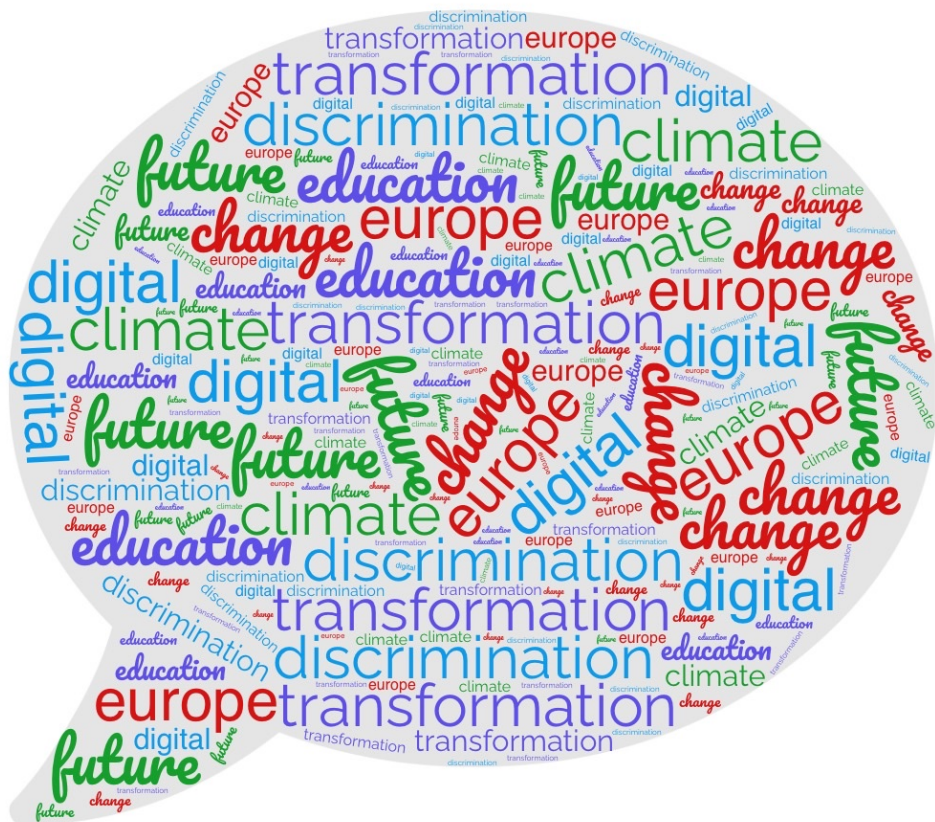
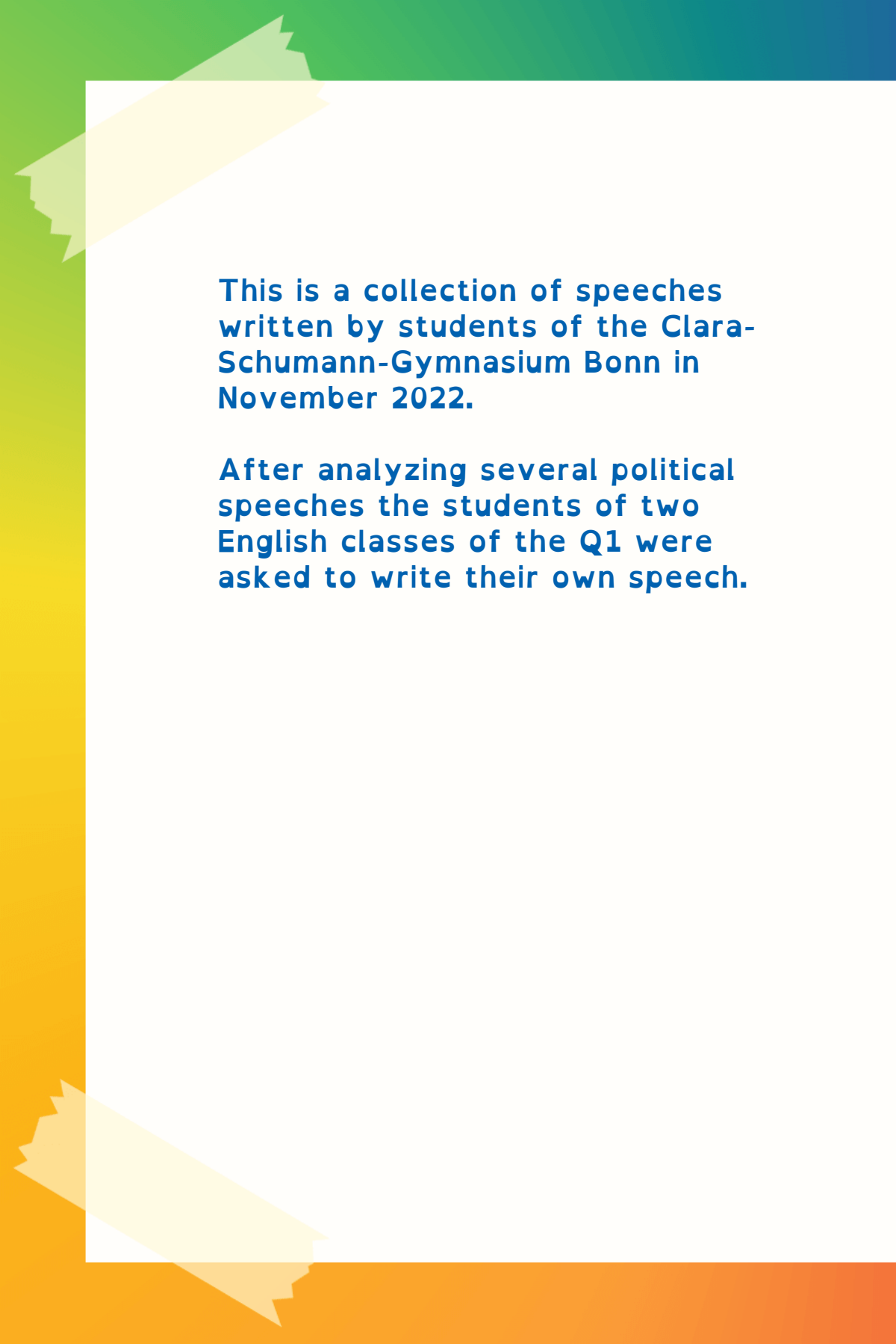


