

Call for Child Advisor applications: Children's Advisory Team 2024!

Deadline: 1 November 2023

What is Child Rights Connect?

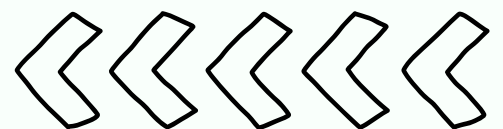
Child Rights Connect is a non-government organisation with an office in Geneva, Switzerland, and a network of around 100 member organisations across the world. It empowers child human rights defenders, including children, to learn about and connect with the United Nations system to push for every child to enjoy their rights.

What is the Children's Advisory Team?

Child Rights Connect has a global Children's Advisory Team of 12 Child Advisors and is looking for new Child Advisors to join! The Team is very important to our efforts to empower children globally to learn about children's rights and to be able to defend their own human rights as well as those of others!

How can you apply?

You can apply via [this form](https://childrightsconnect.org/organisation/#children-advisory-team) until 1 November 2023. The form asks you basic information about yourself and your interests!



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What does it mean to be a child advisor?

A Child Advisor helps to decide on the activities to work on as a Team and to develop these together with the help of Child Rights Connect.

These could be activities on making new child-friendly materials for children about their rights and the UN, gathering ideas from your peers on child rights issues (maybe climate change, the digital environment, or something else!) or advising Child Rights Connect on how to empower more child-led groups in its global network.

The activities of the Team will fit within these goals:

- Guide Child Rights Connect in delivering its 4-year plan (see it [here](#));
- Help make a stronger connection between children and the UN;
- Reach out to your peers, networks and child-led groups, to be part of our activities and network;
- Act as a global platform for children to speak with a strong and united voice to the UN.

Our Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedure will be at the core of all our activities to make sure all children involved in the Team and its activities are safe from harm.

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Why should you join?

- You will be supported to learn about children's rights through education and training, including by learning about your rights as a human rights defender and being empowered to exercise them!
- You will learn how to empower other children to take part in activities and increase our positive impact;
- You will be able to connect and exchange closely with other children across the world and develop knowledge and understanding of different challenges and good practices on children's rights;
- You will have the chance propose activities and campaigns that you might be involved in within your community or country to an international and UN level, representing your peers!

How does the Team communicate and what commitment is expected?

- Using an online platform called Basecamp. If you do not have regular access to the internet, your supporting organisation will help you.
- Using Zoom to have online group calls at least once a month. Sometimes there will be more calls for different activities and projects.
- We expect that the different activities might take around 5 hours per month in total (between our meetings and activities/projects you work on with your peers and networks). This will be flexible and change depending on the different tasks where some might require more time. There will never be pressure to participate, and you can take a break for any reason. Just let us know!

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What is the supporting organisation?

- A member or a partner organisation of Child Rights Connect – it can also be a child or youth-led organisation. They must commit to giving support and guidance to a child advisor in their role.
- It is essential that each child advisor has a supporting organisation because they will be the main contact in your country to help you in your role and to make sure all the activities are safe and meaningful.
- If you do not have a supporting organisation, we can try to help you find one in your country.
- You can find out more about the role of supporting organisations [here](#).

Who can apply?

- Children who will not turn 18 years old before 31 December 2024.
- Children who can commit to being part of the Team from January 2024 to December 2024.
- Children who are interested in learning more about children's rights and to be involved in activities at local, national, and international levels.



If you meet the above, we'd love for you to apply!



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The 9 requirements for child participation that we will always follow:



Being able to access information about the Team and its activities and about your rights.



It is your choice to participate and you can decide not to take part at any point. Just let us know.



Your views and ideas to be respected by adults.



The activities will be engaging, and there will be space for you to put forward any issues that are important to you.



There will be preparations so that all children will feel motivated to participate in the activities, within comfortable and friendly spaces.



The activities will be open equally to all children to take part from all communities and backgrounds, including children with disabilities.



Adults will be prepared for the different activities so that all children are comfortable and feel supported and listened to.



Adults will make sure that children are safe and know who to talk to if they feel unsafe.



You will get feedback on how your views have been acted on by adults, and the chance to give your opinion on the results of this project and the activities you took part in.