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## Foreword

The participation of children in schools, community action, organizations, media, programmes, policy advocacy and governance has gained growing support over the past 15 years. This interest in children's active involvement is being stimulated by an increased understanding of children's development, abilities and contributions, and a greater recognition of children's citizenship and their rights to expression, decision making, information and association.

The spread of children's participation has produced a large amount of materials on a wide range of aspects of child and youth participation. As this resource guide shows, documents are available on children's participation in education, HIV prevention, health, hygiene and sanitation promotion, environmental protection, urban planning, emergency response and preparedness, and the protection of children and adolescents from exploitation, violence and abuse, to name only a few. Children's participation has moved far beyond the exclusive domain of child rights organizations and is well on its way to becoming a mainstream concern. As this compilation shows, children's participation means different things in different sectors and is more developed in some programme areas than in others.

Much of the information on child and youth participation is not easily accessible in one place. Materials on children's participation in a specific sector can be difficult to find. Moreover, it is often difficult to identify the most useful resources for a specific purpose. This resource guide has been compiled in response to a growing need expressed by practitioners to organize the large and diverse literature on children's participation. The guide provides a user-friendly directory of key resources through an extensive annotated bibliography with links to websites, where available. The guide also includes a searchable CD-ROM, which provides easy access to full-text documents.

It is hoped that this annotated resource guide will further stimulate the promotion of children's involvement in decisions and actions that affect and concern them.



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# Introduction

This guide presents resources on child and youth participation from Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America, Africa, Australia and the Pacific. Most of the materials are available in electronic form and have been included in the CD-ROM that is part of this guide. The main audiences for this resource guide are practitioners and managers involved in promoting child and youth participation in government, community-based organizations, child-led organizations, NGOs and UN and donor agencies.

This annotated bibliography is selective rather than exhaustive. It provides an overview of existing resources and assists readers in seeking further information through the listed websites and organizational links. The guide focuses on materials in English that have broad relevance and applicability and are available electronically. The bibliography concentrates largely on the participation of under-18-year-olds. It does not attempt to systematically include the considerable literature on the participation of young adults. Users are referred to the *Guide to the Global Youth Movement* (<http://www.youthmovements.org/guide/globalguide.htm>), which offers an excellent resource directory on youth issues.

Many of the materials included here are available for free downloading from the Internet. Every effort has been made to check and double check that web addresses are correct. However, websites change frequently and there is no guarantee that the listed web addresses will be working in the future. In case of difficulties accessing documents on the web, users should check the home page of the organization that published the document. The contact information for the organization, author, publisher or distributor is provided for documents not available online. Most websites and Internet portals are updated regularly with new information. Periodic visits will help readers keep up with new publications.

The list of **key websites on children's participation** provides a summary of some of the most important portals, networks, listservs, and organizations for child and youth participation. These websites provide a rich source of information and are good starting points for a search of resources for children's participation. Beyond this group of websites, there is a growing number of NGOs, UN agencies and research institutions that support child and youth participation without necessarily using the term 'children's participation'. A broader web search using terms, such as 'child-centred', 'child-friendly', 'child rights', 'youth involvement' or 'youth citizenship' may uncover additional useful materials on children's participation.

Documents listed in this guide are organized into four broad categories and 27 thematic areas. The thematic areas demonstrate the wide range of activities in which children and young people are involved. This is a reference document, and most users will read specific chapters rather than the whole guide from cover to cover. Accordingly, many resources have been cited more than once in the bibliography since topics overlap and some resources cover more than one issue related to children's participation. The descriptions of the resources are often based on the notes presented on the websites.



**Part One: Introduction to child and youth participation:** This section includes information on concepts and approaches to the participation of children and young people. It includes materials on frameworks, ethical issues, capacity building and resource mobilization for child and youth participation. Many resources are available on the concepts of child and youth participation. Much less has been written on standards, indicators or policy frameworks for children's participation.

**Part Two: Children involved in research, analysis, planning, implementation and evaluation:** A large body of literature is available on conducting research with children. This section includes materials on evaluating children's participation and assessing the factors that contribute to the success or failure of participation initiatives. Children's participation in the project cycle is also listed in this section, covering various phases from planning to implementation.

**Part Three: Children's participation in programme areas:** This part presents resources on children's participation in a wide range of programme areas and settings. This section shows that child and youth participation is becoming a mainstream issue (e.g. in HIV and AIDS programming) and has moved beyond the traditional realm of child rights organizations. The nature, purpose and focus of children's participation differ significantly between programme areas and issues. In health, water, sanitation and emergency relief programmes, children's involvement focuses largely on children's contributions to research and programme implementation. In education, the emphasis is more on child development. HIV and AIDS initiatives promote children's rights to information and their active involvement in prevention activities. Children's participation is a key element of self-protection. Some of the most political forms of children's participation have been developed by child workers.

**Part Four: Children involved in political decision making:** This section includes resources on children's participation in policy analysis (in NPAs, CRC reporting, MDGs, PRSPs, youth policy) and examples of children and youth in governance and public decision-making processes. This section also includes chapters on children and youth in adult organizations, children in conferences and consultations, and youth involvement in the media. The section on children's organizations, networks and movements gives an overview of existing initiatives that range from strengthening child-led organizations to promoting guiding principles for children's organizations.

The **CD-ROM** accompanying this guide contains full-text electronic versions of many of the resources included in the annotated bibliography. Most documents are in PDF format; some are MS-Word files. An electronic version of the resource guide is included on the CD. Instructions for accessing and searching files are printed on the CD cover.

