



CHILDREN'S ADVISORY TEAM

DGD 2018

NAME: AKANKSHA

AGE: 15

COUNTRY: CANADA

Organization: I am a part of the Inter-American Children Institute as a correspondent in the consultative councils for children and adolescents. which is also known as CORIA.

Interests and hobbies: Some of my hobbies are that I like to read and I also enjoy watching professional soccer. I am interested in learning more about children rights and female rights, since I am very passionate about them.



NAME: AISHWARYA

AGE: 17

COUNTRY: INDIA

Hi everyone! Namaste!

I am Aishwarya, a resident of New Delhi and the youngest of 3 siblings. I have completed my Tenth from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and am actively associated with PRATYek's work on ensuring ALL RIGHTS FOR ALL CHILDREN.

Dancing and bike riding are my favourite past-time activities and I have developed an interest for martial arts. I dream to be a professional dancer someday specializing on hip-hop and B-boying. Biryani and butter-chicken are my favourite food.

I joined PRATYek as a 14 year old through my friend Vishal and since then I have participated in a number of events and activities advocating for child rights. I strongly believe in Gender Equality and child rights and have taken up the role of Gender Equality Minister in the Children's Parliament under the YASH programme implemented by PRATYek.





NAME: ANKIT

AGE: 17

COUNTRY: INDIA

Hello All. Namaste!

I am Ankit and I come from a small settlement named Pallika Dham situated in the heart of New Delhi. Currently I am in standard twelfth pursuing humanities from N.P. CO-ed Senior Secondary School. History is my favourite subject. I can speak fluent Hindi and English, and understand Bengali. I stay with my parents and five siblings.

I love eating capsicum and enjoy listening to music and capturing photographs.

I am representing PRATYeK, the organization I have been associated for the past six years through its Nine Is Mine Campaign. I am strongly connected with the issue of Human Rights and believe in the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Presently I am the Health and Well-Being Minister in the Children's Parliament under the YASH (Young Advocates for Social Harmony) programme implemented by PRATYeK.



NAME: ARIADNA

AGE: 15

COUNTRY: MOLDOVA

Hi, there. My name is Ariadna. A 15 years old girl from Moldova (I guess that you don't know much about my homeland, so this is for your information:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moldova>)

I am a music addicted, dog person, book lover and just a cheerful volunteer.

I love long talks and people with good sense of humor. I'm into politics, history, psychology, philosophy and educational system.

My supporting organization is CRIC (Child Rights Information Centre). a non-governmental organization, set up in 1999. All its programs are developed and implemented based on research and child rights. CRIC provides access to information related to children's rights for all interested and/or responsible parties.

NAME: BELLO

AGE: 17

COUNTRY: BENIN

Je suis **Mazidath BELLO**, béninoise de dix-sept ans J'habite avec mon père et son épouse à Abomey-Calavi dans le département de l'Atlantique (BENIN). Je suis étudiante en deuxième année de « Computer Sciences » à l'institut universitaire « LES COURS SONOU ».

Je suis ex secrétaire générale (2012-2015) et actuelle secrétaire aux relations extérieures (2015-2018) du Conseil Consultatif National des Enfants du Bénin (CCNE-BENIN) mis en place par Plan International Bénin, l'ONG ESAM (Enfants Solidaires d'Afrique et du Monde) et le Ministère en charge des affaires sociales et de la micro-finance. Je suis également jeune activiste de Plan International. Je travaille à devenir jeune leader de ma communauté.

Je m'essaie à l'animation live (pour enfants et pour adulte). Je suis passionnée d'art (musique, cinéma, danse, déclamation). J'aime la lecture, les débats, les défis et les compétitions. J'aime surtout utiliser les mots aux services des enfants.

Je pense que l'**Equipe Consultative des Enfants** est une opportunité sans pareil pour porter effectivement dans le monde entier la voix des enfants. Les enfants venant de divers pays et surtout de divers horizons sont amenés à se mettre ensemble pour faire des propositions concrètes aux décideurs afin d'influencer de façon positive les conditions de vie des enfants. Je suis particulièrement heureuse et très émue de faire partir de cette équipe et j'ai hâte de voir les autres enfants pour des échanges fructueux et constructifs.