# What students say about ...





**This is a collection of speeches written by students of the Clara-Schumann-Gymnasium Bonn in November 2022.**

**After analyzing several political speeches the students of two English classes of the Q1 were asked to write their own speech.**

# The task

## Writing a speech!

Imagine you had the chance to speak at **the Conference on the Future of Europe**. You represent a German youth organisation which is part of the European Youth Forum.

*“The vision of the European Youth Forum is to be the voice of young people in Europe, where young people are equal citizens and are encouraged and supported to achieve their fullest potential as global citizens.”*

### The task:

- Prepare a speech about one of the topics below.
- Read the skill sheet “Checklist: Speech” first. Then structure, and finally write your speech.
- Read your speech out loud at least twice.
- Be ready to present your speech in class.

Your audience are European citizens (young and old), including politicians and representatives from the European Council and the European Parliament.

Possible themes are:

- Climate change and the environment
- EU in the world
- Digital transformation
- Migration with focus on refugees
- Education
- Economy and job prospects for youths
- Fight against racism and other forms of discrimination

# **The topics**

- 1. Climate Change**
- 2. Education**
- 3. Digital Transformation**
- 4. Discrimination**
- 5. Miscellaneous**



**Enjoy reading!**

**Please note:  
The speeches are  
not displayed in  
any specific order.**



# Climate Change

# Climate Change

Dear audience,

60 years ago, Charles Keeling (an American climate researcher) looked at his figures and warned the world of disaster to come. He was aware of climate change that was to have a huge impact on our planet and on our lives.

60 years ago!

Nobody took notice of him and people thought he was mad. Today however, his predictions of the future have come true.

57 years later, a 15-year-old girl stood up on her own, to make politicians pay attention to climate change and started a world-wide protesting campaign.

Greta is right.

Our house is on fire and we are just watching it burn down to the ground.  
Don't you see what lies ahead of us?  
Don't you see the danger we are all in?  
Don't you see, what the world is coming to?  
How dare they just watching and doing nothing about it?  
How dare they stealing the future of our generation and others to come?  
We have to take action now or there will be no future on earth.  
But we are the ones who can stop this!  
We are the ones who can bring about change!  
We are the ones who need to speak up now and to take control of things!

And we are the ones who have to be in charge! It is important to realize that each and everyone can make a difference.

You can be the difference.  
Together, we can make a difference.

Those in charge, they feel the wind of change blowing, but this is not enough. We as the next generation need to get active to save our planet and do something about our self-destruction.

Start thinking about your own life and what you can contribute to stop global warming. It will make a difference if we change our own behaviour and change our attitude before it is too late.

Start today!  
Start in your own home. This is the difference you want to see in the world and so be that different today.

Following Gandhi's advice: I'm going to be the change, I want to see in the world. Will you join me and be part of this change?

Thank you for your attention.

Selma Haptops



# Climate Change

Ladies and Gentlemen,

thank you for the opportunity to speak here. I appreciate that, because even if I might not be the best speaker, I have something to say.

First of all, I want you to think back to your teenage years, when the summers were warm and the winters cold. When you could lie on the beach and go sledding on the other day.

Nowadays you either get a sunburn or pull your sled through the mud. But I don't want to complain, because this is harmless in comparison to the existential problems in other parts of the world.

I'm talking about climate change, about the environment. You probably can't hear it anymore, but I can reassure you: me neither.

The simple fact is: It's getting warmer.

We have known about the danger since the 20th century. We have talked about it repeatedly for the last five years. We have promised, set deadlines and ignored them.

