


REPORT OF THE SESSION “Núcleo de Formação em Governo Aberto: experiences in civic education and political education for youth in the City of São Paulo”

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TITLE	Núcleo de Formação em Governo Aberto: experiences in civic education and political education for youth in the City of São Paulo
Participating Institutions	São Paulo City Hall
Lists of the speakers	Name: Maria Luiza Vilella Position and Affiliation: Technical Advisor - São Paulo City Hall
<p>Summary of the session</p> <p><i>Please share in a maximum of 500 words a summary of the session: what was the discussion, the experiences presented and the most important messages that were shared during the session.</i></p>	<p>At the Speaking Corner, I was able to share with those present at the session the projects and vision of the Open Government Office regarding civic education and political education for citizens in the city of São Paulo, especially the young public. This audience is reached in municipal schools through workshops from the Open Government Agents Program and in partner social projects that have undergone the Youth in Government pilot project.</p> <p>The idea was to convey to the attendees how education and training are fundamental pillars for establishing a culture of social participation in representative democracy, spreading the notion that it goes far beyond voting every 2 years.</p> <p>Towards the end of the session, I emphasized the importance of using active teaching and learning methodologies to include and engage the young public, particularly those from marginalized areas, in courses, workshops, and events focused on civic education.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P R E F E I T U R A </p>

<p>Conclusions <i>In a single sentence, state the element that stands out in your session.</i></p>	<p>There is no future for participative democracy without an engaged, informed, and involved youth in participation spaces, and it is the role of governments to provide courses, workshops, and training on citizenship and politics so that children and young people grow up involved in a culture of open government.</p>
<p>Recommendations for IOPD <i>Share with IOPD your priorities and recommendations in order to advance in the topic of your session</i></p>	<p>My main recommendation is the inclusion of more spaces for discussion and awareness about civic and political education. Looking at the program, I felt there weren't enough panels addressing this issue, as nothing contributes more to the construction of diverse, inclusive, and transparent cities than projects and initiatives to educate and raise awareness among the population, especially the younger segment, about politics and citizenship. To achieve this, it's necessary to encourage debate and the exchange of experiences between local governments and civil society on the subject, addressing issues about the content to be covered, dissemination strategies, and awareness for the success of these educational initiatives and what formats and methodologies to adopt depending on the target audience and the goal of the educational project.</p>