# Improve civic engagement! YDF 2024 recommendations



These recommendations are for each citizen who isn't indifferent to what's happening around us. To everyone who fosters community life and co-creates civil society - the backbone of democracy. They are rooted in the results of YDF 2024 endorsed by 750 diverse citizens from Slovakia, Czechia and Poland.

#### 1. Promote hope and empowerment

Each of us can make a difference, which can be amplified by collective action. Everyone's a changemaker when we're cooperating and together we can achieve systemic changes. Community empowerment leads to real political power.

# 2. Encourage and appreciate proactivity

Create a safe space for self-realization with a clearly defined opportunity to participate. Sense of accomplishment and encouragement is what drives our engagement in civil society life.

# 3. Assemble a good team

Agree on the common goal, set the strategy and define clear roles. Organize regular meetings, create a structured space for tracking the process and sharing knowledge.

### 4. Nourish open, trustful and respectful relationships

Agree on the rules, discuss the misunderstandings right away, and be open to give and receive feedback. Celebrate achievements!

# 5. Organize live communal events

Digital isn't everything - stepping out of the bubble is seen not only as a necessity for a positive change, but a way for improving our wellbeing through the belonging. Informal gatherings are as important as the formal ones.

