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Mutual growth through shared experiences



fostering confidence and connection for ALL

PEER MENTORING

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

Skill-building spaces that nurture confident, engaged young leaders



Brighter future

Young changemakers

drive grassroots movements amplifying voices to shape policies

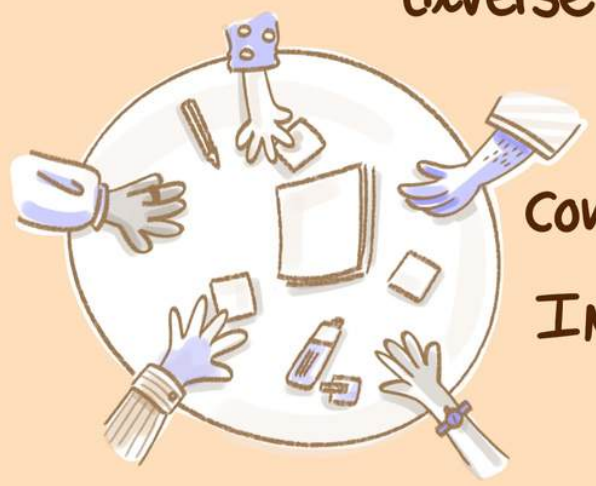


YOUTH-LED ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

YOUTH CO-LEADERSHIP METHODS

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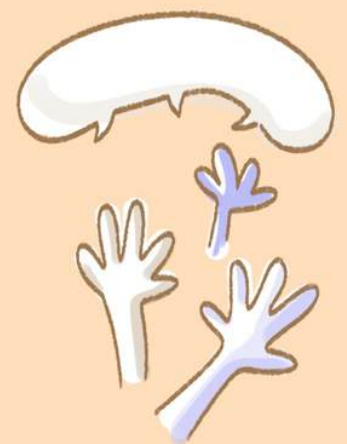
Young voices empowered on decision-making bridging diverse backgrounds



for community IMPACT

YOUTH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH

Youth driving change through research, action and empowerment for FAIRNESS



Igniting youth-driven change empowering communities through proactive projects



YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS





Vienna Hobby Lobby
Austria



<https://www.hobbylobby.co.at/>

Vienna Hobby Lobby - Youth leaders Program

Hobby Lobby supports Austria's socio-economically disadvantaged youth, offering free leisure activities and regular courses to enhance social skills. The Youth Leaders Program trains motivated participants as co-course leaders, providing essential skills for their future careers. Through workshops, educational support, and mentorship, Hobby Lobby guides participants towards further education or careers, culminating in a summer internship for practical skill application.



Fields: Education, Youth Development, Vocational Training.



Funding Source(s): public funding, companies, foundations, Awards.



Objectives: learn anytime and anywhere. Young people are trained as co-instructors, pass on what they have learned to younger participants. Works on 3 levels: Softskills, Leadership, Career function.



Age Target Group: Around 14 year old.



Youth Power Network
Austria



youthpowernetwork.at

Youth Power Network

The mission of the Youth Power Network is to enable young people to discover their talents, develop their potential and realize their dreams. The problem is that young people lack access, knowledge and time to find suitable challenges or projects to help them develop. The Youth Power Network is a free overview platform that publishes countless different projects, competitions and training courses in a user-friendly way.



Fields: youth empowerment, talent development, project facilitation



Funding Source(s): none for now



Objectives: The platform is designed to make competitions, projects and training courses more accessible to young people. The aim is therefore to reach a young target group, discover talent and promote motivated young



Age Target Group: 10–20 years old.



Youth Entrepreneurship
week
Austria



entrepreneurshipwoche.at

Youth Entrepreneurship week

The Youth Entrepreneurship Week offers the opportunity to work together with other young people and partners from the start-up community on the future of tomorrow. It offers space for innovation, for developing solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals and for digital ideas. During this Week, young people experience the creative power within them and how they can use it to find solutions. By overcoming challenges, they gain confidence in their strengths and become changemakers.



