

# 10 Youth Voices for Local Change



The **Consulting Young People** initiative transforms the **Mobile Youth Centre (MYC)** into a **giant suggestion box** where young people can safely and freely express their views. Through **anonymous interviews**, the project gathers **expectations, needs, and ideas** from the youth and then **presents them directly to local decision-makers**, bridging the gap between the young community and municipal authorities.

## Goals and Benefits

- Create a **platform for young voices** in the municipality
- Foster **civic engagement** and **active participation** in local life
- Collect **ideas and needs** from young people in a non-intrusive, respectful way
- Support **co-creation of youth-led projects** in partnership with local government

**Location Type:** Rural area

**Target Group:** Young people aged **12 to 26**, with a focus on **12 to 18**

## Implementation tips

1. **Mail invitations** are distributed throughout the municipality, explaining the project and listing the schedule per village
2. The MYC visits each location as planned
3. **Youngsters are invited** to participate in a **filmed or recorded interview**, answering a set of questions anonymously
4. At the end, they are asked if they'd like to **stay involved** in the next steps: **co-designing youth projects**
5. Two follow-up meetings are held:
  - One with **local decision-makers** to present the collected insights
  - One with the **interested young people** to plan concrete next steps

## Materials Used

- The Mobile Youth Centre is equipped for **audio/video recording**
- Interviews are prompted through a **computer presentation** to minimize pressure and allow privacy
- Young people are offered a **drink** after the interview as a thank-you gesture
- **Invitations and schedules** are sent via mailbox to every household in the municipality

## Media & Consent

- No public media or content is shared
- Recordings are **used privately** and respectfully to amplify youth voices to authorities

## Reflection and Evaluation

- Direct **conversation with participants** after the interviews for feedback
- Recorded answers are used only **internally**, not for publication
- All recordings are **anonymized**, ensuring a **safe and respectful** environment for self-expression