



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Strategy 2016-2020

European Youth Parliament Sweden



VISION AND PURPOSE

To inspire and support youth in exploring their role in a democratic society through debate and intercultural dialogue.

GOALS

1. To increase awareness about European issues and encourage youth to engage in the development of European society.
2. To foster international understanding, intercultural dialogue and diversity of ideas, organisation and cooperation.
3. To contribute to the personal development of youth through formal as well as non-formal education.
4. To create a forum with high academic and organisational quality for youth to express and exchange opinions.
5. To be a strong voice and participate actively within our international umbrella organisation *European Youth Parliament* (EYP) as well as the Swedish civil society.

VALUES

- Democracy
- Independence
- Diversity
- Engagement
- Inclusion
- Transparency
- Sustainability

Democracy

EYP Sweden unconditionally supports the equality of all people, and that fundamental freedoms and rights are prerequisites for a democracy. Through the organisation's activities and functions the participants get an improved understanding and knowledge about active citizenship, as well as democratic principles. As a non-profit association, it is EYP Sweden's members that both represent and together constitute and own EYP Sweden. Elected positions are chosen with consideration towards engagement and competence. The possibility to apply to elected positions is open to all members regardless of previous merits within the organisation. Who delegates responsibility within the organisation is clear for all members. Information about how you as a member can engage yourself and contribute to the organisations activities and functions is easily accessible.



Independence

EYP Sweden is an independent organisation whose activities and functions build a platform for discussion and exchange of opinions between youth. Considering the organisation is not ideologically bound and non-partisan, representation of external actors at activities and functions should be balanced and diverse. Within EYP as well as LSU, EYP Sweden actively represents its values about democracy, independence and equality. The organisation encourages members towards independent thinking. During activities, participants get the chance to discuss political issues free from ideological belonging, based upon personal opinion.

Diversity

As a part of an international network of around 40 countries, EYP Sweden works towards opening doors to Europe. The organisation constitutes a forum for open and unprejudiced debate with the aim to increase exchange between Europe's youth and facilitate intercultural dialogue. The organisation works actively towards a balanced discussion about both pros and cons about the European project during events and activities. Through activities and functions the organisation encourages its members to cooperate with openness and understanding. There is lively and respectful dialogue between members when varied opinions are represented, always in a safe and welcoming environment. The organisation works actively to offer opportunities for members to cooperate with youth from other countries in Europe.

Engagement

EYP Sweden provides opportunities for youth to engage themselves in the young civil society. The members contribute to the development of the organisation through engagement. The organisation supports and encourages members to active participation in society. This support is provided in the form of offering challenging opportunities for participation, education and elected positions. The organisation encourages youth mobilisation, and towards diversity there within and is an organisation by youth, for youth.

Inclusion

EYP Sweden exists to give young citizens a chance to meet and discuss current issues in today and tomorrow's Europe regardless of borders, sexuality, gender identity, religious denomination or political belonging. All of the organisation's members have the same possibility to participate. The organisation works consistently through its activities and functions with equality and inclusion, under the guidance of a working group for equality and inclusion together with an equality plan. The organisation actively seeks to engage new members through making events and functions more accessible. EYP Sweden also works with its inclusion through its work with language.

Transparency



EYP Sweden is a transparent organisation where all members have the possibility to get involved in activities and functions and elected to positions where applicable. Responsibility and power is divided openly between members. It is easy to take part of and understand the organisation's purpose and functions. Developments of the organisation happen through an open and clear process where establishment is in focus. Long-term changes are only made after thorough thought process together with boards and members. All members are encouraged to actively participate in decision-making.

Sustainability

EYP Sweden works towards being a sustainable organisation in a multifaceted understanding of the word. The organisation's sustainability interest is considered in all activities and functions. A sustainable engagement, where members get the chance to influence and contribute towards the organisation's sustainable development together, through fairly divided responsibility, is important to create a stable organisation. Responsibility surrounding stress and sustainability is taken by everyone and is worked on actively as a preventative course of action. The organisation's activities and functions takes into consideration it's environmental impact, financial resources as well as human resources so that they are handled in a sustainable manner in all of it's events, activities and functions.