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As a kid I used to attempt to think of ways to put my thoughts into action. I was and still am someone who is constantly pushing herself to improve. I want to make my community a better place, and I hope that as a Young European Ambassador, I will be able to do so.

It is crucial to me to offer my abilities for the advancement of society. I honestly believe that this is where I can put my skills to the best use. Becoming a YEA was one of the opportunities I couldn't pass up to put my principles into action.

It is critical, in my opinion, to build a bridge between Western Balkan regions. I aspire to be able to affect the young people of my region, and I plan to do so by sharing my ideals with the YEA community and beyond.

I began researching what the EU is and what its essential values are when I was only 12 years old. I couldn't digest all the information I was getting at the time, but I kept looking into it since it was something I was interested in. As a YEA, I believe that having both freedom and equality is something that everyone should strive for.

Equality is something I strive for on a daily basis. My first event, "Girls in STEM," took place last year. The goal of this event was to encourage young women to pursue STEM-related careers. Because the concept that some occupations are beyond reach for girls is subtly encouraged ever since we are given Barbies to play with while boys play with Astronaut toys. This mindset is echoed in girls all around the world, particularly in small nations, where girls are expected to remain within the boundaries set by their families and society. I wanted young women to understand that they have control over their career choices, and I attempted to instill in them the belief that social stability is what we, as a society, deserve.

Now, as an 18-year-old, I'm fighting to make the space we need. I'm striving to establish a space where tolerance is the most important factor, a place where no one is judged, and a place where inclusion prevails.

18-year-old me is attempting to draw attention to the issues that we, as a community, should be concerned about. I'm attempting to pique our youth's interest and make them aware of the power we hold.