by *parlamentarium*

ELECTION session: This time I'm voting

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

Info session

Organised by the *European Parliament*

Day, Time: Saturday, 09:30-17:30

Venue: LOW North Gallery, 25 places

Language: EN

Days, Times: a) Friday, 12:00-14:30

b) Friday, 16:00-18:30

c) Saturday, 11:00-13:30

d) Saturday, 15:00-17:30

Venue: parlamentarium, 32 places

Language: EN

Days, Times, Venues, Languages:

Friday:

a) 11:00-12:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

b) 12:30-13:30, LOW H-1.4, FR, 100 places

c) 14:00-15:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

d) 15:30-16:30, LOW H-1.4, DE, 100 places

e) 17:00-18:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

Saturday:

f) 10:30-11:30, LOW S1.5, EN, 100 places

g) 12:00-13:00, LOW S1.5, DE, 100 places

h) 14:00-15:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

i) 15:00-16:00, LOW S1.5, IT, 100 places

j) 15:30-16:30, LOW H-1.4, FR, 100 places

k) 17:00-18:00, LOW H-1.4, EN, 100 places

I WANT YOU (for the European elections 2019)!

The result of the Brexit referendum has proven once again that the older generations make our decisions for us. How can we encourage our fellow young people to take their fate into their own hands and make sure that everyone participates in the European Parliament elections in 2019? Active citizenship goes beyond voting: how can we use social media to convince people our age to play a more active role in democracy? How can we boost the democratic involvement of young people at local, regional, national and EU level?

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Society

Why vote? IVote4EU!

Why is it so important to vote for the individual and for society? Share your point of view and put forward ideas on how to transform the individual democratic vote into an act of (transnational) solidarity and societal responsibility. In small groups we'll look for arguments to motivate others to vote. How could your vote make a difference in the life of a friend or relative? How could it change society?

Workshop

Organised by MoveOnEurope, Belgium

European elections 2019: The EP needs you!

The European Parliament elections 2019 are fast approaching. This is your chance to put young people and youth issues on the European agenda! Be outspoken, be creative and come up with ideas to motivate young people to engage in real political activism. This is the time and the place – make sure that young people have a say in the upcoming EP elections!

Workshop

Organised by the EYE Team, European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 35 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S4.2, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW C00.101, 40 places

Language: EN

Your Europe, your vote!

Who said democracy is not cool? Let's brainstorm the most innovative ways to mobilise young Europeans to vote in the 2019 European elections! You'll be helping to design a European campaign encouraging non-organised young people to rock the vote and become change-makers and voter educators among their peers.

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Card Association - EYCA

90 seconds of European campaigning

The next European parliamentary elections will take place in 2019, but there is time for some campaigning already during the EYE2018, and you can be at the centre of it! After a brief introduction on the history, characteristics, themes, and analysis of the European election campaigns, it will be your turn to prepare a political speech on your vision for the EU, and to address the public in a 90 seconds long video.

Workshop

Organised by the European Youth Press and Roma Tre University

Are you old enough to vote at 16?

In several countries across Europe, citizens aged 16 and 17 are deemed mature enough to pay taxes, marry, join the army and face criminal charges, but not to choose the government that will represent them. Only Austria, Estonia and Malta recognise the right to vote at 16 as a key element of participation in democratic processes. How can we promote the Votes at 16 campaign? Join this discussion to share good and bad practices in different Member States and initiate a discussion around this burning issue.

Workshop

Organised by the British Youth Council (BYC)

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

Venue: LOW North Gallery, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S4.2, 30 places

Language: EN



Day, Time: Friday, 11:45-13:00

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places

Language: EN

The other side of the ballot paper: Election simulation game

Can you win a political election? Can you keep the promises you made to the people who voted for you? What role would you play in an election? Join this election simulation game to learn about local-level governance and the world of politics from the other side of the ballot paper.

Role-play game

Organised by the National Youth Council of Estonia (ENL)



Day, Time: Saturday, 17:15-18:00
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Why so serious? EU politics can be fun!

Have you always thought that the EU was run by a bunch of unpleasant bureaucrats in suits and ties working behind closed doors? In this workshop we'll take EU politics cool and easy. Come and experience how role-playing, simulations and even board games can encourage young Europeans to engage with the EU and help to promote it in a fresh, interactive and informal way.

Workshop

Organised by the YES Forum

Day, Time: Saturday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW S3.4, 40 places
Language: EN

Lunch with Emily O' Reilly, the European Ombudsman

Would you like to meet the European Ombudsman and find out what she can do for young people? The Ombudsman supports the EU institutions in becoming more transparent, effective and accountable. Emily is the former Irish Ombudsman and an awarded journalist. She will explain what kind of complaints she receives, including from young citizens, as well as her strategic work on how EU decision-making can become more open. We are all affected by EU laws and need to know how our national governments and ministers vote in Brussels. Otherwise, the 'Blame Brussels culture' will continue and harm the European project. Join us to discuss this and more and have a sandwich with Emily O'Reilly.

Lunch talk

Organised by the European Ombudsman

Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: Ombudsman tent, 25 places
Language: EN

Coffee time with European Ombudsman colleagues

You think the EU institutions are distant, too bureaucratic and not citizen-friendly enough? Join colleagues from the European Ombudsman to discuss how this institution helps to improve the way the EU institutions work, which complaints from young people have been taken on board and what career opportunities are available at the Ombudsman office. Drop by for a chat with coffee and cookies!

Coffee talk

Organised by the European Ombudsman

Days, Times: a) Friday, 16:00-17:30
b) Saturday, 14:00-15:30
Venue: Ombudsman tent, 25 places
Language: EN

Digital advocacy for generation 2.0: Make yourself heard by decision-makers

Young people often feel they do not have the power to influence politicians and drive change. At the European Ombudsman, they believe that social media can advance your efforts. Find out how they do it and how you can participate! Elena Kindyni, Digital communications officer, will help you understand a variety of issues related to digital advocacy. What constraints do public organisations face and how can young people help our common cause? How can we overcome the challenges of misinformation? Join us to learn more!

Workshop

Organised by the European Ombudsman

Days, Times: a) Friday, 14:30-16:00
b) Saturday, 10:30-12:00
Venue: Ombudsman tent, 15 places
Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Explore e-participation tools to get your voice heard

You have an idea to make a change, but don't know how to reach politicians and get public interested in it? You would like to influence decision making and get your voice heard, but find it very difficult? During this interactive panel you will learn how tools such as YouthMetre and GeoCitizen can help you collect supporting data, connect with public and decision makers, and gain advocacy skills. You will be able to test the YouthMetre on the spot with your smartphone or laptop.

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Youth Press and EUROGEO, ALDA, CESIE, ARS for Progress of People and the University of Zaragoza

Day, Time: Friday, 13:30-15:00
Venue: LOW S4.2, 50 places
Language: EN

In or out? Open access to decision-making for all young Europeans

Does everyone have the same access to political decision-making? Does it matter whether you live in the city or the countryside? What problems do young people all over Europe have in common – and how could we solve them in an innovative way? Join our workshop, which combines interactive role-playing with mind-mapping techniques, to come up with a 'solution report' which we hope to publish.

Workshop

Organised by the European Student Think Thank, Netherlands

Day, Time: Saturday, 10:30-12:00
Venue: LOW S4.4, 40 places
Language: EN

How to get involved (in Europe)!

Learn which projects you can get involved in, with your school or as an individual. Many European youth organisations, like the European Youth Parliament (EYP), aim to reach out to young people who would otherwise not have access to such programmes. Join the discussion to give your ideas on how to be as inclusive as possible!

Workshop

Organised by Europa-Team Aachen, Germany

Day, Time: Friday, 15:30-17:00
Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places
Language: EN

Your needs, your interests – your EP!

Are you interested in European politics, either as an individual or as part of a youth organisation? Would you like to know more about what's discussed in the European Parliament and get more involved in the decisions made, but can't find an easy way in? Do you have good ideas about what the EP could do to bring its Members and debates closer to young people and include them in the political dialogue? Then this is your chance to speak up and improve the way the EP connects with young people!

Workshop

Organised by the EYE Team, European Parliament

Day, Times: a) Saturday, 10:00-11:30
b) Saturday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places
Language: EN

EYE revisited: Ideas for a better EYE?

Imagine you were part of the European Parliament team organising the EYE and you had the power to shape the EYE programme and the format of future events. What themes would you go for? Whom would you invite to speak? How would you make sure that there was more diversity among participants? How could the EYE 'go local' and be organised by young people at local level? In this workshop we are looking for your creative ideas on how to improve future editions of the EYE and tailor the event to your expectations!

Workshop

Organised by the EYE Team, European Parliament

Day, Times: a) Saturday, 14:00-15:30
b) Saturday, 16:00-17:30
Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places
Language: EN

Get in on the action: The community needs YOUth!

How can young people create an effective grassroots campaign? How can we tap the power of young people to change the way we think and talk about politics and activism? What works well and what doesn't? Join this interactive boot camp to learn from effective grassroots campaigns. Get empowered, create your own campaign and rally around issues important to your community.

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Macedonia-FYROM (NYCM-FYROM)



Days, Times: a) Friday, 17:00-18:00
b) Saturday, 15:30-16:30
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Change agents: Empowering minority women to act in local communities

'I raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. [...] We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back' – Malala Yousafzai. Despite all the talk about equality these days, women – and especially young women from minority communities – are still stereotyped and face discrimination on a daily basis in many different aspects of their lives, from employment opportunities to access to leadership roles. How can they have a voice in society and achieve their full potential? How can they secure leadership roles and have a say in the political decisions affecting them? Join this workshop to learn about activities and practical strategies to empower young women from minority groups.

