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## "An In-Depth Look at How Youth Can Affect Change Through Policy and Action"



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**Shakira McKnight** is an Advisor to the Newark Youth Ambassadors under the administration of Mayor Ras J. Baraka. She is an alumnus of Central High School, Newark, New Jersey. Currently, she is studying physical therapy with aspirations of one day opening her own practice. Shakira has a unique background in community activism. She strives to be the voice for the voiceless amongst the youth because she understands that youth have the power to make the change. This dynamic young lady represents the future of today's youth leadership. She is focused, determined, and committed to the development of all young people because she genuinely believes in the power of their collective voices.



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- Young people aren't at the center of decision making even though half the world's population is under 30 yrs-@UNDP #DPINGO #YOUnited
- Globally, less than 6% of the parliamentarians are under 35 years old-@UNDP #DPINGO Briefing on #YOUnited
- Empowered young men & women can play a critical role in preventing conflicts & ensuring peace UNSG @antonioguterres #DPINGO #YOUnited
- Young people are an opportunity for building peace- @UNYouthEnvoy #DPINGO #YOUnited
- Young women & men are essential partners in promoting human rights and development. More at #DPINGO Briefing on #YOUnited
- The average parliamentarian age is 53 years old- @UNDP #DPINGO Briefing on #YOUnited.



































