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EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of "EDGES" – a digital symphony crafted by young minds for a youthful audience, yet resonating with all ages. As the editorial youth team behind this venture, we embarked on a mission not just to curate content, but to illuminate the myriad voices of Europe's dynamic youth. In this landscape, every voice matters, every initiative shines, and every challenge conquered is a testament to the indefatigable spirit of our generation.

In these pages, you'll delve into inspiring interviews, uncover groundbreaking initiatives, and engage with stories that bridge communities, foster leadership, and advocate for a seat at the table of public discourse. Our hope is that "EDGES" becomes more than just a magazine; we envision it as a platform for dialogue, discovery, and dedication.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every individual who shared their story, every hand that contributed, and to you, our readers, for joining us on this journey. As you navigate through this edition, remember that each word, image, and insight is a mosaic piece of the larger, vibrant picture of European youth today.

Dive in, engage, and let's co-create the future, one page at a time.

Warm regards,
The Youth Editorial Team
"EDGES"





THE PULSE OF YOUTH INITIATIVES

Subheading: Bridging global challenges with local solutions.

Intro Text: In this feature, we navigate the intricate tapestry of youth-led initiatives that are molding the global landscape. Dive in to discover the story of "One Young World" and reflect on its profound significance with our editorial team.

Case Study

Title: One Young World: A Global Forum for Young Leaders

Year Founded: 2009

Focus: Global Youth Leadership

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Main Content:

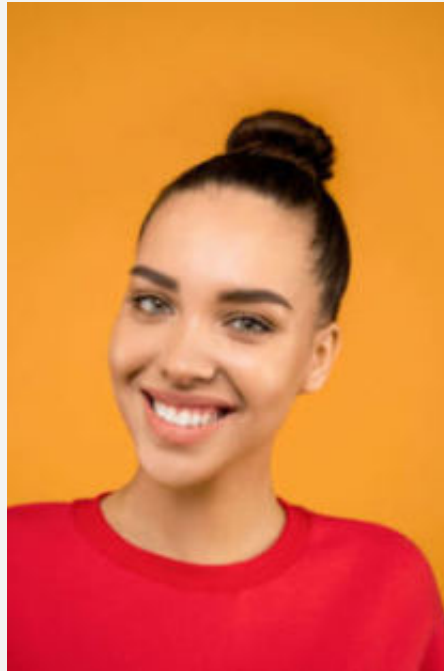


Introduction

One Young World, founded in 2009, is an initiative that gathers young leaders from around the world to develop solutions to some of society's most pressing issues. This case study delves into the initiative's origins, its accomplishments, and its vision for the future.

Background

Every year, One Young World hosts a summit where the brightest young leaders from global companies, NGOs, universities, and other forward-thinking organizations come together to share their ideas and experiences.



Journey

From its inception, the summit has seen notable counselors such as Kofi Annan, Sir Bob Geldof, and Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, guide discussions and workshops. Over 1,000 young leaders have had the chance to address their peers in the summit's history.

Challenges

Ensuring representation from all regions and backgrounds.

Converting ideas from the summit into actionable change in communities.

Continually evolving to address the changing global landscape.

Impact:

One Young World has established a vast network of over 12,000 Ambassadors, who have gone on to create significant change in their communities, with over 30 million people impacted by their initiatives.



Editorial Opinion

Title: Youth Initiatives Like "One Young World": Paving the Way for a Collaborative Future

Introduction:

In an era where collaboration and collective action are not just ideals but necessities, initiatives like "One Young World" stand out as signs of hope. These platforms are testament to the fact that when youth come together, powerful change is not just possible — it's inevitable.

The Unyielding Power of Youth Collaboration:

What makes "One Young World" and similar initiatives truly special is their commitment to a diverse representation of voices. This isn't just a meeting of minds, but a confluence of varied experiences, cultures, and viewpoints.

Challenges Yet Unconquered:

While the accomplishments are laudable, there's still a road ahead. Ensuring that the ideas and collaborations born in these summits translate into real-world impact is crucial. Moreover, expanding the reach to encompass even more diverse voices, especially from underrepresented regions, remains a challenge.

Conclusion:

As we, the editorial team of "EDGES", reflect upon such initiatives, we're filled with both admiration and anticipation. The admiration for what's been achieved, and anticipation for the limitless possibilities ahead. We believe in the power of youth, and through platforms like these, we see a future shaped by unity, creativity, and relentless ambition.

"The youth aren't just the future, they are the present, and their actions today shape tomorrow."



