



Youth participation & democratic trends

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Who are we?



Recent trends about youth & democracy

- In Europe, 60% of young people are members of a youth club or youth organisation!
- But...electoral turnout among youth still low
- 68% of young people didn't vote in the last EP elections due to **practical** reasons
- Globally, young people's trust in democracy is **decreasing**

Different forms of participation?

- Voting vs. protesting vs. boycotts...
- E.g. Young people choosing not to purchase fast fashion – is that political participation?

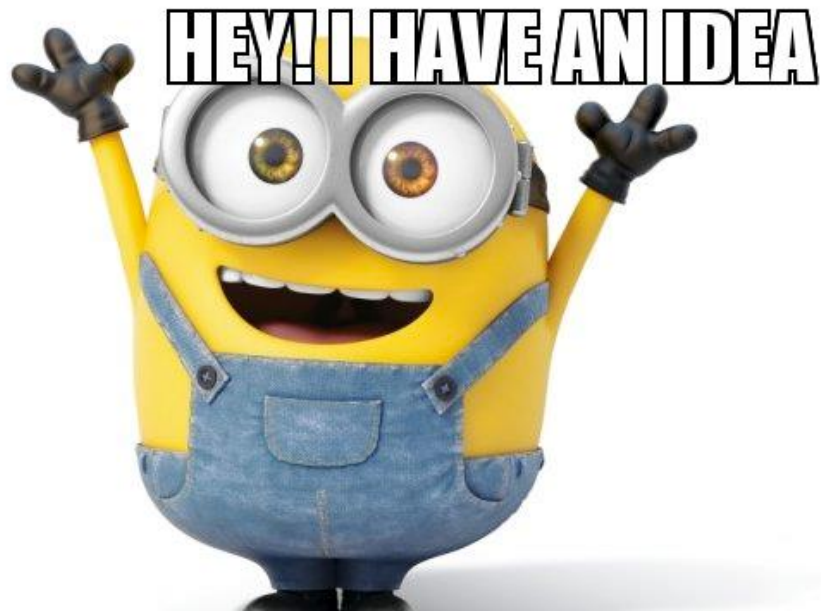


Civic Space

- It is less and **less easy** for youth organisations to do their work in Europe
- **2 in 5** youth organisations don't speak out due to fear of retribution from governments



What are our solutions?



Young people & voting



- Voting is a habit
- 16 is the right age
- Rights = responsibilities
- Info at school
- Young candidates

#Vote16 #BeSeenBeHeard

Sign our
petition!



Be Seen
Be Heard



They say the future is **ours** to shape, but youth are **missing** from politics



It's time to **rewrite the rules**

A Youth Test



CoE Reykjavik agenda



- Reykjavik Summit → youth perspective to be brought into more of the CoE's work
- Consider how policies impact young people's lives & consult them

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Thank you for your attention

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