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**[Country] Youth Join the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign Ahead of the Global Forum for Adolescents**

*[Venue, Date, Times]*

On [date], [Country] adolescents and youth join the world's largest gathering for adolescent well-being at [venue]. [Thousands/hundreds – delete as appropriate, approximate numbers] of young people, campaigners, and partners will come together to advocate for much-needed investment and support for young people's health and well-being.

Joining young people are [add details of parliamentarians, exciting speakers, and activities of note].

[Example quote] "We are coming together to ensure that our leaders are committed to making positive changes that will benefit us, and that they're held accountable for keeping their promises. We want to see concrete plans, commitments, and resources being put into action so that we can all live healthy, happy lives. By coming together with thousands around the world, as part of the Global Forum, and the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign worldwide, we can make sure that youth voices are heard, and that we're making a real impact." [Add spokesperson name and title]

This event is one of more than a 100 national events taking place across the world, bringing together youth and adolescents, advocates, and global decision-makers, culminating in the world's biggest global virtual event for adolescents: [**The Global Forum for Adolescents**](https://www.1point8b.org/global-forum-for-adolescents)on 11-12 October 2023. This free digital event will unite the voices of 1 million young people to rally for new policies, more investment, and greater accountability for action. Communicating to the world what young people really want through the [**1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign**](https://www.1point8b.org). The aim is to secure political and financial commitments toward improved adolescent health and well-being.

The Global Forum for Adolescents is organized by [**PMNCH**](https://pmnch.who.int/), the largest global platform a advocating for women's, children's, and adolescents' health and well-being, hosted by the World Health Organization.

At the Global Forum for Adolescents, PMNCH will unveil the **Agenda for Action for Adolescents**, informed by the findings from the What Young People Want survey, the largest-ever survey into what young people want for their health and well-being. So far, over 1 million young people globally have taken part, and results in real-time are available through the [**What Young People Want Digital Dashboard**](https://whatyoungpeoplewant.whiteribbonalliance.org/en), enabling users to analyse data and trends by topic, gender, age, and country. The dashboard is an open-access public tool for students, young change-makers, national policymakers, and journalists seeking to understand and address youth demands at national and global levels. The dashboard's data is directly collected from survey responses and not sourced from official country statistics or data sets.

"The Global Forum for Adolescents is a key milestone for the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign, bringing together youth and adolescents, advocates, global leaders, and decision-makers at a pivotal moment for kickstarting policy shifts and program re-design at the country level," said **Helga Fogstad, Executive Director, PMNCH**.

"Adolescence is a critical stage of development with positive outcomes not only for adolescents but for people of all ages. Ensuring adolescents' well-being is critical to the achievement of a sustainable future for all, requiring cross-sectoral approaches that respond to the multi-faceted nature of their development. Effort spent to ensure adolescent well-being today, especially for females, will yield a triple dividend for adolescents now, in their future lives, and for generations to come."

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