Workshop

Organised by the Ubele Initiative



Days, Times: a) Friday, 15:00-16:00
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:00
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

You(th) and gender equality

Gender equality has recently been in the spotlight and we are engaged in an ongoing conversation about the inequalities, whether great or small, that affect us on a daily basis. It seems there is still a lot of work to be done to reach true equality. What does gender equality mean for you? How can gender equality be strengthened in your daily life? Who can make this happen? Bring your stories and experiences of gender equality to this workshop to share ideas and gain inspiration!

Workshop

Organised by the Division for Women's Affairs and Equality in the Austrian Federal Chancellery, the National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV) and the European Youth Forum



Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Youth-friendly cities: Warning – youth zone

Young people use public spaces just as much as anyone else, if not more. And yet all too often young people are not included in the process of placemaking. What do young people want to see in their cities? How can youth spaces become places of creativity, community and social activity? How can public places become platforms for youth civic involvement and urban education? Join this discussion to identify different types of youth spaces and look at their added value in the development of society at large. This activity will include brainstorming sessions, the mapping of youth spaces in Europe and the development of recommendations for policy-makers to make cities youth-friendly.

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Bulgaria (NYF)



Days, Times: a) Friday, 11:00-11:45
b) Saturday, 16:30-17:15
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Cities4Europe - Europe for citizens

At a time when politics is striving to retain its legitimacy and relevance in the face of growing disillusionment, more participative cities can provide a critical link between citizens and policy makers, and play a crucial role in co-creating a more positive future for Europe. Now it's your turn to share your ideas on what city governments should do to create a society where citizens come first, and where the civic involvement of young people is enabled. Could some of these actions be also scaled-up to the European level?

Workshop

Organised by EUROCITIES in cooperation with the City of Strasbourg

Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW S3.4, 40 places
Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

June kaj kune: Young and together

Have you ever thought about learning Esperanto? Esperanto is a constructed language created by Ludwig Zamenhof in 1887 who had a dream that a common language would help unite people of different backgrounds. Esperanto is designed to be easy and fast to learn, so that it can act as a bridge language between people with different native languages. Considered the most widely spoken constructed language, it enables people to develop the confidence to learn and speak a foreign language. Join an enthusiastic community of Esperanto speakers to learn the basics of this universal language.

Workshop

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)



Days, Times: a) Friday, 16:00-16:45
b) Saturday, 11:00-11:45
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Does the media speak our language?

Most media stories about young people are negative. Young people are singled out in the media to create a dramatic, sensationalised stereotype that is often inaccurate. Where are the stories young people care about? Are their voices being heard and disseminated by the media? Is it possible for young people to challenge the way they are represented? Join this discussion to analyse how young people are portrayed in the media and discuss what can be done to improve the current situation.

Discussion

Organised by the World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)



Day, Time: Friday, 14:00-15:00
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places
Language: EN

'Hope without memory is like memory without hope': What can Europe learn from its past?

The words of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel remind us to learn from our past. Let's look back at Europe's history to help us see things more clearly. What principles does the EU stand for? How can European nations work both independently and together to address Europe's challenges? Together we will look at a selection of key events in European history: what can we actually learn from our past to ensure a future in which we thrive?

Workshop

Organised by the Young Ambassadors of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW), France and Germany

Day, Time: Friday, 15:00-16:30
Venue: LOW S4.3, 30 places
Language: EN

Back to the future: Learning from the past?

How does it feel to be unwelcome in your home country? To be forced to move to another and lose your home, family and friends? And then to have to find your place in a new environment? 70 years on, these topical questions are answered by four members of the war generation (Generation 'N') from the Czech-German border regions in a documentary demonstrating how 'big policy' influences the lives of 'normal people' – now just as in the 1940s. Meet the 27-year-old filmmaker who created this documentary and rethink your concepts of identity, collective historical memory and stereotypes!

Workshop and screening

Organised by Generation 'N', Germany/Czech Republic

Day, Time: Saturday, 15:00-16:30
Venue: LOW H-1.2, 60 places
Language: DE

RE:forming Europe

New dividing lines have emerged in Europe in the wake of the economic and migration crises. How can we bridge the North-South and East-West divides? This workshop marks the start of a longer journey to reform Europe through the development of a powerful common vision for young people, based on concrete regional and local actions. Join the workshop, share your ideas and lay the groundwork for pilot initiatives to be implemented in at least a third of EU Member States.

Workshop

Organised by Buergerforum Europa, Austria

Day, Time: Friday, 13:30-15:00
Venue: LOW S3.4, 35 places
Language: EN

Take your turn to shape the European Citizens' Constitution

What if Europeans had a chance to influence the creation of the Union's constitution? As it would definitely bring the EU closer to its citizens, the Young Europeans - France called a European Youth Convention (EYC) in 2017 whose participants drafted the Citizens' Constitution. Now it is your turn to shape this document. Brainstorm your ideas within three parallel thematic groups with those who worked on the first draft, and present your proposals for the EU's future via YouthMetre e-participation website.

Talk and workshops

Organised by Young Europeans - France (Jeunes Européens - France), EYC Ambassadors and European Youth Press

Day, Time: Friday, 17:30-19:00
Venue: LOW S4.2, 50 places
Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Europe on trial: Who's to blame for the break-up?

In the light of Brexit and the rise of Euroscepticism and populist movements, let's put the EU on trial. Who's to blame for the break-up? Is it nation states, the EU institutions, disillusioned populations, separatists or populist actors? You'll issue a ruling based on arguments from the prosecution, the defence and witnesses invited to testify, suggesting a roadmap to improve the relationship between the EU and its citizens.

Role-play game

Organised by Argo, France

Day, Time: Friday, 13:30-16:30
Venue: LOW S4.4, 40 places
Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

A Westminster-style debate: Is Britain still welcome?

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Britain decided to turn back time and remain in the EU against all odds? If so, you are welcome to join in this British-style debate on the motion: 'This House believes that the EU should allow the UK to remain a Member State if the UK so wished'. The setting: a panel of speakers with two in favour of the motion and two against. The floor will then be opened to all participants: let the debate commence!

Debate

Organised by the Young European Movement UK, United Kingdom

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:00
Venue: LOW S4.4, 40 places
Language: EN

Post-Brexit: Is there a future for Erasmus+?

With Brexit just around the corner, serious questions about education loom: what is the future of Erasmus+? Will the UK have a part in it and, if so, what form will it take? If not, what might be the repercussions? What new skills should be at the core of Erasmus+? Vote on the resolution to be presented to the European Commission!

Workshop

Organised by Europeers UK, United Kingdom

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 40 places

Language: EN

Brexit Café: Voice and rights of young European citizens

Are you looking for a safe space to express yourself and discuss your opinions? Then come and join our Brexit Café workshop! Over three 'rounds' of open-ended questions on EU citizen's rights – in the light of Brexit – you will gain 21 transferable skills, such as debating and public speaking, while also learning about and understanding the opinions and perspectives of others.

Workshop

Organised by MyLifeMySay (MLMS), United Kingdom

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

Venue: LOW -1 Triangle, 40 places

Language: EN

Pressure cooker

Do you like cooking up innovative solutions to Europe's most pressing challenges? Pick a topic to throw in the pot, close the lid and turn up the heat! In this workshop, you'll put forward your creative recipes to increase citizens' trust in the EU's longevity and strengthen unity in a post-Brexit Europe. Once you've built up enough pressure, don't forget to let off steam!

Workshop

Organised by Promoters for European Democracy, Romania

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

Venue: LOW N2.1, 40 places

Language: EN

The EU and us: Europe wasn't built in a day either

What is 'European identity'? And is there a link between young people and the EU institutions? What role do education and the national media play? And what are the EU success stories that define us? Génération UE's web documentary will give you some inspiration to kick-start the discussion on how to build and understand what unites us. Let's come up with some recommendations for how to reinforce our sense of European identity!

Workshop

Organised by Génération UE, France

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

Venue: LOW S4.2, 50 places

Language: EN

Connecting citizens: Building bridges over troubled water

Europe is in disarray and its different nations, institutions and groups of citizens act like strangers with no understanding for one another. How can citizens from different backgrounds bridge divides and establish connections in Europe? Join us to come up with ideas for projects and get the support you need to put them into practice!

Workshop

Organised by the European Future Forum (EFF), Austria

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

Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places

Language: EN

Back to School+: Developing a sense of European identity

Have you ever heard of the Back to School programme developed by the European Commission? This programme sees EU staff head back to their former schools to share their European journey with current students and debate a variety of EU-related topics. The Back to School+ programme is a variant of this, broadening its reach and adding an intergenerational angle: retired EU officials are invited to all types of schools and universities to connect with the younger generation. Come and learn how to invite former EU officials to your schools and universities. Why would you miss this great opportunity to get to know the European project close up?

Workshop

Organised by Stand up for Europe

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Let's build an agenda for European solidarity

The concept of European solidarity is at the core of the EU. But what does it actually mean? What are the obstacles to its evolution and what makes it difficult in practice?

How does solidarity work in our societies (at local, regional, national and transnational level) and how can we promote it in Europe? Join us to draft an Agenda for European Solidarity.

Workshop

Organised by *Alternative Europa!*, Germany

Connecting young people, connecting Europe: Volunteer networks for integration

All over Europe, local and international volunteers engage in communities, promote intercultural dialogue and serve as models of youth participation. Who better than a young European volunteer to promote mobility among other young people? Would a network creating ties between foreign and national volunteers help to create a stronger sense of belonging? Come and discover the ways in which volunteers contribute to a more active form of European citizenship and explore best practices in youth engagement from all over Europe.

