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## Education

Ten per cent of the world youth population does not know how to read or how to write. Formal and non-formal education must be a life-long process and a universal right, respected and accessible to all.



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## Unequal Distribution of Wealth

100,000 people die of hunger everyday in the world. Twenty per cent of young people live on less than a dollar per day. Economical globalization increases the unequal distribution of wealth.

It is necessary to further develop all dimensions of globalization: social, cultural and economical, while respecting human rights.



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## Cultural Diversity

Cultural diversity and migrations have existed throughout human history. Criminalization of the phenomenon of migrations promotes a negative perception of immigrants. Immigration laws must generate inclusiveness and equal opportunities. Youth, their representatives and students must be able to move freely, exchange ideas and work together.





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## Health

Eighty-nine per cent of people affected by HIV/AIDS live in the 10% of the poorest countries. 6,000 young people are infected everyday. There should be more investment in research and development and the outcome must be free and accessible to all. The treatment of major diseases must be a political priority.



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## Employment

Forty-one per cent of the world youth population is unemployed. The transition from education to work must be as smooth and suitable as possible, in worthy, decent conditions and with dignity. Exploitation of child labor is not acceptable, and cannot persist any longer.



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## Equality

We live in a world that is made by the most developed countries. Women and men must have equal access in all fields of life, independently of their origins, beliefs or sexual preferences, including decision-making processes.

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## Peace

There are still a lot of conflicts in our world. War is the fight for the control of resources and not a conflict of civilizations. Young people must be the key to promoting peace and cooperation and must not continue to suffer the effects of war and occupation.





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## Sustainable Development

The energetic model and the current economic growth cannot be maintained because it depends on limited resources and promotes an unequal access to production and consumption. It is necessary to apply renewable energies and to manage the available resources in a sustainable way. That is why all actors from North and South have to be involved in the leadership of the globalization development process.



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## Democracy

Democracy is not a wide spread concept and young people are still prevented from fully accessing it. Democracy must become a common concept and built upon human rights.



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## Active Citizenship

Freedom is not a privilege for everyone in our world. The participation of young people is the key in the definition of policies and the promotion of freedom. The youth organization movement must be recognized as an interlocutor by governmental institutions.