

New Internationalist

The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice

Youth

New Internationalist Easier English
Ready Upper-Intermediate Lesson

Why

a) is it good to be a youth (15 – 24 year-old) in the world in 2012?

b) is it difficult to be a youth (15 – 24 year-old) in the world in 2012?



True or false? Discuss:

1. There are 1 billion youths in the world.
2. 51% of the youth labour force is unemployed in Spain in 2012.
3. “NEET” stands for “Neither in Employment, Education or Travel”.
4. There is 50% youth unemployment in Africa.
5. 44% of 15 – 24 year olds are underweight in India.
6. In Sub-Saharan Africa, young men are up to 8 x more likely than young women to be HIV positive.
7. The legal marrying age in Iran is 13 for girls and 15 for boys.
8. 6 million adolescent girls become mothers every year around the world.
9. The youth literacy rate is 74% in Africa, and 97% in Latin America.
10. The biggest killer of girls aged 15 – 19 is disease.

Now check the facts:

http://www.newint.org/features/2012/10/01/n456_infographic.jpg

What are young people doing to help the world change?

And why?



Read these two easier English texts to find out:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Young people becoming more important](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Young_people_becoming_more_important)

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Giving up our ideals is no longer an option](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Giving_up_our_ideals_is_no_longer_an_option)

Follow-up:

Now read the original articles – they will seem much easier:

<http://www.newint.org/features/2012/10/01/young-people-mcintyre/>

<http://www.newint.org/features/2012/10/01/selling-out-youth-laurie-penny/>

