

WP 4 – WYRED and society



netWorked Youth Research for
Empowerment in the Digital society

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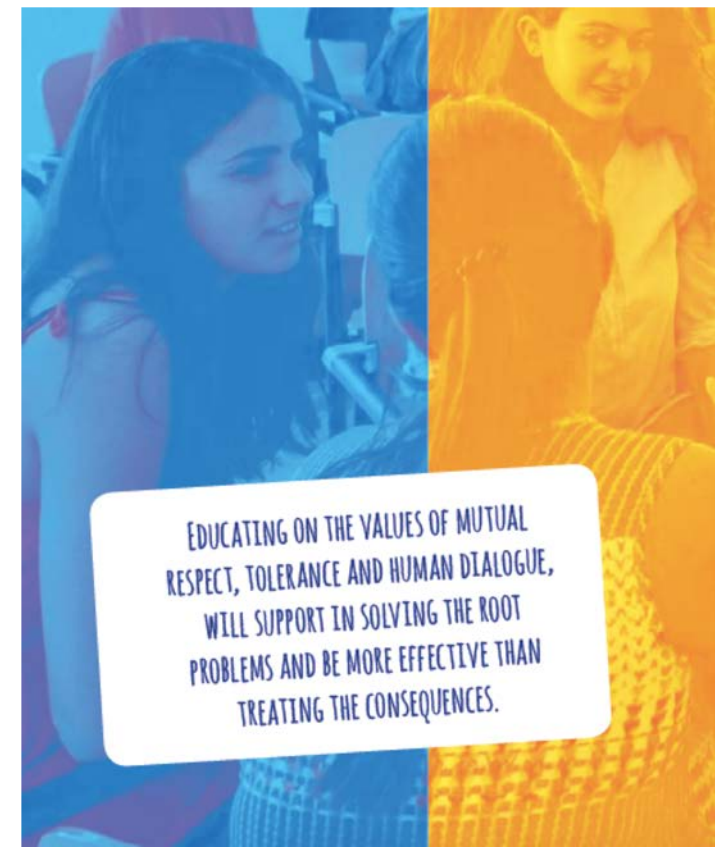
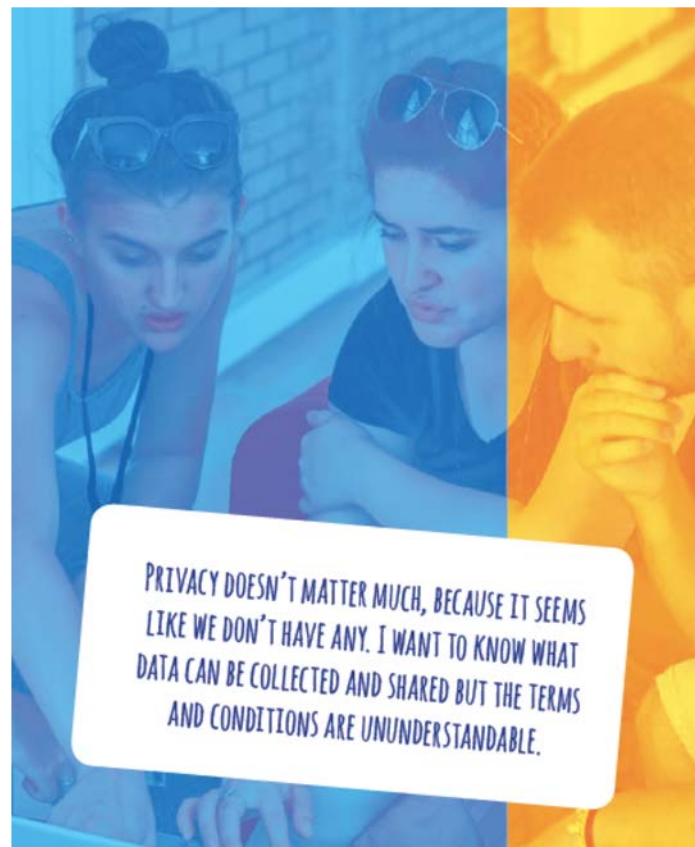
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Done so far

- Active involvement of young people in creation of Youth Manifesto



Guiding questions for Manifesto



- What would you demand as a young person from stakeholders for a better digital society?
- What are your biggest concerns regarding the digital society?
- Do you feel that your voice is heard by decision makers? How would you change it or improve it?
- What values should we have when being online?
- What is the difference between digital and “real-life” society?

Manifesto statements



- Be positive! We need to show more respect by not just writing bad comments without real reasons, but
- also by giving some advices for better content.
- When we are online we shouldn't forget that we are talking to a real person. Internet is not for hate
- speech.
- Listen to our voices always, not only when you need us!
- I think nobody is listening to us. Decision makers need to use more digital tools and platforms for
- feedback.
- I want to know what data they can collect and share. Terms and conditions are ununderstandable.
- If we are only shown what we are already interested in.... how do we learn about other things?
What if
- our interests change?
- Anonymity is sometimes good, but honesty and being yourself is better

Manifesto statements



- Privacy doesn't matter much, because it seems like we don't have any.
- We feel like we are being watched and listened to, even when we are told that we aren't. What if in the
- near future, internet and technology will know what we want before we do?
- Listen to us when you ask about our opinions and do it without prejudice - no point in asking if nothing
- is done about it.
- Internet is not a place for hate and lies but for keeping us connected, informed and human, where we
- can feel safe, wanted and valued.
- Educating on the values of mutual respect, tolerance and human dialogue, will support in solving the
- root problems and be more effective than treating the consequences.

Structure of Manifesto



- **Our WORLD now:** describes the situation as seen by young people and shares their concerns over decision making, society being acceptive of and understanding young people's heterogeneity and diversity
- **Our WORLD as we want it:** young people are claiming their rights to be heard and to create the societies reflecting their different realities and identities
- **Our WORLD – what will we do to make it better:** this part of Manifesto is a pledge to be proactive and not passive consumers by among others, claiming digital spaces as meeting points to discuss and call upon actions.
- **Calling upon stakeholders:** this part defines the objectives of Manifesto and expectations of young people towards stakeholders.

Main message of Manifesto



IN WYRED WE WANT TO
MAKE OUR VOICES LOUDER
EXPLORE THE THINGS THAT MATTER
UNDERSTAND OUR DIGITAL WORLD BETTER
AND
TELL THE PEOPLE IN POWER

Manifesto – next steps



- Further revision?
- Online discussions?
- Research?
- Building the network and activities based on Manifesto messages?

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- Panel discussion **Growing up in a digital society:** What matters most to young people?
- Workshop: **The digital revolution continues:** What will be the next steps?



EYE2018 - follow up



- Facebook live session with MEP Brando Benifei on July 10th with 4196 interactions online (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuVXu34yL8w>)
- interview with Luis Alvarado Martinez, president of European Youth Forum (YFJ) on the topic of Empowering young people in digital society: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2lz938ylsw>.

Challenges



- Discussions with policy makers? Or transnational online meetings of young people?
- What topics? Which formats?
- WHERE?
- How to have a critical mass of young people taking part?

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