



Welcome to the European Youth Parliament Switzerland!



The European Youth Parliament

The European Youth Parliament (EYP) was founded in 1987 in Fontainebleau, France. Since then it has grown steadily: Each year more than 350 events take place in 41 countries with over 27,000 participants.



Our Aims

The aims of EYP are to provide young people with a platform where they can discuss political issues, where they can build skills, get to know new cultures and make new friendships. We would like to emphasise that EYP is politically neutral. Everybody is welcome to discuss their very own ideas.



What You Can Get

If you are interested in exchanging opinions about political issues and want to get to know other cultures, become a part of EYP. By attending one of our events, you will develop your skills in English and debating, make friendships with other politically interested young people from all over Europe and, of course, have a lot of fun.



Regional Sessions

In spring 2015, we will host four Regional Sessions; in Basel, Bern, Geneva and Zurich, each welcoming 80 delegates from all over Switzerland. Our next National Session will take place in Bern in September 2015. If you want to participate there, attendance of a Regional Session is mandatory. You can apply now until the 8th December to be part of this adventure!



Sessions and Others

Every year three international sessions are held which last 10 days and are attended by 300 young people from all over Europe. Apart from these events there are numerous national and regional sessions. Furthermore, dozens of trainings and other events are held.

Each year, EYP Switzerland organises 4 Regional Sessions and one National Session where we select delegations who then will represent Switzerland at sessions abroad. In September 2014, we held our National Session in Fribourg where 120 students from all over Switzerland and Europe came together for five days and discussed various problems under the theme “Civil Rights in a Diverse Europe”.



The Structure Behind a Session

At first, you will get to know the other delegates in your committee. During the so called *Teambuilding*, you play games to build a familiar atmosphere which will make you a good team for the following days of the session.

Then, you will analyse a current political problem and come up as a group with solutions in *Committee Work*. Of course, you will be led by an experienced “EYPer”, your Chairperson, who will support you with his/her experience. The aim here is to create a resolution on how to tackle this issue.

The final and most formal part of every session is *General Assembly*. Here, you will have to defend the resolution of your committee, be able to debate other ideas and finally vote which resolutions should pass.





Find out more about how to apply on:
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