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Empowering Youngsters in Policy Making: CareLeaving Dialog

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Participation in Democratic Life

Topic:

Youth Participation / Activism and Decision Making

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For teenagers leaving residential care, the transition to the outside world can be a daunting prospect. To make their journey easier, this project brought youngsters and policy makers together to address the problems they face and find new solutions. The level of interest generated from all over Austria has been a real achievement!

What is Participation for you?

“Participation is not forcing a problem on people. It is rather realising that resolving a problem will benefit themselves and future generations. When participation is a natural process, it carries greater power. The young people in our project were able to transform their negative experiences and make positive changes.”

Maximilian Ullrich PROJECT COORDINATOR



Wow!

After the project, the Care Leaver Association was formed by previous care leavers to help other young people in the same situation, and advocate for better provision. A great example of active citizenship!

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