Workshop

Organised by the *Youth Volunteer Network of Normandy*, France

Human Library of mobility opportunities

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

Human Library

Organised by *Eurodesk*

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 30 places

Language: EN

Days, Times: a) Friday, 14:00-15:30
b) Friday, 16:00-17:30
c) Saturday, 10:00-11:30
d) Saturday, 11:30-13:00

Venue: Swan bar, 25 places

Language: EN

YEP! Engage for tomorrow's Europe!

Ever heard of 'YEP!?' In this workshop, you'll gain an insight into YEP!, a policy proposal developed by Young European Leadership which focuses on the recognition of youth councils and educational institutions. You'll even get the chance to help the organisers shape this programme to make it the best it can be.

Workshop

Organised by *Young European Leadership (YEL)*, Belgium

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 40 places

Language: EN

4. SAFE AND DANGEROUS: staying alive in turbulent times



*'I don't want a never-ending life,
I just want to be alive
While I'm here.'*

- The Strumbellas, *Spirits*

Instagram: @AndyHendrata

PANELS

Cross-border crime scene: Making Europe a better place

Words of war written on a wall: 'I fought against the law – and I won'. Transnational organised crime tries to creep into every country and every region all over Europe. The global spiral of violence threatens citizens and our European way of life. How can we make Europe a safer place?

- How to enhance European cooperation and law enforcement against transnational criminal networks, dealing with drugs and weapons, trafficking humans and toxic waste?
- How to crack down on criminals smuggling migrants and causing the deaths of thousands in the Mediterranean Sea?
- How to stop money laundering related to organised crime, corrupt dictators, warlords and their European facilitators?
- How to protect public spaces against organised criminals?
- How to reduce street gang violence and provide exit opportunities for young gang members?

Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas givers

- **Simón Cabrera Ebers**, Project Manager, Fryshuset
- **Daniele Grasso**, Journalist at El Confidencial and member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)
- **Sanaz Zolghadriha**, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Security and Crime Science, University College London

Ideas catchers

- **Jan Kleijssen**, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe
- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Tomáš Zdechovský**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator

- **Dorothee Haffner**, Journalist, ARTE

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Sakharov prize: Voices of humanity

The Sakharov prize – Europe's top human rights award – honours individuals and groups who have courageously dedicated their lives to the defence of human rights. Laureates tell their story and share their experience.

Talk

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Lamy Hajj Bashar**, Sakharov prize winner 2016
- **Denis Mukwege**, Sakharov Prize Winner 2014

Moderator

- **Rainer Wieland**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Europe's fight against terror: Die another day

Counterstrike of democratic countries: What is the best way to stop terrorists, counter violent attacks and hateful impulses, aimed at our free and tolerant way of life? What are the chances and the limits of our open society fighting its enemies and keeping citizens safe? How can European countries improve cooperation and take joint action? What are the best preventive actions to break the fatal attraction of jihad and extremist ideology?

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Hannah Abdule**, RAN YOUNG Ambassador (tbc)
- **Rajan Basra**, Research Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King's College London
- **Dominic Musa Schmitz**, Ex-Salafist

Moderator

- **Leila Ghandi**, Journalist

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE



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

Venue: Hemicycle, 900 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Corruption index: Why countries fail or prosper

The tentacles of corruption creep into cities and countries across Europe and the globe. Corruption creates massive opportunities in public office for self-enrichment while locking millions of men, women and children into poverty. The level of corruption is not just about money – it's a key indicator of why states fail or prosper. What does corruption look like and how can we measure it? The corruption index ranks countries from very clean to highly corrupt. What can we learn from the cleanest countries to get things in order? What should the European Union do to tackle corruption?

Presentation and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Manel Ben Achour**, Chief performance officer, I WATCH Tunisia
- **Coralie Pring**, Research Expert, Transparency International

Moderator

- **Laura Ferrara**, Member of the European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

Sport without corruption: Give me freedom, give me fire...

... give me reason, take me higher! We love waving the flag for the Olympics, football world cups and international sporting events, but we cannot always trust what we see before our eyes. We feel betrayed when games are not determined by fair competition on the field of play but by doping or corruption. Can we get the ball rolling to clean up sport in favour of fans and athletes worldwide? What do you propose? Would you demand greater transparency? Should autocrats with dodgy human rights records be allowed to host the world's most prestigious sporting events?

Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas catcher

- **Stelios Kouloglou**, Member of the European Parliament

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

Day, Time: Friday, 15:00-18:30

Venue: LOW N3.2, 120 places

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

Marijuana: Smells like teen spirit – or escape from reality?

The weed chases my blues away – and I'll be okay? High time to debate drug laws in Europe. How harmful is the use of cannabis, including high-potency skunk, for the user and for society? Should it remain illegal or be tolerated as part of the European way of life? Should we rely on criminal law – or just issue public health warnings for cannabis, cigarettes and alcohol alike? Legal or illegal use: What works better to fight organised crime?

Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Iman Djelloul**, Chairman, Swedish Blue Ribbon Youth
- **Martin Baudais**, Human Resources Manager, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws France (NORML)
- **Redwan Maatoug**, Psychiatrist, Sainte-Anne Hospital Paris
- **Kenzi Riboulet Zemouli**, Head of research, FAAAT think & do tank

Moderator

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

The DNA revolution: We better talk this over!

The DNA revolution gives scientists the power of rewriting the genetic code in humans, animals and plants. The new technology enables humans to change the code of life. Darwin only observed the course of evolution – we can change it now. The question is: Should we use the power to hack and edit DNA? No discovery of the 21st century holds more promise – or raises more troubling ethical questions. Should we put such ground-breaking science into practice?

Hearing

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Louison Charmoillaux**, Volunteer, Greenpeace Lyon
- **Adrien Pasquier**, PhD student, Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine (TIGEM)
- **Jonathan Pugh**, Research Fellow in Applied Moral Philosophy, Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford

Moderator

- **Jonathan Hendrickx**, Freelance journalist

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

Cyber-attacks: Not just a phantom menace

Cybercrime has moved from science fiction to reality. The danger crosses from cyber into the real world. Hackers attack our open society to weaken key infrastructure, disrupt communications and spread disinformation. In a worst case scenario this could trigger armed conflicts in the future. What does it take to make vulnerable infrastructure resilient and to protect private data of individuals and companies? Do we need new legislation and international agreements to ensure peace in the digital era?

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Mustafa Al-Bassam**, Researcher, Information Security Group, University College London
- **Michał Boni**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Aglika Klajn**, Cybercrime Specialist, Europol European Cybercrime Center
- **Francesca Spidalieri**, Senior Fellow for Cyber Leadership, Pell Center, Salve Regina University

Moderator

- **Poisson Fécond**, Video creator, Youtuber

European security: Shelter from the storm

Turbulent times ahead: Who will give us shelter from the storm? America on one side and Russia on the other side are following their own agenda and interests. A growing case for a common peace and security policy in Europe? Should Europe play a stronger role in the world and speak with one voice? What should be our purpose: act like a selfish giant – or reach out to people in need? Democrats versus autocrats: soft power – or hard sanctions?

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Key-note speaker

- **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and Vice-President of the European Commission (tbc)

Speakers

- **Mykola Bielieskov**, Deputy Director, Institute of World Policy, Kiev
- **Jens Gieseke**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Lorena Mohr**, Policy and Advocacy Officer, World Vision Brussels EU Representation
- **Mari Strømsvåg**, Board Member, European Youth Forum

Moderator

- **Adam Isaacs**, Head of Unit, Transatlantic relations and G8, European Parliament

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

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Requires some expertise on the subject

Battle of ideas: Legal versus illegal

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

Rap battle

Organised by the European Parliament

DJ

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

EN battle

Opening act and Host

- **Felman**, Rapper

MCs

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

FR battle

Opening act and Host

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

MCs

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

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

Venue: WIC open battle space, 150 places

Languages: a) EN
b) FR

Is access to rights the key to tackling populism?

Ensuring that young people have full access to their rights is an essential element of a culture of democracy, human rights and the rule of law. How can improved access to rights for young people prevent and counter populism in Europe and strengthen the democratic foundations of the European construction process? Youth leaders and experts will present testimonies from individuals who have experienced difficulties in accessing their rights or been denied them altogether. Together we'll discuss how populist movements build on voter disenchantment – especially among young people! – to undermine their rights.

Discussion

Organised by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

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

Venue: LOW S2.2, 150 places

Language: EN

Tolerance is not enough: Break the norm!

When we talk about equality and non-discrimination, we talk about fostering understanding and tolerance for victims of discrimination or abuse. But shouldn't we consider the bigger picture? Discrimination happens when someone doesn't fit into societal norms. Instead of focusing on how to accept those who don't fit in, shouldn't we take a closer look at the norms themselves? What norms and expectations exist in our societies? How do they affect our societies and young people in particular?

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 70 places

Language: EN

The legacy of mega-sports events

From the Olympic Games to the FIFA World Cup, what is the economic, social and environmental impact of mega-sports events? The kick-off of the 2014 FIFA World Cup, which saw Brazilians protesting over the cost of its organisation, was a reminder that such events have many lasting repercussions for the host country. What are the effects of the world's biggest sporting events on local, regional and national economies? What about the issue of sustainability and the subsequent use of the event infrastructure? What role can young people play in ensuring that sports (and politics) are a force for good? Join the debate and influence the legacies of major sports events.

