

EDUCATION

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS YOUNG PEOPLE FACE IN EDUCATION?

- There is a general lack of respect for young people, they are not being listened to
- There is a lot of pressure on young people
- Education is more than lessons and tests
- Rural schools face difficulties
- Education is also linked with issues of safety/ transport/ accessibility

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

- Be more creative: offer more and/or other provisions
- Create after education care and support
- Understand that schools are made up of individuals
- Create a system (nationwide) that takes “power” away from individual schools

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A CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO



DISCRIMINATION

WHAT IS DISCRIMINATION?

- when you are being judged because of your skin colour, ideas, accent, wealth, appearance, beliefs, ability....
- when are being judged because you enjoy doing things that are different.

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

- receive a good influence at home as well as school - both have to work together to influence children from a young age and learn from a young age to accept one another, regardless of issues
- receive more positive contributions from the media
- be encouraged in socializing and contacts

LACK OF MONEY

WHY DO PEOPLE LACK MONEY?

- Because parents don't have work
- Because living costs are high
- Because large families often have less money

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

- No possibility to spend leisure time in a meaningful way
- Exclusion from youth activities
- Children of big families and in rural areas are excluded due to high transportation costs
- Sport activities are very limited
- No possibility to buy the same instruments as others (computer, CD player, sport equipment) – we are excluded
- No possibility to buy tickets for the theatre, exhibitions etc - we are culturally excluded
- No possibility to go on holiday, camps etc

As a conclusion, our life is limited

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

- Parents should be working
- There needs to be adequate support and allowances
- Discounts or low fares in public transportation
- Discounts for families
- School gyms should be open for mass sporting
- Special discounts for volunteering (children and young people)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

WHAT IS AN ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR?

- Use and abuse of drugs, alcohol, smoking (Could it be that the persons who use drugs, smoke, drink alcohol want to fit in? Do they think they will have more friends?)
- Violence at home, at school and on the streets

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

- Although some young people who are using drugs, alcohol and smoking wish to fit in, the contrary is often the case, those young people are being excluded because they have a bad image and face difficulties of being accepted.
- Why are they not accepted? Others think they might be a bad influence for them
- What would YOU do if a good friend of yours starts using drugs?
- Are YOU afraid of a drug user?

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

- Inform children and young people better about those issues - young people explaining to other young people
- Discuss these issues at school, especially drugs, alcohol, smoking.
- There should be a better offer of alternative and positive activities, such as sports, hobbies, youth clubs
- Organize more attractive campaigns: concerts with famous singers, media, video games, movies, TV shows should be used to take action against drugs
- Teach young people to have fun without alcohol