"It's five to twelve", that's what we say. That's what we've said for ten years now. But surprisingly, time is not waiting for us. If you miss the bus, you miss it, but this time there will not be a next one.

Every year the sea level is rising by 3,2 millimeter. Extreme weather is 5 times more common than in the 1970. In the Scandinavian countries, ice areas have decreased by 11 percent in the last 30 years. The Mediterranean countries are experiencing a shortage of water.

Of course these aren't new facts, we didn't know about, but I want all of us to keep in mind what industrial countries in Europe and all around the world are causing. We often forget, because we aren't the countries who are affected the hardest.

Quite unfair, isn't it?

The new generations, such as mine, will not have the same chances as you because of the changing ecological preconditions. And I don't want you to get this wrong, I'm not blaming you for causing the climate change, for damaging our environment. I'm blaming you for not doing enough against it.

I cannot deny that measures are being taken. But simply not enough. Do you remember the Paris climate agreement for example? A 1.5 degree target was set because you listened to Experts saying that a global warming of 2 degrees will most likely lead to an unstoppable change of the ecosystem. But you should listen again, because now they are saying that Europe is not likely to reach it by 2030, when there isn't a drastic change.

So, we must consider the opportunity that it's already five past twelve. Maybe we've already missed the bus.

But, maybe we didn't. Maybe there is a chance left that the children of the new generation will get the possibility to form a snowball. Maybe we can still stop or at least reduce famines, wars, extinction of species, pollution and death of eco systems in the future.

Everyone deserves a second chance and maybe ours is today. No one knows for sure, but if there is a chance left, it definitely will be the last one.

Every country in this room is strong. Every person in this is strong. But only all of us united in a community called Europe can make a difference and fight against the ghosts we once called.

It's our decision, what we would like to answer when our children ask, what we did against climate change. A last chance means a last second to turn the steering wheel around. It's a gift and a hope. It's the last bus that will come to pick you up and the last candle glowing in a dark room. Now we have a last chance and we must seize it, because when our children can fight for their own it will be too late. Then the only thing we can do dream about what we could have done. But this isn't the story we want to tell. And if we start writing our story now, the time won't write it for us.

So, our time has come. It's the last chance. Now.

Thank you for your attention.

Anica Hoffmann

# Climate Change

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today we have gathered because it is about all of us. We all know this problem and how annoying it is. This talk is about climate change and how it is downgrading our environment. The topic is so important but so many people look away no matter if young or old, no matter if citizen or politician or the like.

But how does such an attitude come about when we already see the consequences in our nature? When we already see that animal species are becoming extinct? When we already see that our closest relatives in nature, the apes, are dying?

The problem is that so many people think that they cannot make a difference, but that is wrong. Everyone with every single deed can make a big difference. It is about riding the bike for once and leaving the car at home. It is about taking your own containers with you to produce less plastic. It is just about this one time because then we will realize how little change or actions it takes for everyone to be part of it. If everyone does a small thing just once a day, we can achieve great things together.

We know exactly what we must do – we must change the way we live so that we stay below the 1.5-degree mark. If we do not make it, then it is too late, and we have missed our change. Then there is no way back and we would have to experience setbacks again and again. Setbacks like very long drought waves as well as eternally long rain periods in places where they do not belong. But the science says that it is still possible to stay under the mark, and that we still have a chance. I think the chance should be enough to fight for the future generations, the animals as well as the plants.

I want you to go home now and realize how little effort it takes to live in a more climate friendly way. If we all stick together and everyone does their part, the world will one day be a better place. We must leave our comfort zone and we must jump over our shadow. So that one day it will be normal that there are no more domestic flights, so that one day it will be normal that we travel by train for a long time. It is not too late, and we are seeing that animal populations are recovering again. So, we know what we are fighting for. We fight for the future.

Thank you for listening!

Hendrik Schäfer

# Climate Change

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you to the Conference of the Future of Europe today. I am glad to see so many of you today because our climate problem is urgent, our climate problem does not give us any more time.

All of you, all of us, we are great at talking about the crisis, describing it in the finest details, but actually doing something...? -that seems to be harder than it should be because not much is happening right now.

What is the problem? What is the barrier that stops us from taking more than just one little step forward? What is our barrier? Let me ask you one question... Is it actually the difficulty of taking action or is it just the society`s mindset? ...our mindset?

We all live in a society together and one thing that is stopping most people is their mindset. I am talking about everyday life: Why take the bus, which is probably late, dirty and full of people, when I can also just take the car? Why separate the trash when I can also just put it in one trash can? My neighbour does not separate either... would it even make a difference if I did? Would it make a difference if I took action, even in little things, even when others don´t?

-Yes! Yes, it does make a difference. Yes, you can change something as one person because if we are all that one person then we can change something together. We need to get rid of that all-day-laziness, of the old mindset.

And that is the vision of the European Youth Forum, of young people in Europe, of us. We want to be supported to achieve our fullest potential as global citizens and we can not achieve that if we do not know if there even is a future for us.

