METROPOLIS 2005 Berlin

youth congress
final presentation

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Impressions from the youth congress

at ufaFabrik

Berlin

In the passed few days
we´ve had a great time in Berlin

We worked...

We discussed...

And

We had fun…

You know what ?
We've had a
great time
here!!!

Thank you for giving
us this great chance!

Results of the

first
METROPOLIS
youth congress

workshop 1: family, education and training

workshop 2: poverty, social exclusion and equal opportunities

workshop 3: development of metropolises

workshop 4: mobility and transportation

workshop 5: health and environmental problems

Issue

Education
all over the world

workshop 1: family, education and training

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Issue

Education
all over the world

Analysis:

• Inequalities in access to education (financial situation is crucial)

• Big differences at the international level

• Bad facilities and organization

Suggestions:

• Provide more money for equal and free education and its facilities

• More exchange of ideas, experiences, international cooperation

Issues

Political issues
of our society

Social issues
concerning ourselves

workshop 2: poverty, social exclusion and equal opportunities

Issue 1 - 2

Political issues
of our society

Analysis:

• Corruption, Human rights and Underdevelopment

• Unemployment, Money / Income and Discrimination

• Justice and Law Enforcement

• Health and Education

Suggestions:

• Affirmative policy should be strengthened, not to reinforce marginalization of minority groups, but to elevate them to higher income brackets.

• Transparency in institutions such as government, judicial system and law enforcement, must enable individuals to question irregular practices by the above institutions. Implementation of evaluation processes to promote constructive change.

• Governments should establish a commitment to protect and respect traditional democratic decision making processes.

Social issues
concerning ourselves

Analysis:
- Transportation
- Drugs
- Poverty
- Ignorance, Racism
- Child Trafficing

Suggestions:
- Solve conflicts early with respective government partners in order to construct healthy relationships for better governance of states and citizenry.
- Do more empathic work. Talk less and listen more through non-bias facilitated discussion.
- Use best practices from countries with similar economic and social capabilities in order to improve problematic aspects of each state.

Issues

Urban environment
citizens planning and living in a city

Space for youth and children
physical space and accessability of the city

workshop 3: development of metropolises

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Issue 1 - 2

Urban environment
citizens planning and living in a city

Analysis:

• Urban planning does not effectively involve citizens and thus cannot meet their needs.

• Inaccessibility of important areas of our cities due to increased privatization of public space and insufficient public transit, which limits access.

Suggestions:

• Recognizing that current urban planning practices do not usefully consult citizens and actively working to make consultation effective through stronger legislation.

• Investigate strategies for reclaiming the redundant parts of cities, e.g. roads and rivers.

• Recognizing that architecture must be understandable to the general public, i.e. drawing the elitist visual sensibilities of architects closer to the sensibilities of citizens.

workshop 3: development of metropolises

Issue 2 - 2

Space for youth and children
physical space and accessability of the city

Analysis:

• Lack of green playing spaces for children

• Cities are not yet open to youth:

    o youth are stigmatized in public space

    o the cities do not offer locales that are youth-friendly

    o insufficient social and cultural institutions for youth

Suggestions:

• Requiring private development to devote funds to surrounding public spaces, especially green spaces.

• Diversity is the key to making cities accessible to youth; government support for ethnic and cultural communities will help open them up to youth and the entire city.

• Promote urban culture by relocating institutions, which youth depend upon, in the downtown core.

Issues

Inaccessability
of our surroundings

Unsustainability
of urban transport

workshop 4: mobility and transportation

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Issue 1 - 2

Inaccessability
of our surroundings

Analysis:

• Lack of public transport during the night

Suggestions:

• Improve mobility at night

workshop 4: mobility and transportation

Issue 2 - 2

Unsustainability
of urban transport

Analysis:

• Too many cars, traffic jams

• Pollution

Suggestions:

• Promote cycling and walking

• Improve transport education

• More developed subway systems

• Construction of more parking sites on the edges of the dense areas, linked with public transportation system

• Car free days

• Research and promote ecological fuels (water engines, biological petrol, solar cars, hydrogen)

Environment
and how it influences humans

workshop 5: health and environmental problems

Issues

Environment
and how it influences humans

Main Problems:
- Water, waste and bad quality
- Air Pollution
- Education problems, lack of awareness

Analysis:
- People are demotivated because of the big dimension of the problem
- Irresponsibility

Suggestions:
- Minding the international problems all youth brought to the workshop
- Trying to create a new urban space
    - o There are circulation spaces and meeting points that improve life quality
- Positive impulse school: to make students maintain our environment, to make them feel included in projects that positively change the city
- Examples:
    - o International youth exchange, school gardens, creative city subjects, no waste policy
- Construction of new water pumps in order to provide drinkable water

The End.

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