NAME: BRIGHTONE

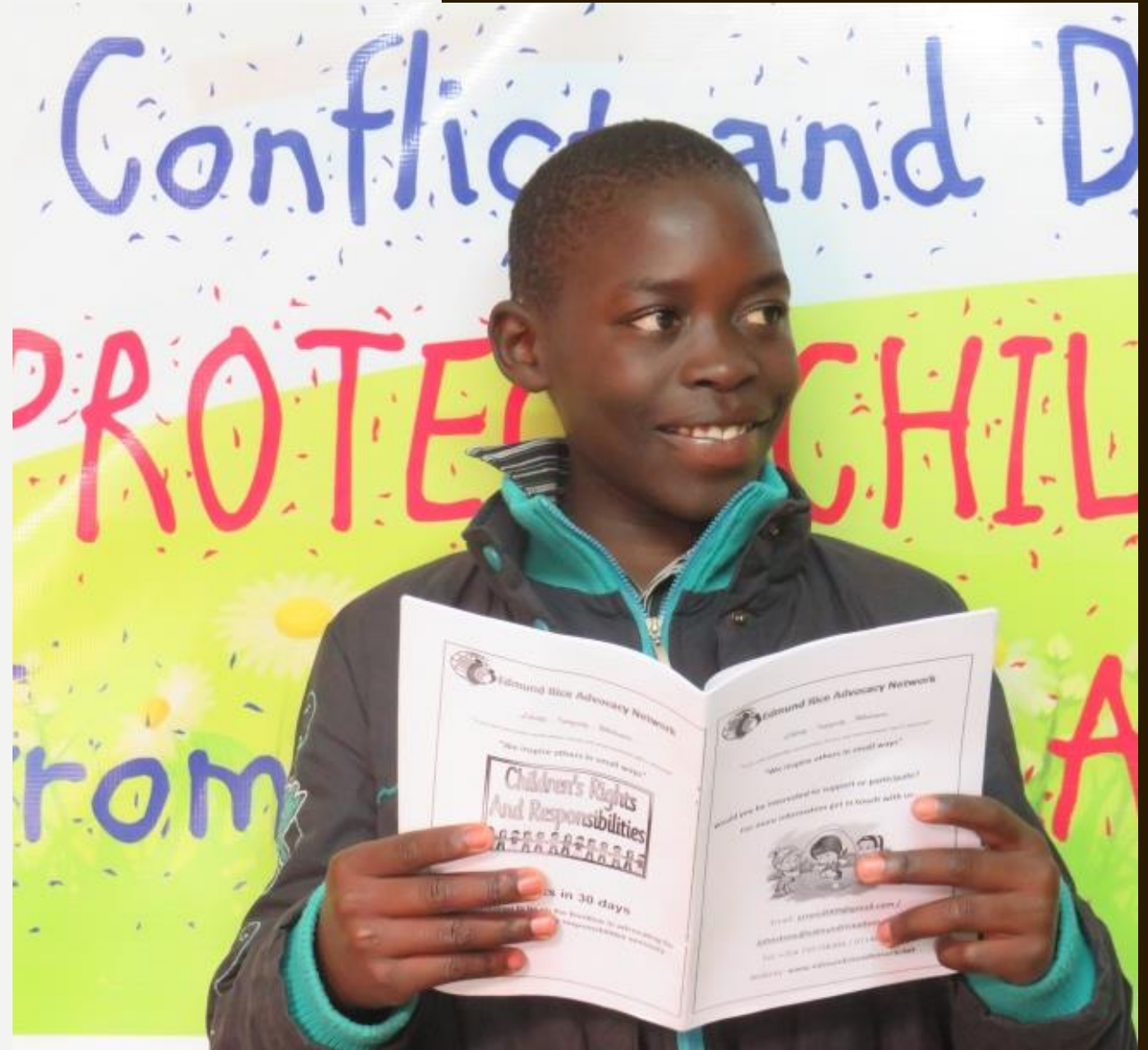
AGE: 12

COUNTRY: KENYA

My Name is Brightone Ochieng' and I am 12 years old. I am a Kenyan living. I can speak English, Kiswahili, and Luo fluently and I am in standard six in Evertone Primary school.

