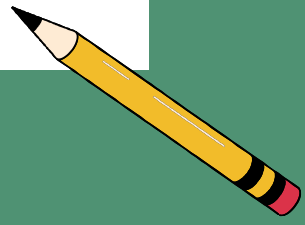


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Child Rights Connect's Children's Advisory Team (CAT) is a global team of child human rights defenders who support the organisation to shape and take forward activities on children's rights. The CAT is part of the structure of Child Rights Connect and renew its mandate every year.

The child advisors are selected on a basis to ensure inclusivity, diversity and fairness. Each child advisor has a supporting organisation which provides them with personal assistance throughout their mandate.

Read about the 12 child advisors of CAT 2023 and how they imagine a better world for all children of today and tomorrow!



How do you imagine a world where children's rights are respected?

In a world where all children's rights were respected, minority groups of children such as LGBTQ+ and those with disabilities would have access to support groups and the tools for equity. Additionally, children of incarcerated parents would have the support they need to have easy and regular access to their parents.

Freja, 12, Canada

I imagine a world where children are at peace, laughing and playing, not worrying if their future will be one where they have to deal with global crises, security issues and destroyed homes. A world where all have access to a quality education, and where children feel safe to express themselves and be who they are. A place where society is conscious of children's voices and the heart and soul from which they speak to realize a balanced world where future generations right to the life is fulfilled.

Catarina, 16, Brazil

To me, a world where children's rights are respected would be a world where all children would have an adequate living standard that gives them the chance to have a correct social, moral, spiritual, physical and mental growth. Children would not have to suffer as a result of injustice or violence in any of its forms.

**Anna Katherina, 17,
Venezuela**



How do you imagine the world where children learn about their rights?

In such a world, children would be able to study what they want and not what their parents want. If children are taught about children's rights, they could not be denied or deprived of their rights, even when they grow up. Children have an important role in the decision-making of the family, but they need to be aware of their rights to fulfil this role.

Arjun, 14, Nepal

In my opinion, children whose rights are respected and who are educated in the area of human rights will grow up in a morally sound and joyful environment. Kids adjust to the social structure in which they live. Children who understand that their rights end where someone else's rights begin, that violence of any kind is abhorrent, and that bullying and discrimination are not acceptable, will grow up to be fully responsible adults who will put an end to the cycle of violence, hatred, and negativity.

Anghelina, 16, Moldova

A world where children learn about their rights is a world where an increased number of children is involved in the follow-up and implementation of international recommendations related to the child rights Convention and other key human rights mechanisms to hold States accountable and support them in their duties. Children can advocate for and advance the recognition, protection and empowerment of Human Rights Defenders including through child participation at national, regional and international levels.

Gloria, 15, Cameroon

How do you imagine a world where adults listen to children?

I imagine in such a world adults remember that a while ago they too were children with desires and dreams. I imagine that a world where adults listen to children would be a more beautiful world full of possibilities. If adults would listen to us, we could learn from them, but they could also learn from us.

Miguel Angel, 12, Mexico

A world where adults listen to children would be nice because it would help us become responsible adults with good decision-making skills. I also believe that if adults would listen to children, everyone would be able to express themselves without being judged by others, even when they grow up.

Doris, 14, Zambia

The world would become a safer and more developed place than it is now that would suit all generations. Less children would have conflicts with the law and the rate of development in the world would increase because the world hears the opinions and demands of all generations and develops accordingly.

Hala, 15, Palestine



How do you imagine a world where all children are safe?

In a world where children are safe, their well-being will be in the centre. They would be able to live in a place where they are not threatened by war or political dispute. They would have access to basic necessities, such as food, water, medicine and vaccines without having to pay a fortune or walk long distances. Lastly, children would be able to express themselves freely without facing mistreatment or discrimination based on their race, beliefs, gender, age or sexuality.

Throstur, 15, Iceland

I have been fighting to make sure children are safe in my city and in the world, particularly children who are more vulnerable and need special attention. I can't even imagine how great the world would be full of happy children and happy families, because a child cannot be happy if they don't see the smile of an adult.

Fran, 15, Croatia

If all the children in the world would be safe and enjoying their rights, this universe would be a much better place for everyone. We should not forget that children are the builders of the future and the hope of tomorrow, so they need safe space to grow and bloom.

Rouweida, 14, Tunisia

