

R23 Real Youth Participation Ensures A Sustainable Future!

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Resolution text

1 Global Youth Movements like Fridays for Future made it very clear: Young people
2 don't want to accept that they are overheard, patronised or ignored. They demand
3 clearly to shape their own future - also on a political level.

4 As Global Greens, it is of utmost importance to us, to create participatory,
5 inclusive democracies. Therefore we are more than happy to see young activists
6 engaging in civil society movements, UN constituencies and Green parties. We
7 stand in solidarity with these youth movements and commit ourselves to be their
8 allies and support them in reaching their goals and help them be recognised in
9 the decision making.

10 We reject the practise of tokenizing young people in putting them in the
11 spotlight without also opening the decision-making to them. To us youth have
12 always been more than a cheap campaigning force, evident by the important role
13 young people play in Green parties around the world and the number of young
14 people who cast their votes for our movement.

15 The Global Greens will actively work towards more inclusivity in our own
16 structures and do this in strong cooperation with the Global Young Greens to
17 ensure that our bodies are a place for young people to be heard, to bring their
18 ideas to the table while being sure that they are treated as equals.

19 Starting in our own structures, but also going beyond: We will also advocate for
20 stronger youth participation in political systems and organisations as well as
21 in the bodies of the United Nations. Especially looking at the UNFCCC COPs we
22 recognised that young people were tokenized but not heard. Young people were
23 allowed to protest in the COP venue but not to access the negotiations. Young
24 people were promoted in the communications but not supported in participating at
25 the conferences.

26 We demand real youth participation including seats at the negotiating tables!

27 The Global Greens therefore commit to:

- 28 • Monitor their internal structures constantly to ensure that they are open
29 to the participation of young people.
- 30 • Supporting the Global Young Greens in their important work of bringing the
31 global Green Youth Movement together and strengthening it.
- 32 • Advocate for real youth participation in decision making structures inside
33 and outside of the movement.
- 34 • Support our member organisations to build up strong youth wings in their
35 organisations and to do this in cooperation with the Global Young Greens.

36 The Global Greens call on the United Nations to:

- 37 • Make the structures of their conferences and bodies more accessible for
38 young people by offering sponsorships and implement trainings on the
39 functioning of the conferences and structures.

- 40 • Give young people seats at the negotiating table through the promotion of
41 youth in national delegations and opening the room for youth civil society
42 movements. This can be done through strengthening the role of their
43 constituencies and their say in the negotiation process.