

GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE NORRAG GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTRE

	FOREWORD Heela Yoon	3
	INTRODUCTION: YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER FOR TODAY'S WORLD AS WELL AS FOR TOMORROW'S Moira V. Faul and Carolina R. Earle	9
	ENGAGING	11
1	Speech, Power, and Affirmation Strategies for Youth Engagement Jhonatan Almada	12
	Partnerships to Transform Systems with System-Impacted Young Leaders Iliana Pujols	14
	Fostering Youth Engagement Through Collective Action Ayotunde Aboderin and Juliana Makonise	16
	Política Para Todos: Bridging the Gap in Political Representation in Latin America Ester Borges Frickes Ricardo and Paula Juliana Borges Frickes Ricardo	18
	Empowering Youth Voices for Inclusive Decision-Making and Governance Saliqa Amin	20
	Youth Engagement in the Digital Future: Thinking Across Gender, Generations, Disciplines, and Borders Ern Chern Khor	22
0	TRANSFORMING	24
2	Intergenerational Feminist Partnerships for Sustainable Change Natasha Harris-Harb	25

Global Networked Classrooms: Building Ethical Relations Through Youth Policy Deliberations Lynette Shultz and Carrie Karsgaard	27
Creating Space for Young Women and Girls from the Global Majority in Governance Processes Yasmina Benslimane	29
Strengthening Youth Engagement in Peace Processes: What We Know and Steps Forward Yulia Nesterova and Asli Ozcelik	31
Meaningful Youth Engagement in Professional Associations Noelia Méndez Santolaria and Antonella Belén Gervagi	33
From Consultation to Co-Creation: Redefining Youth Participation in Policy Making Minahir Shahid	35
REORDERING	37
The Fair Internship Initiative: Why Representation Matters? Emediong Akpabio and Matteo de Simone	38
Pacific Youth Participation Underpinned by Pacific Values: <i>Alofa</i> , <i>Tautua</i> , and <i>Fa'aaloalo</i> Riki Welsh and Josiah Tualamali'i	40

Meaningful Engagement with the Global South in United Nations and Local

Neutrality as the Tool of the Oppressor

42

44

Governance Processes

Peace Monica Pimer

Anonymous

79

80

82

84

86

88

90

92

93

98



Hassan Achraouaou

THEME 1 Engaging

Meaningful Participation of Young		NETWORK-BUILDING	64		CONVENING
Indigenous Leaders for Climate Action and Gender Equality Nohara Alejandra Quiguantar	46	Youth Participation in Governance Processes: The Experience of Mexico City Karla Ambrosio and Fernanda Rivera	65	6	Uniting Generations and Sharing Power to Transform Education Jorina Sendel and Eva Keiffenheim
Systemic Imbalances in the World Order and How They Relate to Education Fhatuwani Muswobi Youth Moving Beyond Gross Domestic	48	Enhancing Meaningful Participation in Democratic Processes Among Vulnerable Girls and Young Women in Mombasa, Kenya	67		Untapped Potential: The United Nation's Missed Connection with Youth Alexander Dietz, Yasmine Ali Mourad and Jonas Bruns
Product (GDP) Anu Peltola, Laurence Jones-Williams and Trine Schmidt	50	Peggy Namadi Saka Ensuring the Meaningful Engagement of Young People with Disabilities in	v.		Festival of Hope: Creating Spaces for Youth Agency and Leadership Jennifer Bahrami, Tim Logan and Ziyaan Virji
MOVEMENT-BUILDING	52	Sociopolitical Processes Sylvain Obedi	69		Youth at the Helm of Internet Governance The Working Group on Youth Empowerment, Global
Young People's Participation in Evolving Civic Spaces Rinu Oduala	53	How Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT) Engages Young Women and Advocates for Youth	71		Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract
The Tragedy of Horizontalism in Iran: The Need for Political and Civic Organizations Arash Azizi	55	Ajmal Ramyar Participation of Cadets of Police Academies in Local Administrations			Co-Designing the Future of Learning with Youth Ed Stevenette and Miya Manu Abraham Empowering Youth Voices:
Lessons from the African and Latin American Movements of Working Children Nadine Benedix, Aimé Bada, James Boyon	57	and the United Nations Olena Zhuravska How Can Young People Be Meaningfully Involved in Preventing and Countering	73		Collaborative Pathways for Change Lilia Toulil POSTSCRIPT
and Ioannys Padilla Involving Children and Young People on Migration Routes Mouvement Africain des Enfants et	60	Violent Extremism? The Example of the Ran Young Platform Constance Munch	75		CONTRIBUTORS
Jeunes Travailleurs (MAEJT)		Young Professionals in Governance Processes	77		REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING
Participatory Democracy in Morocco: Inclusion or Exclusion of Youth?	62	Shreyan Acharya			

