

## Call for applications:

### Join the Child Rights Connect **Children's Advisory Team!**

**Topic:** Children Human Rights Defenders

**Aim:** To help the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to prepare and conduct a Day of General Discussion (DGD) on the topic of Children Human Rights Defenders in Geneva in September 2018.

#### Background information:

- Please read the Proposal for the DGD [here](#).

#### Why create a Children's Advisory Team?

- The UN Committee wants children to be at the heart of the DGD and for children's voices to be central in all aspects of the preparations, throughout the Day itself and what happens afterwards.
- Child Rights Connect wants to make sure that children human rights defenders are *involved in all stages of our decisions and planning for the DGD*.

#### What will be the key tasks if you are a Child Advisor?

You will have a central role to inform the preparations, implementation and follow-up of the DGD 2018 and to lead on specific tasks. Your main tasks will be:

- To review/amend the Children's Advisory Team Terms of Reference.
- Communicate and work with the other DGD coordination groups.
- Take forward meetings with peers to help develop a child-friendly version of the DGD concept note.
- Take forward meetings with peers to offer proposals and ideas for a DGD exhibition.
- Help to prepare, plan for and support consultations in your country and in collaboration with other Child Advisors to inform the background paper of the DGD.
- Be in regular contact with the Child Rights Connect Secretariat through online communications.
- The Child Advisors will define a selection process if there are opportunities for children to attend face-to-face meetings.
- To help to disseminate information on the DGD and publications widely at national level and encourage peers to be engaged.

**To have a better idea of the timeline of some of these tasks and other key milestones of the DGD check the flowchart below (Anne 1).**

### Selection Criteria for Child Advisors:

- ✓ The selection criteria can be found in the [Terms of Reference for the Children's Advisory Team](#).

### All children will need a supporting organisation:

- A supporting organisation must be a member of Child Rights Connect, or a partner of a member, and by endorsing an application, agree to offer support to the Child Advisor in fulfilling his/her role and commit to maintaining contact with Child Rights Connect, throughout the mandate of the children, if selected.
- The supporting organisation must have an adequate and functioning Child Protection Policy and must ensure support and protection of the children throughout the project.
- The supporting organisation must offer assistance where needed for the child to do consultations with their peers on local level, and other support with tasks as needed.
- Supporting travel arrangements and organising an accompanying adult to travel with the child when needed.
- To follow-up with the children involved after the DGD.
- Play a role in translating documents and facilitating interpretation.

### Participation will be guided by the following 9 Child Participation Principles of the Committee:

1. Being able to **access information** all about the project and about your right to be listened to and for your views to be acted on.
2. It is your **choice to participate** and you can decide not to take part at any point.
3. Your views and ideas to be **respected** by adults.
4. The activities will be **interesting and familiar** to your life, and there will be space for you to put forward any issues that are important to you.
5. Friendly space: there will be preparations so that all children will feel happy to participate in the activities, within **comfortable and friendly spaces**.
6. The activities should be **open equally to all children** to take part from all communities and backgrounds, including children with disabilities.
7. **Adults will be prepared** for the different activities so that all children are comfortable and feel supported and listened to.
8. Adults will make sure that children are **safe** and know who to talk to if they feel unsafe.
9. **Follow-up:** 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.

If you are a child interested in becoming a Child Advisor on the Children's Advisory Team, please [apply here!](#) Supporting organisations will need to [apply here](#). The deadline for all applications is **19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

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