

A Manifesto for the European Parliament

YOUNG WOMEN SPEAK OUT



A Young Women's Manifesto for MEPs
part of the European Parliament's Act, React, Impact Election Campaign.

- 1. We want the EU to address the representation and treatment of women in the media, including on social media.**
 - We want to see more women of different shapes and sizes, and from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.
 - We want the EU to fund campaigns for a fairer representation.
 - The EU should raise awareness of, and fund campaigns against, bullying and (sexual) harassment on social media.

- 2. We want more education on gender equality and sexual relationships.**
 - We want the EU to fund media advertisements, educational programmes, and events on i) gender equality, ii) relational aspects of sexual relationships, and iii) sexual consent.
 - This should be done in such a way which makes women feel empowered and encourages change, and should be part of a greater focus in society on wellbeing and life skills more generally.
 - Education should include the role of the media, including digital media.
 - The EU should also promote gender equality to countries outside of Europe.

- 3. We want the EU to provide more support for young people who are from ethnic minorities and/or identify as LGBT.**
 - The EU needs to pay attention to the needs of ethnic minorities in all areas of policy-making.
 - People need to be taught about the unacceptability of racism, homophobia and transphobia.
 - LGB relationships need to be discussed in sex education and the media.
 - We want equal marriage rights for the LGB community across the EU.

- 4. We want the EU to work hard to stop violence against women and girls, and for women to have control over their own bodies.**
 - We want women and girls to feel safe on the streets and in their homes. The EU needs to ensure that physical and psychological violence against women and girls is not tolerated.
 - People should be taught that sexual harassment is unacceptable.
 - No girl or woman should undergo FGM or be forced into marriage. These issues need to be tackled by the EU.
 - We want women to have reproductive rights across the EU, including the right to an abortion.

- 5. We want equal job opportunities and equal pay.**
 - More needs to be done to tackle gender discrimination and sexual harassment in the work place.
 - Men should be encouraged to take on a larger role in childcare, for example through improved EU legislation regarding paternity leave.
 - We want the EU to put pressure on governments to ensure affordable childcare.

- 6. We want more of a voice in politics.**
 - We want better political education, especially on the EU.
 - We want a larger proportion of MEPs to be women from a variety of backgrounds.
 - EU politicians need to be more accessible.