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# THE “CHANGEMAKING” STORIES

These last few months, the consortium of YES-SI project, aimed to empower young people, bringing them together, making them aware of their capacity to change their circumstances and those of their communities and realizing their own changemaker projects. Therefore they decided to create inspiring video-stories for young people by presenting young role-models who contribute positively in their local communities.

*We want to inspire young people to become changemakers*

Partners from 4 countries (Greece, Italy, Spain and Germany) created inspiring stories with the contribution of 12 changemakers



# GREECE



## Dimitris Papadopoulos

As the co-founder of the social enterprise, InfinityGreece, and a committed youth worker, he began his journey as a volunteer, seeking to inspire other young individuals. He now assists other young individuals in becoming actively engaged as volunteers. He believes that one of the essential skills for a young person to become a changemaker is crisis management.



## Aimilios Mouchtaropoulos

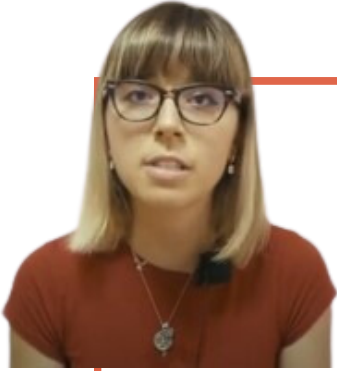
Co-founder of the start-up, Rhoé. He is dedicated on helping communities embrace sustainability and adopt green practices while through Rhoé, he gives opportunities to young people to be engaged. He was inspired from his involvement with a research team focused on green mobility during his studies. The skills he highly values and believes is worth cultivating is open-mindedness and persistence.



## John Charchantis

As the founder of the social enterprise, InfinityGreece, has as mission to create opportunities for young people. He reached this milestone due to the inspiration he drew from his studies and environment. He shares both the obstacles he has overcome and the achievements he has accomplished. He believes that one of the fundamental skills young individuals must cultivate to become changemakers is problem-solving.

# ITALY



## Marta Capaccioni

Marta is part of OurVoice, a global, non-partisan volunteer organization. They work through activism, journalism, volunteering, and art to expose and denounce social injustices, including organized crime, corruption, fascism, arms trading, apartheid regimes, environmental concerns, media censorship, femicides, transfemicides, and gender violence.



## Lorenzo Trentini

Lorenzo works with the non-profit organization "Emergenza Sorrisi." The project he's involved in aims to enhance the resilience of the local healthcare system by providing medical and surgical assistance. This assistance is designed to improve the quality of life for children who suffer from severe facial malformations, burn-related injuries, war wounds, and neurological issues. The project involves a surgical team providing assistance and offers on-the-job training for local doctors.



## Hannah Rasper

"Hanna is part of the ReWildFires project, which combines rewilding and forest shepherding to create mosaic landscapes in Sicily. This enhances resilience against wildfires and supports a wilder environment with community involvement. Wildfires in Sicily result from political and economic conflicts, unbalanced landscapes, and poorly managed livestock, leading to frequent and fire-prone areas.

# SPAIN



## Federico Castellitti

Over four years of collaboration with a diverse group of people in a low-income suburban community in Santa Fe, Argentina, Federico empowered young individuals to become influencers in their community. Inspired by his uncle, he discovered his passion for teaching. He dedicated himself to the workshops he implemented, helping young individuals enter the job market and find new directions in life.



## Alejandra Sanchez Villaverde

Alejandra founded Onada Feminista while studying journalism at UAB to bring a fresh, youthful female perspective to Catalan media. She and her fellow students created Onada Feminista as a Campus Radio channel. Over four years, they've grown into a collective with a strong online presence and active participation in public events and workshops promoting feminism among young people.



## Jalal El Aamri

Jalal migrated from Morocco to Spain, witnessing firsthand the social inequalities and injustices tied to one's place of birth. This experience motivated him to study social education. Despite numerous obstacles, his career shifted, and he now works as a social worker at the 'La Esperanza' foundation, aiding young migrants facing vulnerability in Spain.



## Anna Allstädt

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Anna has lived in Erfurt for a long time. She works in all areas you can imagine. She works in sustainability, with NEETS, for the community and does political and community work. Her project "Delight" brings life back to empty houses and stores. The project uses empty spaces to create cinematic art performances for all to see. The films focused on sustainability issues and the project was a winner of Project N, an award for sustainability.



## Sara Fabbri

Sara is from Rimini but has been living in Erfurt for many years now. She is an independent artist, offers workshops and works at "Spirit of Football". Her workshops usually have a focus on activities and encouraging creativity. Besides all this work, she also manages to exhibit her art and work on other projects, such as ARTcoWORKers. Currently she is starting a new series of workshops in which she creates art together with people with disabilities.

## Gegengewalt



Gegengewalt ("AgainstViolence") is a group of young DJs and their friends who want to do more than "just" making music and hosting parties. They want to have an impact to society and give back. All profits of their events are donated to an organisation they want to support (i.e., refugee organisations, women's shelter etc.). They met in Erfurt whilst studying. They connected through their love and appreciation for music. When it came down to organizing themselves, they soon felt the urge to make conscious contributions to their city and the people living here.