

## From climate fatigue to climate action: inspiring young people to imagine a better future

How do we inspire young people to feel hopeful about the future - and turn that hope into action? That was the question explored by the Youth Panel of this year's Global Youth Climate Summit during an inspiring trip to Copenhagen in late August 2026.



The Youth Panel brings together students from across Europe to shape the Global Youth Climate Summit and ensure that its outcomes reflect the voices, priorities and perspectives of young people.

The Panel is helping to develop, plan and deliver the first half of the hybrid summit, bringing young people together across national borders on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2026. Ahead of the summit, young people from around the world will be invited to develop their own climate demands. These demands will be brought together in a Youth Climate Manifesto, which will carry young people's priorities forward towards COP31.

Funded by Erasmus+, the Copenhagen trip introduced the panel to three different perspectives on how we can imagine a more positive future and, importantly, how we can help create it.



### A better world is possible

At Verdens Bedste Nyheder (World's Best News), the Youth Panel learned that the world is often better than we think. Instead of focusing solely on the challenges, we can also draw inspiration from the people developing smart and innovative solutions to them.

### Imagine different future

At University College Copenhagen, the panel explored four possible future scenarios for the Danish healthcare system. The exercise showed how scenario thinking can help us challenge assumptions, think creatively and imagine more sustainable futures.





### **Innovation starts with thinking differently**

At Thoravej 29, the panel explored how creativity, transformation and collaboration can open up new possibilities for a more sustainable future. They saw how recycling and repurposing can create inspiring new opportunities - and experienced the value of bringing people with different backgrounds and perspectives together in the same space.

These three experiences gave the Youth Panel new tools for thinking about the future - not as something that simply happens to us, but as something we can actively shape. Now, the panel is exploring how to bring these perspectives back to their peers at the Global Youth Climate Summit. The ambition is clear: **to turn climate fatigue into hope, hope into action, and ensure that young people have a strong voice in shaping the global climate agenda.**