Discussion

Organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO Youth)

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 70 places

Language: EN

WORKSHOPS

International crisis 2020

The EU is experiencing an international crisis and you need to find a way out. You will take on various roles and apply crisis management principles to save the EU. Join this simulation: will the outcome be war, humanitarian intervention or a diplomatic agreement – you decide!

Role-play game

Organised by Stuzák, Czech Republic

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

Venue: LOW S3.3, 30 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

The debate challenge: Conflict resolution 101

Are you passionate about debating? Join this session to train the peacemaker in you and come up with solutions to some of Europe's burning political issues – from Brexit to separatism. Can you look at both sides of a story? Are you aware of different political perspectives? Can you walk in someone else's shoes? Take part in this debate challenge: discover your potential and the power of conflict resolution!

Debate

Organised by the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)



Days, Times: a) Friday, 13:30-15:00
b) Saturday, 16:30-18:00

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN

G8 in 2030: Will you defend your interests or solve the crisis?

It is 2030 and we are facing a major security crisis – the world is counting on you to represent one of the members of the G8 Summit. You will negotiate on behalf of China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Russia, the US or... the EU. From cyber-proxy warfare to controlling strategic resources, your interests will shape the outcome of the crisis!

Role-play game

Organised by the ESPAS Young Talent Network, made up of EU civil servants from all EU institutions

Days, Times: a) Friday, 12:00-15:00
b) Friday, 12:00-15:00
c) Saturday, 11:00-14:00
d) Saturday, 11:00-14:00

Venues: a) & c) LOW S3.5, 24 places
b) & d) LOW S3.6, 24 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Rethinking conflict resolution: The case of the Minsk II agreement

Inspired by the Model United Nations, this simulation will kick off with an introduction to the Ukrainian crisis and the Minsk II agreement. We'll then get into groups representing delegations from Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine to formulate a common position and negotiate with the other delegations. Our goal will be to come up with an agreement and produce a joint declaration.

Role-play game

Organised by students at the Centre for EU-Russia Studies of the University of Tartu, Estonia

Peacebuilding with young Europeans

What is the role of young people in peacebuilding and security and defence policy and how can they get involved? What is your vision for European defence cooperation? What forms can youth involvement take – in both policy-making and policy implementation? How should we recognise youth work in this field and ensure better cooperation with local, national and European institutions? Join in the discussion and come up with concrete proposals!

Workshop

Organised by the Warsaw Institute for Strategic Initiatives (WISI), Poland

Convincing policy-makers: Advocating for young people, peace and security in Europe

Do young people have a role to play in peacebuilding? What can they do to promote international peace and security? What would you do in peacebuilding negotiations? Join this simulation to find out! You'll hear first-hand accounts from young Syrians involved in peacebuilding and learn from their experiences. Your voice can be a powerful tool in making this world a better and safer place.

Workshop

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

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

Venue: LOW S3.3, 30 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venue: LOW S3.3, 36 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN

Everyone can make a difference

Do you think racism and hate are some of the most pressing challenges our planet is facing? Then come along to our workshop, in which we follow the example of the international One Billion Acts of Peace campaign and come up with a concrete action project to tackle this problem. Discuss the root causes, get into groups to produce a brief plan for a project, optimise the plans and then put them into a format to be presented to EU politicians for possible support and funding.

Workshop

Organised by PeaceJam Europe

Western norms and values: A long-standing notion from both sides of the Atlantic

We often refer to the concepts of the Western world and Western values. But does the term the 'West' still mean anything? Can we still attribute distinct social norms, ethical values, traditional morals and governing systems to it? Is this a notion we should be protecting? Should we promote it? Do we need to reinvent it? What difference can EU-US cooperation make? European and US students connected via video link in Strasbourg and Washington DC will analyse and debate the concept of Western norms and values through three interrelated topics: migration, national security, and data protection.

Workshop

Organised by the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC

Facilitator in Strasbourg

- **Adam Isaacs**, Head of the Transatlantic Relations and G8 Unit, European Parliament

Facilitator in Washington DC

- **Ryan Meilak**, Administrator at the European Parliament Liaison Office, Washington DC

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

Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW T03.037, 20 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Stopping the pendulum: From disenchantment to extremism

To some young people, the EU may seem like a monster – in this workshop, we'll try to get to the bottom of these feelings and explore the consequences they might have. Why did this happen, what went wrong and how do these individuals convey their disappointment? Is it expressed through political extremism, religious radicalisation or nationalism, and why is it so prominent in the internet era? How will this affect their vote in 2019, their societies and our Union's progress? And in the worst-case scenario, how long will we remain free and safe? The more dangers we spot, the more solutions we can find. Let's do it Europeans!

Workshop

Organised by Europe Direct Komotini and Friends, Greece

Day, Time: Saturday, 12:30-14:00
Venue: LOW S4.4, 40 places
Language: EN

Security and freedom: Is terrorism endangering our individual rights?

Europe is going through difficult times. The constant threat of terrorism is forcing us to strengthen security measures. How do the younger generations perceive the need for security? Can protection measures against terrorism jeopardise the fundamental principles of freedom and democracy? Join the discussion and try to find a compromise between national and international security and the protection of human rights.

Workshop

Organised by Young Europeans for Human Rights, Italy

Day, Time: Friday, 12:30-14:00
Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places
Language: EN

Safe or free? That is the question

Can the EU manage safety risks while preserving one of our fundamental values: freedom? In stormy times, safety comes first. But at what cost? As we are forced to deal simultaneously with important questions such as the refugee crisis, its origin and terrorist attacks, the line between security measures and the infringement of liberties is often blurred. This walking debate will encourage participants to think about all sides of an argument and find solutions, by physically moving from one side of the room to the other.

Moving debate

Organised by the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO) and Etudiants Musulmans de France (EMF), France

Day, Time: Friday, 11:00-12:00
Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places
Language: EN

Satire in politics

In the wake of the attacks on Charlie Hebdo in Paris there has been widespread endorsement of satire as a cultural achievement in Europe. Yet many people – and especially politicians – claim that satire should only monitor the political process from the outside. Come and discuss with Martin Sonneborn, current Member of the European Parliament and former editor-in-chief of the satirical magazine Titanic, the role that satire plays/should play in the political landscape.

Workshop

Organised in cooperation with Martin Sonneborn, MEP

Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW S3.7, 40 places
Language: EN

Online abuse against women & hate speech: Hindering democracy in Europe?

Is online abuse and online harassment of women, particularly politically active women a threat to democracy? Across Europe we have seen elected politicians, heads of youth organisations, online activists, bloggers, journalists and young women face online abuse. The result is often that women and those from diverse groups choose not to participate in politics, in public leadership, political debates and ultimately refrain from expressing their opinions. We've seen various government interventions in Europe but is this enough? How can we tackle this new challenge to democracy, digital inclusion and progress towards gender equality? Join this discussion and help develop innovative strategies to keep our online communities safe for everyone.

Discussion

Organised by *Glitch!UK, United Kingdom*

Speakers

- **Cécile Kyenge**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Yentyl Williams**, Founder of the ACP Young Professionals Network

Moderator

- **Seyi Akiwowo**, Founder of @_GlitchUK

Coloured glasses: Promote tolerance, fight inequality

We all observe and interpret reality through different cultural filters. We all see the world through these 'coloured glasses'. But we are not necessarily aware of it. Cultural self-awareness plays a key part in how we perceive and interact with other people. In our increasingly diverse society, it is especially important to develop our intercultural communication skills and fight intolerance through understanding. What form do your 'coloured glasses' take? Join this workshop to learn more!

Workshop

Organised by *European Educational Exchanges – Youth for Understanding (EEE-YFU)*

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places

Language: EN



Days, Times: a) Friday, 15:00-16:30
b) Saturday, 11:30-13:00

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN

Birth, adulthood and third age: Intercultural dialogue from a gender perspective

Cultural and gender norms are often implicit, but they have a bigger impact on us than we might think. Are you ready to question those preconceived norms and gender stereotypes? This workshop will make you reflect on how exactly these stereotypes can affect your personal development. Join us to discover how gender stereotypes persist through different stages of our lives and what can we do once we are aware of them.

Workshop

Organised by *Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)*

Riding the waves of democracy

The 'ocean' of democracy is particularly choppy in Europe nowadays, with the emergence of many populist parties and politicians. Their activities threaten our democratic societies and could lead to the rise of authoritarian regimes limiting our rights and freedoms. The solution to this issue is educated and competent citizens. Join this workshop to develop your social and civic competences. Learn how to make informed and responsible decisions to safeguard our democracy and rights.

Workshop

Organised by *the Czech Council of Children and Youth (ČRDM)*

Generation Y: What's your greatest fear?

What fears do young people have about their future and the future of the societies they live in? Fears can lead to extremist thoughts if left unaddressed, which is why it's important to discuss them openly. Join us to address your concerns and discuss how to tackle them. How can we use fear to build a narrative of hope?

Discussion

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



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN

Mind the gap: Life science train is about to leave!

Are we ready for life science revolution? In the last few years, our knowledge of human genetic diseases strongly improved. We are witnessing the emergence of new promising tools to prevent, detect and treat human disorders, even before birth. Are these technologies safe enough to be applied to humans? Can we treat each genetic disease? Are European countries sharing the same vision? To give keys to reflect on these questions, you'll be guided through genomic tools and debate together on their ethical aspects.

