Y Vote Manifesto

Europe for young people

Hereby, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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at the time of signing,

am willing to support a democratic and diverse Europe, which is socially, economically and politically integrated, and values the participation of young people in its construction and development. Furthermore, I am willing to support young people in the activities they carry out to shape the integrated Europe of tomorrow. Additionally, I want to improve the possibilities for young people to take part in all areas of society, as formulated in the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018.

To achieve these goals, I hereby pledge to implement the following activities in my city within one year:

# Employment and entrepreneurship

*related to ‘Moving Rural youth forward’, ‘Quality employment for all’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Promote the career service to young people who are about to enter the labour market to get guidance for that step
* Provide paid internships in city owned organisations

# Social inclusion

*related to ‘Equality for all genders’, ‘Inclusive societies’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Ensure gender equal-wording in job applications and other PR material for the city.
* Provide scholarships for pupils/students from families who cannot afford extra curricular activities.
* Offer support for pupils/students with disabilities to master their education.

# Participation

*related to ‘Space and participation for all’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Organise and event with young people and politicians in the run-up of elections to create a space for discussion.
* Regularly publish news about the city level and EU-level politics in a youth friendly language.

# Education & training

*related to ‘Information and constructive dialogue’, ‘Quality learning’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Support non-partisan voting campaigns offering knowledge to young people in order to make informed choices and actively participate in society.
* Support a city-wide debate competition between schools.

# Health & well-being

*related to ‘Mental Health and wellbeing’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Provide organisational support and resources like free rooms to youth organisations to conduct workshops on first aid and mental health (or another related topic).
* Support the advertisement of self-help groups for young people with mental health issues like depression.

# Voluntary activities

*related to ‘Youth organisations and EU programmes’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Create a platform for exchange between local youth organisations and to promote the different possibilities to volunteer on the local level.
* Support the celebration of volunteers day and acknowledge voluntary work by e.g. issuing certificates for volunteers.

# Youth & the world

*related to ‘Connecting EU with Youth’, ‘Sustainable green Europe’ from EU youth strategy 2019-2027*

* Provide free information material for schools, universities and youth organisations and at stands of fairs about the EU institutions and participation opportunities.
* Establish a system of reusable coffee cups in order to reduce waste.

# Creativity & culture

* Support schools and youth organisation with resources in the organization of exchanges with especially twin cities in another EU-country, but possibly also other cities.
* Support the establishment of Youth Spaces to foster the creativity and participation of young people in their free time.

Signed,

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