Fields: Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Sustainable Development, Digital Solutions



Funding Source(s): Governmental & Foundations



Objectives: Entrepreneurial skill development: Ideation, problem-solving, sustainable business modeling, pitch presentation, self-evaluation through proof of concept, and networking in the local startup community.



Age Target Group: Young people



Ras El Hanout
Brussels



<https://ras-el-hanout.be/>

Ras El Hanout

Organisation and theatre group located in Molenbeek–Saint–Jean, Brussels which was founded in 2010. One of its main aims is to use theatre as a tool for empowerment and dialogue. As such, Ras El Hanout regularly makes space for debates, uses the lived experiences of its actors as inspiration for their socio-artistic projects and tries to bridge the gap between the arts, society at large and its members and audience, including a focus on youth.



Fields: socio-cultural work, socio-artistic work, education, theatre



Funding Source(s): Foundations, regional and local governmental Funding, project funding



Objectives: Using creativity to empower (young) people, help them discover their talents, help people develop a social and civic consciousness and stimulate dialogue and connections.



Age Target Group: From 9 year onwards.

WHAT



- Workshops
- Grants
- Language courses
- Cultural activities
- Laptop and printer
- Individual coaching
- Mentoring
- School support
- Events

Boost
Belgium



<https://www.boostfortalents.be/en/>

Boost

Boost is a long-term project carried out by the King Baudouin Foundation and multiple partners which supports youngsters from low-income families and disadvantaged backgrounds. Its aim is to empower them and help them cultivate their talents, skills and strengths so they are able to continue their education and get better jobs in the future. That way they will more likely attain stronger positions within society.



Fields: education, youth empowerment, social inclusion, poverty alleviation



Funding Source(s): Foundations and companies



Objectives: Boost wants to increase the chances and opportunities given to youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds by developing their skills, network and talents.



Age Target Group: 15 – 21 year old. Youngsters can enter the project when they are in the fourth grade of secondary school.



<https://www.yep-austria.org/>

YEP – Stimme der Jugend

YEP empowers young people to make their voices heard and actively shape their future. By creating new opportunities for participation in organisations, institutions and companies.



Fields: Youth Empowerment, Youth Development, Social Inclusion, Democracy Education



Funding Source(s): public funding, companies, foundations, Awards.



Objectives: YEP brings the independent voice of young people into politics, business and society to create change.



Age Target Group: Generation Z and Y.



YEP
Austria



[ashoka.org](https://www.ashoka.org)

Generation Changemaker by Ashoka

The international organisation Ashoka has launched the new youth programme Generation Changemaker (GenC), which accompanies young people on their journey as young changemakers.



Fields: Youth Empowerment, Youth Entrepreneurship



Funding Source(s): Ashoka, Foundations, Private funding.



Objectives: Ashoka supports young changemakers in Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein on their personal journey working for the common good and brings them on stage.



Age Target Group: between 12 and 24.

YOUTH LED ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS





Frida-young feminist fund
Worldwide



<https://youngfeministfund.org/>

Frida-young feminist fund

Founded in 2010, FRIDA is a youth-led fund focused exclusively on supporting global south young feminist activism. FRIDA provides young feminist activists with the resources they need to amplify their voices and bring attention to their work as well as the support, flexibility and networks to keep their vision and influence alive.



Fields: Feminist activism, human rights, and social justice.



Funding Source(s): Foundations, Donations, regional Fundraising.



Objectives: Enable the support, flexibility and networks to sustain young feminist visions. Amplify their voices and bring attention to the social justice issues



Age Target Group: Up to 35 years old.



Youth For Climate
Belgium



<https://youthforclimate.be/>

Youth For Climate

Youth For Climate is a youth-led advocacy organisation which advocates for climate and systemic justice. They do this by organising events, rallying youth, protesting, creating dialogues with policy makers and informing people about why climate justice and systemic change are crucial.



Fields: climate activism, youth empowerment, ecology, civic engagement



Funding Source(s): Donations



Objectives: Youth For Climate's activism is meant to influence society and policy makers to make changes in favour of climate and societal justice.



