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# YOUTH DELEGATES TO THE UN

The Danish Youth Delegates to the UN give young people a voice in international decision-making processes. In addition, the Youth Delegates contribute to communicating and anchoring global agendas among young people in Denmark through awareness-raising activities.

The Youth Delegates to the UN can provide a youth perspective on one of four themes

Democracy and Partnerships, Vocational Education and Job Creation, Climate and Environment and Gender Equality and SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights).

With one foot firmly rooted in Danish civil society and the other in the UN, the Youth Delegates can offer professional input, moderate your panel debate, or take the lead in demonstrating how young people can help shape the international agenda.

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# BRING THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PERSPECTIVE **INTO YOUR EVENT OR DEBATE**

- 1 DEMOCRACY AND PARTNERSHIPS**
- 2 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND JOB CREATION**
- 3 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT**
- 4 GENDER EQUALITY AND SRHR (SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS)**



The Danish Youth Council (DUF) is the national umbrella organisation for 78 socially engaged children's and youth organisations. Representing around 600,000 children and young people in Denmark, DUF aims to be the voice of youth both nationally and internationally and works to strengthen young people's participation in civil society and democracy.

You can invite Denmark's Youth Delegates to the UN to take part in your event. They can provide youth perspectives on the Sustainable Development Goals, rights, or one of the themes listed above

# DEMOCRACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

*Represents Danish youth at the UN General Assembly, High-Level Political Forum and UN-meetings related to digitalization and to human rights.*



**EMILIA BØGE CALISKAN**

Emilia is the former organisational officer of the National Union of Students in Denmark (DSF) and has been an active voice within the student movement for years. With a background in the Association of Danish Pupils (DSE) and the Sustainable Development Goals Academy she has built a strong profile in the field of democracy and youth participation in decision making processes. Emilia has represented Danish youth in international fora such as the Ministerial Conference of the Bologna process and through her work in the European student network ESU as well as the Nordic network NOM. The drive behind her work has always been her belief in young people's right to democratic participation and the opportunity to create real change through partnerships.

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**RASMUS ANDERSEN**

Rasmus has a background in Save the Children Youth (RBU), Dignity, and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, where he has worked with youth rights, civic engagement, and international solidarity. International law has been a particular focus for him. He has experience mobilising young people and facilitating dialogue between youth and decision-makers. He works to strengthen democratic structures, promote inclusive partnerships, and ensure that young people have meaningful and structural influence in both national and multilateral decision-making processes.

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# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND JOB CREATION

*Represents Danish youth at the International Labour Conference,  
High-Level Political Forum and ECOSOC Youth Forum.*



## **AKSEL MUNK-HANSEN**

Aksel is an active volunteer in FDF and a recently graduated boat builder with a passion for creating better education and job opportunities for young people. As a volunteer leader for children and youth in FDF Solsiden, he has vast experience working with helping young people grow and participate in society. Through FDF he has also gained international experience with youth projects. Aksel is passionate about promoting young people as active actors in society that are able influence their education and future job opportunities. He is particularly focused on integrating the sustainable development goals in the everyday lives of young people.

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## **MADS HAUGBØLLE BEHRENDSEN**

Mads has represented EEO in OBESSU – the European umbrella organisation for school student unions – and participated in general assemblies and working groups at the international level. Through this work, he has gained solid experience in international representation, democratic organising, and policy advocacy. He works to strengthen youth democratic participation and to promote equal partnerships between civil society and decision-makers. Mads is committed to ensuring that young people are not only heard but have meaningful and structural influence in national and multilateral decision-making processes.

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# CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

*Represents Danish youth at the plastic negotiations (INC), Bonn Climate Change Conference, biodiversity COP (CBD) and climate COP (UNFCCC)*



## **MARIE SMEDEGAARD ANDERSEN**

Marie Smedegaard Andersen brings knowledge and experience from Sustainable Changemakers, the Youth Climate Council, and Danish ICYE, where she is part of the project Green Ambassadors in Kenya. The project was established to start conversations about climate change and to spread knowledge about climate and climate solutions in local communities. Most recently, the project experiences were shared at a Youth Dialogue at Christiansborg. Marie has experience facilitating climate dialogue through the Climate Sprint Group at the Danish Youth Red Cross, work at SustainSolutions, and studies in Urban, Energy, and Environmental Planning. During her studies, Marie gained international experience in diplomacy at the Danish Consulate General in Silicon Valley, as part of their Green Team. As the final part of her degree, Marie wrote her thesis on climate plans and consumption-based emissions.

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## **ROSA PEDERSEN**

Rosa holds a master's degree in Climate Change and has climate governance experience from DanChurchAid and the Danish Society for Nature Conservation. She has worked with international climate processes, including COP negotiations, and focuses on climate justice and the interlinkages between climate and biodiversity. Rosa is committed to integrating nature and climate into a coherent political agenda and ensuring meaningful youth participation in global decision-making spaces..

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# GENDER EQUALITY AND SRHR

*Represents Danish youth at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), the World Health Assembly (WHA) and Human Rights Council's session on gender equality*



## **PETRINE JOHANNESSEN BERNER**

Petrine studies International Relations at Roskilde University. She has a background in Liberal Youth of Denmark (VU), where she served as chair of the VU Copenhagen local chapter, and she worked as a youth leader in Zambia, where she helped establish a project on children's and young people's mental health. She has also been active in the European Liberal Youth (LY-MEC), where she has learned a great deal about international representation and negotiating resolutions.

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## **PERNILLE KJÆRHOLT PEDERSEN**

Pernille holds a master's degree in political science, with a particular focus on international development cooperation and human rights. She is engaged in the Danish Refugee Youth Network (DFUNK), where she works with youth rights, participation, and protection – focusing on young people with refugee and migrant backgrounds. She has experience working with rights-based advocacy, gender equality, and structural inequality. She has worked to strengthen youth voices in access to health, bodily autonomy, and equal rights, and has insight into how international policies affect young people in vulnerable situations. Pernille works to ensure that SRHR and gender equality are approached through an intersectional and inclusive lens, and that young people – especially those from marginalized communities – have meaningful influence in decision-making processes.

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