

CHILDREN'S ADVISORY TEAM

2020

CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT



REA



AGE: 16

COUNTRY: KOSOVO

INTERESTS: I'm very excited to work with the CAT, I'm looking forward and I'm very interested to realize all of our future activities that would have a positive impact on children, all around the world! We're all going to be a part of the change we want to see in our communities!

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I've been advocating for children's rights for 3 years now and of course those years led me to so many life-changing activities. I was a part of a meeting with the former prime minister of Kosovo and every other minister of Kosovo, and we asked if they fulfilled all of the promises, they gave the year before!

I've been a part of Fridays for Future / School Strikes organized in the capital city of Kosovo. And also, I was a part of a week full of activities in Brussels for the European Week of Action for Girls where I also got the chance to speak up at the European parliament and address the MEPs.

HOBBIES: I like reading books, learning French, cycling, working out and spending time with my family!

FUTURE GOALS: My future goal is definitely to get accepted in a great college and possibly win a scholarship, it has been my dream ever since I was a kid, and I'm hoping it comes true one day. Besides that, my other very important future goal is to give my all and do my best to advocate for children's rights, I want to become a good representative and a loud voice for every child in Kosovo that are usually spoken for!

LEOMAR



AGE: 17

COUNTRY: MEXICO

INTERESTS: I am very excited to be part of this group, because I know that together we can do positive things that will help our countries. I am so happy to meet such amazing teen activists who are part of this group. We are going to do things that will help many children around the world.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I have been an activist since I was 9 years old, I am an article writer for an important newspaper in Mexico, I am part of more than 13 organizations of adolescents in Mexico and in different parts of the world. I am a lecturer, a collaborator of UNICEF and UNFPA. I am a child and adolescent correspondent for the Inter-American Children's Institute. I have been awarded for my activism and trajectory with the Huaxyacac Award by the Congress of Oaxaca, the Government and the President of Mexico gave me the National Youth Award 2019 and I was nominated for the International Children's Peace Award 2019.

HOBBIES: I really like reading, writing and listening to music. But most of all I like being able to motivate more people to fulfill their dreams.

FUTURE GOALS: My main objective is to be able to give conferences in different parts of the world so that my message can reach more people and so that my story of struggle and overcoming can be an inspiration to children and adolescents. I also want to be able to write a personal book that can serve many children, adolescents and young people.

ALFONSINA



AGE: 16

COUNTRY: URUGUAY

INTERESTS: My interests are to learn more about the rights of children and adolescents, to continue working on the defense and promotion of these rights and to meet other empowered people in order to raise our voices and spread our energy and knowledge to others. I love the idea that we can have a real contact with the Committee on the Rights of the Child as it is an extremely important entity for us - this is the real consideration!

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I was a representative of the National Table of Student Participation, a workshop's in my high school for three years (on issues related to child and adolescent participation, sex education, gender violence, domestic violence, bullying, etc.). Coordinator in "Educational Commitment", in the area of Young Readers. I was Child and Adolescent Correspondent of the Inter-American Institute for Children and Adolescents, generation 2018/2019. Nominated for the International Peace Prize for Children and Adolescents in 2019. I am currently a departmental advisor of the Institute of Children and Adolescents of Uruguay since 2018. I am a Youth Ambassador for the U.S. Embassy in Uruguay. Founder of "Ser Parte" a project that seeks to promote and defend the rights of children and adolescents.

HOBBIES: I'm a music teacher, I play the guitar and the ukulele. I love reading psychology, philosophy and history. I like singing, I write my own songs. I paint and used to do theatre, an activity I had to give up due to lack of time.

FUTURE GOALS: My future goals are: to study law and continue helping children and adolescents to exercise their rights. To run my own foundation and write a book. I would also like to travel to different parts of the world to learn about the realities of different countries.

NOMUNDARI



AGE: 15

COUNTRY: MONGOLIA

INTERESTS: I like being the voice of the ones that can't speak up, since young I was always interested in nature so like working on nature involved things for example climate change, pollution and so on.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: Last year I participated the High-level political forum on sustainable development, and I also opened the ministerial segment. I also made a speech on UN Mongolia open day. I made a presentation for children about SDG. I also presented how the air pollution is affecting our health. I'm not sure how many I can write but basically this is what I've been doing and, will continue to do.

HOBBIES: I love dancing and singing by the way I have so much energy that sometimes even I wonder where it came from.

FUTURE GOALS: In the near future... to be honest I thought I had planned my future well, but this year after experiencing some unexpected things I don't know what my future goal is anymore. For now, I'm still debating on what to do in the future and who I should become so I say that my future goal is to find that out.

CARLOS



AGE: 16

COUNTRY: BRAZIL

INTERESTS: I am extremely happy to be part of this team of child advisors. It is very good to be able to look and see many young activists who seek the best for others. Together with child rights connect we will do a beautiful job and I have no doubts! I hope we can use this opportunity to empower ourselves and be an instrument of change.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I participate in many groups and among them the most diverse such as the MJPOP (Youth Monitoring of Public Policies) and also the CAJ'S (Children, Adolescents and Youth), both with the same goal of youth empowerment, community transformations, making each young person capable of fighting for their rights. I also participate in a dance group called FitDance Change, where young people from the community get together to learn and practice rhythms.

