



Invitation to seminar

Involving young people in Policy Making Processes and Democracy Building

Organised by Region Västra Götaland (Sweden)

Date: Monday October 7, 2024

Time: 17.00-18.30, followed by a networking reception

Place: Region Västra Götaland's Brussels Office

Nordic House (8th floor)

Rue du Luxembourg 3, Brussels

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Metro station: Trone (Troon)

Registration: Please register by e-mail (name, function, organisation) to alexandra.schafhauser@vgregion.se before October 4.

Under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, adults have a duty to involve children and young people in all matters affecting them.

The Cultural Affairs Committee of Region Västra Götaland decided in 2022 to appoint "Young Developers" to include the perspectives of young people into the region's Cultural Strategy. In this seminar, the Young Developers will share their views and experiences on how to make young people's participation matter in policy making. The seminar moreover includes an introduction to the EU Youth Strategy and examples of how the strategy is incorporated in EU programmes, as well as perspectives on and methods for engaging active citizenship among youth in different countries.

Moderator:

Astrid Burhöi, Policy Officer at Region Västra Götaland

Speakers:

Adrita Ahmed, Alicia Källgren and Helen Ashtari, Young Developers in Region Västra Götaland and mentor Ebba Kostmann, Regional Developer

Alex Bergström and Carl Forsberg, President and Vice President of the Cultural Affairs Committee of Region Västra Götaland

Lene Mejer, Deputy Head of Unit A5 'Erasmus+: Youth, EU Solidarity Corps and Aid Volunteers', Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

Urban Strandberg, Managing Director and Co-Founder of IYTT- [International Youth Think Tank](#) and IYTT Youth Fellow Fabian Wiek. IYTT is a partner in the Interreg North Sea Region project [Speak Up](#).

Following the seminar, participants are invited to join us for a networking reception with refreshments and a light snack.