

The Importance of Engaging Young People in the Dialogue on Water and Human Rights

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- Youth of 80 countries
- Platform for the promotion of youth leadership in the water sector (networks, knowledge and experience)
- Promote a valued and respected decision-making seat
- We are solution creators, We need to be the change in our water context

Why Mexico needs a WYWP National Chapter?

- Weak water governance
- Adult-centred paradigm in public policy and governmental spaces
- Lack of water training for young people
- There are no jobs to create experience
- ‘Demographic dividend’
- Need to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and human rights

Moderated Discussion on the Declaration

According to you, why is it important to involve the youth in HRWS awareness raising campaigns and what actions can be taken in practice in order to help new generations become decisive actors in the promotion of HRWS?

- We are living the lack to access (In our communities, schools, hospitals)
- We have local networks, time, energy, more technology and We have ideas to create solutions
- ✓ Specific training programs (water knowledge and skills), prioritizing the marginalized and vulnerable population
- ✓ Government spaces for youth participation and focused financing for water projects

Why do you think the adult-centred vision of water governance is harmful and what do you think are the necessary steps needed to move away from this vision?

- It excludes the youth population from participation and decision-making processes (Not a good incentive for a strong democracy, good social cohesion and youth self esteem)
- ✓ Recognize and change the current paradigm (adult-centred) and promote inclusive public policy (age, gender, ethnicity)...