



Public and Civic Participation

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YOUTH ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN FORMAL POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, YET POLITICAL DECISIONS IMPACT THEIR LIVES AND CHOICES.

What are youth doing to advocate for political inclusion on a local, national and international level?

Tell us why it is important to include youth voices in political agendas.

In your community, do young people have access to political decision making?

- **Globally, less than 2 per cent of parliamentarians are under 30 years old.** [SDG indicator 16.7.1; Inter-Parliamentary Union, 2016: Youth participation in national parliaments, 2016,<http://goo.gl/A83XGf>]
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- **Voter turnout among 18-25 year olds continues to be lower than other age groups** [UNDP, Fast Facts: Civic Engagement and Participation of Youth in Politics and Public Institutions, 2014, p.1, <http://goo.gl/b5uGWX>]
- **2 out of 3 countries DO NOT consult young people as a part of the process of preparing poverty reduction strategies or national development plans.** [The Global Youth Call "Prioritizing Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda," <http://bit.ly/1HeSd9S>]