

Recently the United Nations hosted a forum in Asia, the region with the largest number of youth, to stress the importance of providing inclusive safe spaces to fulfil the needs of young people, as well as for them to be partners, leaders and innovators to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## Digital Spaces

Open digital spaces can provide youth the ability to

instantly interact with each other on topics ranging from pop culture, religion and politics irrespective of their age, race, sexual orientation, gender, disability, geographical location or time differences. Sometimes

these lead to tangible global online campaigns and virtual mobilizations.



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various issues, including youth civil rights, voting, volunteering, democracy and governance based on the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion.

## Public Spaces

Research indicates that the availability and accessibility of public spaces to youth such as parks, sporting facilities, cafés and community gardens can deter them from behavior which negatively impacts their development.



## Physical Spaces

Ensuring that physical spaces appeal to youth from diverse backgrounds, the planning of such spaces should be inclusive and accommodate their various needs, interests and activities. The physical space should be designed in a way to deter gender-based violence, harassment or marginalization.

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Inclusive physical spaces that allow youth to meet and bond with their communities contribute to civil cohesion and advance youth cognitive, emotional and social skills.

