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# PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN A SCHOOL CONTEXT

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# IN THIS WORK, I WILL TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND HOW IT IS PRESENT IN SCHOOL

### What is a democratic school?

A democratic school is a school that is based on democratic principles, in particular participatory democracy, giving participation rights to students, teachers and staff. This teaching environment places students as central actors in the educational process, educators participate by facilitating activities according to the students' interests. Another important aspect of a democratic school is giving students the possibility to choose what they want to do with their time.

Students are free to choose the activities they want or feel they should do. In this way they learn to take the initiative.



### HOW CAN STUDENTS BE ENVOLVE IN SELF-GOVERNMENT?

### YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The European parliament aims to promote and encourage democratic work for students in primary and secondary education. Simulating the process of Legislative Elections in Portugal.



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### STUDENTS COUNCIL

The student association is the body that represents the students. It is something that students can participate in and something very important in school management and student representation.





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### PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Participatory budgeting is an initiative that allows students to actively participate in the School's decisions, through a democratic process, with several stages and which, in the end, will allow for the improvement of each of the educational establishments, with the ideas of the students



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#### COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

A delegate council is a meeting where all delegates get together with the school principal to talk about what the classes think there should be improvement in the school.

### SELF-ASSESSMENT TEAM

The self-evaluation team in schools is a team in which representatives from each cycle meet together with those responsible for the team and try to understand what is happening in the school and what the school can improve

#### GENERAL COUNCIL

The general council in schools is the most important organ as it elects the principal and the rules of the school and there must always be a student representative of the school.

# Some ideas on how you can get involved in these projects

# TRY TO BE A PARTICIPATIVE AND DYNAMIC PERSON

I think this topic is very important because if you are a dynamic and participative person, you will gain other experiences and this will help you in the future.

### PAY ATTENTION TO EMAILS

Most of the time, projects and opportunities like
Erasmus + are publicized through your institutional e-mail

# TRY TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

Ask your teachers if there is anything you can participate in, follow your school's social media and ask your friends if they know of any projects you can participate in

#### JOIN CLUBS

Join clubs like the
European club, the
eco-schools. These
clubs will help you get
into these projects and
learn day after day
about different topics.

FINALLY, I THINK THAT DEMOCRACY IN SCHOOLS IS YES SOMETHING IMPORTANT BOTH IN THE LEARNING OF STUDENTS AND IN THEIR NEW EXPERIENCES. BEING INSIDE THE CLASSROOM ALL THE TIME AND COMING HOME AND STUDYING IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD STOP BECAUSE STUDENTS MUST GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL SPIRIT AS I SAID IN THE PREVIOUS TOPICS, I THINK THAT ANY STUDENT HAS THE NECESSARY OPPORTUNITIES. MY LAST WORDS IN THIS WORK ARE: GET INVOLVED AND BE DYNAMIC TRY TO LEARN DAY AFTER DAY TO AND BE AN INTERESTED STUDENT

Thank you: Inês Costa