



Topic DIGNITY AND FREEDOMS

DELEGATE

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PREAMBLE

Human dignity is a value that people often want to protect even with their own lives. Everyone has the right to human dignity, so every person can demand the respect that is the acknowledgement of their dignity. They can ask for the right to study, the right to be free and abolishment of humiliation.

Freedom is the possibility to say, think and write whatever we want and do what we think is the best for us without violating the freedom of the others. It also means having the right for liberty and security, to think freely, to choose from different religions, to assembly and write, to express ourselves, to give and get information.

Dignity and freedom is important for young people because every human being should be able to live a free life. You should be able to choose what you want to study, how you want to live etc. Dignity and freedom is what makes us human. It has a big importance because we do not want to repeat mistakes from the past and so we should learn from our history.

This document is an important way to motivate the others to make a difference. We want to inspire the people around us and also let the European institutions know what our opinion is.

ACTIVE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

As the young generation, we should concern about our future and situation in this time, stop ignoring problems in our society and begin to face them. The actual situation in the world requests us to be active and engaged in changing the current conditions.

First of all, we have to realize and name the problems, to be informed about the events in the whole world. We shouldn't rely just on the information that we are given from media, but actively search for them and share them with others. As an example, we may mention the participation on meetings, the cooperation with the European institutions and the organization of more international exchanges or independent events. Then, we can take part in volunteer organizations, petitions and manifestations, because these problems need to be presented in public. That's why we should create new websites and groups, support the activity of local and school press. Also, we shouldn't act selfishly, but instead we should be interested in problems of the others. We have to remember that uniting makes us stronger and thus create a union.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to help us to solve the problems we suggest to the European institutions to:

- Organize meetings to promote the exchange of the ideas about European problems from the young peoples' point of view.
- Make people aware that we are a part of European society and not just isolated countries.
- Listen to the ideas of young people.
- Let some of their delegates take part in youth meetings.
- Remember the values on which European Union was founded, such as freedom, dignity, equality, respect and solidarity.
- Provide financial and material help for non-governmental organizations.



Topic EQUALITY AND SOLIDARITY

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PREAMBLE

Discrimination, lack of respect, even pollution are some of the main problems and concerns of the EU. With this document we would like to propose some ways to overcome them. The reason we want to present our opinions is because we feel that it is necessary for young people to be aware of such pending problems in order to take actions and try to prevent them from worsening. We, young people are the future. In say, 20 years time, we will be living in a society that we've created ourselves, so it's up to us to fix these problems and eventually create a brighter future for us all. If we allow the aforementioned issues to intrude in our societies, this will cause injustice and suffering. In order to avoid that, we have to embrace peace and harmony by promoting equality and solidarity.

ACTIVE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people could participate more in voluntary work, promote integration by organizing activities such as parties, meetings or sport events. Then there could also be the possibility of organizing and taking part in international youth exchanges and gatherings, in order to get in touch with different cultures and people.

Another activity could be promoting fund-raising campaigns to help refugees and immigrants who live in difficult situations such as war, hunger or persecution.

We should be the first ones not to judge other people and to accept them as they are, with their opinions, beliefs and cultures. However, all these proposals are a personal choice, even though a single action is not enough to change the situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In our opinion the main task of the European Institutions is to improve the promotion of information about the main laws and principles of equality and solidarity especially those preventing racism and discrimination. Moreover institutions have to take care of popularizing information to young people about their rights, responsibilities and options for them to do voluntary work. There should be more opportunities in the field of voluntary work.

This information and awareness can be achieved by using media, especially internet and television for example by creating a European TV youth channel.

It is also necessary that institutions facilitate the access to renewable energy, by giving special subsidies in order to preserve the environment.

Equality should also apply to healthcare. Conditions in hospitals have to be improved to reach the European standards. Everyone has to have the right of access to preventive healthcare and the right to benefit from medical treatment under the proper conditions regardless of culture or origin.

More information should be made available on the current student and youth exchange programs. Those kinds of projects help a lot in accepting cultural differences through real life experience.

To conclude, we would like to say that young people are the ones who aim to achieve peace and harmony. Therefore they have to be given more chances to live life the way they want it to be. But above all, it's up to us to take matters into our own hands.



Topic CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

DELEGATE

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PREAMBLE

"Before presenting our document, which is the collection of our thoughts, reflections and concerns for the present and also for the future. We would like to underline the fact that we need to be listened to and that we would like to be assured that our work will affect the decisions, work and actions of the European and Local Institutions. We are demanding to be informed about concrete follow up and use of our suggestions, recommendations.

This is, for our group, the pre-condition to continue to present our report."

In consideration of these three days of work about Citizens' rights and Justice, we introduce our work, hoping that this work is going to be used by our European representatives.

In our group, which is composed by different people and of different nationalities, namely Irish, Spanish, French and Italian, we found similarities in terms of values and concerns for our present and also future.

We confronted different issues related to Citizens' rights and Justice such as: immigration and migration policies in our different countries, freedom of expression right to a fair trial, right to defence and also the duration of the trials (especially in some countries such as Italy), right to have a proper job and contract.

Among the rights and values that we shared, we found similarities underlying the importance of :

- equality and respect among people,
- fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination in our daily life,
- enjoy the freedom of movement, expression, religion and beliefs, and so on

And also having a positive attitude towards our future

We thought that for being an active citizen we have to enjoy and respect all of these values and rights. After this short introduction, we are going to explain to you, the role of young people and what we can do, saying also what the European Institutions should be working for

ACTIVE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- 1) Young people should be aware of what is going on around them so when they see an injustice, they will notice and act in order to change it.
- 2) Young people should be responsible for their future, by defending their ideas.
- 3) Young people should voice their opinion.
- 4) Young people should be the first to give the good example to next generations by respecting others ideas, not discriminating and being well behaved
- 5) Young people should respect nature by recycling.
- 6) Young people should get an education and use non formal education to learn
- 7) Young people must be aware of rights such as: every citizen of the EU has the right of move and live freely, the right not to be punished or tried twice, the right to defence
- 8) Young people must spread awareness among other young people, in order that these rights

are not forgotten and people are not discriminated against or denied these rights
Young people should try to learn more from older people who know more about the history of Europe.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For us it is important to be considered because, even though we are young, we have our own opinions and ideas. We can suggest these to you and try to inspire your future decisions.

Work is an important issue and one of our main concerns for the future. So, we recommend that you guarantee everyone has the same chance to get a job regardless of being migrant or native.

While dealing with the issues related to "Citizens' rights and Justice, we noticed that in the whole of Europe, there is a high level of discrimination and we would really like to contribute with your support to change this situation.

We believe that it is necessary to take action and not only to talk about the issues and concerns.

For example we recommend you to continue to raise awareness among young people in and outside of schools, tackling the issues we discussed during these days.

Inform people with advertisements in public areas or on the media about these issues

Finally we ask you to include Non Formal education as an important method to learn in our educational paths.