So today, I appeal to you, please support us. We need you: all citizens of Europe, who can improve their mindsets and all politicians who can take action for us when we can´t.

I really hope that I reached out to you all, please remember that the time is running up!

Thank you!

Iris Sabrowski

# Climate Change

Ladies and gentlemen,

we all know that our environment is the most important aspect of our life. We need a healthy environment to be healthy ourselves and have a good life in general. Everything that we need to live depends on our environment. We need water, food and most important a good climate, in that we can live with good conditions.

How many years have we now been aware of climate change? Is climate change getting better? I think we all know the answer to that question. That is why we have to do so much more against it. But we can't reach the goal, to stop climate change on our own. We need support and help from politicians. We need more support to establish sustainable companies. We need more support for not increasing the use of plastic or other harmful products that pollute our environment. We need more support for eating and using local products. We can't do that alone. We need laws to stop climate change now, not in 15 years. Because it is not too late to handle these big problems.

It is human nature, to make our life as simple as possible. We don't want to do work, that is unnecessary, so we tend to be lazy and don't put extra effort in things like waste sorting, or riding the bicycle, instead of using the car. That's why laws have to force us to live in a more environmentally friendly way. And until now too little has happened. To stop climate change has to be our number one priority, because otherwise we will pay later for what we don't do now.

And I am directly speaking to all politicians that don't seem to understand the seriousness of the situation. I think you don't want it to be your mistake, when we can no longer survive because of the drastic climate change.

I agree that we all have to do little things to save our planet, but especially our politicians have to change a lot to stop climate change.

Thank you

Sophia Kapodistrias

# Climate Change

Climate experts have been warning us about climate change for ages. They said it would lead to starvation and sickness and to forest fires and floods.

Most of us worry about our future on this only earth we have but the politicians act as if we had time.

But we already sense the consequences. We saw the burning forests in California. We saw the drought in China.

And the probability for climate catastrophes only increases as global warming continues.

This speech is one of many of its kind. We are all aware of climate change and we know what measurements have to be taken. So what are we waiting for? On that we miss our chance to save this planet. On that we move towards an inevitable climate catastrophe.

No, we do not. In fact, most of us are not waiting for anything. Many people already try their best to live sustainably and try to raise awareness for this crisis. But not eating meat only brings us so far when 14, 5 percent of global human-caused greenhouse gas emissions still come from animal husbandry and processing. And not going on vacation by plane only brings us so far when ca. 12000 private flights are done every day in the US.

Climate change is a collective challenge which demands collective solutions that go beyond our private lives. We cannot just satisfy our own conscience and hope it will be enough to save the planet.

We must demand responsibility and measurements from the government and big companies.

Lea Enis

# Climate Change

Fight!

Ladies and gentlemen, politicians and representatives from the European Council,

today, at the Conference on the Future of Europe, I'm going to talk about one of the most important topics nowadays;

as you could've already guessed- Yes, today I'm going to talk about climate change.

I want you all here to take a moment and think about the following scenario:

You are booking your summer holidays in Hawaii, flying there with your friends by airplane. You are going swimming in the pacific ocean, enjoying the sun at the beach and having a great time.

For me, it sounds like the perfect summertime!

Maybe some of you have already experienced holidays like this, maybe others want to experience it one day.

But can you imagine, that in the near future, this won't be possible? No? Me neither!

But this is reality and this is what we face if we don't change our behavior!

Scientists say, that by 2050 many islands may have disappeared completely!

Can you imagine that?

We all hear about the climate crisis, we all notice that summers are getting hotter, landscapes getting drier, rain forests getting smaller, floods getting more and animals getting less.

It all feels like a slow process, like small changes- it seems so far away, right?

For me, it feels like this!

But you know what? It's not! Climate change is closer than we think!

# Climate Change

People are starving because harvests are failing and soil is eroding. Nutrition is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

On the one hand, water is becoming more and more scarce for people, on the other hand, there is massive rainfall and raging floods that destroy fields and important infrastructure.

People lose not only their crops, but their entire existence!

And this, by fact, is happening right now, so I ask you again: Is it still so far away?

I could continue to list all the horrible things that will happen too, like animals are losing their habitats, there will be numerous wildfires and increasing respiratory diseases.

But for today, I hope this will be enough to convince you that we have to act now and we can't close our eyes to the problem anymore.

We must begin to accept the facts and work to save our world.

So I ask you to get involved with our destiny; read books, watch the news, listen to podcast- inform yourselves!

And most important, change your behavior.

Live more consciously, cause less suffering, less animal deaths, less plastic waste - and fight!

Fight for your future, the future of all of us. Deal with the catastrophe and start with yourselves.

Because if we really want to save the world, we have to act now, we have to change something now!

I'm probably not only speaking for myself here, but hopefully also for everyone of you, when I say that I want a bright future for my children and children's children, and I don't want to imagine them having to save themselves and our world, the only world we have, from going under one day.

