# **Dialogue Rather Than Polarisation?**

KONTRA 2

## YES, with Youth Debate for Secondary Levels I and II.



## Youth debate

Reflective thinking starts with weighing pros and cons.

Well-founded research, mutual acceptance, constructive dialogue, and all of this with just the right amount of self-confidence – YES, this is how **Youth debate** lays the foundation for a functioning and informed democracy. In the programme, students at secondary levels I and II learn how to form their own opinions and present them in a convincing manner. With teaching materials and practical exercises, they immerse themselves in the world of debate and can prove skills in Switzerland's largest extracurricular debating competition.

## What you can expect from YES:

- Various debate-related offerings
- Support with the implementation of the programme
- Organisation of an optional competition

## Students learn to ...

- ...lead constructive and fair discussions
- ...analyse a topic critically and from multiple perspectives
- ...present themselves in a convincing manner

Can be flexibly selected and combined:

#### **Debate Workshops**

Past participants visit the class, introduce the methodology, motivate students, and lead initial debates.

#### **Teaching Material**

With materials and e-learning resources from YES, young people learn to research and argue, all at their own pace.

## **National Competition**

YES organises a national competition where participants can showcase their debating skills at school, regional, and national levels.

## **Benefits of the Programme:**

- Flexible in terms of time and topic
- Suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities
- Applicable across various school subjects thanks to interdisciplinary content

## Start debating now!

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