Insights on Youth-Led Initiatives

Introduction

In every conversation about the future, there lies an unspoken obligation to include those who'll inherit it. This edition of "EDGES", birthed from the "EuropEdges" project, amplifies this very sentiment. We spotlight how European youth aren't just silently watching the world change; they're actively shaping it. Through youth initiatives, community development, and leadership tales, we unravel the rich tapestry of youthful vigor and vision.

At the core of our exploration are the young leaders who've taken the reins of social projects, dived headfirst into the realms of innovation, and championed the cause of the environment. With exclusive interviews from notable figures like Ridvald Dhimo and Silvia Huerga Lozano, we aim to illuminate the challenges faced and triumphs celebrated by these young changemakers.

As you immerse yourself in these stories, remember: Each narrative is a brick in the ever-evolving edifice of public debate, strengthening the bridge between youthful ambition and societal progress.



Subject: Interview Request: Insights on Youth-Led Initiatives
Dear [Interviewee's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am currently working on a youth e-magazine project focused on youth-led initiatives. We are interested in gaining insights from individuals like you who are actively involved in various fields. Your expertise and experiences can provide valuable perspectives for our readers.

Would you be willing to participate in a brief email interview? Your responses will be featured in our e-magazine to inspire and inform young leaders interested in initiating positive changes in their communities.

If you agree to participate, please find the interview questions attached below. Feel free to respond at your earliest convenience, and your insights will be greatly appreciated. We understand that you have busy schedules, so we appreciate your time and contribution to this project.

Interview Questions:

- Can you briefly introduce yourself and your experience with youth-led initiatives?
- What motivates you to be involved in youth initiatives, and how has this involvement impacted your life?
- Could you share a specific youth-led project or initiative that you found particularly inspiring or impactful, and explain why it stood out to you?
- What challenges have you encountered while working on youth-led initiatives, and how did you overcome them?
- How do you believe youth-led initiatives contribute to positive social change and community development?
- What advice would you give to young people who are interested in starting their own youth-led projects but may be unsure of where to begin?
- In your opinion, what are the key qualities or skills that young leaders should possess to succeed in youth-led initiatives?

Thank you for considering this request. Your responses will play a significant role in inspiring and guiding young leaders in their initiatives. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

We look forward to receiving your insights, and your contribution will be duly credited in our e-magazine.

Warm regards





Ridvald Dhimo (Working in a Startup Bank):

- Introduction: "I'm Ridvald Dhimo, and I am currently working in a financial organisation in the UK specializing in financial technology. I've been involved in various youth-led initiatives that focus on financial literacy and economic empowerment for young people."
- Motivation: "What motivates me is the opportunity to make a positive impact on the financial well-being of young individuals. I believe that by empowering the youth with financial knowledge, we can set them on a path toward financial independence and stability."
- Inspiring Project: "One project that left a lasting impression on me was a financial literacy campaign led by a group of young entrepreneurs. They organized workshops and webinars to teach budgeting, saving, and investing to their peers. It was inspiring to see how their efforts led to improved financial literacy among their peers."
- Challenges: "One challenge we often face is getting young people to engage with financial topics. To overcome this, we developed interactive online tools and gamified learning experiences that made financial education more appealing and accessible."



- Contribution to Change: "Youth-led initiatives in finance can bring about greater financial inclusion and economic stability. They empower young individuals to make informed financial decisions, ultimately leading to a more financially literate society."
- Advice to Young People: "For those looking to start their own youth-led initiatives in finance, my advice is to start small, focus on a specific financial topic that you're passionate about, and collaborate with peers who share your vision. Together, you can create meaningful change. Additionally, what is important is for the young school children to be informed about finance since the early stages of the life. For that reason, youth working in finance could visit schools for spreading the basic knowledge and let people come closer to finance thinking."
- Key Qualities: "Key qualities for success in youth-led finance initiatives include adaptability, a willingness to learn, and effective communication. Being able to relate financial concepts to everyday life is also crucial."

Don't miss Ridval's podcast at the following link!!

Click Here: 





Silvia Huerga Lozano (Working in Renewable Energy Sources - RES) in Spain:

- Introduction: "I'm Silvia Huerga Lozano, and I work in the field of renewable energy sources (RES) here in Spain. My journey into RES began during my time at university, where I became passionate about sustainable energy solutions."
- Motivation: "My motivation stems from a deep concern for our planet's environment. I'm driven to contribute to sustainable energy solutions that reduce our carbon footprint and combat climate change."
- Inspiring Project: "One of the most inspiring projects I've been a part of was a community-driven solar energy initiative. We worked with local residents to install solar panels on rooftops, reducing their energy bills and carbon emissions. Witnessing the community's enthusiasm and environmental impact was truly rewarding."
- Challenges: "Working in RES, we often face technical and regulatory challenges. However, by collaborating with experts, advocating for supportive policies, and harnessing innovative technologies, we can overcome these hurdles."



