

# CAT<sup>2024</sup>

## Children's Advisory Team

Child Rights Connect's Children's Advisory Team (CAT) is a global team of child human rights defenders who support Child Rights Connect to shape and take forward activities on children's rights.

The CAT is part of the structure of Child Rights Connect and renews 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 13 child advisors of CAT 2024 and how they imagine a better world for all children of today and tomorrow!



# HOW DO YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE ALL CHILDREN ARE SAFE?

For me, a world where children are safe is somewhere where children are listened to and their views are heard. A place where children are free to express themselves without the fear of being judged. A place where children are involved in making decisions that concern their lives and well-being. A place where tradition doesn't block out the voices of children and would be put in place to protect the child and not to please others. A place where children can be children so that they let out their imaginations and be as playful as possible. A place where parents and adults in general would correct a child and not take control of the child's life. A place where adults would prevent children from harm's way instead of pushing them towards the danger.

To me this would be a safe place for children.

**Doris, 13, Zambia**



I imagine the world like a mother and father who take care of their children everyday. The head of every state should ensure peace with every part of the world. A child friendly world where all children have access to their rights directly, for example children are able to get free education, free health and sports and children with disabilities are getting the environment that they need. Every parent takes good care of their children. Parents should give priority to practical education and culture and tradition to their children. Everyone would be respecting all types of children from any gender.

**Arjun, 17, Nepal**



As Hala, a Palestinian girl and passionate advocate for children's rights, I envision a world where every child is safe, respected, and allowed to thrive. I also envision a peaceful world. In this world, children will not have to fear violence, exploitation, or discrimination. They will have access to quality education, health care, and adequate nutrition, ensuring their physical and mental well-being. In this world, a child will not fear that a bullet will kill their dream, that an obstacle will hinder them, or that their university will be destroyed! In this world, the child will not have to worry about whether they will die of hunger tomorrow or not... In this world, the child will not be killed or injured. They will dream, study, and play without fear! They will grow up and fulfill their dream and benefit the world and their community. Governments and communities should also prioritize the protection and empowerment of children, and invest in programs and policies that support their development. For the children to grow up. In this world, the cycle of poverty, inequality, and double standards will be broken, paving the way for a brighter and more equitable future for all.

**Hala, 17, Palestine**



# HOW DO YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE CHILDREN'S RIGHT ARE RESPECTED ?

*Coming Soon*

Anghelina, 17, Moldavia

I imagine a world in which children are safe and protected, our rights are not violated, education is accessible to all and physical and mental health are a priority

A place full of dreams, innocence and smiles, without any type of discrimination, adults who consider our opinions when making decisions.

A paradise where there is no fear to think, do and be.

Dulce, 13, Ecuador

In a world where the rights of the child are respected, every child must feel free to express themselves, to listen compassionately, to enjoy leisure, to be equal, to belong to a fair society where their destiny in the field of quality and equitable education for all, protection during periods of war, violence and community conflicts must be a major and relentless concern for all. This concern should allow the child to feel very close to the rest of the world.

Espoir, 16, Democratic Republic of Congo



# HOW DO YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS?



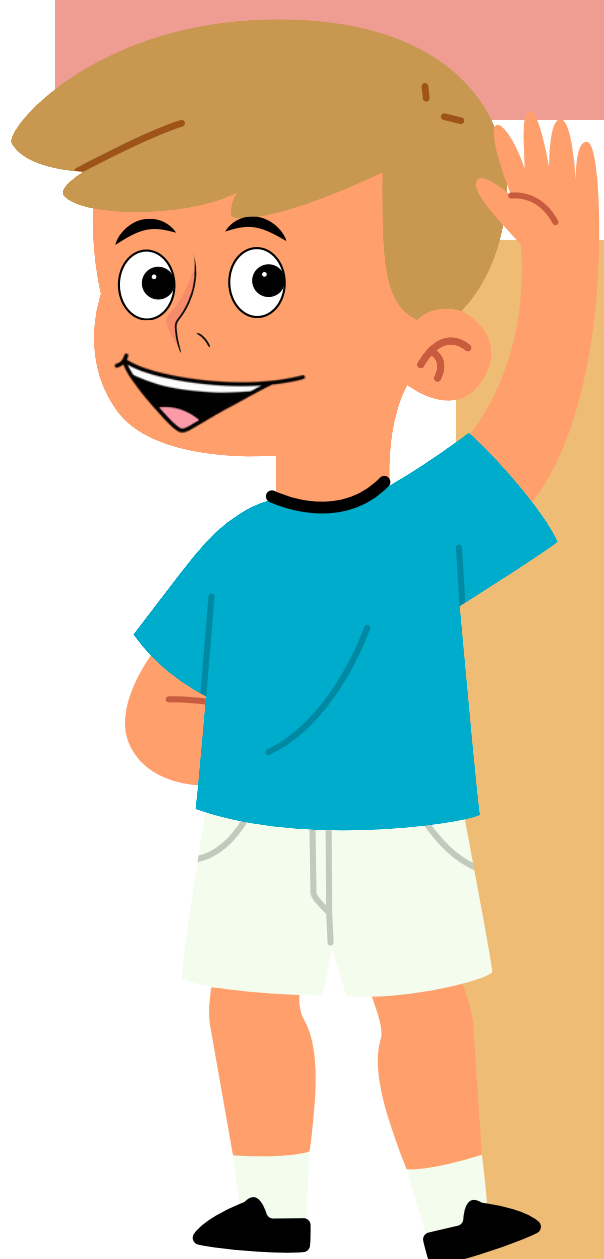
Have you ever imagined a world where people respect each other no matter their race, color, gender or ethnicity? A world where people live in balance with nature, as they understand that the planet and themselves are one? For me, that would be a world where children learn about their rights, because by learning about them, they will be developing a next generation of changemakers that will contribute to a world of peace, respect, empathy and balance. A world where children are not worried about going to school, playing with their friends in a natural park or swimming in a clean river. We still have time to reach this world and a way to start is by teaching our children about their rights.

