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A collection of bright young minds from around the world have gathered in Rome for the Junior 8, a weeklong conference for young people to exchange and debate ideas about how to best improve global conditions for children.

A select group of the young people will personally present their recommendations to the world leaders of the Group of 8 Summit July ninth.

It officially opened July sixth with a press conference chaired by a former participant from Italy, Lorenzo Casullo. The panel included a number of top officials, from the Italian government and UNICEF, as well as young participants from Italy. But it was another former participant, Fernanda Winter of Brazil, who had the last word.

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The Junior 8 summit, or J8, is a parallel event to the G8 summit, and takes place at roughly the same time, in a location near the G8 summit. This year, 54 young people represent each of the G8 countries (of Italy, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States), as well as Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Mexico and South Africa.

They began the week in front of the Colosseum, in an event encouraging G8 leaders to listen and act. It featured a giant paper mache ear, in which the young people deposited slips of paper offering tips to world leaders about what to focus on at the G8.

Later, they sat down for a nine-course meal with one of Italy's top chefs, Gualtiero Marchesi. They sampled simple culinary pleasures from around the world.

The next morning, it was down to business.

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Shotlist

1. WIDE SHOT, room full of young people mingling with a handful of adults, under a large "J8" banner
2. MED SHOT, three girls behind of "Francia" sign
3. MED SHOT, two boys behind "Giappone" sign
4. MED SHOT, two girls behind "Brasile" sign
5. MED SHOT, two boys behind "Canada" sign
6. MED SHOT, boy, woman and girl behind "India" sign
7. MED SHOT, girl with white head scarf sitting in front of microphone
8. WIDE SHOT, view over seats looking to panel of speakers seated at front of hall; a man can be seen projected on large screen behind panel
9. CLOSE UP, young man in front of microphone (Lorenza Casullo)
10. CLOSE UP, woman standing in front of microphone
11. CLOSE UP, man with glasses and headphones seated at panel
12. MED SHOT, two boys and two girls seated at panel
13. MED SHOT, young woman seated in front of flags
14. SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH), Fernanda Winter, J8 Youth Facilitator:
"We hope that the policy makers and world leaders will assume effectively the commitment of listening to us, and insuring that important participation space, such as the J8, keeps going on."
15. MED SHOT, Chinese boy wearing "J8" tshirt speaks into microphone; a row of children are seated to his left
16. CLOSE UP, UNICEF flag placed in red chair
17. WIDE SHOT, exterior of large building where J8 is being held
18. WIDE SHOT, young people move in a circle, saying, "Moving!"
19. WIDE SHOT, tall girl in white shirt takes photo of five boys outside
20. CLOSE UP, face of smiling boy in orange shirt
21. MED SHOT, boy in orange shirt sits between two other boys on bench
22. WIDE SHOT, group of children in orange shirts stand in front of UNICEF banner and giant paper mache ear (Colosseum visible in background)

different nationalities -- we have to realize that we all have the same rights and we are equal in this aspect," said Richmond Mahlubandile Sajini, a participant from South Africa.

They're spending most of their time ahead of the meeting with world leaders working on four issues: climate change, poverty in Africa, the global economic crisis, and quality education. With millions of children under the age of five dying each year from largely preventable causes, the stakes are high.

As they move forward, the J8 participants are thinking big. As one boy said, "If humanity was able to put a man on the moon, it should be able to solve the humanitarian problems it faces."

23. CLOSE UP, orange shirt reading "LISTEN... ACT!"
24. WIDE SHOT, giant paper mache ear in front of Colosseum
25. MED SHOT, line of children in orange shirts writing on pieces of paper on the person in front of them
26. CLOSE UP, hand writing on piece of paper
27. WIDE SHOT, children seated at dinner tables set up outside
28. MED SHOT, famous chef Gualtiero Marchesi seated at table
29. CLOSE UP, girl raises piece of mozzarella to her mouth and takes a bite
30. MED SHOT, cook in white outfit pours dressing on salad at table of young people
31. WIDE SHOT, curved podium at front of lecture hall, where a dozen children are seated at microphones; a "J8" banner can be seen behind them
32. SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH), Richmond Mahlubandile Sajini, J8 participant:
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33. MED SHOT, girl clapping
34. MED SHOT, four children standing having a discussion; a poster can be seen in front of them reading "July 5th Agenda"
35. MED SHOT, girl in purple shirt holding microphone
36. MED SHOT, Guatemalan women and their young children standing outside (UNICEF file footage from Guatemala)
37. CLOSE UP, face of Guatemalan baby
38. CLOSE UP, girl with glasses sitting down, looking at her laptop
39. CLOSE UP, boy and girl seated in red chairs, looking off-camera (group of other children are seated behind them)
40. WIDE SHOT, bicycle parked against a tree (UNICEF file footage from Burkina Faso)
41. CLOSE UP, a small baby grabs its mother's thumb (UNICEF file footage from Burkina Faso)
42. WIDE SHOT, shot looking over shoulder of two girls with bushy hair seated in red chairs in lecture hall
43. CLOSE UP, hand-written posters taped to podium in front of lecture hall.

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