

MAGIC MIRRORS

6th May 2015 // AGENDA

10.00 am – 11:30 am YO!Talks: YouthUP

The inaugural YO!Talks will examine the topic of youth participation by inviting five exceptional young people who have bucked the trend and become engaged with politics. Come hear their stories and recommendations for change! YO!Talks are a part of the forthcoming League of Young Voter's #youthUP campaign, which will soon begin its outreach to young people and decision-makers demanding more youth involvement in politics and decision-making.

The YO!Talks format is:

- 5 young people speak for 7 minutes explaining their story of engagement with politics through using photos or images.
- During their presentation, attendees will be encouraged to tweet their reactions or ideas, which will be shown on a tweetwall.
- The host will then choose 3 or 4 tweets and call on the tweeter to speak.

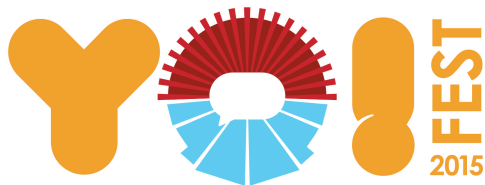
12:00 am – 1:00 pm

YO!Debate: Roundtable on quality jobs & development: How far can quality jobs drive economic development?

The economic and financial crisis demonstrated that our traditional model of society and growth had to be reviewed. It is now time to discuss what kind of economic development, based on quality jobs, young people would like to promote.

This roundtable will be the opportunity for young people to discuss the link between quality jobs and economic development with Claire Courteille, Director of the ILO Brussels Office, and a Member of the European Parliament. The speakers will try to assess to what extent quality jobs and decent employment can be drivers of sustainable economic development.

To liven up the debate and demonstrate that young people can be actors of development, two young speakers will also share their own experience of quality jobs creation and projects. This roundtable is the opportunity to show that young people's creative and innovative ideas can contribute to the creation of quality jobs and to a more sustainable economic development.



2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

YO!Debate: Members, not only shareholders! How cooperatives enhance youth participation

Organised by Cooperatives Europe

To shape a society that can enhance the role of younger generations, their political and civic participation is of utmost importance. But youth participation in business is important too, and there might be an unexploited potential in there.

With this workshop, we would like to raise awareness about business models based on people participation, in particular cooperatives. Three entrepreneurs will share of their cooperative and discuss with the audience what participation means to them.

Speakers

Dann Creupelandt, Ecopower
Julia Schorestene, Coopaname
Enrico de Sanso, BeesCoop

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

High Level Debate: Youth and the City

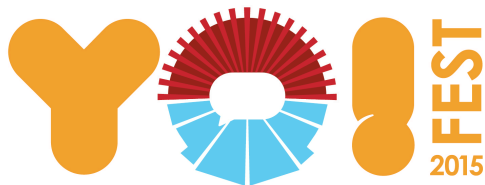
In the context of crisis, young people across Europe are reimagining how they interact with their cities. What can be done at the local level to tackle issues concerning employment, education, housing and the environment? How can young people actively address these problems where they feel them most acutely, at the local level?

This debate will focus on youth participation, examining how young people can be empowered to actively shape their cities. How can youth participation be boosted at the city level? What innovative methods and strategies can be used to achieve this? When a city really decides to 'youth up', what are the positive impacts on society?

Our panel of speakers will address these questions, focusing in particular on the experiences of the European Youth Capitals (EYCs). Mayors of the past, present and future youth capitals will bring their experience of increased youth participation, alongside high-level panelists.

Attendees

Mayor Ricardo Rio, Braga, EYC 2012 (tbc)
Mayor Yiannis Boutaris, Thessaloniki, EYC 2014 (tbc)
Mayor Emil Boc, Cluj-Napoca, EYC 2015 (tbc)
Mayor Elmar Valiyev, Ganja, EYC 2016 (tbc)
Mayor Ivan Portnih, Varna, EYC 2017 (tbc)
Malcolm Byrne – Youth Spokesperson, Congress of Local & Regional Authorities (CoE)
Terry Reintke – MEP, Co-Chair of the EP's Youth Intergroup (Green)
Eva Paunova – MEP, Co-Chair of the EP's Youth Intergroup (EPP) (tbc)



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YO!Lab: Grow Strong - Building a Strong Youth Civil Society

Youth organisations are key component of the civil society in Europe and as such they address a full range of societal challenges, including social and environmental problems, participation, education, social inclusion etc.. Recognising their values and contribution to the wellbeing of our democracies means ensuring healthier societies.

This event – conceived as a learning journey – wants to raise the awareness of the members of the Youth Forum and other civil society organisations to think more strategically about their development strategies to become stronger stakeholders in society.

Based on the longstanding experience of the European Youth Forum in contributing to building stronger youth civil society in Europe and on the recent Youth Forum publication 'Growing Stronger: a learning journey', participants will be guided through the learning journey to grow stronger civil society organisations.

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

YO!Lab: Youth Work - Contribution to Young People's Development

Organised in cooperation with Youth for Exchange and Understanding

This workshop will showcase how participation in youth work activities contributes to the individual development of young people, as well as to the community and societal development. The session will start with the projection of a digital storytelling on youth work to trigger the discussion among participants.

In cooperation with the Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU), innovations in youth work focusing on different newly developed educational activities will be presented and discussed together with the results of YEU's project on the Certification of the Youth Workers.

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

YO!Lab: Skills for Life - The impact of non-formal education

Organised by World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts & World Organization of the Scout Movement

This workshop will explore the role of non-formal education in developing the skills for life and how these skills are transferable to different contexts, such as employment sector, social engagement, or political participation. In order to raise awareness of the role of non-formal education and volunteering, the debate will also address how youth organisations are contributing to the priorities of the Europe 2020 such as soft skills, education, youth employment and active citizenship.