

Manuscript
Sophie – the believer
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Presenter: German youngsters today still dream, but as a recent Shell study revealed, only one in three of them are excited by politics. Just 10 years ago, there were almost twice as many. Although joining a political party is not at all cool, modern youngsters are interested in community affairs. Here in Berlin, Sophie has plenty of ideas and wants to put them into practice.

Participants:

Sophie Becker
16 years old, Berlin

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Translation

Almost adult 1:4

Sophie – the believer

SOT Sophie Decker

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"I'm Sophie ... I'm 16 years old ... I don't feel like I'm 16 ... I still feel like a child. I don't want to grow up, I'd like to stay as I am." +++

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Sophie and her friends publish their own youth newspaper. All the members of the editorial staff are between 16 and 20 years old. They meet once a week in an office in an alternative community center. The high school students write about all the things they consider important.

SOT Sophie Decker

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"Stopping globalization, all that stuff, halting environmental destruction, somehow it's totally important, so people see that young people are doing something and not always going to parties and getting drunk." +++

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SOT Sophie Decker

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"It's called Tollkirsche or Deadly Nightshade, it has two front pages, one side is Belladonna and one is Deadly Nightshade, and there are lyrical things in it, poems and philosophical pieces. Deadly Nightshade is more critical and focuses more on politics ... for the people around us." +++

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May 1, 2002 in Berlin.

SOT Sophie Decker

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"I mean, I'm not sure if we can really achieve anything, but we're showing that we're here." +++

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Sophie and her friends are part of the alternative youth scene. On May the first, Labour Day, they take to the streets with other left-wing groups to demonstrate against the status quo.

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The following day, Sophie skips off school.

2:08 atmo

SOTs Sophie & her mother

Mother: "So how are we going to do this?"

Sophie: "I've no idea. With Frau Hertel ... why? Because I wasn't at school today, or what?"

Mother: "Well, everything. Appointments and so on."

Sophie: "I really have no idea. What kind of tea is this?"

Mother: (OFF) "Green tea."

Sophie: "Man, I don't know, can't you write me a note? About today, I mean?"

Mother: "Well, it'll be difficult. We need to talk anyway, don't we."

Sophie: "Well, are you going to write the note or not?"

Mother: "No."

Sophie: "I mean, I was at the May the First demonstration, and I was really tired, you know. I mean, it's just one day."

Mother: "Hmm."

Sophie: "Man, there are so many other things besides school, there are so many things, man I just can't keep track of them."

Mother: "But there's no way round it." + + +

2:57 Atmo guitar

SOT Sophie Decker

3:08

"Well, we do have a group. I really fit the cliché, although I normally avoid clichés. But well, I'm a kind of hippie, I'm the type who's always saying "hey" and "love" and everything, and "stick together" and flowers and this and that, and "sun" and all those little things that you're always discovering, and "ooh, isn't it fantastic", and so on, and the others are pretty much the same." + + +

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SOT Sophie Decker

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"The love between our friends, that's really the most important thing for me. And my big dream is really to live with these people, to have our own platform somehow and do everything together. That's my dream." + + + 3:50