I am happy to be part of this Children Advisory Team to represent the Kenyan children Human Rights Defenders, thanks to Edmund Rice Advocacy Network, an organization that empowers children. I am pleased to see many children from other parts of the world who are children human rights defenders.

I like reading story books.





NAME: CAMERON

AGE: 12

COUNTRY: SCOTLAND

I am from Scotland and the organisation I'm working with is Children's Parliament .

At school, my favourite subjects are maths and English. I also like video games and hanging out with friends.

I'm excited to be part of the Children's Advisory Team because of the experience and how much of the day will be made with children!

NAME: CHRISTINA

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: USA

Hi! My name is Christina Joseph and I am 16 years old. I'm from USA and speak English fluently and an intermediate level of Spanish. I am working with the Association for Childhood Education International. This organization is helping promote and inspire quality education throughout the world. They are helping transform lives and future of children all around the globe.

I think this Children's Advisory Team is a wonderful opportunity to bring to light the challenges children face every day in their own homes. Children are continuously discouraged from their own unalienable rights and this is a pressing issue today in our own world. As children, this team will be able to bring forward new ways to promote children in our society and will help make lasting contributions. A child's voice is not meant to be shut out from the public.

I enjoy listening to music and playing badminton competitively. I am also involved in my church and participate in a lot of volunteer service. I love to read books and my favourites include, *Harry Potter*, *The Book Thief*, and *The Kite Runner*.



Hola!!

Soy Diana Melissa Cordero, tengo 16 años. Hablo mi idioma español e inglés Básico. Actualmente estudio bachillerato y participo en la Red Nacional de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes de El Salvador (RENAES) que es una red nacional de NNA de El Salvador con 300 NNA organizados. También formo parte de la secretaria de la REDENNYAS (Coalición regional de 10 países con redes de NNA).

A mis 11 años, me incorpore a la RENAES; llevo 5 años en la Red, promoviendo y defendiendo los derechos de la niñez. Vivo en el municipio de Mejicanos ubicado en El Salvador.

A nivel nacional hemos desarrollado eventos referidos a promover la Ley Integral de la niñez y adolescencia (LEPINA), participado en consultas de NNA sobre temas de violencia, hábitat. ODS, SNPN, matrimonio infantil, trata y migración para el diseño de informes alternos al CDN y EPU y conocer la opinión de NNA. Así mismo realizamos y ejecutamos plan de incidencia para lograr que el país ratificara el III protocolo de comunicaciones.

He estado presente en varios espacios de participación de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes a nivel Internacional tales como:

- ☐ Pre-sesión ante el CDN en Naciones Unidas. Informe de cumplimiento de la CDN en El Salvador. (Ginebra. Febrero 2018)
- ☐ Taller de Planificación Estratégica de SCI sobre Programa de apoyo a la sociedad Civil PASC. (Panamá. Octubre 2017)
- ☐ Consulta sobre Ciberbullying/Ciberacoso. junto a Marta Santos Paiz y en conferencia de prensa sobre el tema. (Uruguay. Mayo 2016)
- ☐ Seleccionada a representar a la niñez Latinoamericana en Naciones Unidas en el Lanzamiento de la Alianza Global contra la violencia hacia NNA junto al secretario General de Naciones Unidas. Ban Ki Moon. (Julio de 2016)
- ☐ Encuentro Centroamericano de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes. (Honduras 2015)
- ☐ XXI Congreso Panamericano de Niñez y Adolescencia sobre explotación sexual y violencia hacia la niñez. (Brasil. 2014).

Actualmente hoy en 2018 me encuentro muy emocionada y agradecida con DIOS por haber sido seleccionada entre los 20 NNA asesores para el día de debate sobre niñas, niños y adolescentes como defensores de nuestros derechos y poder representar con orgullo a muchos NNA que por muchas razones; no tienen ese privilegio de poder hacerlo. Lo haré con humildad y mucho compromiso.

