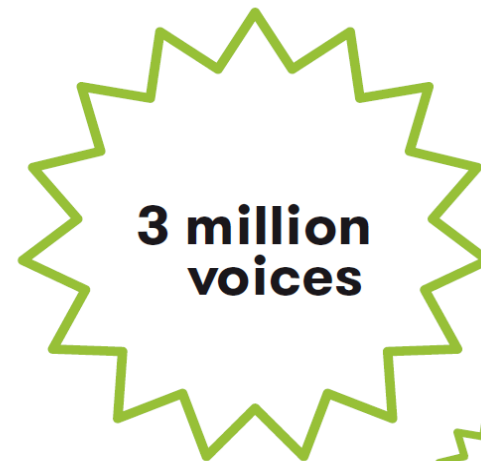


Youth Check in Austria



Austrian National Youth Council - Mission

The **Austrian National Youth Council** (BJV) is the legally anchored representative body for children and young people in Austria and supports the rights and interests of people under 30 years of age

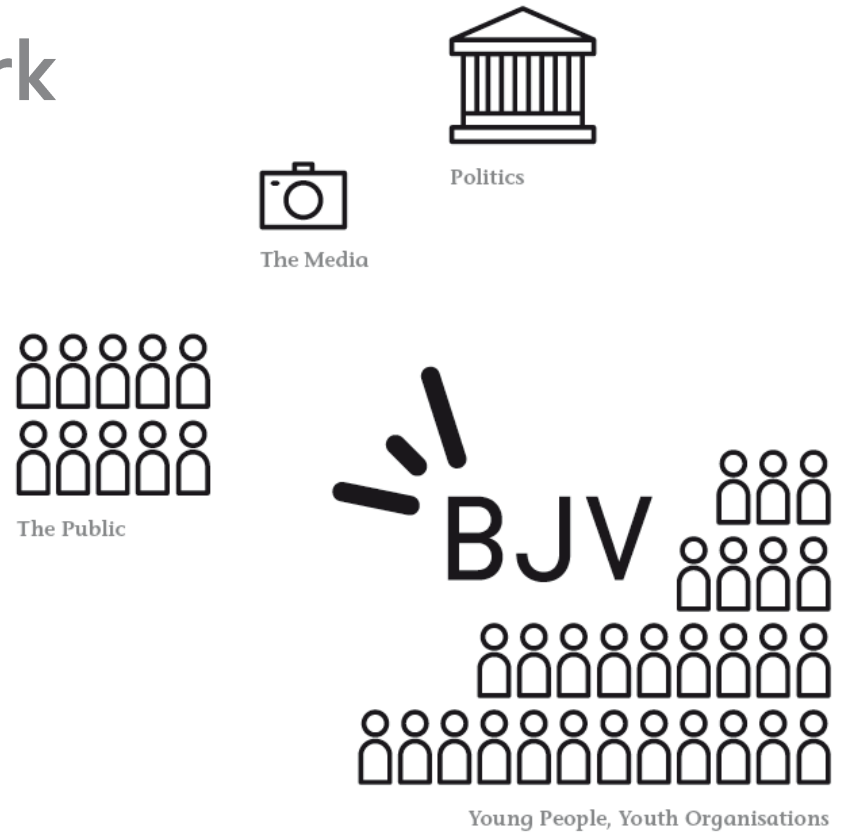


BJV – How we work

- **59 youth organisations** covering a wide spectrum of children and youth work
- Programs and projects where young people can participate directly
- Research and studies to gather a better understanding of children and youth interests



BJV - How we work



We lobby for the interest of children and youth in Austria to politics, in media and the general public

Youth Check in Austria

- Implemented since 2013
- Legislative proposals should take into account the effects on “Children and Youth”
- Young people’s concerns should be a part of the legislation process (in all areas)



PROs

- awareness for youth concerns rises
- cross-sectional approach to youth topics – youth mainstreaming
- Fiscal, energy and environmental policy specifically pointed out



CONs

- Often not enough knowledge on youth in various ministries
- Should not and cannot replace real participation of young people
- Is often applied too late in legislation process
- Danger of “box-ticking-exercise”



Youth Check/Test can be an important tool, but cannot work without young people!

