Global Youth Status: Where We Stand Now and Should Stand in 2030

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“Youth”

Can range from ages 7-30 depending on culture

By UN definition (1992) Youth means ages 15–24

1.1 Billion Youth Globally

18% of the world’s population
Have you heard of the Sustainable Development Goals for the 2030 Agenda?
80.0% of youth ages 15–24 around the world said NO.
Do you feel there is enough youth representation in your local community?
90.0% of youth ages 15–24 around the world said NO.
Do you feel there is enough youth representation in your regional/state government?
96.7% of youth ages 15–24 around the world said NO.
Do you feel there is enough youth representation in your national government?
93.3% of youth ages 15–24 around the world said NO.
Do you feel there is enough youth representation in international affairs, like the UN?
86.2% of youth ages 15–24 around the world said NO.
“Nothing about us, without us”
Current UN Youth Representation

Major Group for Children and Youth

Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth

Youth Delegates
Concerning Aspects of Current UN Youth Representation

Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi of Jordan is 32 Years old

World Youth Skills Day
3 of 24 panelists actually considered youth

27 of 193 Member states have youth delegates

US is the only country with a youth observer, not delegate
How to Get Youth More Involved

- Internship at the UN
- Interactive Programs
- Age Friendly Material
- Youth Delegates

- Peer Sharing
- Memes/Hashtags
- Social Media
- Current Event Connections
How to Get Youth More Involved

Integrated Youth Programs

Simplification of UN language

Promotion of the SDGs through Social Media

Youth Access to Information
By 2030

“Two-thirds of UN member states will pledge to have youth delegates.”
By 2030

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Youth Delegates will be involved in decision making processes.
By 2030

“A majority of youth in the world will know of the UN and the SDGs.”
Thank you for listening

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