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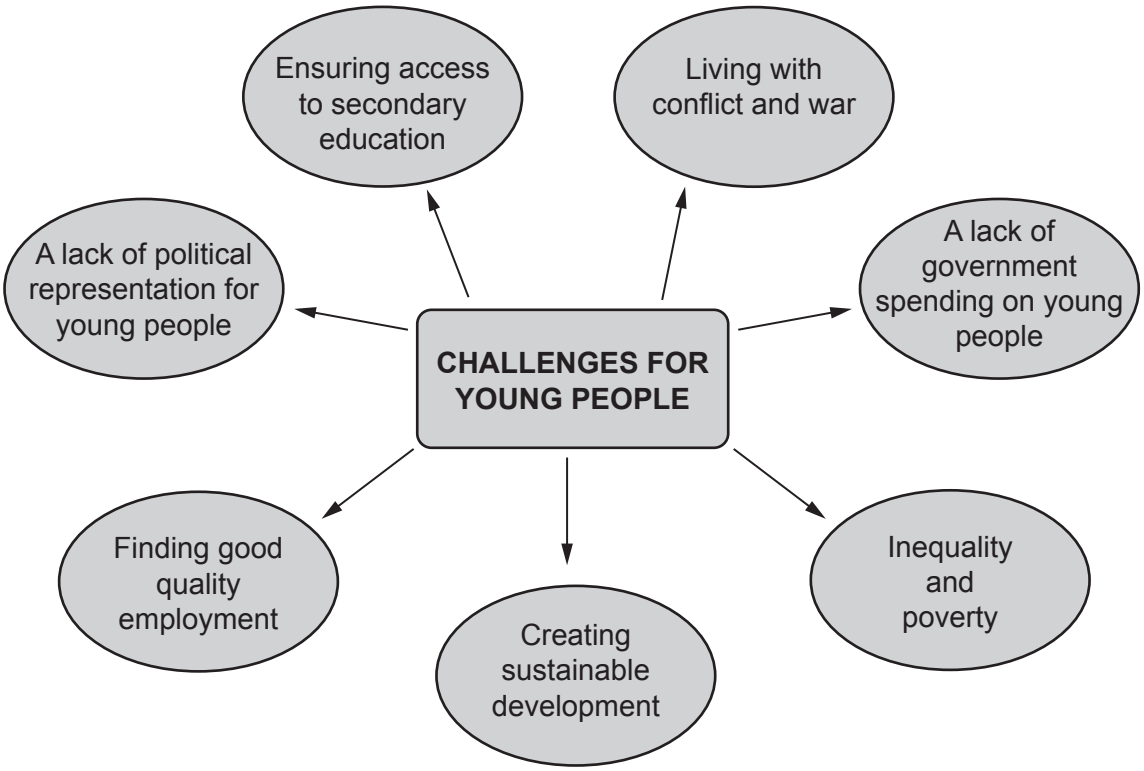
Source 1

The world's population is young: 42 per cent of people are under the age of 25. In South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, the number of people aged 12–24 has risen to over 525 million. Now, more than half of the people in the world are under 30 years old.

In every continent except Europe there are more people under the age of 15 than over the age of 65. In 2018, only 17.3 per cent of the world's population was over the age of 55.

Source 2

There have been improvements worldwide in health, education and employment for young people. However, the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) says that there are still many challenges for young people today.



Source 3: Young people care about the future!

I know that many older people think that young people are badly behaved. They say that young people are losing their values, do not work hard and break the law. Media headlines often report sensational stories about young people and exaggerate their criminal behaviour.

But a recent United Nations (UN) report tells a different story. The UN World Youth Report of 2018 highlights that young people want to be involved in shaping the future. The UN says that young people are central to achieving a fair, stable and sustainable society. Young people want their voices to be heard. They want to make a difference and to make the world a better place. They should not be ignored. After all, they are the future!

Recent protest marches about climate change by school children in the UK and Scandinavia are further evidence that young people do care.

Extract from a magazine article in Europe in 2019

Source 4

Kaito

It is part of our culture to respect older people. They have looked after us and they deserve to have our honour. They have many years of experience and many have developed great wisdom. I think that older people should hold positions of power and make decisions for our country. Do we want inexperienced people to make judgments?

Studies in psychology show that people have more confidence in older people and are likely to trust them more. My grandfather says that maturity and understanding come from taking part in the journey of life. This gives more evidence that we need to trust older people to be our politicians and to make the correct decisions. Young people need to be patient; they will get their turn eventually!

Hana

I understand that older people have experience. But to make good decisions, different points of view need to be considered. It is important that politicians listen to young people. Young people should have representatives in government and be allowed to vote from the age of 14. We should have youth councils where politicians consult with young people about local issues.

Many of the world's problems have been caused by older generations. Young people will have to solve these problems in the future. Action to prevent global warming or reduce inequality will affect young people more than older people.

History shows us that many older politicians are corrupt and hold onto power for their own benefit; they change the law to stay in control for longer. It is right to give young people a chance and let them contribute to government.

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