Workshop

Organised by The disease killers, France

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

Venue: LOW S4.4, 40 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Speak your mind! A playful experience of mental wellbeing

We live in a society that our brain perceives as fast, unstructured, highly pressured and with too many choices to make. As a result, we sometimes feel lost, uncertain, sad and anxious, or even delirious, excited and highly motivated. Are you keen to get to grips with these emotions, understand them and learn how to use them to our advantage? Then join our 'Speak your mind!' workshop and find out how you can raise awareness about youth mental health and wellbeing through clowning, games and theatre.

Workshop

Organised by Euro Youth Mental Health (EuroYouthMH), United Kingdom

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Psychoactive substances: How can we create safer environments?

Millions of young people across Europe consume psychoactive substances every year and – regardless of whether they are illegal (like cannabis or ecstasy) or legal (like tobacco and alcohol) – their use is associated with certain risks. What measures can be implemented to prevent such risks or at least reduce them? On the basis of solutions that have already been adopted in some countries, we'll come up with new solutions to make us safer by reducing the individual and social harm caused by the use of psychoactive substances among young Europeans.

Workshop

Organised by Youth Organisations for Drug Action (YODA)

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

Venue: LOW -1 Triangle, 50 places

Language: EN

Working together for safer roads in the EU

Did you know that more than 30 000 people die on EU roads every year, which is the equivalent of a medium-sized town? That's why it's all the more important to raise awareness among young people about road safety. So fasten your seatbelts and join us for a road safety simulation game in which you'll pass through five different activity pit stops. Will you manage to drive while drunk or writing a WhatsApp message? Get ready for a fun, yet safe, ride!

Workshop

Organised by Agros Youth Club, Cyprus

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

Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places

Language: EN

5. LOCAL AND GLOBAL: protecting our planet



*'Imagine holding Planet Earth
in the palm of your hand.
50 years from now – what will they say about us here?
Did we care for the water and the fragile atmosphere?'*

- Prince, Planet Earth

Instagram: @Mikecleggphoto

PANELS

The burning question: Should Europe take the lead on climate action?

We only have one planet, and we need to work together to protect it. Scientific evidence gives us a strong sense of urgency to fight against global warming. Ignoring the voice of scientists would only push the risk of climate collapse to the next generation. Should Europe become a clean-energy superpower?

- How to cut greenhouse gas emissions and shift from dirty fossil fuels to clean energy sources?
- How to create more green jobs and a new climate for doing green business to foster renewable power, energy-saving technologies and the circular economy?
- How to speed up electric cars, bicycles and low-carbon mobility on the road to a greener future?
- How to transform mining areas for a post-coal future?
- How to protect rainforests and eco-systems?

Ideas check

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas givers

- **Lennart Budelmann**, Co-founder, aQysta
- **Anna-Maria Renner**, Grassroots Coordinator, Greenpeace Greece
- **Philipp Voß**, Junior Researcher, Ecologic Institute

Ideas catchers

- **Jakop Dalunde**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Karima Delli**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Adina Ioana Valean**, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator

- **Diana Bologova**, Board member, European Youth Press

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

A spacewalker's life: Zero gravity and a hundred new horizons

My mission to the International Space Station. A European astronaut talks about one of humanity's greatest exploration adventures and shares his experience with young people.

Talk

Organised in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA)

Speaker

- **Paolo Nespoli**, Astronaut, European Space Agency (ESA)

Moderator

- **Kata Karáth**, Freelance Science Journalist

Race to planet Mars: A place to see before you die?

Europe 2020: Time for a new mission to Mars, our nearest planetary neighbour. The EXO MARS rover – Europe's famous next-generation space robot – will travel across the surface of the red planet to search for signs of life. What could it find and bring home to Earth: new evidence of life in the universe or even habitable stars?

Presentations and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Jan Lukacevic**, Researcher, Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Department of Space Physics
- **Michaela Musilová**, Chair of the Slovak Organisation for Space Activities (SOSA)
- **Elliot Sefton Nash**, Planetary scientist, European Space Agency (ESA)
- **Martin Zwick**, Automation and Robotics Engineer, European Space Agency (ESA)

Moderator

- **Monika Hohlmeier**, Member of the European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S1.4, 420 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Biodiversity and wildlife crime: On safari to extinction

Wildlife crime and habitat loss have pushed many rare animals to the brink of extinction. Crime syndicates are behind the trade in endangered species, operating across continents, without mercy for elephants, rhinos, tigers or gorillas. What can the European Union and the member states contribute to stop criminals and to protect threatened animals? Support park rangers and local communities against poachers? A worldwide ban on ivory trade without loopholes? Serious punishment and sanctions? Sustainable tourism without licence to kill?

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Catherine Bearder**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Lois Lelanchon**, Animal Rescue Program Officer, International Fund for Animal Welfare
- **Francis Massé**, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Sheffield

Moderator

- **Kata Karáth**, Freelance Science Journalist

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

Venue: LOW R3.1, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Sustainable city: Global picture, local colour

Protecting the planet: The United Nations outline the big picture in the 'sustainable development goals'. Cities add local colours. That's where the action is to improve life for future generations. Cities play an even more important role in the era of globalisation, offering local solutions to global challenges. What is your model for a sustainable city?

- Better ways to move around the city: New mobility solutions leading to less emissions and cleaner air?
- Better ways to live together: What are your proposals for the well-being of young people and families - cohesion between all generations, affordable housing, safe public spaces, and fitness areas?
- Better ways to work: How would you attract green jobs and foster start-ups with an environmental impact, save resources and avoid waste?

Ideas lab

Organised by the European Parliament

Ideas catchers

- **Eleonora Evi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Edouard Martin**, Member of the European Parliament

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

Days, Times: a) Friday, 13:00-16:30
b) Saturday, 10:00-13:30

Venue: LOW N3.2, 120 places

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

Farm of the future: Do you think cows like robotic milking?

In an ideal world: Sustainable farms produce a wide variety of healthy food, provide a good living for farmers and their families, respect animals and plants and maintain the surrounding nature for future generations. In real life: Current food production is not within the boundaries of the planet. Industrial agriculture as we know it is unsustainable, a dead end. The European Union needs fresh ideas and better solutions. Which is your preferred model for the farm of the future?

- Technological approach: Precise technology including computer controlled watering and fertilising crops. Robots milking the cows and assisting the farmer. A green business, resource-efficient and highly productive.
- Ecological approach: Organic farming, minimising human pressure on animals and plants, including protection of biodiversity around the farm. Animal welfare and animal rights, significantly higher standards for the well-being of farm animals.

Debate

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- **Beverley Flatt**, Farmer and Content Creation Manager for Bayer Animal Health
- **Isabella Lang**, Policy Unit, IFOAM EU
- **Jannes Maes**, President, European Council of Young Farmers
- **Robbe Van Beers**, Scientific Researcher, Mechatronics, Biostatistics and Sensors (MeBioS) division, KU Leuven, Belgium

Moderator

- **Marijana Petir**, Member of the European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW S1.5, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Water for all: Born to run...

... out of water? Clean, freshwater is critical for human survival, short in supply and at the source of sustainable development. Who protects the planet's most vital resource in times of climate change? What action should the European Union take...

... at the global level to support access of all poor people to clean and safe water,

... at the European level to follow up on the successful citizens' initiative 'Right 2 water',

... at the local level to improve water management as part of a healthy eco-system?

Discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- Clara Cuartero de Frias, Board Member, ONGAWA; End Water Poverty
- Hugh McDonald, Researcher, Ecologic Institute
- Antonella Vagliente, Co-Founder & Director General, Young Water Solutions

Moderator

- Lynn Boylan, Member of the European Parliament

Ocean protection: Hooked on heavenly habitat

The ocean – covering 70 percent of our blue planet – sustains all life on Earth and regulates the climate. Fishing provides jobs for millions and food for billions worldwide. We love to dive into the blue, magnificent habitats for health, recreation, sports and exploration. Our oceans are in trouble – so are we. How can Europe stop ocean exploitation, degradation and overfishing? How can we ensure a sustainable marine life in the future? How to remove plastic waste from the ocean or keep it out of water in the first place?

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- Marcella Hansch, Architect & Founder, Pacific Garbage Screening
- Eugene Kitsios, Photographer, Fotoreisspecialist
- Lina Röschel, Junior Researcher, Ecologic Institute

Moderator

- Tiemo Wölken, Member of the European Parliament

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

Venue: LOW N1.3, 190 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

Changing Africa: New perspectives in the smartphone era

Africa's young generation has the potential to climb out of poverty and to emerge from the bottom to the mainstream of the global economy. Equipped with smartphones and Internet access a growing number of young people will find new ways to crack the continent's long-standing problems. On their rough ride to the future they need our help to succeed. What are your ideas to build new and better connections with Africa? A European investment plan? Investment with social or sustainable impact? Supporting start-ups? Rewriting trade rules? Empowering girls in education? Transferring green technologies? Supporting sustainable tourism and biodiversity?

Talk and discussion

Organised by the European Parliament

Speakers

- Iman Malek, CEO & Founder, AQUASafe
- Ameni Mansouri, Co-founder & CEO, Dabchy
- Rohit Subramanian, Investment Associate, CDC Group

Moderator

- Kyenge Cécile Kshetu, Member of the European Parliament

Battle of ideas: Man versus nature

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

Science slam

Organised by the European Parliament

Science slam Master

- Eva Johansone, Newscaster, Latvian Television

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

Venue: WIC 100, 240 places

Languages: interpreted into EN, FR, DE

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

Venue: WIC open battle space, 150 places

Language: EN

Century of the city

Cities are the most promising place in which to find sustainable development solutions to address the major challenges of the 21st century. What makes cities so important and what is the role of local governments in addressing challenges such as climate change, economic inequality and youth unemployment? How can young people take on their role as active citizens, social entrepreneurs and social innovators? Join this discussion to learn how you can shape the future of your city.