- Contribution to Change: "RES initiatives are vital for transitioning to a greener, more sustainable future. They reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, mitigate climate change, and create green job opportunities."
- Advice to Young People: "To young individuals interested in RES, I advise seeking internships or volunteering with organizations dedicated to sustainable energy. It's a field with immense potential, and gaining hands-on experience is invaluable."
- Key Qualities: "In RES, adaptability to evolving technologies, a strong commitment to sustainability, and a collaborative spirit are essential. Young leaders should also stay informed about renewable energy advancements and policy changes."



Conclusion

The journey through this edition of "EDGES" culminates in a profound realization: the edges are where all the action happens. It's at these fringes that ideas are birthed, revolutions are kindled, and change is realized. The interviews and stories within these pages echo a unanimous sentiment — that the youth aren't waiting for an invitation to the public debate; they're making their own seats at the table.

The "EuropEdges" project stands as a testament to the unyielding spirit of young Europeans, keen to voice their perspectives, share their innovations, and craft a future they're proud to be a part of.

To our readers and to every young leader who's pushing the boundaries:

Continue to challenge, innovate, and inspire. Your voices aren't just echoes of today but the defining sounds of tomorrow. As we anticipate our next edition, we remain committed to spotlighting the edges that shape our collective future.





Gamification of Youth Initiative-QUIZ: How Well Do You Know Global Youth Initiatives?

Are You In-the-Know? Test Your Youth Initiative IQ!

In every corner of the world, young voices are rising, demanding change, innovating solutions, and shaping their futures. From the streets of Brussels to global platforms, youth initiatives are making waves and rewriting narratives.

As you've journeyed with us through this edition of "EDGES", you've encountered tales of resilience, innovation, and ambition. But how well have you been paying attention? Introducing the "Global Youth Initiatives" Quiz!

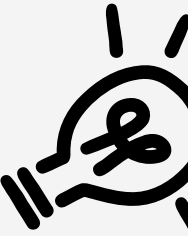
Engage with these carefully curated questions and gauge your understanding of youth-led movements that are sculpting our present and future. Whether you're a novice finding your footing or an expert with your finger on the pulse, there's always more to learn and discover.



1. Which youth-led movement began in 2018 and focuses on combating climate change through global strikes?
 - A. Youth for Change
 - B. Green Youth Movement
 - C. Fridays For Future
 - D. Youth Climate Council
2. Which organization gathers young leaders from around the world annually to develop solutions for global issues?
 - A. One World Youth
 - B. Global Youth Network
 - C. One Young World
 - D. Young Leaders Forum
3. Which of these is NOT a challenge often faced by youth-led initiatives?
 - A. Lack of funding
 - B. Too many resources
 - C. Navigating bureaucratic hurdles
 - D. Gaining trust within communities
4. In which European city did the "Youth For Climate" initiative, where students skipped school to protest for stronger climate action, gain significant traction in 2019?
 - A. Paris
 - B. Barcelona
 - C. Athens
 - D. Brussels

5. Who started a solitary climate protest in 2018, leading to a global youth movement?

- A. Malala Yousafzai
- B. Greta Thunberg
- C. Emma González
- D. Severn Cullis-Suzuki



Engage with Us!

Share your thoughts on social media using the hashtag #EuropEdgesQuiz and join the conversation. Which initiatives inspire you the most? Let's amplify the voices that matter.

Remember, knowledge is power, and every piece of information you absorb equips you to be a more informed advocate for youth movements globally. Ready for the next challenge? Keep reading the e-magazine and stay engaged with "EDGES".





EuropEdges Event Highlights: Pioneering Change Together

In the dynamic landscape of youth initiatives, events serve as powerful touchpoints — places where ideas converge, collaborations form, and visions take shape. The "EuropEdges" project, with its heartbeat echoing the aspirations of young Europe, has been at the forefront of curating such transformative gatherings. From workshops to seminars, each event is a testament to the energy, ambition, and potential of our young leaders. As you journey through this section, experience the vibrancy, insights, and milestones of our recent and upcoming events.

- EuropEdges & Comunidade XXI, Portugal

On June 16th, 2023, the Rosto Solidário team met with members of its newest “project”: Comunidade XXI.

