Using children’s rights to recover from the Global Pandemic: The closing conference for the Building Children’s Futures project

Date: 3 July 2024.

Time: 9:00am – 11:45 am Central European Time / 8:00am – 10:45am Irish time.

Location: In-person at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valletta Malta, and online.

Register by completing this form.

Summary:

As part of the EU-funded Building Children's Futures project, Eurochild is organising an international hybrid conference on the importance of using child rights impact assessments to develop public policies with children and youth representatives across Europe in Malta, July 3 2024.

This conference targets institutions, representatives, and other key stakeholders to ensure children’s participation in decision-making processes in emergency situations.

The conference will present the results and findings created through the Building Children’s Futures project to a European audience.

This event will take place as part of Eurochild’s larger Networking Convention, Fostering Rights-Based Solutions to Tackle Child Poverty and Social Exclusion across Europe, which takes place July 2-3 2024 in Valletta, Malta at the Grand Excelsior Hotel.

Attendees: Approximately 200 people in total, in person and online, made up of civil society organisations and decision-makers in the field of children's rights, and children and young people themselves.

Contact Ciaran O’Donnell at the Eurochild Secretariat if you have any questions.

Event Programme

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| 09:00-09:15 | Conference host: Mieke Schuurman, Director of Children’s Rights and Capacity Building, Eurochild;  
|           | Welcoming remarks: Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Eurochild and President of Malta Foundation of Wellbeing in Society MFWS, and former President of Malta. |

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• Rayaa, Eurochild Children Council and Building Children’s Futures Child and Youth Advisory Group (CYPAG) - Presenting the CYPAG’s involvement and reflections on child rights impact assessments, supported by Foróige;
• Dr Danielle Kennan, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the University of Galway - Sharing the impact of Covid-19 on children and young people throughout Europe;
• Karla Charles, EU Programmes and Know Your Rights Project Manager, Children’s Rights Alliance - Sharing best practices of responses to the pandemic using child rights impact assessments for children and young people – Children’s Rights Alliance;
• Linda O’Sullivan, Child Rights Policy Unit, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth, Government of Ireland – reflecting on how child rights impact assessments will be implemented in Ireland.

Followed by Q&A with audience offline and online.

Reflections on the role child rights impact assessments can play in the EU
• Marie-Cécile Rouillon, Coordinator on the Rights of the Child for the European Commission (online).

10:15-10:20: Comfort break for re-organising the stage. Refreshments will be available outside.

10:20-11:00 Roundtable panel – Expert perspectives and reflections on the role of child rights impact assessments (CRIA) across Europe

Moderated by Julie Ahern, Director of Legal, Policy and Services, Children’s Rights Alliance Ireland.

• Colma Nic Lughadha, National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People’s Services Committees, Tusla Child and Family Agency in Ireland – reflecting on implementation of CRIAs in Ireland;
• Professor Cath Larkins, University of Central Lancashire – the Council of Europe’s Child Participation Assessment Tool;
• Professor Bruce Adamson, University of Glasgow, and former Children and Young People’s Commissioner for Scotland – integrating CRIAs in Scotland;

11:10-11:30 Discussion with the audience and panellists on how CRIAs can work in practice and on best practice examples across Europe and the Eurochild network (20mins)
Q&A (offline and online), followed by World Café Format for in-person participants and sharing of key audience takeaways.

11:35-11:40 Concluding remarks by Tanya Ward, CEO at Children’s Rights Alliance

11:40-11:45: Conference close