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

#renewJobs: The opportunities of renewable energies

Young people want a job that can give them a good life. They also have the right to live in an undamaged environment. Renewable energies have the potential to tackle both issues: creating jobs and mitigating the effects of climate change. Join us to explore common ground between trade unionists and environmentalists and discuss how we can harness the potential of renewable energies.

Discussion

Organised by the International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)

Sustainable Development Goals and young people: Time to change the world!

Is it really possible to change the world? Do young people have a role to play? The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been identified as a tool to address our biggest global challenges. Join us to find out what has actually been done to reach these goals and what's still left to do. Learn how young people have played a key role in achieving the SDGs at national, regional and global level and how they can continue to support this global agenda.

Discussion

Organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI)

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

Venue: LOW N1.2, 150 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N1.1, 70 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW N4.3, 70 places

Language: EN

Working towards a better world: Young people and sustainable development

The United Nations set out to address some of the biggest global challenges, such as eradicating poverty, protecting our planet, building long-lasting peace and developing strong and stable democratic societies. Young people play a key role in that process and their participation is vital to ensure this ambitious agenda is implemented. How can young people take the lead on working towards peaceful and prosperous societies?

Discussion

Organised by the European Youth Forum

Speaker

- **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (tbc)



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

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

Language: EN

WORKSHOPS

Travel far, get closer

How can we take out “distance” as a physical obstacle to a better world? Faces2Hearts is a worldwide blogging initiative that has taken 4 young bloggers on a journey across Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific for 5 months to discover projects that have changed people’s lives for the better, supported by the EU. Come and listen to the amazing stories of places and people they have encountered off the beaten track! Learn about the small steps that matter, hear the heartbeat of entire communities, let their faces touch your hearts...

Talk

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

Speakers

- **Lauren Kana Chan**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in Asia-Pacific
- **Ellie Tomassi**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in East & Southern Africa
- **Ariel Contreras**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in Latin America
- **Jean Luc Habimana**, the Faces2Hearts blogger in Western & Central Africa

Moderator

- **Sara Fonseca Silva**, Digital Campaign Manager, EuropeAid

Development cooperation, solidarity and international youth work

How can you act in your local area and still contribute to a sustainable world? What is Solidarity Action Day? Come and learn how you can contribute to a fairer world, even with the smallest act. Together we'll discuss what solidarity and development cooperation should look like if they're to be sustainable and how to create long-term youth solidarity networks all over the world.

Workshop

Organised by the Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe (SAME), Belgium

Days, Times: a) Friday, 12:00-13:30
b) Saturday, 13:30-15:00
Venue: Swan bar, 20 places
Language: EN

Day, Time: Friday, 14:00-15:30
Venue: LOW S3.3, 30 places
Language: EN

The green toolbox: Sustainability in your daily life

Every choice that we make on a regular basis, from how much paper we print to how much energy we use, has an impact on the environment. Do you want to learn how you can reduce your environmental footprint? Knowing where to begin and what exactly you can do can be overwhelming. This workshop will help you get started. Join us and challenge yourself! Discuss how you can adapt your habits and adopt a more environmentally conscious lifestyle.

Workshop

Organised by International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)

#SportForAll: Sport for sustainable development

What is the link between sport and sustainable development? Sport can contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the sport sector can benefit from implementing them. Drop by this workshop to hear stories and practical examples of how we can move closer to sustainable development through sport. Discuss how you can take inspiration from those ideas and introduce them in your local communities.

Workshop

Organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO Youth)

Sustainable Development Goals in everyday life – explained

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We've heard these three words on repeat, but how can young people relate to them on a practical level? How we discuss the SDGs in a way that makes them relatable and relevant to our day-to-day existence? How can you support your community in the fight against hunger, poverty, inequality and climate change? Drop by this workshop to look at the relevance of SDGs at personal, local, national, European and global level. Contribute to positive change in your community and start creating a social impact now.

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI)



Day, Time: Friday, 15:00-16:00
Venue: Swan bar, 20 places
Language: EN



Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:00
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places
Language: EN



Day, Time: Friday, 16:00-17:00
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places
Language: EN

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

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

Workshop

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

From Dungeons and Dragons to projects and power

In a world where the environment and population are under threat, what would you do to save the planet? Join us in this role-playing adventure to learn how to build successful coalitions and develop strategies to fight for environmental causes. The game will empower you to analyse issues and take action on the things you care about.

Role-play game

Organised by the Jeunes Écologistes, France

One is not enough: Everyone must do their bit!

When we talk about protecting our planet, 90 % of the time we mean the little things that we can do in our personal life, homes and surroundings. But that's not enough. We need to create an impact in our communities, using 'nudges' to encourage everyone to perform these tiny little acts. How? Join us and discover how to take the first step.

Workshop

Organised by AIESEC Strasbourg, France

Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW C00.101, 40 places
Language: EN



Day, Time: Saturday, 11:00-13:00
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Day, Time: Saturday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places
Language: EN

Humans destroying Mother Earth: A fifth international crime?

Human rights and protection of the environment on one side; economic, political and diplomatic considerations on the other. Two topics which are all too often hard to reconcile. How can we make environmental protection legally binding and ensure recognition of the notion of 'ecocide'? We all own this planet, but it's us humans who are destroying it. What role could the EU play in this global issue?

Workshop

Organised by the Young Ambassadors of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW), France

Is the fight against climate change a feminist battle?

Climate change creates and exacerbates gender inequalities. Gender stereotypes and the imbalance of power place a great burden on women, as they are less likely to have access to resources and to be able to make their voices heard. Learn more about how different climate change scenarios affect different genders. Find out how they would affect your community and how your gender identity would play into each scenario. Get inspired to take action: fight climate change and fight for gender equality!

Discussion

Organised by the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

White Paper on best practices in the field of energy and the environment

Pick an EU country and a topic related to the environment or energy and come up with a project to tackle the issue in that country. Taking inspiration from the most successful initiatives collected in the White Paper on best practices in the field of energy and the environment, come up with ideal solutions to the problems. Then it's up to citizens to push their governments to apply them!

Workshop

Organised by the College of Europe White Paper project, Belgium's national winner of the 2017 Charlemagne Youth Prize

Day, Time: Friday, 17:30-18:30
Venue: LOW S3.3, 30 places
Language: EN



Day, Time: Saturday, 15:00-16:30
Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places
Language: EN

Day, Time: Friday, 18:00-19:00
Venue: LOW S4.1, 30 places
Language: EN

Become a change agent of a sustainable energy future

When you look at the state the world is in, you can either remain cynical and disenchanted or decide to change society for the better! If you want to be empowered and become a change agent for a more sustainable energy future, then this is the workshop for you. Come and discover how the sustainable energy community has helped others in the past, how it can support you in putting your ideas into practice and how you can use the community's platform to connect with people and resources.

Workshop

Organised by InnoEnergy

Green cities: how can young people be a part of the change?

Cities can play a key role in protecting our planet by committing to environmental protection and sustainable development. However, in practice this is often not so easy. What are the main challenges in greening our cities and how can they be solved? How can young people be a part of that process? This discussion brings together representatives from European Youth Capitals to discuss their experiences and exchange ideas on how to move forward. Join us and share your perspective!

Debate

Organised by the Network of European Youth Capitals

Transforming mindsets: 'Cross-pollination' for smarter cities

Have you ever heard of 'cross-pollination'? If not, this is the ideal opportunity to put this methodology into practice as we explore how to create sustainable smart cities. In this workshop, you'll gain multidisciplinary expertise and combine technical and commercial skills. Come and create a space for the cross-pollination of ideas and skills where we'll develop ideas for safe, sustainable and resilient cities.

Workshop

Organised by the Millennial Education Project, United Kingdom

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

Venue: LOW C00.101, 50 places

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Smart mobility: Towards emission-free public transport

Today's big cities are facing rising pollution levels due to traffic. How do we advance public metropolitan and inter-city transport to the level of emission-free smart mobility? How can we connect local and regional transport systems to a fast, intermodal mobility network and simplify cross-border mobility for long distances? Come and discuss these and other burning questions of today.

Workshop

Organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF) in Stuttgart, Germany

One voice, one vote, one chance: Less plastic in Europe and our lives!

Plastic consumption is a tangible environmental concern and we must take action to reduce it, both through EU policy and individually. How can we achieve a life with less plastic through trendy alternatives? Join this workshop to come up with campaigns and policy proposals to reduce plastic (at EU and local level) and explore how to enhance existing ones. Kick-start a life with less plastic!

Workshop

Organised by Stay With Me, Germany

#Double_WTF: Where's The Food Without The Farmer?

Have you ever thought of becoming a farmer? Would you even know where to start or how to access farmland? Can innovative business models for the future farming sector tackle rural depopulation? Meet young professionals who'll share their first-hand experiences. Join us to come up with future strategies to support young farming start-ups and set sustainable rural development and organic agriculture in motion!

Workshop

Organised by Young Farmers for Organic Agriculture, Belgium

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

Venue: LOW S3.7, 40 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW S3.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

Water and peace: A cooperative process

Play the role of a water-stressed country, a water-rich country, decision-makers, businessmen and individuals. You'll get a scenario based on your freshwater resources and paper water bottles containing different amounts of water. Now it's up to you to negotiate how to share out the available water so that everyone has enough to live: have you got what it takes to solve the world's water conflicts?

