

A Meta & Think Young COLLABORATION

SHAPING A SAFER DIGITAL SPACE FOR EUROPE'S YOUTH



OUR CALL TO ACTION

1. ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

Expand mental health support services for young people, including access to counselling and peer support groups. Integrate mental health education into school curriculums, focusing on the impact of social media, building resilience, and promoting healthy online behaviours. Foster intergenerational dialogue between parents, educators, guardians, and young people to create a supportive environment and improve understanding of mental health challenges.

2. COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS FOR DIGITAL SAFETY

Establish forums for continuous dialogue among young people, creators, parents, researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers to share their experience and co-design actionable policy recommendations and best practices on digital safety and wellbeing.

3. A HARMONISED REGULATION ACROSS THE EUROPEAN UNION

Local and national initiatives should be coordinated and amplified at the European level to ensure all young people across Europe benefit from the same rights and protections online.

4. LONGITUDINAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES ON SOCIAL MEDIA'S IMPACT AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

Conduct longitudinal studies on factors affecting the mental health of young Europeans, with 48% facing unmet needs. Ensure these studies are co-designed and co-delivered with youth, reflecting the diverse voices and practices across Europe.



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5. LEGISLATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL MEASURES TO COMBAT CYBERBULLYING

Develop legislation to address cyberbullying, including ensuring existing protections specifically cover cyberbullying. Increase funding for youth mental health services and integrate mental health education into school curriculums.

6. CHAMPION DIGITAL LITERACY TO COMBAT DISINFORMATION

Focus on enhancing digital literacy among young people by creating initiatives that equip them with critical thinking skills and tools to identify and combat disinformation and harmful content. Integrate comprehensive digital safety education into school curricula and offer workshops for parents and guardians to support their children's online safety.

7. TRANSPARENT GUIDELINES AI AWARENESS AND MEDIA CONSUMPTION

Implement clear and transparent guidelines that require platforms to disclose the Al tools used in enhancing media content. Co-design these guidelines with young people and creators to ensure they promote informed decision-making and awareness.

8. ENHANCE ONLINE SAFETY ACCESSIBILITY AND AWARENESS

Collaborate with youth, creators, parents, and researchers to develop and promote effective campaigns that improve the accessibility and awareness of online safety tools. Encourage platforms and industry leaders to continue working with these groups to ensure the campaigns are impactful and widely adopted.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our Feed, Our Future, supported by Meta and ThinkYoung, brings together a network of young people from across Europe. Together with parents, industry leaders, and experts, we want to have our voices heard and help shape our digital future for the better.

Our mission: to bring an honest, fresh, and unique perspective about our online experiences and help shape regulations to ensure safer digital spaces for all of us. In the coming months, we will connect with other young people, meet experts, attend webinars, and host in-person events hoping to inspire, inform, and mobilise this growing youth movement, while exploring and promoting economic opportunities for young people and creators within the digital landscape.

OUR YOUTH NETWORK



Arianna <u>@ariannamadonna</u>

A key voice in digital activism, using her platform to address and advocate for mental health awareness and safer online practices.



Focuses on creating content that fights cyberbullying and promotes a supportive online community.



Chiara <u>@denkmallaut</u>

Influencer who uses
her reach to
discuss selfempowerment and
mental health,
providing a
platform for open
dialogue about the
pressures of social
media.



Loulou <u>@louloujoao</u>

Visual artist who
uses digital
platforms to
express her unique
artistic visions and
connect with a
broader audience,
promoting creative
self-expression and
digital
entrepreneurship.



Molly <u>@molly_h_13</u>

Influencer and activist advocating for online safety and inclusivity.





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OUR EXPERTS



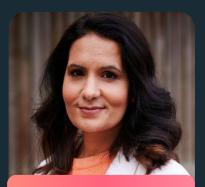
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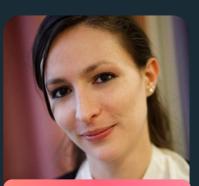
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KEY ONLINE AND OFFLINE ACTIVITIES 2023/2024

From November 2023 to May 2024

5 webinars on digital safety with experts and MEPs engaging with 1,000+ followers



September 2023

Content filming day with Meta's UK wellbeing collective

November 2023

Onsite event at the
European Business
Summit: Digital Skills &
Education: Enhancing
Digital Literacy to Empower
Young People Online

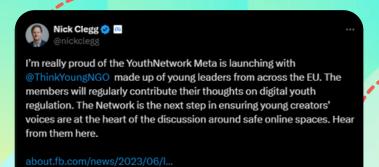


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January 2024

Onsite
participation at the
World Economic
Forum in Davos







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Meta is a tech company with apps that you may know, like Instagram or WhatsApp. We work hard to build online spaces where young people can learn, connect, create, and have fun. We want young people to enjoy our platforms and to be safe, so creating spaces for young people to have their say on the future of platforms like ours is crucial.

ThinkYoung

ThinkYoung is a not-for-profit organisation, aiming to make the world a better place for young people by involving them in decision-making processes and providing decision-makers with high-quality research on youth conditions. ThinkYoung conducts studies and surveys, makes advocacy campaigns, writes policy proposals, and develops education programmes: up to date, ThinkYoung projects have reached over 800,000 young people.

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