

# Draft Agenda

Youth Dialogue  
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Towards a new vision  
for the public sector

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Youth are the engine of tomorrow's societal and economic growth. They are the best resource that societies can rely upon to address the challenges of the future. Yet, young people's voices are not always heard in policy debates and they are often left out of the policy discussions which shape their future. This is important, as youth have also been disproportionately affected by the financial crisis in many countries. This is also surprising given the unprecedented opportunities offered by new technologies and

better educational attainment, which would allow them to engage in policy discussions. By including young people's voices in the policy process, policy-makers can leverage their creativity, increase the relevance of policy solutions for this group and build social capital thus contributing to inclusive growth.

**The OECD Youth Dialogue** offers a platform for policy-makers and youth representatives to work together to discuss policy solutions that matter for building stronger, fairer and more inclusive societies.

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## Who participates and where?

The Youth Dialogue gathers together Ministers and representatives of youth from countries involved in the Ministerial meeting on Public Governance for Inclusive Growth. It is the final stage in youth engagement activities informing the Ministerial meeting preparations.

It will take place in an informal environment and features interactive dialogue between

Ministers and youth representatives. The goal is to form key messages and take-aways that will feed into and inform discussions at the Ministerial meeting.

The Youth Dialogue will take place from 16h-18h at the **House of Estate**, Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki.

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## What is the dialogue about?

The Youth Dialogue draws on the results of Youth Fora and youth engagement activities organised by countries over the past four months, with the aim to gain young people's views on questions related to how governments listen and respond to their needs, what is their experience of civic engagement in civic life, and what actions should be taken to enhance their involvement.

It also benefits from a wide range of knowledge and examples of institutions, policies and programmes in OECD member and non-member countries, collected through research and activities, to encourage more involvement by youth in policy-making processes.

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16.00 – 16.10	<p><b>Joint OECD-Finland welcome of participants</b></p> <p>Why youth involvement in public governance matters for inclusive growth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Anu Vehviläinen, Minister of Local Government and Public Reforms, Finland (Chair)</li><li>• Ms. Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD</li></ul>
16.10 – 16.15	<p><b>Presentation of the results of the Youth Fora</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laura Skoratko (OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development)</li></ul>
16.15 – 16.40	<p><b>Youth and Civic Engagement: Where are we now?</b></p> <p>The session will allow for a dialogue between the Youth Representatives and Ministers on the barriers in terms of Youth and Civic Engagement</p> <p>Interventions by Youth Representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finland</li><li>• Turkey</li><li>• UK (via video) (tbc)</li></ul> <p>Lead interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister Boris Koprivnikar, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia</li><li>• Mr. José Manuel Romero Coello, Director-General of the Mexican Institute of Youth</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Jocelyne Bourgon, President of Public Governance International</p> <p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do youth get involved with civic life? What do they learn from these experiences?</li><li>• What are the key concerns of youth in relation to engaging with civic life?</li><li>• What are the barriers to greater youth participation and engagement?</li></ul>

<p>16.40 – 17.05</p>	<p><b>Youth and Civic Engagement: Where do we want to be?</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the dimensions for positive youth engagement through an interactive dialogue between Youth Representatives and Ministers</p> <p>Interventions by Youth Representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Germany</li> <li>- Ireland</li> <li>- Czech Republic</li> </ul> <p>Lead intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Jiří Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Legislation, Czech Republic</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Jocelyne Bourgon, President of Public Governance International</p> <p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What does constructive engagement with government and in civic life actually mean for youth?</li> <li>- What ideas do youth have for enabling a more positive engagement environment?</li> <li>- How do youth imagine that the public sector of the future would be able to respond to their needs?</li> </ul>
<p>17.05 – 17.20</p>	<p>Family photo</p>

## **Youth and Civic Engagement: How will we get there?**

This session will invite Ministers and Youth Representatives to comment and brainstorm on a vision and actions to meet youth's expectations, as part of a new vision for the public sector

Roundtable interventions:

- Mr. Jiří Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Legislation, Czech Republic
- M. Mohamed Moubdi, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government for Civil Service and Modernisation of Public Administration, Morocco
- Minister Boris Koprivnikar, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia
- Mr. Chokri Terzi, Secrétaire d'Etat auprès du ministre de la jeunesse et du sport chargé de la Jeunesse, Tunisie
- Ms. Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- Mr. José Manuel Romero Coello, Director-General of the Mexican Institute of Youth
- Mr. Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General, CIVICUS
- Ms. Ann Phelan, Minister of State at the Departments of Agriculture, Food and Marine and Transport, Tourism and Sport, Ireland
- Youth Representatives

Moderator: Jocelyne Bourgon, President of Public Governance International

### ***Questions for discussion:***

- How can governments achieve more positive civic participation and engagement with youth? What are some of the possible solutions (as viewed by Ministers and Youth)?
- How can governments engage with a diverse range of youth – ensuring all sectors of youth are more actively participating in decisions that concern their future?

17.20 – 17.50

### **Closing remarks**

- Ms. Jocelyne Bourgon, President of Public Governance International
- Ms. Anu Vehviläinen, Minister of Local Government and Public Reforms, Finland

17:50 – 18.00