

Charter for a 'European Network of local youth councils'

We, the Youth Councils of Ratzeburg, Sopot and Strängnäs, establish a 'European network of local youth councils' with the following aims:

1. We want to build a culture of mutual exchange and create opportunities to learn from each other's experiences.
2. We want to organize joint projects in the spirit of European teamwork.
3. We want to give young people a voice in European cities.

We focus our efforts on the following topics:

- climate change, environment, ecology
- attainment of independence and self-determination among young individuals
- developing skills to become a responsible, confident and committed person

Our terms of collaboration:

Our collaborative approach is based on shared values of democracy, respect for each other and a full understanding of our capabilities and resources.

Our collaboration is always based on mutual trust and we work together on a regular basis.

Our network is made up of three delegates from each member city.

Delegates are elected every 2-year period in the youth councils of each member city.

The members of the network form an executive board. Each member city has one representative.

The network is open for further member cities, if two conditions are met:

- the applicant city has an independent youth council of some kind.
- the administration of the candidate city declares its support