Age Target Group: Youth between 12 and 30



ENIL Youth Leadership
Europe



<https://enil.eu/about-enil-youth/>

ENIL Youth Leadership

ENIL Youth Leadership by/for disabled youth (and their non-disabled allies) advocates for disability rights in Europe. The aim of the Youth Leadership project is to send disabled activists abroad to an organisation working on independent living and disability rights, so they can learn, cultivate their skills, broaden their network and exchange knowledge with the host organisation.



Fields: Disability rights advocacy, youth empowerment, independent living, international exchange, skill development



Funding Source(s): ENIL, the European Union (CERV programme)



Objectives: The ENIL Youth Leadership project wants to promote knowledge and skills exchange internationally to further disabled youths' empowerment.



Age Target Group: Youth between 18 and 35

YOUTH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH





AUA

Brussels – Palermo



aua.brussels

The Academy for Urban Action

The AUA is an urban do-tank, designed by Urban Foxes, where young people work in an 8-weeks cycle dealing with a topic they have chosen themselves. Using the LEARN- MAKE-SHOW blueprint, the youngsters go from beginners to experts & creators, thanks to non-formal education, experts' interventions, prototyping, participatory budgeting. During the Urban Showcase the young people present their output and process to stakeholders from the quadruple helix.



Fields: Youth work, urban pedagogy and sustainability education, eco-social entrepreneurship.



Funding Source(s): Regional and EU funding



Objectives: informing, activating youth and igniting active citizenship and placemaking skills



Age Target Group: 15–25 years old Brussels and Palermo Youth



DURF
Brussel



vlaanderen.be/brussel/durf

DURF

The Flemish government, through the Coordination Brussels, launched a project aiming to support initiatives empowering Brussels youth with Dutch language skills. This call will be developed and managed by a group of Brussels youngsters aged 12 to 24, facilitated by Urban Foxes, with the goal of fostering youth participation and decision-making. The project call will be written by the youth and the project proposals will be evaluated by the same group of youngsters. Results are due April 2024.



Fields: Youth empowerment, Language education, Project management, Youth participation.



Funding Source(s): Flemish Government



Objectives: Empower Brussels youth by enhancing Dutch language skills and fostering active participation in project development and decision-making processes.



Age Target Group: 15–24 years old Brussels' youth

YOUTH LED INITIATIVES



Selbstverwirklichende Jugend

The "Community of Self-Realizing Youth" addresses the challenges faced by young people aged 14-29 in their quest for identity and goal achievement. Founded by four dedicated individuals, GSJ provides a supportive space, offering the necessary support and framework for self-realization and long-term personal growth in the complex journey of adolescence.

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Fokus Der Fokus muss klar auf Selbstverwirklichung gesetzt sein.

Community Mit einer Community, die einen unterstützt macht man schneller Fortschritt.

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Selbstverwirklichende Jugend Austria



<https://gsj-community.at>



Fields: personal development, long-term personal growth..



