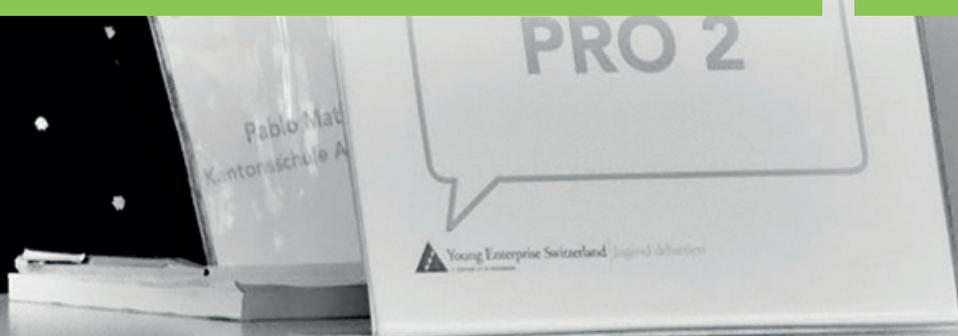




## PRESENTING WELL-RESEARCHED OPINIONS SUCCESSFULLY: WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Use the programme Youth debate to support your students in recognising, forming and presenting opinions.



# Youth debate

## A Good Debate and a Reflection-Based Opinion Can Arise Simply from Pros and Cons

« I was very impressed with the naturalness with which young people took on complex topics and could even present an opinion convincingly against their personal morals. That way they receive the very best equipment for a subsequent professional career, which pleases me very much! »

- Ursula Haller, former National Council member for Bern

In the Youth debate programme, students independently research current topics, comprehend their social, economic and ecological connections and form a differentiated opinion. In the debate, they skilfully present an opinion, tolerate other opinions and reflect their own point of view through dialogue.

### Target Groups

Youth debate is aimed at students in secondary levels I and II.

### Service and Support

YES supports teachers who want to use Youth debate in their classrooms. On the one hand, there is an option of having classes introduced to methods and topics of debating by former students (former participants in the programme). On the other hand, YES offers training for teachers, as well as further and topic-related teaching materials. There are also Regional Finals and National Finals for successful debaters.

### Costs

The involvement of former students in lessons plus the teaching materials are available free of charge. Further training for teachers costs CHF 800 (half day) or CHF 1200 (full day).

### Benefits for Your Teaching and for Your Class

- Promoting rhetoric, presentation and dialogue skills according to the learning-by-doing principle.
- Promoting social skills and personal development (independence, group work, respect and tolerance, critical skills and responsibility).
- Insight into current social, ecological and economic topics.
- Access for the students to a wide-reaching network of former students.

### Programme Timeline

#### Deployment in Lessons

One or two former students will, during two double lessons, visit your class, introduce the method and guide the first debate.

#### Further Training for Teachers

Experienced course facilitators will introduce you to the methods of debating. You will receive materials and information, which will allow you to successfully debate with your classes.

#### Teaching Materials

Further exercises to improve rhetorical skills as well as dossiers on current topics, which allow students to research a topic area within a short time, can be found online.

#### Competition

The Regional Finals followed by the National Final enable the students to measure themselves against other participants, get to know committed young people and subsequently continue to actively support the programme as YES Alumni.

YES is the leading provider of practice-oriented economic and opinion-forming programmes for schools in Switzerland. Children and young adults experience and learn about our economy, recognise social connections and form their own opinions. They develop their potential, build their network and find their role in the working environment. In the 2019/2020 school year alone, almost 4,000 young people, 240 teachers and 370 volunteers throughout Switzerland took advantage of our five programmes: Our Community and Pintelino (primary level), Personal Economics (secondary level I), Youth Debates (secondary level I and II) and the Company Programme (secondary level II).