**Catarina, 16, Brazil**

I imagine a world where children learn about their rights in a world in which they will raise their voices so that every child in the world can enjoy their rights. Then, all children will be able to live happily, peacefully, safely and without trauma. They will be able to responsibly and consciously ensure tomorrow's future in which children's rights will be respected by all.



**Marie-Reine, 13, Togo**



In a world where children learn about their rights they understand them and can spread their knowledge to other children. If they understand their rights they can strengthen their boundaries, which makes it harder for others to violate them. Children who learn about their rights realise when someone doesn't respect them. Therefore children are more likely to change their society which develops them, and makes them more child friendly.

**Thröstur, 16, Iceland**

# HOW DO YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE ADULTS LISTEN TO CHILDREN?



A world where adults listen to children would be very nice because many children think differently about how we could improve our world. Children could also express themselves freely without anyone to silence them or intimidate them not to tell the truth or how they feel. Many children would give incredible ideas about ways to change the world. They would feel supported and listened to, they would not be afraid to speak and express themselves. Everyone would have a say about their rights and their equality to improve every day. Finally, as they grow up they would have a good education and be able to teach their children, friends or relatives about respect, mutual help and to value our planet with gratitude.

**Miranda, 13, Colombia**

I imagine a world where adults listen to children as free, safer and more included. Even though adults don't see it, children understand and are privy to a lot of things. In today's economy, children's opinions are frequently overlooked and disregarded by adults, their voices going unheard. There is a quote that says "Children are our future." I agree but in a different way, children aren't only our future but they are our present. A lot of decisions that adults make affect children all over the globe. The opinions children have are extremely important because they provide a unique view on the world than others. Children that have gone through or were born into times when the world was not a kind place have a unique understanding of it. Kids have different perspectives on things than adults and those perspectives can be very valuable. It's always adults teaching children but children also teach adults in some ways as well. It's very important to listen to the thoughts and ideas of children because they won't just help better the world for other kids but for adults and countries as well.

**Freja, 13, Canada**



A world where adults listen to children, where they act in the interest of the next generation and improve their lives. There, if you give your opinion it would be taken into consideration and not be neglected. Where you can freely express yourself and say what you need and want. A world where life is great. This world would be amazing, but why "would"? Why don't we make "our world" look and sound as good as the imaginary one. Parents, teachers, political figures and adults should start listening to us more. This will remove the parent-child separation and will make a stronger bond between them. Kids will stop thinking that their opinions are worthless and will know that they matter too.

We as people should try our best to get the best of this "imaginary world" and make it a real world, step-by-step!

**Denis, 16, Bulgaria**



In a world where adults listen to children, I don't think there would not be as much worrying about climate as there is, because the kids, who will have to live that, would be given sources to improve the situation. In a world where adults listen to children, general mental health would be better, because there would be much more understanding and way more information on important topics.

A world where adults listen to children, children would be properly given advice, taking into account very own cases and problems. In a world where adults listen to children, suicide, murder, rape rates would not be as high, because kids would be well educated, and helped in case there was a mental health disorder. In conclusion, I think that in a world where adults listen to children, society would be more focused on the future and the development of the child, to create a respectful and secure society.

**Nahia, 13, Spain**

