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Positions of the 1st European Youth Conference

Education

- Education system free of charge for everybody from nursery school to university
- Stop cutbacks in education budgets invest in education
- Multilingual teaching in all school types in Europe
- Bring democracy to schools
 - as a separate compulsory subject: Trade Unions and workers' rights
 - promoting democratic systems in schools
 - fostering intercultural exchange
 - o comprehensive school

Vocational training

- European fund to support vocational training
 - a certain percentage financed by states and companies
 - monitored by trade unions
- labor market needs analyse and compare
- European directive on vocational training
 - quality and monitoring
 - rights of apprentices
 - harmonised recognition of professional qualifications
- creating the economic conditions to promote the industrial sector





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Life Long Learning

- life long learning should be facilitated from cradle to grave
- vocational learning has to be provided during working time and paid for by the employer
- basic education and training has to be provided and financed by the state
- self-improvement courses are to be paid for individually but should be subsidised by the state
- basic training for migrants must be funded by the state
- work-life balance must be established and expanded

Social system

- Right to independent living
 - Affordable living and mobility must be encouraged and expanded
- Youth unemployment must be reduced
 - Training guarantee
- Combat wage and social dumping
- No cutbacks in the social systems, those who caused the crisis must be made to pay to relieve the strain on the victims
- In Europe there has to be a reorganisation of the economic union and a social union must be established at the same time



