

The YFJ – European Youth Forum

- The YFJ is an independent, democratic, youth-led European umbrella organisation that represents youth organisations across Europe- official representation of the European youth
- It brings together National Youth Councils (NYCs) and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations (INGYOs) to coordinate, represent, and amplify the voice of young people at the European level.
- YFJ works to influence youth policy in major institutions (e.g. the European Union, Council of Europe, the United Nations), promote youth participation in society, uphold youth rights, and support youth organisations in development, capacity building, inclusion, social justice and democratic engagement.





The YFJ Board

- The 105 members elect every 2 years a Board

- Board: 1 President

2 Vice- Presidents (1 NYC; 1 INGYO)

8 additional Board Members (4 NYC; 4 INGYO)

- The Board sets the overall strategy, oversees implementation of the Work Plan, manages finances and budget, represents YFJ externally, and coordinates among member organisations
- The YFJ has 37 staff members, led by the secretary general

What does the YFJ do?

- YFJ provides formal recommendations during EU Youth Conferences, co-negotiates outcomes with ministries, writes amendments for EU legislation, publishes reports for example the Youth Progress index, sends representatives to EU and UN meetings
- Meetings: at least 2 per year at a GA

What can ETUC- Youth do at the YFJ?

- Participate at the different GAs
- Become an advisory participant at the EU Youth Conference
- Write motions; support motions
- Become a member of the Board
- Participate at YFJ events: YFJ Academy, thematic seminars
- Suggest and co-design European campaigns
- Network and hold thematic alliances with other organisations