

# The Role of Youth Today for a Brighter Tomorrow

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## HMCE

**H - Humanity:** In a world where we can find 7,5 billion humans but almost zero humanity, HMCE reminded us that it does exist. It exists in the souls of all the young people in this auditorium that showed their devotion to finding resolutions for the sake of humanity.

**M - Motivation:** As I glimpse around this room, all I can see is a motivated youth that cares. Cares about the future, cares about society, cares about each other and is motivated to achieve the best.

**C - Compassion and Collaboration:** Throughout these days, we all developed strong emotions that depicted our compassionate personalities as we collaborated to find solutions to problems that affect our fellow citizens in the World.

**E - Enlightenment:** And after three days of working with you in committee sessions, I see hope. I see evolution. I see power. I see light.

Besides the fact that all of us in this auditorium share the same wonderful memories from HMCE 2023 we also have another thing in common: we are part of the youth of this world.

And The world we live in is constantly evolving. But is it evolving for the better? All those in favor please raise your placards now... No, don't worry ,just joking! I forgot that this is the closing ceremony and not the start of a committee session that I will very much miss.

But is the world evolving for the better? The answer to this question is undoubtedly complex and difficult to find. What is certain, however, is that it is the YOUTH of this world who can change and turn the answer to the above question into an affirmative one. We hold the key to a door labelled "Future". Unfortunately, today , as the world moves towards the future, even more social problems arise and the existing ones are being recycled in many corners of the Earth. It is here, that the rebellious, emotional and unpredictable nature of the youth must be harnessed, so as to combat many of the social issues. So why should today's youth care about social issues and what are the results when they do?

First, all young people must realize that if we take an interest in the future, we will benefit not only ourselves as a generation, but also all future generations that will pass through this world. Social issues such as racism, violence, pollution, poverty, unemployment and rejection of diversity plague today's society. At the same time, we are constantly bombarded by the opinions of adults that tend to become more and more contradictory. Adults are increasingly expressing the erroneous view that teenagers do not have the maturity and appropriate experience to deal with world issues. While, at the same time, how many times have we heard phrases such as: "you young people will fix our own mess" or "our

generation didn't make it, we now rely on yours!" This makes finding the truth impossible. Thus, young people are put in an extremely difficult position and for the time being prefer to remain inactive and take the role of spectators in the aforementioned global issues, hoping that one day things will be better.

But what we must not forget is that the children and teenagers of today are the conquerors of tomorrow. We are the ones who in some years will find ourselves in positions as governors, politicians and, above all, citizens, who will be called upon to be responsible and aware. Only when we try to change and stop the social shackles will we be able to coexist harmoniously and live in a bright future, in which - freed from all kinds of hardships - there will be room to develop other areas such as arts, sciences, culture and economy without anybody discriminating or hating minorities, exercising physical or mental violence, unabashedly and greedily polluting nature, insulting the diversity of others or judging based on money. We are the ones required to press the "delete" button.

After all, Aristotle stated that "man by nature is a social being", meaning that if absolute social welfare is achieved only then can man excel in other areas. The time has therefore come, since the previous generations, as they themselves emphasize, "failed" to do something like this, for our own generation to be activated.

Moreover, in a highly technologically advanced and globalized society, our contribution can be enormous even if we show partial interest. Nowadays, we are able to become aware of many subjects and indeed in great depth with a single "click" or "scroll". As "toxic" and harmful as Social Media can be, we can all admit that they offer the latest information to all citizens. And it's an undeniable fact that we, as the generation Z, are commendably tech experts today. So, at the same time, we can also raise awareness among our peers, since it is possible here in Madrid to publish information, opinions about social issues on a social platform, such as Instagram, and it can be read in seconds from someone else on the other side of the world. In this way, young people connect with each other, share their reasoning, reflections and opinions and have the power to create an influential movement.

And this is where HMCE comes to prove wrong all the views of an inactive, passive, immature and indifferent youth. In fact, this conference has proven that we are fearless: fearless to participate in heart-felt debate, fearless to voice our opinions, fearless to communicate with each other in order to examine solutions for crucial topics in our mission as global citizens.

All in all, if we want to live in a bright future, we are the ones responsible for ameliorating the existing social conditions. And as we stand behind this closed door labelled "Future", it is in our hands to rather use the keys of "Humanity", "Motivation", "Compassion and Collaboration" and "Enlightenment" and open this door constructively or lag behind it aimlessly. And after everything that has been stated so far I am confident about one thing: We've got this!

Thank you!