# ‘Together for Tomorrow’: Young Lasallians met in Vienna-Strebersdorf

From 6 to 8 November 2026, 16 young Lasallians from nine countries in the Central European District gathered in Vienna-Strebersdorf. For three days, they reflected together on their lives and work as young educators in Lasallian educational institutions – under the motto ‘Together for Tomorrow’.

What does it mean today to be young and Lasallian? With this question in mind, young teachers, educators and staff from across the District travelled to Vienna. They work in different realities, in different languages and under different conditions – yet they share a common mission: to provide young people with a human and Christian education, just as John Baptist de La Salle began doing over 300 years ago.

The first day was themed CONNECT – Our Stories, Our Community. The participants got to know one another and shared what had led them to their Lasallian institutions. General Councillor Br. Joel Palud opened the meeting by speaking about his own journey as a Young Lasallian and his dreams for the YL movement in Central Europe. Julia Mayer introduced the RELEM region and the District of Central Europe.

On the second day, REFLECT – Faith, Identity & Belonging, the focus was on what shapes and sustains us as young educators. Br. Fady Salama spoke about his vocation (“The Story behind the Yes”), Nathan Ellul introduced the Young Lasallians in Malta, and Mathilde Leysen reported on diversity in practice at her priority school in Zaventem, near Brussels.

The third day, CREATE – Our Dreams, Our Tomorrow, looked to the future. Mourad Barsoum highlighted opportunities for volunteering projects within the Institute and the “Fraternity in Action” project. Together, the participants also gathered their hopes and aspirations for their schools and educational institutions. This gave rise to a shared hope: that our educational institutions may be places of fraternity and hope, based on our common Lasallian values.

Alongside the programme, one thing in particular was at the center: the joy of exchanging ideas across national borders. New contacts and friendships were formed, ideas were shared and plans for future collaboration were forged. The participants returned to their institutions with renewed motivation – and with the certainty that they are not alone in their mission.

The meeting in Strebersdorf has shown that the future of Lasallian education in Central Europe is in good hands because we work *Together for Tomorrow*.

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