Role play game

Organised by the Solidarity Water Europe European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW)

The ethical consumer: The impact of our choices on the planet

Surveys show that more and more Europeans are willing to pay more for products when they are produced in an environmentally friendly way that respects social conditions. Do you consider yourself a responsible and ethical consumer? Do you have a good understanding of how our individual and collective choices as consumers affect the environment? And how does our socioeconomic background play into those choices? Join this role-play game to find out!

Role-play game

Organised by the International Young Naturefriends (IYNF)

Don't waste it, taste it! How responsible is your food consumption?

Roughly one third of the food produced for human consumption every year - approximately 1.3 billion tonnes - is lost or wasted. Responsible consumption and production are therefore key to achieving sustainable development. What can you do as an individual? What can the EU and the UN do? Join this workshop to find out more about successful policies implemented throughout Europe and how you can help to prevent food waste.

Workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Germany (DBJR)

Speaker

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

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

Venue: LOW S3.3, 40 places

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

Language: EN

How fair is our trade?

What is fair trade? Is there a single 'model' everyone should follow or are there lots of different ways to achieve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of marginalised small producers without maximising profit at their expense? How can the EU support marginalised small producers, whether independent family businesses or belonging to associations and co-operatives? Can the EU help them to move from income insecurity and poverty to economic self-sufficiency and ownership?

Workshop

Organised by the Young Cyprus Greens, Cyprus



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

Language: EN

SKILLS, NETWORKING, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS AND GAMES



I have a business idea: Do I have the skills?

Can you learn a mindset? Can you learn to be creative or think strategically? Can you learn to be flexible but still deliver according to plan? Try entrepreneurial education – combining theory and practice, soft and hard-core skills and so much more – to help you become a successful entrepreneur. See what incubators and accelerators can offer you.

Day, Time: Friday, 11:30-13:00
Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places
Language: EN

Skills workshop

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

I have a business idea: Anybody got any money?

A crash course in three potential sources of funding for your business: Family, Friends and Fools. Venture capitalists, angel investors, banks, crowdfunding...and don't forget the EU!

Day, Time: Friday, 13:30-15:00
Venue: LOW R1.1, 130 places
Language: EN

Skills workshop

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

Leadership and social action: Engaging young people in the 21st century

Can leadership and community organising go hand in hand? In this workshop we'll present parts of a pilot course combining leadership development skills with social action. Learn the techniques you need to drive social change through dynamic and innovative community organising knowledge and techniques!

Day, Time: Friday, 11:30-13:00
Venue: LOW S2.3, 35 places
Language: EN

Skills workshop

Organised by the Leeds Muslim Youth Group, United Kingdom

Start your own awareness-raising campaign (on children's rights)!

Want your voice to be heard but don't know how to make it happen? It's easier than you think! Together we'll learn how creativity can help us overcome any obstacle in our lives. Join our workshop and learn how to run an effective awareness-raising campaign. Existing campaigns on children's rights will serve as examples of potential obstacles and solutions. You'll launch a campaign by producing a short video to be shared on social media. The messages will then be delivered to MEPs.

Skills workshop

Organised by the YouSmile Team, Greece

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-15:30
Venue: LOW S4.1, 50 places
Language: EN

#Speakup for climate action: You(th) power the planet

Young people will be hit hardest by climate change but are underrepresented in the debate on climate action. Advocacy (working in the public interest to influence decision-makers) can help you to speak up and make your voice heard. In this workshop, you'll find out why climate change should matter to you and how to integrate climate advocacy into your future activities or work, whatever your field of interest. Learn the practicalities of the field and develop strategic advocacy skills. Join us to build lasting connections with young people across Europe and develop a proposal to deliver to an MEP!

Skills workshop

Organised by Youth for Climate Ambition

Day, Time: Friday, 12:00-13:30
Venue: LOW S3.3, 30 places
Language: EN

Tell us your stories: Become a citizen journalist

Citizen journalism – where citizens report on what they observe – is an extremely useful form of media coverage that has become increasingly popular in the past decade. The internet enables everyone to produce content and distribute it around the world through social media. The media landscape is changing, becoming more participative and in touch with local realities. How can citizen journalism bridge the gap between access to information and news? How can we ensure that citizen journalists are accurate, check their facts and seek multiple sources for their news stories? Are you interested in learning how to interview people and engage audiences and in discovering basic editing techniques? Join this hands-on workshop to learn how to be a citizen journalist covering issues important to your community.

Skills workshop

Organised by the Young European Federalists (JEF)

EU write the script: Youth reporting on Europe

Want to learn how to create a radio show? Then this workshop is for you! You will be guided by media professionals who'll share some of their tips and tricks and give you their insight into how to prepare a radio show. Become a radio editor for the day, broadening your knowledge and expertise in the fields of communication, the media and reporting on EU policies.

Skills workshop

Organised by RadUni, Italian National University Radio Network, Italy

Radio workshop: Lend Europe your voice!

Is radio a nostalgic machine from the past? Some consider it old-fashioned – yet it remains one of the most accessible and inclusive forms of media out there. How can young people use radio to spread their opinions far and wide? Join this workshop to learn how to harness the medium of radio and make it appealing to young people across Europe!

Skills workshop

Organised by National Youth Council of Austria (ÖJV) and Panthersie für Europa, Austria



Days, Times: Two-parts activity:
a) Friday, 11:00-12:00
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:30

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

Language: EN

Day, Time: Saturday, 14:00-16:30
Venue: LOW H-1.1, 45 places
Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places

Language: EN

Crash course: Learn international sign language

Sign language, gestures and communicative expressions are used all around the world, but it is not so common in Europe to see deaf people using sign language. Sign language helps people build a rapport with one another. A stronger Europe is one built on mutual understanding and communication, but how can we overcome existing barriers in communication? How can we highlight the importance of sign language? How can we make sure that it is recognised and used widely within society? Join us for a crash course in international sign language and be a part of this movement.

Skills workshop

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

Model European Union: Joining forces to simulate European politics

Have you ever taken part in a Model European Union (MEU) simulation? Would you like to organise a MEU session within your school or organisation? Do you have ideas about how to improve simulations? Then join this workshop to learn how you can become an MEU coordinator – share your experiences and get feedback from experienced organisers.

Skills workshop

Organised by the Bringing Europeans Together Association (BETA), Italy

Year of Young People: Building a legacy beyond 2018

Did you know that Scotland has designated 2018 the Year of Young People? Would you like to learn more about what this entails and how you could bring this concept to your home country? Then join this workshop and meet some of the Scottish co-designers of the Year of Young People who will share best practices to help you use this format to make a real impact on young people in Europe.

Skills and networking workshop

Organised by Young Scot, United Kingdom



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Stronger Europe tent, 50 places

Languages: EN, international sign language

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 30 places

Language: EN

Requires some expertise on the subject

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

Venue: LOW S2.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Will it juggle, will it fall?

Do your fingers itch when you're holding an apple, an orange and a tangerine? Are you fascinated when you see people juggling with six balls at a time, without dropping any? If the answer is yes, come and learn to juggle with us at this workshop for beginners run by the Graine de Cirque Association in Strasbourg. Yes, you'll juggle, but not on your own! This workshop is designed to help break the ice: a chance to have fun meeting other EYE participants!

Skills and networking workshop

Organised by the Graine de Cirque Association in Strasbourg, member of the European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

Sing to inspire

Do you like singing? Have you always wanted to try it out, but never dared? Then come and explore how we can use music to unite communities and bring people together to overcome any number of boundaries and barriers. An interactive music-making session with Paul Smith, co-founder of VOCES8.

Creative workshop

Organised by VOCES8

Yoga: Come as you are

Find time between mingling, advocacy, dialogues and shaping the future of Europe to take a deep breath at the EYE2018. Relax and explore the connection between body and mind by tapping into the expression of the elements in nature. How does consciousness manifest itself through the essence of water and earth? And how are we, human beings, a reflection of the elements? This is an ancient, insightful and beginner-friendly yoga practice. It includes yoga postures, relaxation, breath work and meditation. Come as you are.

Workshop

Organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO Youth)

Days, Times: a) Friday, 12:00-12:45
b) Friday, 15:00-15:45
c) Saturday, 10:00-10:45
d) Saturday, 11:00-11:45

Venue: Flower carpet stage, 30 places

Languages: EN, FR

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

Venue: WIC 200, 240 places

Language: EN



Days, Times: a) Friday, 11:00-12:00
b) Saturday, 10:00-11:00

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Protecting our planet tent, 50 places

Language: EN

Peace doves: Make your own, let it fly!

Ever heard of 'craftivism'? This workshop is where craft and activism meet. Learn about the UN resolution on youth, peace and security and get creative by making a visible statement on the themes of youth participation and peacebuilding. Don't miss this interactive DIY workshop to let your creativity flow and the peace doves fly!

Creative workshop

Organised by the National Youth Council of Finland (Allianssi)

Drawing the future of Europe!

Do you have your own ideas about Europe and how it should be? Do you like drawing? Then join this creative workshop, tell your story and create a comic that puts all participants' stories into one! Learn about how to produce a comic successfully and discover what it looks like to draw different European values.

Creative workshop

Organised by Iuventia and the Young European Federalists in Spain, Spain

With the EYES of a camera: InstaMeet at the European Parliament

Follow our @europeanparliament Instagram photographers who will guide you to some unseen spots inside and outside Parliament. You'll take and share pictures and stories, receive tips on how to master Instagram and have the opportunity to meet fellow Instagrammers at the EYE. The best #EPinstameet pictures will be regrammed on Parliament's official Instagram account!