Fight!

Thank you for listening!

Anne Babar

# Climate Change

My dear friends,

today I stand before you all to speak on the topic “climate change and the environment“. We all need to face the problems, which become more and more dangerous for all of you!

You all need to face the fact, that the sea-level rises, the deforestation is getting worse, just like the extinctions of animals or the intoxication of exhaust gases. These are all problems of climate change and it will get worse and worse if you won't start to do anything against it. Because if you won't stop climate change, bad things will happen. Not only our lovely animals will die, but also our humanity will be extinct...

But I don't want to scare you by telling you the truth. The truth is, that, without understanding, something very fatal will happen soon for all of us. So to avoid this, all of us have to fight against climate change.

However, I brought you some very helpful tips so you can contribute to improve the world.

First of all, you should avoid using plastic in any way. For example when you go shopping, you should make use of recyclable bags instead of plastic bags. This is just a little bit of work for you, but it improves our world so much, if everyone would do that. Furthermore, the animals in our sea wouldn't eat the plastic and we wouldn't get sick of the spoiled meat we eat.

Strangely a lot of people don't do it yet, although this isn't much work.

Personally I think it's very sad, that on the one hand, there are a lot of people, who are already working against the destruction of the environment and progressing the environmental protection. But on the other hand, there are still people, who think that they can survive by throwing all their rubbish out of their window and don't pay attention to the terrible condition of our world. Am I the only one who wonders how a person can be so naive?

To continue with the tips I have for you, I suggest, that you should remember to eat more vegetarian food, instead of too much meat. I know, that so many of you love to eat meat, but I can assure you that nowadays there are so many solutions to feed yourself healthier and often also more tasty. It may be a conversion for many for you, but after a short time you will notice a huge difference. In addition to that it would be very helpful, if you started buying more regional food than buying food from foreign countries. This would have as a consequence, that you would support small farmers, who are working hard for your natural food, instead of supporting big companies in foreign countries, who don't pay any attention to your health. Also the food wouldn't have to be transported to you by a ship or a plane, which also pollutes the environment.

I hope this information was helpful for you and you will pay more attention to our environment and help to keep our world clean, because we only have one to live on... Thanks for listening

Maja Förster



# Climate Change

Dear audience,

Today I want to talk about a very important topic: The climate change around the world.

Due to some conflicts in the world, the topic of climate is quickly forgotten. To make you aware of the topic again, I stand here and want to speak to all of you.

Climate is important, climate is life, climate means survival.  
First of all, I would like to address all of you.

We all, myself included, neglected this subject for years, but now we have to change something.

It is time. It's time for everyone to work on themselves and create change. We have to. All of us. Everyone can make a big difference with small and simple things. Small things like consuming a lot less meat or using the bicycle more often. This would already help the world and the climate.

But this only works if we all work together and help. Together we are strong. Together we can do it. Together we can do everything if we want to.

Now I want to tell you about the effects of climate change: first of all, the ice at the poles will melt and extreme weather events like hurricanes, deserts and heavy rains will happen. Now, many people think that it would not affect them, however, exactly one of these events happened in 2020 in some states of Germany. The unexpected flood, which surprised everyone and made them think. All these disasters make the living conditions of all living organisms on earth worse. This is something we should all begin to notice. At this point you realize again that we can only solve all these problems together. We have already achieved so much. We must also achieve this.

We are driving at high speed into a big catastrophe and soon it will be too late.

Many think that climate change is not timely and that they would not experience these problems anyway, but this is not true. We are the generation that experiences everything and can still change it. We are responsible if our children do not experience this kind of world anymore. They won't see normal winters, they won't see snow, and they will see a world that is completely deformed.

Is that what you want? Is that what you really want?

Change means working and not just thinking about yourself. Change means working for our generation and the next. Let's stick together and give everything for it.

Let's do it for all of us.

I hope very much that I can change you with this speech.  
All of you, including me, must change something in order to prevent this terrible catastrophe. We can only do this together and I believe in it. I believe that we can also manage this catastrophe. We can do it!

Thank you for your attention.

Paula Schuh



**Education**

# Education

Hello my fellow students

If there is anyone who still doubts the value of education and its contribution in our lives, who still thinks education is not the tool to achieve happiness, who still questions the belief that education is the foundation for all-round development, tonight is your answer.

Education is more than just learning. It is about growing through hard and difficult challenges in our lives. It is undeniably the development of our personalities, our individuality. Furthermore, It is the undoubted tool to achieve world peace, justice, freedom, and equality for all. Therefore, I truly believe that education is extremely necessary for all of us and without it, it is not possible to live a good life.

A good example are our teachers. Their job is it to teach and share the knowledge they got with us the students, but there are doing more than that! They come in our lives and help us with the challenges we might face in the future. They are the light for us in the harsh, dark world. They remove all the fears and the doubts. They prepare us for this big world we live in.

