

Shaping the future to make transport more sustainable, and accessible: A Youth Perspective.

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How do youth have relevance?

- We have less influence and face prolonged consequences.
 - Climate
 - Public debt
 - Affordability
- Present decisions have a big impact on us
 - Don't have cars, so rely on other means
 - Reliant on transport for many things

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An ideal world...

A world in which transport supports youth fully would include many solutions to solve the aforementioned:

- Frequent and reliable public transport.
- Developed infrastructure for smaller transport.
- Cheaper / more government subsidised public transport.
- Far better accessibility for sustainable transportation methods.
- Methods of transportation are as safe as possible to use, providing safety in transport to youth.

How can we get involved?

Youth currently hold less power, so our ability to contribute towards achieving these goals lies in the hands of the adults. Here is how you can help us, help you:

- Providing youth perspective on transportation issues wherever relevant
- Education on these issues
- Spread awareness to youth about transportation issues facing them
- Gathering youth perspective through surveys, etc.
- And more!

Conclusion

- Youth are relevant stakeholders in transportation
- Youth inherit decisions made today
- Challenges facing youth include climate, accessibility, safety, and more.
- Recap an ideal world
- You can help by involving youth wherever possible, and promoting and educating on transportation issues