



INTERNATIONAL  
**YOUTH**  
THINK TANK



**GOT 5 MINUTES?**  
**LET'S TALK ABOUT**  
**DEMOCRACY!**



**WE ASKED THE**  
**PEOPLE OF THE**  
**ACT NOW**  
**CONFERENCE!**

WHAT ARE  
THE FIRST  
WORDS THAT  
COME TO  
YOUR MIND  
WHEN YOU  
THINK ABOUT  
DEMOCRACY?

responsability voting  
freedom of speech  
freedom choice  
love representation  
diversity  
fun freedom to decide  
reunification over my body law  
equality value  
community participation  
leading human rights  
elections  
power to the people  
connection

DO YOU FEEL  
FREE WHEN  
IT COMES TO  
CHOOSING  
YOUR LIFE'S  
PATH?

YES: 58%

NO: 42%

yes, I am free as a person

yes, I can choose  
my education, job  
and home

not really

yes, I have been educated  
in a free way

no, I am limited  
by ideology and  
no real freedom

more or less

no, I am restricted by  
the government

it depends, I cannot  
bypass some systems

no, it depends on  
someone's socio-  
economic  
background

yes, I have  
always been  
resilient

no, because we have  
no abortion rights

DO YOU FEEL  
LIKE YOU  
HAVE ANY  
POWER AS A  
CITIZEN?

YES: 50%

NO: 50%

yes, if you want to

my powers are limited

yes,  
change can be made  
without voting

no, I am not  
powerful at all

yes, because  
my vote still  
counts

yes, I can shape my  
local environment

no, my  
government  
does not care

yes, thanks to Activism

it depends on  
the money you  
have

no, I don't feel  
listened enough

limited, even  
as a mayor

WHAT  
WOULD YOU  
NEED TO BE  
MORE  
POWERFUL?

more support

more freedom

more agency for  
local authorities

decentralising decision

making structure

knowledge and education

accountability and  
transparency

listening to citizen's  
opinion directly

decision over my body

stronger  
support from  
the government

direct democracy

less  
authoritarian  
government