NAME: DIANA MELISSA

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR





NAME: HANNAH

AGE: 12

COUNTRY: SCOTLAND

I feel very lucky to be part of the Children's Advisory Team. I am looking forward to visiting some other schools in Scotland to meet other children and do workshops so we can share ideas.

In my spare time, I like drawing and designing but I also like going with my friend to see her horse and learn how to ride it. My favourite food is ice cream and strawberries and I listening to music of my favourite movies.

NOM: JOSÉPHINE

ÂGE: 16 ANS

PAYS : SÉNÉGAL

Mon organisation de soutien :
CONAFE qui est la Coalition
Nationale des associations et ONG en
faveur de l'enfant qui à travers l'ONG
enfance et Paix m'a accompagné tout
au long de mon cheminement.

J'aime lire des romans surtout
poétiques et aussi j'aime rencontrer
d'autres personnes qui sont égaux à
moi c'est à dire mes pairs et surtout
faire de la découverte aller vers les
gens et je suis très heureuse d'avoir à
l'idée que je rencontrerai des
activistes comme moi.



NAME: KONSTANTINOS

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: GREECE

My name is Konstantinos and I am 16 years old. I am a member of the first ever Eurochild Children's Council (ECC) with Eurochild being the organization I represent in the United Nations' General Discussion Day. The Eurochild Children's Council is made up of 12 individuals aged 10-16 years and we work towards mainstreaming children's voices. In ECC, I represent The Smile of The Child – YouSmile organisation, which protects / promotes children rights and visions a smile for every child.

In a world where fascism and populism are on the rise again, child participation is more urgent than ever. With that notion in mind, I founded the 1st think tank for teenagers in Greece, Teens4greece. Teens4greece.com allows my peers to raise their voice for crucial and controversial issues concerning Greece, as my country was hit by the financial crisis.

This experience has sparked my ambition to study Politics, as I now believe that through this path I can contribute more effectively to positive change. In my free time I like watching movies, playing tennis and hanging out with friends.





NOMBRE: KURT OTTOSEN

EDAD: 16 AÑOS

PAÍS: ARGENTINA

La organización con la que estoy trabajando es el Instituto Internacional del niño, niña y adolescente (con Luis Alvernaz y Dulce Castillo)

Mi lengua nativa es Español, aunque tengo un nivel intermedio de Ingles.

Creo es la posibilidad de ser defensores de los derechos de los NNA es increíble, me siento muy feliz y espero que los resultados sean positivos.

Me interesa mucho la política, el medio ambiente y la educación.

Mi pasatiempo favorito es estar en contacto con la naturaleza, por ejemplo pescar.

Me gusta mucho la música clásica y principalmente la opera.

Practico Natación y toco el saxofón.

Mi comida favorita es la paella.

NOMBRE: MARIANA NICOL

EDAD: 14 AÑOS

PAÍS: MÉXICO

La organización con la que estoy trabajando es Fundación Casa Alianza México I.A.P

Mi lengua materna es Español y estoy empezando un curso de Inglés.

El ser parte de este grupo me hace sentir muy feliz, orgullosa, satisfecha, agradecida porque es una oportunidad muy importante ya que podrá defender los derechos de los demás niños.

