

EU Delegation's Youth Gathering 2023

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I was very honoured and privileged to be the person to cover the youth gathering event on 25 October at UCL organised by the EU Delegation in the UK.

Young people and journalists throughout the UK and EU gathered to discuss issues that young people are facing and to share their thoughts regarding the EU-UK relationship. Something that impressed and stood out for me was the diversity of the event.

I met representatives of youth from the UK and from the EU. The conversations and discussions I had with them completely changed my worldview. I was in a room full of bright and insightful people. I would like to add that during the event I spoke of a topic that is very close to my heart with participants of the event. I spoke of human rights. I spoke about young refugees that are living in the UK and the EU. I emphasised that refugees are a big part of the EU-UK and we must bring solutions to their issues as well. Because I am a young refugee and I know that refugees have more disadvantages and more limitations than natives.

Everybody agreed that it's crucial to address issues such as poverty, inequality, and education.

Furthermore, I interviewed Nicole Mannion, EU Deputy Ambassador to the UK about the event. She loved the energy and atmosphere of the event and she also pointed out that rebuilding relationships between the EU and the UK is crucial and beneficial for all of us.

Participants of the event exchanged contact to keep in touch and to work together in the future. As the end of the event was approaching, there was a sense of satisfaction on the faces of all those who participated.

In co-operation with the Press and Public Diplomacy team of the EU Delegation, Elena Sofia Massacesi and I created a Podcast broadcasted on the *London calling EU* channel. You can find it here:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5OJI51vxyIdksWcaOIgvgL?si=5ZTcEI8UT4SLjT78VLbjtA>