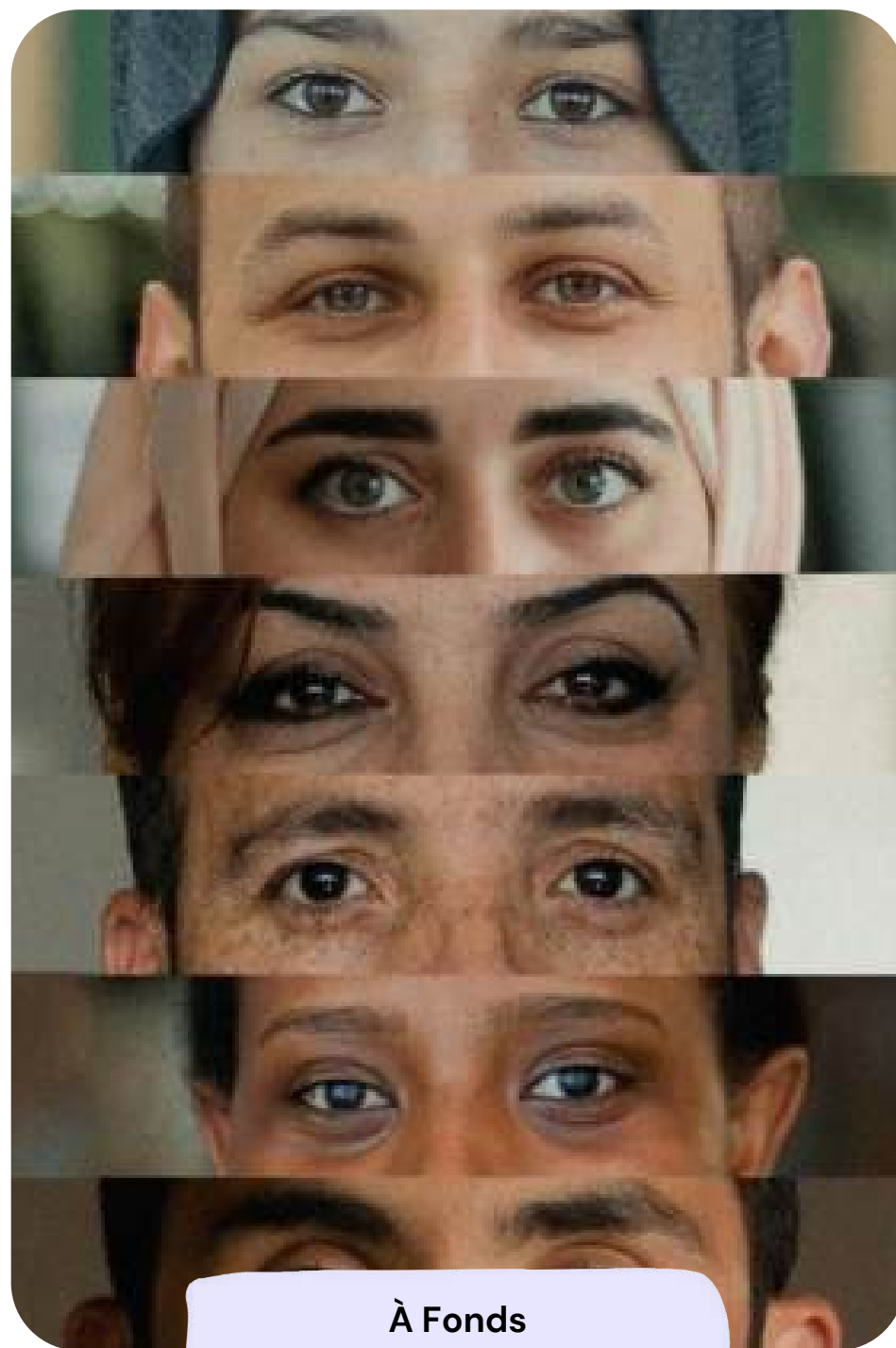
Funding Source(s): Awards, EU Funding



Objectives: Offers support, appreciation and fun together. Through workshops on topics such as mental health, personal finance and self-reflection, members also gain valuable knowledge and practical skills.



Age Target Group: Young individuals aged 14-29.



À Fonds
Brussels



<https://www.afonds.be/>

À Fonds (VGC)

With À Fonds, the VGC Youth Service aims to encourage individual young people between 12 and 26 to organize cultural, artistic, social, sports, creative, or educational projects. The Youth Service supports them in this endeavor both financially (up to 3000 euros per project) as through guidance.



Fields: youth empowerment, community engagement, education, creativity



Funding Source(s): VGC, Governmental Funding



Objectives: Encourage youngsters from Brussels to help create a more youth-friendly city in which youngsters can find their own place and develop their ideas.



Age Target Group: Youth between 12 and 26

Molenbeek Rebels Basketball

Molenbeek Rebels Basketball empowers vulnerable girls through tailored support, using basketball to foster personal growth, inclusion, and autonomy. With self-determination theory and experiential learning, the project emphasizes autonomy, competence, and connection, promoting intrinsic motivation and values. Led by young people with guidance, the club operates with a bottom-up approach, challenging stereotypes and demonstrating effective youth-led management.



Fields: Youth empowerment, sports development, social inclusion, education support



Funding Source(s): Local and regional governmental funding, foundations.



