



**Annual
Activity Report**
The Youth News
Foundation

2024



Evaluation YNF 2024

The year 2024 for was a year full of new dimensions, new initiatives and new projects for the Youth News Foundation. We are really proud of working together with several Dutch youth organisations to present the 'Children's Coalition Agreement', for the first time ever child reporters attended the presentation of the new government and we were at the European Parliament in Brussels to help young Europeans tell their stories, share their insights and ask their questions.

For the first time in ten years we did not participate in the 'Walk of the World' with a group of young participants and for the first time in seven years we didn't organise the year round #Vteam, participating in Peace and Freedom projects.

Behind the scenes we are working on partnerships with several youth organisations across Europe to start a cross-border Youth News Europe Initiative. We are proud of starting this new era and there will be a lot more to come in 2025.



Activities2024

- Children's Coalition Agreement'
- Shaping our Future conference
- NATO 75
- Children's memorial Day
- Expedition Next 2024
- National Congress on Racism and Discrimination
- Presentation of the Cabinet 2024
- 'The Choice'
- European Education Congress
- Airborne Memorial: Path of Liberation
- National Youth Day
- The Youth in Brussels



Highlights



Video highlights



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'Children's Coalition Agreement'
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<https://youtu.be/mKsqpL24yGE>





'Children's Coalition Agreement'

Together with the famous Dutch youth organisations Kinderpostzegels (Children's Stamps), Jantje Beton (Johnny Concrete, Right to Play) and Het Gehandicapte Kind (The Handicapped Child) we initiated the 'Children's Coalition Agreement'. To make the voice of young people heard after the 2023 elections, we organised, executed and presented a national survey on the most important national issues for children. They advised the elected politicians, shared their insights and presented the results.

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Report





Shaping our Future conference

The Dutch Local Authority Association (VGN) together with the UN invited Tako and the Youth News Foundation to host and advise the Shaping our Future conference in Utrecht.

In today's world, the challenges we face as a global community are deeply intertwined with local politics and initiatives. Decisions made at the local level can have profound impact on issues such as climate change, social justice and economic equality. By actively engaging in local politics and community efforts, we can address these challenges collectively and work towards sustainable solutions that bene-

fit us all today, and generations to come.

Therefore the Shaping our Future conference is designed for and with youth, with the aim of coming to a set of recommendations and innovative solutions to increase the influence of youth in intergovernmental processes through local governments. These will be conveyed by Mayor Sharon Dijksma of Utrecht during her meeting with UN Secretary General António Guterres in July in the framework of an Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments, in the final stages leading up to the UN Summit of the Future in September.



Video

Shaping our Future conference
<https://youtu.be/5EdJWh1mLfg>





NATO 75

In the run-up to the celebration of NATO 75 years, the Youth News Foundation was asked to organise a meeting with Dutch military staff and children to discuss the state of the world. Children asked their questions and shared their insights.





Children's memorial Day

For the sixth year the Youth News Foundation advised and participated in the National Youth Memorial Ceremony in The Hague. We let children tell their stories and share their insights and made several reports.



Videos

Nazar fled from Ukraine
<https://youtu.be/KIJ2wFOAwwc>

Emma visits war cemetery:
<https://youtu.be/ektCVWjp84g>

Memorial Youth Program for Broadcast West:
https://youtu.be/idTSet_Yld4



Expedition Next 2024

Since the beginning the Youth Correspondent is making the voice of young people heard at the national science congress for youth. This expedition is not only about science, we help children to ask the right questions, train them as journalists and make a report.



Report

Expedition Next 2024

<https://youtu.be/k5U8WuRXyGY>

National Congress on Racism and Discrimination

The National coordinator against racism and discrimination asked the Youth News Foundation to make the voice of young people heard during the National Congress. During the opening of the congress, Tako led a youth dialogue on the main stage where children with different backgrounds

shared their insights and experiences. The conversation was about cultural backgrounds, LGBTQ+ rights, exclusion, social developments and political issues.

Due to privacy regulations there are no photo's and videos made.



Video

Presentation of the Cabinet
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Presentation of the Cabinet 2024

After the 2023 elections, the new Dutch cabinet was officially presented and sworn at the Royal Residence in The Hague. For the first time ever we managed to include our child reporters to the ceremony and have them ask their questions to the new ministers.



European Education Congress

Together with the Erasmus + project, almost one hundred educators from several different European countries came to The Hague to discuss inclusion in education. Tako was asked to host the three day congress and of course make the voice of young people heard during the panel discussions and dialogues.



Promo

The choice

<https://youtu.be/b0aDS8cul8c>



Soundtrack

The choice

<https://youtu.be/PGLwOAsDZt0>

'The Choice'

Together with the National Veterans Institute the Youth News Foundation worked for two years on an educational movie, performed with live orchestra. Fifteen year old Mehrzad explores the stories behind peace, freedom and his own background.





Airborne Memorial: Path of Liberation

The Youth News Foundation was invited to include young Europeans in the 80th memorial of the liberation of the Netherlands and the Battle of Arnhem. Several teenagers walked the Liberation Route from Belgium to Arnhem, following the footsteps of the liberators in 1944. We made some impressive reports.



Video

Nijmegen

<https://youtu.be/ksfEXgCch44>



Video

Arnhem

<https://youtu.be/jc9J318Eclc>





National Youth Day

For the tenth time the Youth Correspondent presented the National Youth Day, where hundreds of youth professionals gathered to inspire and share new developments and insights. Young reporters asked their questions and debated during several panel discussions.



Video

Voor de Jeugd Dag
<https://youtu.be/el0ECISL2AY>





The Youth in Brussels

'No more waiting, no more delay. Time to act is here, now and today.' Together with the Eurochild organisation the Youth News Foundation visited the European Parliament with a group of young Europeans. They asked their questions and shared their insights and experiences with several politicians, including president Roberta Metsola.



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TheYouth.org

<https://youtu.be/v8VZ11DhYXE>



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