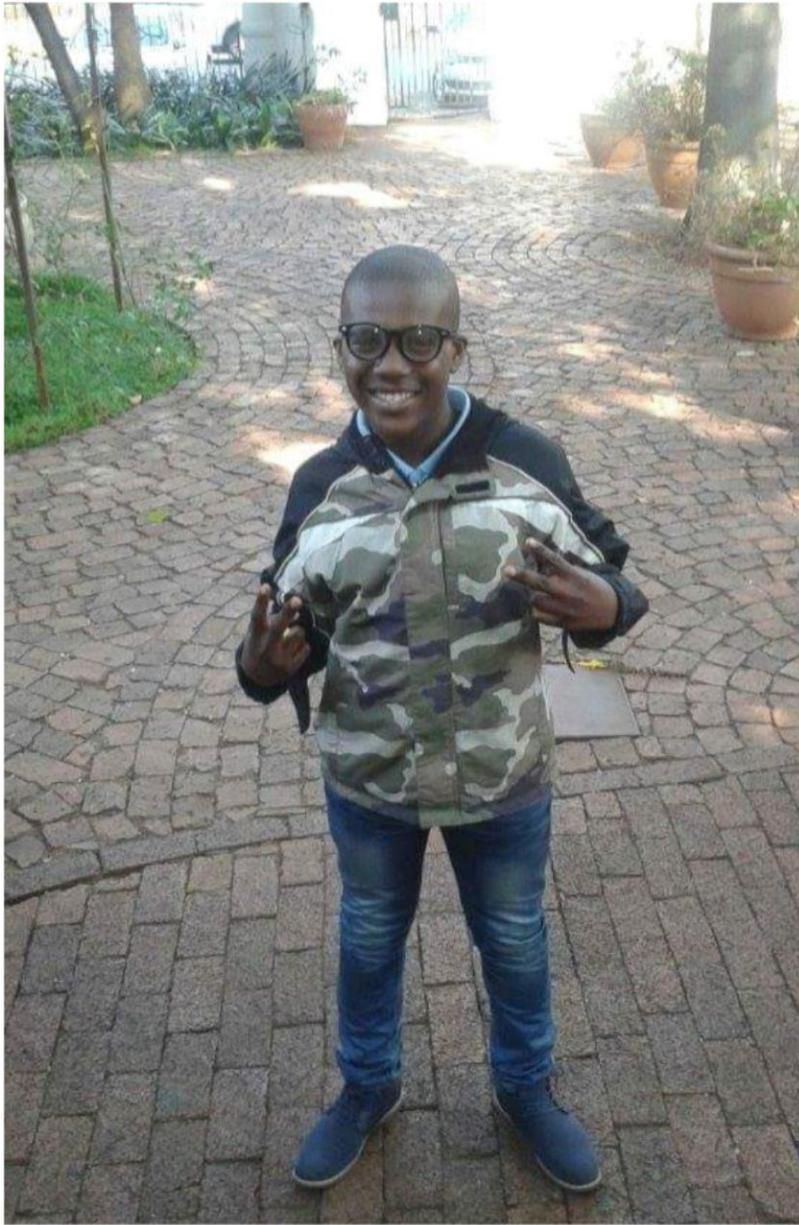
Me interesa mucho aprender sobre los derechos de los niños, me interesa mi proceso que llevo en Casa Alianza, mis proyectos y el futbol.

Lo que más me gusta hacer jugar futbol, bailar, cantar, estudiar, leer.

La música que más me gusta es el pop.

Mi comida favorita son las migas, los chilaquiles y los sopes.





NAME: MAXWELL
AGE: 15 YEARS OLD
COUNTRY: ZAMBIA

I work with the Media Network on Child Rights and Development (MNCRD). I can speak English and Nyanja fluently. I am also able to speak a little bit of Spanish and Portuguese.

Children face a lot of challenges, and no one understands children better than children themselves, therefore children as human rights defenders are very important. Unfortunately we don't receive the respect we are given, I'm doing everything in my power to try to change this. People need to realize that children can make meaningful contributions to society, I am on a quest to make this a reality and I won't quit until it is achieved.

I love watching TV, especially dramedies, fantasies and children's programming. My favorite music genres are country and pop, my favorite artists being Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Lopez and Bruno Mars. My favorite TV show of all time is Friends, followed by The Vampire Diaries, The Originals, Bones and almost everything on Nickelodeon and Disney channel.

My favorite cartoon is Spongebob Squarepants. I believe in the power of children and young people which is why I do what I do and love it!