Objectives: Empower vulnerable girls through basketball, providing tailored support for personal growth and promoting inclusion. Fostering intrinsic motivation, and challenge stereotypes with a youth-led approach



Age Target Group: Teenage girls



Molenbeek Rebels
Brussels





Alles Kan
Gent



<https://alles-kan.stad.gent/>

Alles Kan

Alles Kan is a fund open to youngsters from Ghent where they can submit almost any kind of (experimental) project idea for other youngsters from Ghent (preferably as many as possible, as well as from minorities and people from disadvantaged backgrounds). The city provides each chosen project with a budget of max. €3000, other support to execute the idea and a platform to promote it.



Fields: Youth initiatives, community engagement, project funding, social inclusion



Funding Source(s): Gent City Council

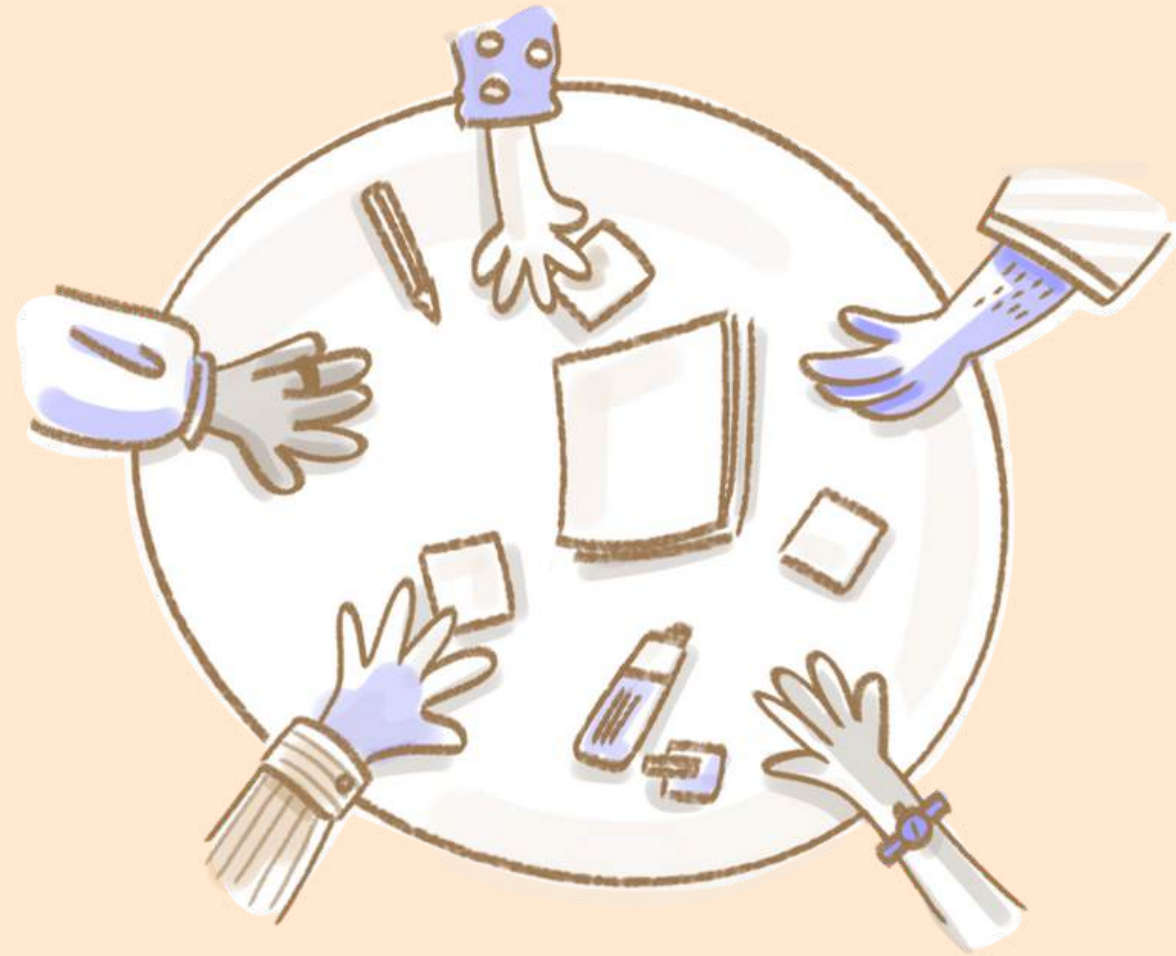


Objectives: Encourage youngsters from Ghent to come up with creative ways to connect with others and to contribute to an empowering and positive representation of young people in Ghent.



