

Dialogue Rather Than Polarisation?

**YES, with Youth debate
for Secondary Levels I and II.**



Youth Debate

An informed opinion can only be formed from pros and cons.

Well-founded research instead of fake news, mutual acceptance instead of polarization and dialogue instead of discussion - current world events make it clear why debating should be learned. With the **Youth Debate** program, students at secondary levels I and II learn how to argue skilfully, research thoroughly and form their own opinion. With teaching materials and practical application, they immerse themselves in the world of debate and can prove themselves in Switzerland's largest extra-curricular debating competition.

What you can expect from YES

- Provision of teaching materials and practical exercises
- Support in the implementation of the programme
- Organization of a national debating competition

Students learn:

- ☑ Skilfully research and validate sources of information
- ☑ Take a well-founded and critical look at a topic from different perspectives
- ☑ Convincing appearance

Costs: Lessons and teaching materials are free of charge.



Introduction by YES Alumni

Past participants visit the class, introduce methodology, lead first debates

Implementation in the class

With materials and e-learning courses from YES, young people learn to research and argue

In-school qualification

Internal debating competition, participants apply what they have learned in practice, qualify for the national competition

Regional final

Young people from various schools prove their skills in regional competitions

National Final

The best debaters compete at the national final in Bern, meet like-minded people and exchange ideas with members of parliament

Start the debate now!



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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

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Costs: Participation in the programme is free of charge for schools.