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57. **Ms. Bratu** and **Mr. Uifalean** (Romania), speaking as youth delegates, said that the world was globalized, digitized, unequal and violent, and the greater good for the majority could be accomplished only through teamwork. Since civic engagement was vital in developing the societies people wanted, and also in fostering the vital attributes of critical thinking, creativity and openness, national legislation should make it a mandatory exercise for every young person. There should be national mentoring programmes for vulnerable young people, such as orphans and those living in poverty.

58. Regardless of background, young people must be given tools to enable them to fulfil their role as co-creators of society. The existing educational system offered only some of what was needed to navigate professional and private life. Unfortunately, pressure to perform academically dominated young people's formative experience. Education should foster curiosity and inspire commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement. Young people needed fulfilling professional lives to be able to actively support society. Various entities in Romania were supporting young people to find work through practical vocational programmes and volunteering opportunities. It was possible to be guided by the Sustainable Development Goals in one's academic, professional and personal life, but in order for that to happen the 2030 Agenda must be brought to the attention of young people, who had the energy to push it forward.