Age Target Group: Youth between 14 and 30

YOUTH COUNCILS





Youth Experts
Sinnbildungsstiftung
Austria



sinnbildungsstiftung.at/youth-experts

Youth Experts Sinnbildungsstiftung

The Youth Experts, a diverse group of 12 individuals aged 14–22 from various educational backgrounds across Austria, contribute valuable perspectives in shaping the country's educational landscape. Their involvement is integral to the selection process for projects receiving financial and content-related support from the Sinnbildungsstiftung, highlighting their crucial role in fostering impactful initiatives.



Fields: Youth work, education, youth jury, youth leadership



Funding Source(s): Through the Sinnbildungsstiftung and Erasmus+



Objectives: The Youth Experts are representatives of the beneficiary group and present their view to the foundations work.



Age Target Group: between 14 and 22 years & deliberately diverse in order to reflect the reality of young people throughout Austria.



Girls' Advisory Board
Austria



maedchenbeirat.at/hil-foundation/

Mädchenbeirat und Bubenbeirat Hil-Foundation

Hil-Foundation supports ten gender-sensitive and participative projects for youth with up to 5,000 per project each year. Non-profit organizations send their project ideas. Two groups of young people – the Girls' Advisory Board and the Boys' Advisory Board – decide which projects will be supported.



Fields: Youth work, youth jury, youth leadership



Funding Source(s): Hil Foundation



Objectives: To empower girls, to raise awareness for gender equality among all youth, to prevent gender-based violence, to strengthen youth in their self-efficacy and to promote youth participation and gender-sensitive youth work in Austria.



Age Target Group: between 14 and 25 years & deliberately diverse in order to reflect the reality of young people throughout Austria.

Lea Jugendbeirat

Since May 2023, the LEA Youth Advisory Board has consisted of 12 members between the ages of 14 and 20 who are actively committed to greater equality. With their strong voice, they help shape the content and key topics of LEA (Lets Empower Austria, Austrian Fund for the Empowerment and Advancement of Women and Girls).



Lea Jugendbeirat
Austria



letsempoweraustria.at



Fields: Youth work, girls' & young womens' empowerment



Funding Source(s): LEA Fond



Objectives: the Youth Advisory Board provides feedback on LEA projects In addition, the young people can thus contribute their opinions on an ongoing basis.



Age Target Group: Girls and boys in the age between 14 and 20 from different backgrounds.



Spark Fund-Global
fund for children
Globally



spark.globalfundforchildren.org/

Spark Fund-Global fund for children

The Spark Fund is an innovative, participatory fund that provides youth-led and youth-focused groups with financial support and capacity development, enabling them to experiment, collaborate, and learn using digital technologies. The fund invests in youth-led and youth-focused groups tackling injustice and inequality, driving transformational change, and building a more inclusive post-pandemic world.



Fields: Experimental youth work, innovation, participatory fund



Funding Source(s): Global Fund for Children (GFC) and the Avast



Objectives: Put key decisions in the hands of youth. Through participatory grantmaking, regional youth panels design and shape funds that support youth led and youth focused change in their region.



Age Target Group: Youth between 14 and 30 years.



<https://vlaamsejeugdraad.be/nl>

Vlaamse Jeugdraad

The Flemish Youth Council is the official advisory body of the Flemish Government on all matters concerning children, young people and the organisations which represent them. The Council gives advice to government officials about these matters both after consultation and proactively.



Fields: youth participation, government consultation, policy advisory



Funding Source(s): Flemish Government, European Union



Objectives: Provide input on youth-related matters. Represent the interests of children, young people, and their organizations. Offer proactive and consultative advice to government officials.



