

Autistic youth and advocacy at the European level

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There are different ways to be an advocate



Self-advocacy: advocating for your needs



Community advocacy: advocating for the needs of your community




How can you do Community advocacy?

Step 1: Find your community!

- Social Media
- Youth groups in your area
- Support groups led by autistic people
- Organisations of autistic people (in your city, in your country or European)

Step 2: Find the topics you are passionate about and want to change

- School
 - Living independently
 - Access to support
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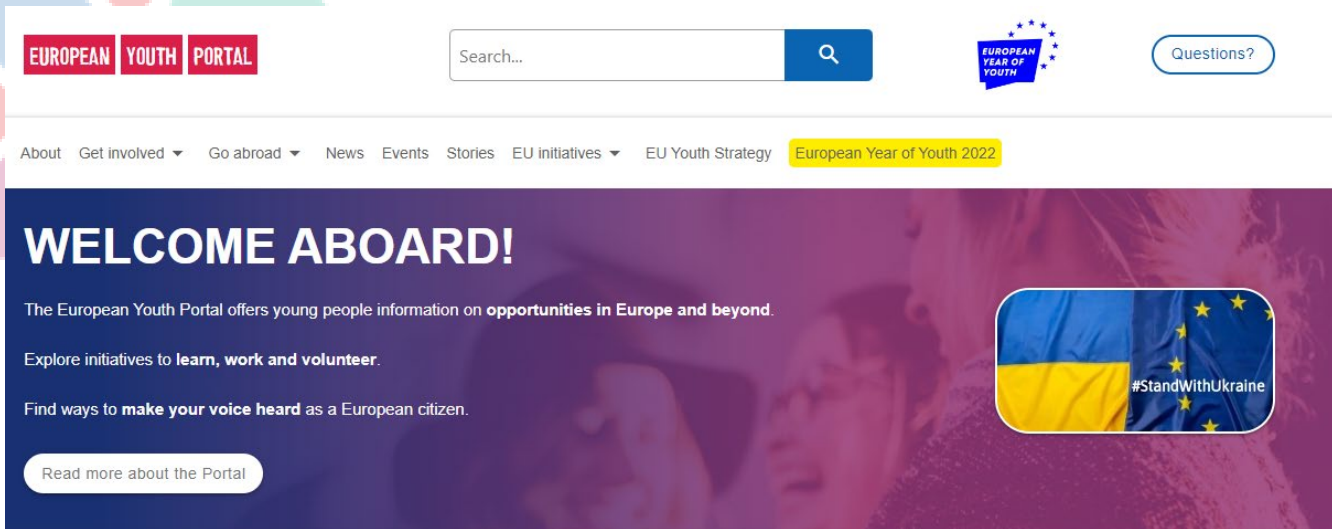


European advocacy

- **Youth initiatives**
 - European Youth Portal
 - EU Youth Dialogue
 - European Youth Week

- **Organizations that represent autistic people**
 - Organizations in your country
 - European Council of Autistic People

European Youth Portal



Online portal with opportunities to work, study, volunteer, and to participate in projects, events, and others for youth.

Apply for European ambassador positions!

In your country, Europe and more.

- Website <https://youth.europa.eu/>



EU Youth Dialogue

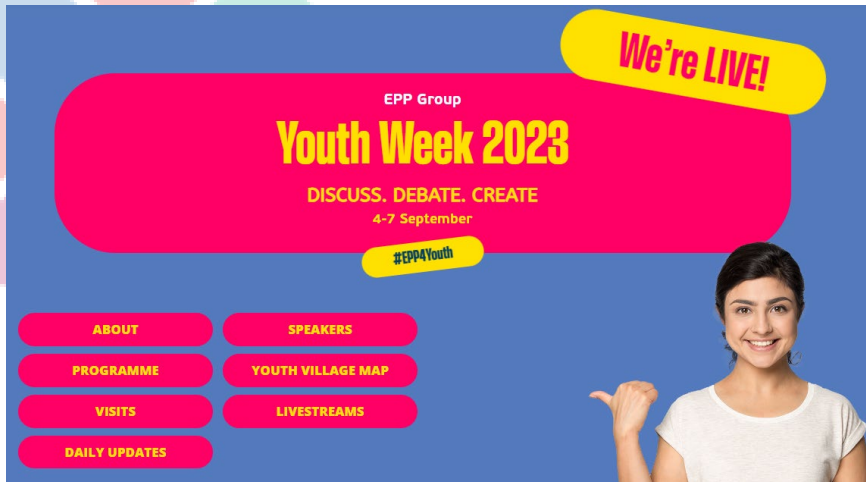
The EU Youth Dialogue organises conversations between young people and decision makers and works in 18-month cycles.

Latest topic: “Engaging together for a sustainable and inclusive Europe”

How can I participate?

- Website: https://youth.europa.eu/eu-youth-dialogue_en
- Finish contact: Contact: Jarkko Lehikoinen - jarkko.lehikoinen@alli.fi (www.alli.fi)

European Youth Week



A conference in Brussels with 800 youth delegates aged 18- to 30-year-old, that participate in a conference with decision-makers over four days. For 2023 it happened in September.

- Website: <https://www.epp4youth.eu/>

Tip: On the website, you can find OpportEUnities for youth to work at the European level



European Council of Autistic People



- In the process of creating Policy group for autistic youth
- Just elected a representative for the European Disability Forum's Youth Committee
- Website: <https://eucap.eu/>





See more in the European Youth Portal

<https://youth.europa.eu/>

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