ABOUT THE PROJECT

NORRAG's work on meaningful youth engagement aims to surface fresh analytical perspectives and under-represented expertise about youth engagement and its consequences for education and sustainability globally. Despite resurgent interest in youth engagement, many young people experience youth engagement practices as shallow or performative. To advance both understanding and practice, this project asks: How can we improve meaningful youth engagement and unleash the full power of youth participation, partnership and action? Youth who have been engaged in—or have tried to engage in—governance processes are best placed to help others understand how to work with them.

This publication collates contributions from youth to advance world-leading and world-changing, youth-led practices for meaningful youth engagement. Meaningful youth engagement can only be achieved by listening to youth and mobilising the trust of youth. This Policy Insights collection seeks to surface and amplify young leaders' expertise on how best to engage youth for a better today and tomorrow. By so doing, readers can learn from youth experts in order to better work with them.

More information: www.norrag.org/meaningful-youth-engagement

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This publication was made possible by NORRAG's ongoing and fruitful partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. Views expressed in this publication are those of the contributors. They do not represent the views of NORRAG as an organisation or the wider NORRAG membership. The content and perspectives presented in these contributions are those of the individual authors and do not represent views of any of their organisations. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy and insights of all of the experts who contributed to this Policy Insights collection on meaningful youth engagement.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

To advance both understanding and practice, NORRAG convened 55 youth experts from 31 countries in 6 continents to advance world-leading and world-changing youth-led practices for meaningful youth engagement. A full list of the authors who contributed to this publication, including their biographies, can be found at the end of this publication. The publication is edited by Carolina Earle, NORRAG's Youth Engagement Specialist, and Moira V. Faul, NORRAG's Executive Director. They also introduce the publication. A foreword to the publication is provided by Heela Yoon, a Young Leader for SDGs with The United Nations Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth and Founder of Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAP).

ABOUT NORRAG

NORRAG is the Global Education Centre of the Geneva Graduate Institute and is a global membership-based network of international policies and cooperation in education and training. NORRAG's core mandate is to co-produce, disseminate and broker critical knowledge and to strengthen capacity for and with academia, governments, NGOs, international organizations, foundations and the private sector who inform and shape education policies and practice, at national and international levels. Through our work, NORRAG contributes to creating the conditions for more participatory, evidence-informed decisions that improve equal access to and quality of education and training.

More information about NORRAG, including its scope of work and thematic priorities, is available at www.norrag.org

Join the global NORRAG Network:

www.norrag.org/norrag-network

Learn more:

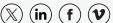
www.norrag.org

Follow NORRAG on social media:











Chemin Eugène-Rigot, 2 1202 Geneva, Switzerland +41 (0) 22 908 45 47 norrag@graduateinstitute.ch

NORRAG Policy Insights #05, September 2024

Earle, C. R. and M. V. Faul (Eds.) (2024). Meaningful Youth Engagement: Time to Deliver. Policy Insights #05. NORRAG.

NORRAG is supported by



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft Confédération suisse Confederazione Svizzera Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC



Published under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons licence: Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International (CC BY-NC 4.0) https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/



Learn more about the project:

