

The Children's Advisory Team of Child Rights Connect won the World Vision International Changemaker award in 2023...





How do the members of the CAT make a change in the world?







I have always had a passion for children's rights and giving a voice to children who live in a place where it would be so easily dismissed. In my school I helped to organize the purchase of Christmas gifts for single mother families with no money, often coming from bad situations.

Freja, 12, Canada





When I was 12 years old, I filed a petition to the Committee of the Rights of the Child, together with 15 other youths from around the world, denouncing 5 countries that were violating the rights of children by their failed actions to solve the climate crisis.

Catarina, 16, Brazil







During the peak time of COVID in Zambia, I joined a children's group. My friends and I mobilized watering cans, tools, and vegetable seedlings and distributed them to women in my community. We also organised a football tournament to sensitize the footballers and the spectators on children's rights and we met with the local council to discuss sanitation in markets and bus stations.

Doris, 14, Zambia





I took part in a group that raised awareness among adolescents about school violence. I also participated as a panelist in a seminar with 400 attendees, where the causes and consequences of bullying were discussed. In addition, a public declaration was made in which at least 300 people made a commitment to put an end to bullying in their environment.

Anna Katherina, 17, Venezuela





As a child human rights defender, I have brought child rights incidences to the attention of my child club members and the administrative government bodies to stop such incidences. I worked together with child club team members, police and other concerned persons in stopping several cases of child marriage in my country.

Arjun, 14, Nepal



I advocated for the violated rights of Child Human Rights Defenders at a National Forum and raised awareness about refugee-activists through a Social Media project. I participated in "Women for Peace" protests calling for sex education for all, and on a regular basis collaborate with UN centers in Moldova raising awareness on topics such as education, gender equality, and capacity building for teenagers from rural areas.

Anghelina, 16, Moldova





I am a project manager at Children for Peace which is a girls led movement aiming to increase the number of children participating in peacebuilding and public policies. C4P mobilizes children in/from complex cultural and religious backgrounds and areas affected by war.

Gloria, 15, Cameroon





Being a spokesperson for children and adolescents in Mexico is an extraordinary experience, it has given me the opportunity to visit and meet, among other personalities, the highest authorities of my municipality and the State. I had the opportunity to participate in different forums and I am a country representative on children's rights.

Miguel Angel, 12, Mexico





I volunteer to monitor and document human rights violations against Palestinian children. I am the chairperson of the Children's Council in my city and a member of the national Children's Council where I work to enhance communication between Palestinian children in various cities, and implement advocacy campaigns to enhance the situation of Palestinian children.

Hala, 15, Palestine



Since I was 5 years old, I have accompanied and helped my mother in civil activities concerning women and children in my city. I was able to take part in all sorts of projects such as workshops and theaters with a focus on child protection.

Rouweida, 14, Tunisia





I have been a member of the Children's City Council where more than 300 children have been involved in making decisions related to playgrounds, a children's Sports Hall, a children's beach and the accessibility of roads for children with disabilities.

Fran, 15, Croatia





I am a member of several youth councils, for example the city Youth Council, the national UNICEF Youth Council and the Sustainable Development Goals Youth Council of Iceland. I was also elected to my school's student council and find it important to be heard when it comes to my education and other kid's rights to education.

Throstur, 15, Iceland







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