Thus acknowledges the true value of education and be happy to get good education, because there are people like my parents, who come from a less developed country and do not have the access to education at all and are happy to get educated, because they know the true value of education. That is why in an industrial country like Germany every child, no matter where one comes from, what gender one got and how old one is, should be able to get education. Because without it, we are incomplete, because it helps us to make the right decisions in life.

In conclusion, I think that education is a significant factor for achieving success, living a happy life and building a personality. It is the most crucial tool one can have. Personally, I also believe that knowledge is the strongest weapon. Therefore, I hope that now you understand the true value of education. Thank you for your attention, my fellow students.

Ermuun Ganbaatar

My Fellow citizens, politicians and representatives,

we must address the education or shall I rather say the failed education system in Europe.

Our Students learn how to analyse poems from centuries ago, languages that nobody speaks today such as Latin and how to calculate the velocity of sound. But let's be honest, have you ever needed any of those skills in your daily life after school? Has anybody asked you to analyse one of Goethe's poems or to find out the volume of this sphere or to translate this Latin text in your head with no translator?

When I finish school and move out to start university I will have no clue of anything. I don't know how to handle my financials, how I should invest and in what. How do I pay taxes and what about my tax return. What even is that? What's important in a contract, what should I look out for?

All things we never learned but we all need in life. All things me and you had to tediously teach ourselves wasting days and days of our lives. But hey, we learned what Friedrich Schiller tried to express in his poems over 200 years ago.

And don't even get me started on the equipment in our schools that is slacking behind tremendously. Our students are using the same overhead projectors our grandparents went to school with. And even the more modern equipment is useless, as so many teachers are just incapable of using it properly. Why aren't the teachers taught and shown how to use Smart-Boards and learning apps such as Teams?

This needs to change. The school system needs to change. And we need to make it change.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen!

Philipp Wegener

# Education

Dear Members of the Conference on the Future of Europe

Here we are talking about the Future of Europe, talking about Climate Change, environment and job prospects. They all have one thing in common. One thing that is essential for all of it. And that is Education.

Every year more and more kids drop out of school because they must learn a subject they're not interested in or good at. But we can see in our country that in the qualification phase for the Abitur it's different.

There, the kids can choose which subjects they want to learn and which not. Then, it's more individual just like every person is individual. Undoubtedly, kids must learn math and foreign languages, but they don't all have to learn for example physics. Especially because scientific subjects aren't for all.

So, don't we agree that it's better for the future of Europe and the future of the young generations that we need to make school and education more individual?

And if we are discussing changing the school system, we also need to have a look at the topics which are taught.

Surprisingly many schools change the curriculum. They all have the same criticism. The way or the order depending on the topic and subject need to be taught in another way.

So why do politicians do the curriculum even though they have no idea of teaching? Why can't be the ones who do the curriculum be the teachers? Why can't they even support the politicians?

Certainly, all the changes would be better for everyone. Many would have a higher education and that would help fighting Climate Change and the economy too because education is essential for all of them.

Thank you for your attention, ladies and gentlemen.

Sonja Vogel







# Digital Transformation

# Digital Transformation

My dear smartphone users,

it is a well known fact that smartphones have become very important to us over the years. But not only smartphones, tablets and computers but everything else that makes our lives easier and faster.

Now, hands up, please! Who of you has already checked their Instagram, Facebook or Twitter feed today? Who of you has already written a message to a friend of a friend today? Or who of you has already taken a photo today?

I would say that social media and other online services have shaped our daily lives. I mean, who can remember the days when you had to drop by your friends to ask if they have time? No doubt, the time is changing. And with it, we are too. We are changing in the ways we interact, the ways we read, the ways we think.

However, always relying on the internet may bring certain risks. What about our independence? Our ability to think about things and remember them? Have you ever thought about whether google is making us stupid? Who could actually find their way home without Google Maps tonight? We are conditioned to depend on our smartphones. Apart from that we lose social contact and real friends. And the worst is that our reality is lost. On the internet everything is always perfect. But what is actually perfect? Perfect does not exist. And it is not right to fake the ideal of beauty with filters, making teenagers think that they are not good enough. Not perfect.

I think we can all agree that it has become harder to differentiate between fact and fiction.

We need to change something and educate humanity about social media!

But I believe in us. In the first generation of digital natives. I urge you to look up from your phones and try to find your way home on your own tonight.

I am convinced that everyone here can do that.

Thank you for listening!

Anou Hesse

# Digital Transformation

Dear young people of this generation,

Thank you so much for inviting me to present my ideas on daily internet use.

Just to visualise, could everyone who used their mobile today to check social media please raise their hand? Who googled something today? How many of you watch something on a TV or phone while eating?

Thank you.

Now as we all see technology is a huge part of our lives and it brings many opportunities and knowledge in our lives. Searching online for explanatory videos to understand a subject at university, looking for great recipes and learning to cook better, communicating with long distance friends. Those are just some examples of the advantages of technology.

This is undeniable.

