

European Youth Take Over Day

European Youth Take Over Day is an inclusive initiative to put young people at the forefront of decision making. Young People take over the role of different mandate holders, political decision makers and professionals in their local communities for 1 day, giving real life experience in decision making and creating ownership in the process.

What is it?

European Youth Take Over Day is an exciting opportunity that allows all children and young people from the age of 13 to engage in decision making and create ownership in their local community. Every year young people are put in the position of the decision maker for 1 day. They take the responsibility for the decision, the actions and the changes for a positive impact in their community.

How will it work?

For one day youth takes over Europe. Young people will be empowered as the decision makers – to make a change. National ambassadors and local core groups will spread the word by social media and videos. All over Europe, local media, led by youth, will make the project visible by sharing stories of people involved in the project. To invite stakeholders to become part of the project, multi-lingual manuals will be provided. A pan-European promotional campaign will give all EU countries access to their materials. To make sure the project is sustainable there will be several follow-up and evaluation activities.

Why should we do it?

The young people of today are the future business and political leaders of tomorrow. Placing key decisions in the hands of young people will give them the skills and confidence required to make this transition. This active engagement will enable young people to take ownership of issues that really matter to them. Our initiative is also mutually beneficial for decision makers. By working collaboratively with young people, decision makers will gain a fresh perspective on current issues. Young people will see their innovative and creative ideas translated into action.

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