Creative workshop

Organised by European Parliament photographers



Days, Times: a) Friday, 11:00-12:00,
b) Saturday, 13:30-14:30

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW North Gallery, 30 places

Language: EN

Days, Times: a) Friday, 12:30-13:30
b) Saturday, 12:30-13:30

Venues: a) meeting point Yo!Fest Village
EYE tent, 25 places
b) meeting point Agora, 25 places

Language: EN

Travelling for a cause: The toolbox

Capturing a feeling, a fleeting moment, a whole life... in a snapshot, in a filmed minute, in a couple of words! Faces2Hearts is a worldwide blogging initiative that has taken 4 young bloggers on a journey across Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific for 5 months to discover projects that have changed people's lives for the better, supported by the EU. Come and meet them as they are ready to share and exchange with you tips and lessons learnt on photography, videography / filming in 360°, blogging, storytelling. Learn how a sensitive heart and amazing subjects can be sublimated by modern equipment and techniques.

Skills and networking workshop

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

Refugee crisis: Compassion and empathy through theatre

How does it feel to be a refugee? You'll hear stories from young people who have been forced to flee their countries in search of a better life. How does such an experience affect an individual? How can you relate to it and how do you express your compassion? This activity will challenge you to communicate your empathy through theatre. Challenge yourself, learn about the real-life experiences of young refugees and use your creativity to foster understanding and intercultural communication.

Creative workshop

Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)

Youth values

Take part in our Eurodesk game on European values: pick a word, build a storyline, challenge yourself to create a mime and help the other group discover the value behind it.

Interactive game

Organised by Eurodesk

Days, Times: a) Friday, 18:00-19:30
b) Saturday, 15:30-17:00

Venues: Swan bar, 20 places

Language: EN



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

Venue: Yo!Fest Village, Alive in turbulent times tent, 50 places

Language: EN

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

Venue: LOW -1 Triangle, 50 places

Language: EN

The peace spaceship: Challenging prejudice

No matter who we are, we have all experienced stereotypes and prejudice at some point in our lives. The future of Europe will not be white but multi-ethnic, made up of many different cultures, races and nationalities. Migrations and movements of people from all over the world are contributing to a new way to be 'European'. We'll start by playing the peace spaceship game and move on to a discussion on *jus soli*, *jus culturae* and the way forward.

Interactive game

Organised by Servas Youth, Italy

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

Venue: LOW C00.101, 50 places

Language: EN

Youropeans

In this role-play game you will play the role of a citizens of a hypothetical new European country that, after a period of dictatorship, is asking to enter the European Union. Through the creation of local committees it will be up to you to find solutions to issues such as youth unemployment, integration of migrants, cultural diversities, and environmental problems. Will you manage to build the ideal society?

Role-play game

Organised by Eurodesk Est Lombardia

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

Venue: LOW North Gallery, 40 places

Language: EN

Changemakers: Find the key to a better Europe

This game takes you on the journey of a young migrant experiencing the hardships of integration into the European reality. Teams will come up with proposals using different methodologies: sketches, debating, song-writing or drawing. Solve the problems to gain the key to the next room: be the change in your community and receive the Changemaker Award!

Interactive game

Organised by the Center for Intercultural Dialogue, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

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

Venue: LOW North Gallery, 50 places

Language: EN

Active Europeans squared

The power is in the squares! Engage with your peers in an interactive setting: come along to this fun workshop to identify what connects you with the rest of Europe's young people! Which virtual square do you belong to: are you an optimistic influencer or a pessimistic spectator? Find ways to tackle your common concerns and propose practical solutions in this thought-provoking activity. Who will win?

Interactive game

Organised by the Rotaract Club of Nicosia, Cyprus

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

Venue: LOW S4.5, 40 places

Language: EN

On the road from 'apart' to 'together': The first step

How can we include people from different cultures in a Europe which is as diverse as ever? Come along to our workshop and take part in two games focused on self-insight: what possible prejudices might European societies have against refugees and migrants? Put your own experiences under the microscope and (re)consider your actions for the future integration of young refugees and migrants in European society.

Interactive game

Organised by the Youth Representation of the Service Civil International (SCI), Belgium

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

Venue: LOW S4.3, 40 places

Language: EN

Stamp your cultural passport!

You're an EU citizen with a passport that holds no stamps. You're just starting your journey through the 28 EU Member States. Your sole aim? Complete tasks at each stop on your journey to get your passport stamped. Ready to guess traditional meals, write a poem in a foreign language or teach each other traditional dancing steps? Play this learn-by-doing game to increase your knowledge of the 28 Member States and have fun while you're at it!

Interactive game

Organised by Youth Dynamics, Cyprus

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

Venue: LOW C00.101, 30 places

Language: EN

Escape game

You're locked in a room. To escape you'll have to solve a series of puzzles using clues, hints and riddles related to electricity consumption and the protection of our planet. Have you got what it takes to produce your own energy?

Interactive game

Organised by Lycée Des Métiers Louis Blériot in Trappes, France

Day, Times: Friday, a) 18:15-19:00
b) 19:00-19:45

Venue: LOW C00.101, 10 places

Language: FR

Common ground: The natural heritage game

Would you be able to identify a natural heritage site in Europe? Using illustrated graphics, explore the continent's ancestral common ground. Connect the dots throughout the European territory. Free your mind from borders and create a new map of Europe.

Interactive game

Organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Youth Club of Thessaloniki, Greece

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

Venue: LOW S4.2, 50 places

Language: EN

Urban strolls

The Urban strolls will give you an opportunity to discover the richness of the European cultural heritage in Strasbourg: its cathedral, the Neustadt, the European Institutions and the Lieu d'Europe as well as the cultural diversity and the living space of youngsters in Strasbourg. We will also tell the stories of historic characters who have contributed in Strasbourg to the European project. The cultural walks will stimulate your creativity and innovative thinking by suggesting ways to engage in the promotion and protection of the tangible and intangible European cultural heritage.

Guided city tours

Organised by Association Migration Solidarité et Échanges pour le Développement (AMSED), France

Days, Times: a) Friday, 12:00-14:30
b) Friday, 12:00-14:30
c) Friday, 15:00-17:30
d) Friday, 15:00-17:30
e) Friday, 18:00-20:30
f) Saturday, 10:30-13:00
g) Saturday, 10:30-13:00
h) Saturday, 13:30-16:00
i) Saturday, 13:30-16:00
l) Saturday, 16:30-19:00

Venue: Starting point: accreditation tent, 12 places

Language: EN



ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES



Battle 4 Your Vote: A political rap battle

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

Day, Time: Friday, 18:30-20:30
Venue: Red carpet stage, 250 places
Language: EN

Rap battle

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

Host

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

DJ

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

Introduction

- **Camelia Vasile**, EU40

Speakers/rappers

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

- **Gramsky**, Rapper
- **Eva Maydell**, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
- **Tomáš Zdechovský**, Member of the European Parliament

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

- **Dekay**, Rapper
- **Brando Benifei**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Eva Kaili**, Member of the European Parliament

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

- **Kat's Head**, Rapper
- **Dita Charanzová**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Angelika Mlinar**, Member of the European Parliament

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

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

Silent play: The soundtrack of migration

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

Interactive performance

By Non Dalla Guerra, Italy

Day, Time: Saturday, 15:30-16:30
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places

We are family!

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

Interactive performance

By Alla Ribalta, Italy

Day, Time: Friday, 16:00-16:45
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places
Language: EN

Dance for a better world

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

Dance performance

By Theseus, Portugal

Day, Time: Saturday, 13:00-14:00
Venue: Red carpet stage, 150 places

Anxiety: Are we being manipulated?

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

Dance performance

By the Ziggurat Project, Hungary

Day, Time: Saturday, 13:00-14:00
Venue: Red carpet stage, 150 places
Language: EN

Dance together: History, tradition and the future generations

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

Dance performance

By the Samuel von Brukenthal National College, Romania

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

Dance performance

By the Limassol Folklore Association

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:00
Venue: Red carpet stage, 150 places

Borderscapes

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

Theatre performance

By BAZAAR Europa

Beyond the walls

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

Theatre performance

By Futurologues, Hungary

Europe: A crossroads of identity

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

Theatre performance and conversation

By Gkezos Armandos, Greece

Day, Time: Friday, 13:45-14:30
Venue: Red carpet stage, 150 places
Language: EN

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-13:30
Venue: Red carpet stage, 150 places
Language: EN

Day, Time: Saturday, 16:00-17:00
Venue: Red carpet stage, 150 places
Language: EN

Music connects people

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

Music performance

By BanDazoo, Cyprus

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

Music performance

By the Cyprus Young String Soloists, Cyprus

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

Music performance

By Ariane Vera, Germany

Europe: The tale of a stormy love affair

A lively musical telling the story of European integration in its own unique way.

Music performance

By CesUE Teatro

Day, Time: Friday, 13:00-14:00
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places
Language: EN

Day, Time: Friday, 17:00-18:00
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places
Language: EN

Europe: Improvisation, freestyle or set composition?

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

Music performance

By the JML Collective Ensemble, Austria

Day, Time: Saturday, 12:00-12:30
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places

Waves of people, waves of hope!

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

Chorodrama

By The Visioners, Cyprus

Day, Time: Saturday, 12:45-13:15
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places

Life is a circus

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

Circus performances

By the European Federation of Professional Circus Schools (FEDEC)

Days, Times: a) Friday, 14:15-14:45
b) Saturday, 13:30-14:00
Venue: Flower carpet stage, 100 places



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