But of course there are always some risks.  
It all depends on how we use our phones, iPads, computers.  
As mentioned, we all do rely on the internet and its functions.

But what about our ability to think for ourselves before typing the question into Google? What about losing the ability to remember information?

By that we start losing our ability to rely on ourselves and be responsible.  
In fact our relationship to digital devices starts to get toxic.

What we should do now is to rethink our daily use of technology.  
Can I do this on my own? Do I really need to have my phone with me?

We are the first generation with this huge impact of technology and we should start to ask ourselves how we can stop being lazy by relying on the internet and instead find a healthy way to use technology. The use of technology changes us. We need to learn how to use digital technology in a sensible and healthy way. Experts talk about digital literacy.

What does technology do to our abilities like decision making, effective communication or cultural understanding? Are we as creative and social as we used to be?

We are clearly losing the skills we need in society to live, learn and work.

So my fellow gen z, I urge you to look up from your phones and try to find your way home on your own tonight.

Thank you for listening!

Melina Miller

# Climate Change

I'm not good at giving speeches but I believe the topic I'm going to talk about today needs to be heard. I know that the topic isn't only dear to my heart but it is very important to all of us.

Climate change affects us all, no matter your age, your lifestyle or where you live. That is why everyone should fight against climate change to make our world a better place in the future. I know it can be hard to fight for something so huge and so hard to grasp especially in a climate where so much misinformation and hate are spread, everywhere at any time.

The world is on fire and is begging for your help so we have to act now to prevent the worst. Islands of plastic in the Pacific, wildfires in Australia, cyclones in Puerto Rico, floodings in Pakistan and earthquakes in Japan are all results of climate change.

It affects plants, animals and us humans in a brutal and unpredictable way.

Now, what is the cause of all these atrocious catastrophes? It is us. Us humans. And since we are the source of this horror it is also our responsibility to stop the world from dying.

Politicians need to listen to our burning forests, to our suffocating oceans, to our poisoned animals and to our drowning children all over the world. It is their job to make up for the mistakes of the generations before us and to create a world free from illness, injuries and deaths. It is their job to introduce laws that reduce carbon emissions, to forbid destroying nature and to ban unnecessary garbage, in order to fight climate change.

But not only those who are governing our countries should be in charge of stopping climate change. Every single one of us can do something to protect our environment. Even little things in our everyday life you do for our beautiful earth that is worth to be protected, can make a change.

Taking a reusable bag instead of a plastic one, buying second-hand instead of fast fashion clothing and reducing your consumption of meat per week, are all ways to help the environment.

If everyone does something little against climate change, we can have a huge impact on the world.

So I encourage you all: listen to people who want to make a change, urge your politicians to act now, encourage others and remind yourself to protect our world, because we only have one.

Thank you for listening.

Maris Pauka





# Discrimination

# Discrimination

Welcome everyone!

Thanks to all of you for coming here tonight. I'm really glad that you are here to change something. Change is good and change is necessary.

Discrimination is around us. It's in our society. It is there.

I want to make a statement against discrimination. I'm standing here tonight to change something. That we can make a better world. That we can create a better world for our children. That we can make a better world for everyone. Everyone has to hear this to make a change. Together everything is possible and together we can create a world where nobody has to deal with discrimination. But for that we have to stick together and are all involved. You are important. Everyone is important and should be considered equal. You have to hear it.

Discrimination makes some people's life a tough fight. It causes frustration and despair. It can frighten a young person forever. It leaves a scar that can't be erased.

Discrimination is among us. Discrimination is present in every single moment of our lives. Discrimination is everywhere. We are surrounded by stories of discrimination and racism, even if we don't always see them. For example, two people applying for the same job and they have the same education, the same work experience, the same dreams. So, they have the same opportunities, right? No! No, because only one of them gets invited. But why? Just because the other one is black. Just because the other one is handicapped. Just because the other one has a different sexual orientation. And that's supposed to be fair? Is this the world we want to live in? We have to make a change. We have to stand up for our rights. We have to stand up for our rights and for those who can't. Everyone has the same worth and everyone should get the same chances. Otherwise it doesn't make sense. The right of all citizens to equality before the law and to freedom from discrimination is a fundamental right essential to the functioning of any democratic society. We have to be strong and we have to take action. We, as a society, have to take action to stop all form of discrimination. Because it's present in our streets, in our workplaces and sometimes it's within us. It's within us, in the way we think, even if we don't realize it. But I know we can be better than this. Europe must be better than this. And we can and will. We have to remind ourselves that in some places an anti-discrimination Europe is already reality. It's reality in most of our primary schools, where children don't care about their friend's skin color or their origin. They are united in diversity. This is the world and Europe we want to build. This is our mission that brings us all together here tonight. This is our goal and we are going to fight until we achieve the end of discrimination and make a change. We, as one union. We can make a change.

Let's create an better Europe. [...] Lets create a better world! Together!

Thank you!

Greta Schweizer



# Discrimination

My fellow Europeans,

tonight I am speaking to you because there is a huge problem in our society.

