



Call for Contributions and Candidates

Introduction

The Youth Convention will bring together 210 young people who will discuss for three days questions related to the Future of Europe. The work will be organised along the same lines as the European Convention, and the results will be presented to the European Convention.

All participants of the Youth Convention may contribute to the debates before the meeting by submitting written contributions.

In order to facilitate the running of the Youth Convention a Praesidium will have to be elected to chair the meetings (plenary and working groups) and to present the conclusions of the Youth Convention. Rapporteurs will be elected to present a report to the Youth Convention on the work of the Groups.

1. Call for Contributions

Participants of the Youth Convention are hereby invited to submit written contributions on the themes of the Youth Convention.

The purpose of the written contributions is to share views and opinions within the Youth Convention as much as possible already beforehand. Being aware of the views of the other participants will help the Youth Convention to reach high-quality results within the short time available. The written contributions will thus form a background for the debates during the event itself.

The submitted documents will be published on the web-site of the Youth Convention (www.youth-convention.net) and will be distributed to all participants.

Written contributions and candidatures (see below) will be made available to all participants of the Youth Convention in Brussels. In order to facilitate the discussion, the participants are invited to submit their contributions or candidatures in a language that potentially is understood by as many participants as possible.

Furthermore, you are invited to post your written contribution on the discussion forum for participants at the Youth Convention website (www.youth-convention.net) in Word or PDF format.

Candidates as well as other participants are invited to take part in the discussion at the EU's Futurum website <http://europa.eu.int/futurum/forum>.

2. Call for Candidates

Participants of the Youth Convention are hereby invited to put themselves forward as candidates for the post(s) of:

- Chairman of the Youth Convention (1),
- Member of the Praesidium (8),
- Rapporteur (1 for each working group = 3)

The Chairman and the other Members of the Praesidium will be in charge of chairing the Youth Convention plenary sessions and working groups and representing the Youth Convention externally. The latter also includes the presentation of the conclusions and results of the Youth Convention to the European Convention and the interested public.

The Rapporteurs are responsible for providing the basic document for each working group and for drafting the report from the working group.

The three working groups are:

- a) Missions and Visions for the European Union: What should be the objectives of the EU
- b) Democracy and Participation in the EU: What institutional framework and competencies for an EU in touch with its citizens? Does Europe need a Constitution?
- c) Europe in a globalised world: What should be the EU's role and relationship towards other world regions? What should be Europe's contribution to peace, stability and sustainable development?

In the working groups, interpretation will be provided in at least French, English and German. The working groups will be more likely to produce tangible results if the discussions can start on the basis of a discussion paper. For this reason the candidates for Rapporteurs will present their proposal for the basic text to be used by the working group for its debates. With the election of a Rapporteur, the text presented by the candidate will also become the basis of the work of the Youth Convention in that field.

3. Documentation from candidates

All candidates must

1. fill out the attached form (declaration of candidature)
2. submit a document according to the following criteria:

Candidates for the President and Praesidium members:

The document should outline how the candidate is qualified for the post, what his/her interest is in this post and in the issues to be touched upon, what he/she would expect from the Youth Convention and how he/she would contribute to making the Youth Convention a successful event with tangible results. This contribution should not be longer than two pages. If possible a scanned photo of the candidate should be included. The contribution must include the name of the candidate, and the delegation through which the candidate participates in the Youth Convention. Contact details (e.g. e-mail address) should be mentioned.

Candidates for the posts of Rapporteur:

Candidates for the posts of the three Rapporteurs (one for each working group) should submit a paper of approximately 2 – 3 pages on one of the three working group themes mentioned above. In case of a successful election this contribution should form the basis for the discussion in the working group and ideally, after discussion and amendment by the working group, the basis for the working group's conclusions. If possible a scanned photo of the candidate should be included. The contribution must mention the theme of the working group (see above), the name of the candidate and the delegation through which the candidate participates in the Youth Convention. Contact details (e.g. e-mail address) should be mentioned.

The above documents need to be received by e-mail before 5 July 2002, 12:00 noon CET in order for the candidate to be included on the ballot paper for the election of the officers.

4. Deadline

The deadline for both the written contributions by all participants, and for the candidatures, is 5th July at 12:00 noon (CET). These documents can be submitted by e-mail to convention@youthforum.org.

For more information on the written contributions and the candidatures, please contact Annette Richter +32 2 286 94 25 or convention@youthforum.org.



Declaration of candidature for an office at the Youth Convention

Please return this form no later than 5th July at 12:00 noon (CET), by e-mail to convention@youthforum.org.

Declarations received after this date cannot be taken into account.

I am a participant of the Youth Convention and hereby declare that I want to run for the office of:

- Chairman
- Member of the Praesidium
- Rapporteur for the Working Group a) Missions and Visions for the EU.
- Rapporteur for the Working Group b) Democracy & Participation in the EU
- Rapporteur for the Working Group c) Europe in a globalised world

PLEASE TYPE OR USE CAPITAL LETTERS AND BLACK INK!

First Name:

Surname:

Nationality:

City of residence:

Place of birth:

Date of birth:

E-mail:

1st. Tel.: (please include country code)

Alternative Tel:

Possible working language(s):

I have been nominated to the Youth Convention (delegation of):

If elected to the above post I will work to my best capacity for the whole Youth Convention.

Date and signature: