YOUTH MANIFESTO

EQUAL POWER NOW

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WHY DO WE STILL LIVE IN SOCIETIES DOMINATED BY INEQUALITIES?

We’re done with being silenced, underestimated and ignored. Young people, girls, and women in all their diversity are facing barriers and pushbacks when it comes to participating in politics.

We now explode into action! We think it’s about time we Get Equal Power Now.

HERE IS OUR MANIFESTO
We believe in the potential of girls, women and young people, in all their diversity.

We aspire to be included in all decision-making spaces.

We want to see more girls and young women as movement leaders, activists, changemakers, and politicians.
WE DEMAND THAT
NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS
AND NATIONAL LAWS
DO MORE
TO PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE
Our manifesto calls on decision-makers to open safe, inclusive, accessible, & sustainable pathways to participation.
We want to pioneer our own future and claim **EQUAL ACCESS** to safe and inclusive decision-making spaces!
We are tired of the patriarchal norms that define us. We are ready to breathe in equal power.
We call on power holders all over the world: 

LISTEN TO OUR VOICE 
and become part of the solution!
WE ASK YOU, WHAT WILL YOU DO TO ENSURE THAT GIRLS GET EQUAL POWER NOW?
Over 29,000 girls and young women across 29 countries have shared their views and experiences of political participation in this year’s State of the World’s Girls report – Equal Power Now: Girls, Young Women and Political Participation.

Their experiences make clear that more needs to be done by decision makers at every level of society to uphold girls’ rights to participation.
FOUR PATHWAYS TOWARDS GIRLS’ GREATER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
Decision makers at all levels must institutionalise the meaningful and safe participation of girls and their groups through the adoption of fully resourced and accountable policies, strategies, and frameworks.
National and local governments must ensure access to diverse and inclusive pathways toward political participation: including resourcing and strengthening civic education and leadership opportunities and facilitating girls’ inclusion in local decision-making processes.
Governments and social media companies must address the violence experienced by women politicians and girl activists by adopting a zero-tolerance approach to violence. The media can support by promoting positive images and by calling attention to violence experienced in both online and offline spaces.
UN, GOVERNMENTS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY SHOULD RECOGNISE

girls’ vital and distinct role in civil society and provide accessible resources so that girls’ organisations are resilient and sustainable in the face of crises and external threats.
THANK YOU

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