

Zee

Age: 17
Gender: Unspecified
Nationality: German
Role: Secondary school student, EU youth delegate, Neuroatypical

Background : Zee lives with their supportive parents and younger sibling in a small town in Germany, where they often find solace in nature walks and creative writing. They have a close group of neuroatypical friends who share their advocacy interests. Despite struggles with anxiety and sensory overload, Zee remains dedicated to amplifying marginalized voices.



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Tomáš Novák

Age: 72
Gender: Man
Nationality: Czech
Role: Deputy Mayor of a mid-sized Czech city

Background : Tomáš is a local politician, grandfather, small business owner and a local brass-band conductor, he is also a member of the EU Regional Council (EU decision-making body).
He cherishes family gatherings with his wife, two children, and four grandchildren. His closest friends are fellow musicians from the brass band. He struggles with balancing his political role and business, often feeling overwhelmed by the demands of public service and local responsibilities.



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László Szabó

Age: 43
Gender: Man
Nationality: Hungarian
Role: CEO of a large tech corporation

Background : László has a strong background in finance and technology, and he has built his company into a leading player in the European market through aggressive expansion and strategic acquisitions. He is a single father devoted to his daughter, who shares his passion for technology. He often confides in his brother, a professor, for advice. Personally, he grapples with the ethical implications of aggressive business tactics and the impact on employee well-being.



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Nyasha Dube

Age: 33
Gender: Woman
Nationality: Belgian-Zimbabwean
Role: Senior trust & safety manager for a major social platform in Europe

Background: Nyasha balances her demanding career with a vibrant family life, sharing her home with her partner and 3 children in Brussels. She maintains close ties with her extended family in Zimbabwe, staying connected with her roots and cultural heritage. Despite the challenges of her role, Nyasha finds fulfillment in mentoring young professionals and advocating for ethical digital practices.



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Maria Lopez

Age: 62
Gender: Woman
Nationality: Spanish

Background: Former union organiser, ex long-term unemployed, retail manager. Struggles with arthritis, yet remains devoted to social justice, inspired by her late husband, a fellow activist, and supported by close friends from her union days. She faces financial strain but finds comfort in her close-knit community of fellow activists and friends.



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