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I'd bet you know Luisa Neubauer, Leah Namugerwa, Camille Etienne or at least Greta Thunberg.

What do they have in common, beyond environmental care, activism, and courage?

They're young.



And if you've ever heard them talking, you'd probably agree that it is good news that they get a chance to speak up!

Yet, it's not (always) a given.

Our priority as the European Youth Parliament for Water is to raise youth voices and make sure that youth will appear on different platforms and be considered stakeholders! Youth voices are indeed very welcome to help out the Water Industry to raise awareness of all the Water Cycle's critical interactions.

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We need to acknowledge young people's capacity for multicultural understanding!

... and hence let young people be the actors of change.



As a matter of fact, young people today will be the ones in charge in the future.

But will they be the next generation of water professionals?

We are losing young professionals in the water sector. Those professionals are simply going to other industries!

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That missing human capital may be an issue, especially if you consider how crucial it is to grow.

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Talking of growth, in the new normal we're expecting for the post-CoVid world; the upcoming COP26 will be a good indicator.

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Countries, Organizations, and Private Companies will tell the world how they weigh nature in development. They'll let us know if growth is just a percentage of GDP or if a better environment and population health are integral to growth's new definition!



... which would bring us back to Water. Especially if you recall that over 7,000 children under five still die every day from waterborne diseases and water-related malnutrition.

In reality, solutions are not so complicated. We have to fulfill the UN Sustainable **Development Goal 6 and provide Water** and Sanitation for All!

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A pledge, that the youth voices will constantly remind world leaders of!

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 How you have to be unhappy to finally realize how happy you were

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- How Water may be used as a weapon in political or economic conflicts - and how human rights to Water in conflict zones should be embedded in political agreements
- How initiatives like the Blue Peace Movement enable young people from the same river catchment to work together
- How Water is more scarce than oil even if we speak more about oil than Water.
- How we need to find the right way to live with nature, to benefit from its positive health impact, effectiveness, and overall well-being increases
- But also, building to last, passing the torch, the burden of climate change on women, human capital development, and much more!



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