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Interview Participants form BIS e.V. / GDLB

Disclaimer: *The young people did not want to be recorded on tape. We agreed to make a transcript of the conversation instead, in which the participants' answers are summarised and reproduced in anonymised form.*

TOPIC 1: INCLUSION

WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "INCLUSION", WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND? WHAT ROLE DOES IT PLAY IN YOUR LIFE? WHY DO YOU THINK INCLUSION IS IMPORTANT? WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FOR INCLUSION TO WORK WELL AND FOR THERE TO BE MORE OF IT? WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR IN TERMS OF INCLUSION?

Answers from the Participants:

Inclusion is something that concerns everyone. People with and without disabilities. Also people from other countries. People should get the help they need.

As examples they mentioned that they want to get into the first labour market and maybe do an apprenticeship. That they want to live in their own flat and that people with disabilities need to be accepted.

They also said that there is still a lot of work to be done.

The participants also reported experiences in which they were not expected to do anything. One participant was very angry. She said it was unfair and unjust to be excluded. Instead, people should stay with each other. The other participants agreed.

When asked what professionals need to be like in order to do inclusion well, the participants said the following: Professionals should not exclude anyone, they should be able to assess well and pay attention to what can be done. They should be slow and let the young people do it themselves. The professionals should also know what is important.

The participants also expressed the wish that they get grades in schools. Because with grades you would have the chance to do an apprenticeship. It is also important that there are disabled pupils in every school and that they help each other.

TOPIC 2: SUSTAINABILITY

WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "SUSTAINABILITY"? WHAT COULD IT MEAN? CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN WHAT SUSTAINABILITY IS? WHAT ROLE DOES SUSTAINABILITY PLAY IN YOUR LIFE? DO YOU THINK IT IS IMPORTANT? AND IF SO, WHY?

Answers from the Participants:

When asked what they could think of in terms of sustainability, they mentioned: environment, animal welfare, climate change, waste separation, avoiding plastic, reducing food waste.

One participant reported that she is doing an internship in a company that saves food. She would like to work there in the future.

The participants said that sustainability already plays a role in their everyday life, e.g. they save gas and electricity and do not throw away food. One participant buys vegan products for herself. Another reported that organic products are bought at home. The participants agreed that factory farming is stupid.

TOPIC 3: DIGITALISATION

WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "DIGITALISATION"? WHAT COULD BE MEANT BY IT? CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN WHAT DIGITALISATION IS? WHAT ROLE DOES IT PLAY IN YOUR LIFE? DO YOU THINK IT IS IMPORTANT? AND IF SO, WHY? WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR IN TERMS OF DIGITALISATION? WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR DIGITALISATION TO PLAY A GOOD ROLE IN YOUR LIFE?

Answers from the Participants:

At first, the participants did not know what to do with the term "digitalisation". They did not know what it meant. However, they knew the term "digital" and could name associations to it. These were, for example: media, mobile phone, laptop, data protection or social networks.

The participants listed which social networks they are active in and which digital services they use: Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, Whatsapp, Youtube, Netflix, Google, Tinder, Bumble.

They said that digital plays a big role in their lives and that they use it a lot.

However, participants also expressed fears about data protection. For example, that their data would be stolen and that it could also be dangerous on the internet. One participant said that she does not use digital services if she has to provide personal data.

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The participants found Google very helpful because they can look things up there if they don't know something or don't know a word, for example. They also found it convenient to be able to shop on the internet. Two participants also reported that they use Tinder to meet women.

Many of the participants would like digital services to have less text and more pictures and videos. Things should be clearer. They also want better internet.