This is a group of young people that gather at least once a month to brainstorm ideas for activities and initiatives. Young people may exchange ideas, learn new things, and argue on a wide range of issues in this community.

Rosto Solidário also revealed the EuropEdges initiative during this gathering. The prospect of becoming a part of a worldwide community of young people, as well as the opportunity to think and implement their own project ideas, inspired them the most.

We'll watch how the young people get engaged with the initiative over the next few months.




Europedges Dissemination event in USMA, Italy

During the implementation of the 1st on-site meeting in Padua, a dissemination event about EuropEdges was delivered on the 26th of May at 14.00 CET.

The event was the opportunity to present Europedges project objectives, and activities planned and introduce different partners.

The audience was composed of USMA athletes, mainly from the football and basketball sector, who learned more about the project. Together with them, a group of collaborators took part in the event. Various partners (Rosto Solidario, Fundatia Ikaros, Pylon One, CERC, ECREED) introduced themselves to the partners and indicated their roles within the partnership, by explaining their tasks and activities. Each event, with its unique blend of participants, discussions, and outcomes, contributes to the larger narrative of youth-led change.

These are more than just dates on a calendar; they represent moments of clarity, catalysts for action, and blueprints for the future. As "EuropEdges" continues its mission, we remain committed to fostering such platforms, for today's gatherings are the seeds for tomorrow's transformations. Thank you for being part of this journey, and we eagerly anticipate your presence, insights, and contributions in our upcoming rendezvous. In any time, you can be informed about our news through the website : 

Resource Section: Tools for Tomorrow's Leaders

In our relentless pursuit to champion the spirit of youth initiatives and leadership, we recognize the power of knowledge and resources. Whether you're a budding leader eager to kickstart a project or someone keen to deepen your understanding, this section offers a treasure trove of resources tailored for you. Dive in and let these tools, readings, and platforms be your guiding star.



Book Recommendations:

- "Youth to Power: Your Voice and How to Use It" by Jamie Margolin

A comprehensive guide by a young climate activist, offering practical advice and anecdotes for other young activists looking to effect change.

- "The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything" by Ken Robinson

Sir Ken Robinson explores the importance of nurturing talent and passion, especially relevant for young individuals seeking their path.

- "We Are All Leaders: Leadership is not a position, it's a mindset" by Fredrik Arnander

A fresh perspective on leadership, emphasizing the idea that everyone, regardless of their position, has the potential to be a leader.



Toolkits or Guides:

- Starting Your Initiative:

A step-by-step guide on ideating, planning, and launching a youth-led project. This would be a downloadable PDF with actionable steps, templates, and checklists.

- Communication Skills for Leaders:

A guide on effective communication, public speaking, and negotiation for young leaders. Interactive with video tutorials and exercises.

Links to External Resources:

- TakingITGlobal 

An online community for young leaders and social entrepreneurs to connect, learn, and collaborate on global challenges.

- Youth4Change 

A platform where young activists can get resources and support to tackle gender-based violence and promote gender equality.



Conclusion:

A World at Your Fingertips:

The journey of change, leadership, and impact, while exhilarating, is also strewn with challenges. But with the right resources, guidance, and community, no dream is too big, no challenge insurmountable. As we wrap up this resource section, our hope is that these tools and insights propel you forward, enrich your endeavors, and amplify your impact. Remember, the world needs your unique voice, passion, and vision. Here's to the journey ahead, and may these resources be the wind beneath your wings.



Closing Remarks & Call-to-Action (CTA)

The Journey Continues...

As we close this edition of "EDGES", we're filled with gratitude, hope, and anticipation. Gratitude for our vibrant community of readers like you; hope for a future where youth voices resonate even louder; and anticipation for the shared journey ahead.

Stay in the Loop!

Don't miss out on our next edition filled with more insights, stories, and inspirations. Subscribe now and ensure the pulse of youth-led initiatives remains at your fingertips.

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Amplify the Message!

Share "EDGES" with your network. Together, let's spread the word, inspire more individuals, and expand our community.



Acknowledgments & Credits

Gratitude in Every Pixel, Every Word...

Crafting "EDGES" is a collaborative labor of love, and it's essential to pause and extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who played a part in bringing this edition to life.

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Our Vibrant Community: And to you, our readers, collaborators, and every individual who's been a part of the "EDGES" journey — this edition is a tribute to your spirit, passion, and dedication.

Here's to many more editions, stories, and shared successes. Until next time, keep leading, keep inspiring.





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