We all do know that racism is still existing and that sadly it will always be there somehow.

But you have to know that we're all the same. We're all humans!

No matter which skin color you have,  
no matter which religion you have,  
no matter where you come from.

Even if someone looks different than you, you don't have the right to treat someone worse.

We all do know that especially black people are treated badly.

Last week I've seen that a police officer kicked a black person out of the store because he was black.

Yes, you see, it doesn't make any sense.

He just wanted to buy food like any other human being.

It is very crazy what's happening in this world.

How would you feel in his situation?  
Not well, right?

We have to change it! We have to notice that we have to treat everyone equally and it isn't that difficult.

Just be nice, respectful to all people and try to help any person.

We'll all work together so that we can all live in a world where racism doesn't exist and where everyone can live how they want to!

Thanks for listening guys!

Nura Eldanaf



**Miscellaneous**

# Miscellaneous

Ladies and gentlemen,

For many people watching soccer is as much part of the everyday life as brushing your teeth in the morning.

But what if this hobby costs lives? What if there are people dying, just for 1.5h of a good

soccer match. It may sound unbelievable but it's true. 15 thousand.

15 thousand overworked and underpaid people in Qatar have already died because of their work.

And the organizing Committee such as the FIFA? They conceal all these poor workers who lost their lives or work under humanly questionable conditions. In 2021 Amnesty International published a report in which is talked about 15.000 people from other countries who died in Qatar.

Maybe not every single person's death is related to the WM, but many are. In addition, also workers from Qatar died.

Let me illustrate the morally questionable position from the committee and Organization that earns money, if we support the WM in Qatar:

They talked about 3 deaths. 3.

The other thousands whose lives were taken are denied.

And even the deaths of innocent people is not enough to stop us from supporting a country like Qatar.

You may ask yourself what happens with the families of these workers?

As it's still not unusual that men are responsible for earning money and feeding their families, one could assume that they'll at least receive some compensation but even this was denied by the Government of Qatar.

Some companies introduced insurances but as most of the deaths are informal and officially not related to work, most of the families not only lose a loved one but also their home and whole existence.

And if you don't want to support a country like Qatar: I beg all of you to not watch the WM and convince others to do the same

And if you really want to help stick together with others and spread the conditions for

workers in Qatar and protest.

I do not think that the lives of others are less important than having 1.5h of fun which

You could also do other things or really help these poor people that survived this time but maybe not the next project.

Milena Rybarczyk

# Miscellaneous

My dear listeners,

It is a known fact that in our country there is a lot of homeless people.

This is our day. A day of change and new steps.  
Today we make big steps towards a good future.

We can't just watch how many people live in the streets and pretend it's not a problem. The US has to change this issue, WE have to do something !

First, with around half a million individuals living in a state of homelessness...

Approximately 2.4% of homeless persons die every year about 13.000 out of half a million. When you think about it, homelessness is a significant health risk for individuals. Now let's move on to the age of this people...

Almost 9 out of 10 people who live in the streets or shelters are adults aged 24 or more. Meaning, homelessness predominately affects adults and not children which is a fair assessment of the situation. To stop this problem, our country must significantly expand investments to make homes affordable for people with the lowest incomes. We have to support them and help them by donating and so on, they need us!

I believe in us. Let's make a clean country without street people.

Thank you for listening.

Ikram Ed Dami Tayebi

# Miscellaneous

Members of the European Council and the European parliament,  
fellow EU citizens,

we're at a turning point in Europe's history. In the history of the European Union.

We face challenges we have never faced before, be it the COVID pandemic, Russia's war on Ukraine, or climate change.

These challenges are terrifying.

And as we've seen in the past, they threaten our unity.  
Twenty-seven countries, fourhundredfortyseven million people.  
That are a lot of voices that wish to be heard.  
A lot of voices that have a lot of different opinions.

While this might sound like the greatest flaw of the EU, in reality, it is our greatest strength. Having all of these different opinions represented is so important for a democracy. And while we may not agree on some parts, we can all agree that we want the EU to be a strong democracy. Where we listen to and try to understand each other.

The EU is strong.  
Yes, we have problems.  
Yes, we have our differences.  
But we are stronger together than alone, especially in a globalized world.  
Our strength lies in unity not division.  
The voices that say the EU is holding its members back are wrong.

Especially the opportunities given to young people are amazing. Being able to study and live wherever you want within the EU without mountains of bureaucracy is, and will always be a huge privilege.

So to the politicians that call for an exit. To the ones that call for division. To you, I say you won't win.

The EU will survive this tough period. And we will come back stronger than before.  
I recognize that we have problems.  
But we are a generation of change.  
Even if it seems hopeless from time to time, we won't stop fighting for change.

Because eventually, change will happen.

So I call on you, to help build the future of the EU.  
A future where we stand united against threats from within and outside.  
A future where we help each other when needed.  
A future where we can all prosper.

Together we can make this happen.

Ophelia Hildebrand