Kind regards

Maxwell 😊😊

NOMBRE: NAYELI

EDAD: 16 AÑOS

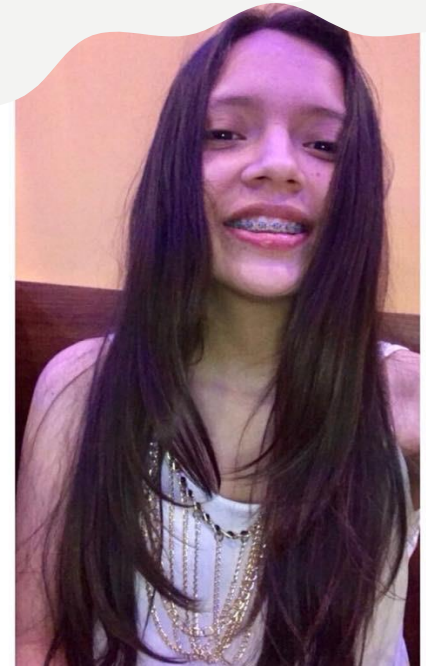
PAÍS: ECUADOR

Organización que me apoya: Movimiento Social por la Defensa de la Niñez y Adolescencia de Ecuador.

Idioma: Español, aprendiendo inglés.

Pasatiempo u hobbies: algunos de mis hobbies son: leer, dibujar y cantar.

Estoy muy emocionada de aprender todo sobre los derechos, y nuevos mecanismos de participación para los NNA. Espero compartir muchas experiencias con todos ustedes.



I am Dieudonne (at the front, in the white jeans!).

I am 16 years old. I am happy to have been trained to be a child rights advocate by War Child.

This photo is me with my friends from the Voice More Group in the Central African Republic. We have been working for two years now to ensure the voices of Central African children are heard.

In our project we are fighting corruption and abuse in the school system here. Thank you for giving me this chance to take part in the General Discussion Day.

Thank you all!

NAME: DIEUDONNE

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC





NAME: SAMEER

AGE: 13 YEARS OLD

COUNTRY: PAKISTAN

Hi my Name is **Sameer Haider**, a 13 years old Student of Class Seven. I live in Lahore which is the second largest city of Pakistan. Since last few years I am engaged in activities focusing on promotion and protection of children's rights as guaranteed under UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

I am a part of activities led by my supporting organization Search For Justice-CAN Pakistan to hold lobbying meetings with key decision makers as well as holding Press Conference (s) to draw the attention of duty bearers towards issues affecting the lives of children here in my country

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/134701/young-defenders-call-prioritising-childrens-rights/>

I am a strong believer of meaningful child participation in ensuring the implementation of Child Rights Convention everywhere. I speak Urdu (Which is my National Language) and English. I am feeling proud to be part of Children's Advisory Team. In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing video games and football. In the future, after completing my studies, alongside contributing towards ending violence towards children, I want to become a football player.

NAME: SIGURD

AGE: 16 YEARS OLD

COUNTRY: NORWAY

I speak Norwegian and English fluently and I am able to speak some French.

I work with Save the Children Norway and PRESS (Save the Children's youth organisation Norway)

I spend a lot of time on school, but when I am not there my main interest are politics, history and philosophy.



NAME: STELLA

AGE: 16 YEARS OLD

COUNTRY: UGANDA

My name is Anenocan Stella. I am 16 years old and I come from Uganda. I speak English.

I am working with YOLRED (Youth Leaders for Restoration and Development). It is an organization that works to effect the reintegration of former child soldiers and Children born in captivity in northern Uganda.

I am one of those children born in captivity and have not been lucky as other children. I always love to see my peers attending school though this is challenging in most cases.



NAME: HAYA

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: SYRIA

My name is Haya. I'm sixteen years old from Syria. I currently live in a refugee camp. I have two brothers and one sister. I really love studying and my dream is to do something important in the future. I love science and culture and dislike ignorance and hatred. I have many hobbies and I'm also very active in my society. I've took part in many trainings here in the camp. There are many organizations in the camp that I'm active with, one of these organizations is War Child where I'm part of a team called 'VoiceMore'. We are a group of young people who are trying fight issues children face and reduce the damage it causes as much as we can. At the moment we are organizing our own advocacy project against child labour.