HOBBIES: I love dancing, reading, getting to know cultures and new places, besides fighting for human rights, this is already part of me, I can't imagine not being involved in some group.

FUTURE GOALS: I often say I live by constant goals and objectives. I had planned many of them for the course of this year, unfortunately it will not be possible. However, not everything will be affected. I still aim to give my best in everything I participate, to contribute more and more. I hope I can participate in more international meetings and acquire knowledge, making myself an accessible example for children and young people.

SAVANNAH



AGE: 11

COUNTRY: ENGLAND

INTERESTS: To understand more about children's rights and how each country enforces these rules.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I am part of a group called time matters UK where we focus on the kids that have parents in prison. We organized the first child led conference in Westminster on how having a parent in prison affects children. Due to the current situation we are having our support groups through zoom.

HOBBIES: Painting, drawing and reading.

FUTURE GOALS: My future goals are to do well in my new high school so I can go to a great university.

ANDREAS

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: CYPRUS



INTERESTS: I am interested in children's rights, as I believe that declarations and conventions such as the UNCRC, give children the rights every single human being should have. Also, I am particularly a big advocate of children's right to participate in matters that affect them; because it gives children the ability to change the world for the best interest of the child.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I am a member of the Cyprus Children's Parliament (CCP) and the Eurochild Children's Council (ECC). As a member, of the Cyprus Children's Parliament, I had the opportunity to be involved in a meeting between the CCP, the president of Cyprus, four ministers (Education, Labour, Health, Justice) and the Cypriot Commissioner for the rights of the Child. As a member of the ECC, I was involved in a meeting with the Eurochild's Management Board in Berlin to discuss and make decisions, for example about the Eurochild's Child Participation Strategy.

HOBBIES: I am a big fan of football and the Harry Potter Books and Movies

FUTURE GOALS: I would like to study something that has to do with research e.g. Biology, Genetics. I would love to travel the world to meet new cultures, as well as make friends around the globe.

REECE



AGE: 16

COUNTRY: SOUTH AFRICA

INTERESTS: I adore traveling of all sorts, whether it be a trip to a museum or looking at nature.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I have started my own organization called Earth Kids Org (EKO). We educate children about pollution and recycling, as well as collect it from many different schools and businesses. We use this recycling to make early childhood development toys/games for under resourced preschools.

I am a mentor at the Chaeli Campaign, which is an organization which fights for the inclusion of children with different abilities and disabilities.

HOBBIES: I love all sorts of learning! My favorite subjects are English and History. I love languages, I speak English and Afrikaans, and I am learning French, Spanish, Arabic and isiXhosa.



HISAYE

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: REPUBLIC OF PALAU

INTERESTS: I am interested in learning more about our rights as children. Organizations such as Child Rights Connects helps me not only understand more but allows me to share my knowledge with my fellow youth too.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I am a part of an organization called Heirs to Our Oceans. Heirs to Our Oceans is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting responsibility, action, and leadership in youth around the world through education and human connection. I co-lead one of three chapters in Palau. Our initiatives are based on plastic reduction. We are working on creating a “Future Friendly Stamp of Certificate” that will be awarded to restaurants and business that have stopped using plastic all together. I am also working on a new initiative that is centered around my home and Micronesia and hopefully will be able to release it soon.

HOBBIES: My hobbies include reading books, playing sports like basketball and volleyball, and baking delicious treats. I also enjoy swimming and snorkeling in the ocean.

FUTURE GOALS: My future goal is to not only educate my fellow youth but inspire others my age to be passionate in their voices and beliefs.



KATHAK

AGE: 16

COUNTRY: BANGLADESH

INTERESTS: I am extremely fortunate to have the privilege of working with some of the world's future change makers here. Through this platform, I think I can reach the voices of millions of children of my country worldwide.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I work with a child-led organization in Bangladesh. The name of the organization is National Children's Task Force (NCTF). The organization has central committee and districts committee. I am the central research secretary of NCTF's central committee. And the president of Barishal NCTF district committee.

In national level, we have organized Child parliament session with the policy maker of our country to change the policy related to child. I am the editor of a magazine called "Sishu Buli" which we publish locally for children. In addition to this, monitor the child rights situation and hold meeting with local administration and other duty bearers on rights violation issues at local level.

HOBBIES: Singing, writing songs & poems, public speaking, going to unfamiliar areas.

FUTURE GOALS: After completing my higher secondary education, I want to take my higher education from a reputed university. In fact, I'm little bit confused but I guess I want to be a good diplomat. I want to work globally on the issue of climate change and its impact.

FADHIL SAMWEL

AGE: 14



COUNTRY: TANZANIA

INTERESTS: I am very interested in working with CAT, because it has always been my dream to fight for the children right in the world.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED: I have been a leader at the platform of Cheka Sana Tanzania for one year where I help other children to know their rights and how they can be ambassadors to other children. I have also been participating in sports and games that were aiming to raise awareness about children's right in Africa. I have been an ambassador of raising awareness about children's right to my family and the society that I am living with.

HOBBIES: Playing football, drawing, swimming.

FUTURE GOALS: My future goal is to be a leader who will stand for the rights of children in the world.