Age Target Group: Youth between 18 and 35



KBVB Youth Council
Belgium



<https://www.rbfabe.nl>

KBVB Youth Council

Together with two employees of the Association, youngsters work on and execute activities and events which support diversity within the sport, reduce discrimination on and around the field and shed a light on ethics, wellbeing and health in relation to football. The KBVB Youth Council can also inform and advise when new policies are written by the KBVB.



Fields: sports diversity, anti-discrimination, ethics, well-being, health awareness



Funding Source(s): Royal Belgian Football Association



Objectives: Allow young voices to be heard in the organisation and promote diversity in sports, combat discrimination, raise awareness of ethics, foster well-being, and promote health awareness.



Age Target Group: Youth between 16 and 26



VGC Jeugdraad
Brussel



jonginbrussel.be/jeugdraad/wat-de-jeugdraad

VGC Youth Council

The VGC youth council operates as a bridge between the VGC government body and the children, youngsters and youth organisations in Brussels. The youth council offers advice to the VGC in matters pertaining to children, youngsters and youth organisations and encourages young people to develop a sense of politics and become (more) politically engaged.



Fields: youth advocacy, government consultation, political engagement, networking



Funding Source(s): VGC



Objectives: Voice the concerns of Brussels' youngsters during the policy-making process and offer guidance to the VGC government body.



Age Target Group: Youth up to 30 years.

PEER MENTORING





pathfindr.at

PATHfindr digitale Peerberatung für den weiteren Bildungsweg (Digital peer counseling for further education)

PATHfindr empowers young individuals with innovative educational and career guidance, spanning before, during, and after compulsory schooling. Catering to those aged 14–24, whether in secondary school or apprenticeships, the platform facilitates anonymous, location-independent networking through a digital hub. Trained by PATHfindr, peers share their school or apprenticeship experiences, offering valuable online advice on education and career-related queries, all at no cost.



Fields: Education, career guidance, and youth empowerment



Funding Source(s): Rat auf Draht, Project Funding



Objectives: digital peer counseling anonymous, free and everywhere



Age Target Group: Young people between the age between 14 and 19 years old.



Peerberatung-
Jugendliche
Austria



<https://www.rataufdraht.at/peerberatung>

Peerberatung-Jugendliche beraten Jugendliche

Peer counseling provides a supportive space for young individuals (aged 16–23) to connect with peers who understand the challenges of school, teaching, studying, and navigating important decisions. It offers a platform to share experiences, discuss problems, and seek advice from those who have gone through similar situations, creating a supportive community for addressing concerns and alleviating stress.



Fields: Mental health, education, and youth support



Funding Source(s): Public, EU, companies and foundations.



Objectives: Put key decisions in the hands of youth. Through participatory grantmaking, regional youth panels design and shape funds that support youth led and youth focused change in their region.



Age Target Group: Youth between 16 and 23 years.

Sinbad Youth Mentorship

Sinbad's vision is a society in which young people connect with each other and seize opportunities together, regardless of their social background. Each participating student (mentee) is assigned a personal mentor (20 to 35 years old) for 8 to 12 months. The mentor supports the mentee in successfully entering secondary school or an apprenticeship. The mentors receive accompanying training modules from Sinbad.



Fields: Education, Youth Development, Vocational Training.



Funding Source(s): Public funding, companies, foundations, awards.



Objectives: Facilitate school/apprenticeship transition, enhancing mentor leadership, preventing dropouts, and addressing youth unemployment.



Age Target Group: Mentees are between 13 and 19, mentors between 20 and 35.



Sinbad Youth
Mentorship
Austria





Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Global



<https://bbbs-rotterdam.com/>

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Rotterdam

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring program that pairs youth with adult volunteers, providing guidance and support to foster positive interpersonal relationships, personal development, and academic growth.



Fields: Mentoring, youth development, social support.



Funding Source(s): Local and regional funding, donations, foundations



Objectives: The objectives of Big Brothers Big Sisters are to provide mentoring relationships for youth to support their personal development and academic growth, fostering positive social connections



Age Target Group: 5-18. Mentors +18