# Key Websites on Children's Participation

## Web Portals, Networks and Listservs

### Advocates for Youth

[www.advocatesforyouth.com](http://www.advocatesforyouth.com)

Advocates for Youth network contains more than 10,000 youth working together to fight for accurate sexual health information and services.

### At the Table

[www.atthetable.org](http://www.atthetable.org)

At the Table provides resources and information on how to involve young people in decision making. The website has documents for downloading and links to agencies promoting youth participation in adult organizations.

### ChildParticipationInSouthAsia

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChildParticipationInSouthAsia/>

This listserv has more than 1,000 subscribers from around the world and is a useful forum for disseminating materials, posting messages and questions, and for organizing discussions on children's participation.

### Children as Partners

[www.iicrd.org/cap/](http://www.iicrd.org/cap/)

CAP is a website designed by children and adults to promote meaningful partnerships. It contains publications, tools and research reports on children's participation.

### Children's House

[www.child-abuse.com/childhouse](http://www.child-abuse.com/childhouse)

This interactive resource centre has many sections on various child-related issues, such as child rights, research, early childhood development, education and so on. Each section has some relevant resources on children's participation.

### Children's Rights Alliance for England

[www.crae.org.uk](http://www.crae.org.uk)

CRAE is an alliance of over 320 organizations committed to children's rights. The website has a section called Ready Steady Change, which includes resources, publications and training tools on children's participation.

### Children's and Young People's Participation Learning Network

[www.uwe.ac.uk/solar/ChildParticipationNetwork/Home.htm](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/solar/ChildParticipationNetwork/Home.htm)

This network seeks to stimulate thinking, policy and practice concerning children's and young people's participation. The website offers sections on a range of aspects and links to other websites and to network members working on children's participation in the UK.

### Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)

[www.crin.org](http://www.crin.org)

CRIN is a global network that disseminates information about children's rights and participation. CRIN publishes a newsletter on children's rights and presents extensive information about children's rights and participation according to different themes. It also features previous issues of the newsletter on children's participation.

### Childwatch International

[www.childwatch.unio.no](http://www.childwatch.unio.no)

Childwatch is an international network of childhood researchers and research institutes. The website includes information on projects, research proposals and links to electronic newsletters and resources.

### **Child Workers in Asia Foundation**

[www.cwa.tnet.co.th/cwa-network.html](http://www.cwa.tnet.co.th/cwa-network.html)

CWA is a network of nearly 100 NGOs working on child labour issues in Asia. The website has information on its Task Forces on Children's Participation in South and Southeast Asia.

### **Eldis Resource Guide on Children and Young People**

[www.eldis.org/children/index.htm](http://www.eldis.org/children/index.htm)

This online resource guide offers access to key documents, organizations, research and other resources on children and youth. The website is categorized by themes and has a resource section on child and youth participation that is updated regularly.

### **Institute of Development Studies**

[www.ids.ac.uk/ids/particip/index.html](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/particip/index.html)

The home page of the Participation Group at the Institute of Development Studies is one of the leading sources of information on the research and practice of citizen participation and on participatory approaches to development.

### **Latin-American Youth Directory**

[www.infoyouth.org/LAYD/ingles/5Inao/INAO\\_00.htm](http://www.infoyouth.org/LAYD/ingles/5Inao/INAO_00.htm)

This website has an extensive database of youth organizations in Latin America. Organizations are classified according to categories for easy reference.

### **Media Activities and Good Ideas by, with and for Children (MAGIC)**

[www.unicef.org/magic/](http://www.unicef.org/magic/)

The MAGIC website is for media initiatives aimed at involving young people. This site offers many resources for parents, children, teachers and others who involve children in media work. It has a useful resource section with downloads and links to other relevant sites.

### **NSW New Commission for Children and Young People**

[www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au)

This Australian website has a resources and publications section that has many useful and practical references on children's participation.

### **Participation.net**

[www.pnet.ids.ac.uk/about.htm](http://www.pnet.ids.ac.uk/about.htm)

Participation.net is a global, online space for sharing ideas about the participation of people in development, citizenship, governance and rights.

### **Participation Works**

[www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk)

This web portal hosts comprehensive information on children's participation, with access to policy, practice, networks and information from across the UK.

### **Resource Centres for Participatory Learning and Action**

[www.rcpla.org/index.html](http://www.rcpla.org/index.html)

RCPLA is an international network of organizations that promote the empowerment of disadvantaged people through participation in their own development. The website allows members to share resources and experiences about Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) approaches.

### **Save the Children Alliance**

[www.savethechildren.net/alliance/index.html](http://www.savethechildren.net/alliance/index.html)

The International Save the Children Alliance has 27 members and works in over 100 countries to protect the rights of children. The website contains links to member organizations and includes resources on children's participation, education, conflict, HIV/AIDS, emergencies, child abuse and exploitation. Among the members, Save the Children Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and UK have extensive databases and resources on children's participation. Many materials are available online or for purchase.

### **Save the Children Sweden, Southeast, East Asia and Pacific Region**

[www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

This website contains many useful resources specific to the region, especially on children's participation, child labour, the UN Study on Violence Against Children, and the physical and emotional punishment of children.

### **UNEP**

[www.unep.org/Tunza/](http://www.unep.org/Tunza/)

United Nations Environment Programme's website for children and youth includes useful information on their active involvement in preserving the planet.

### **UNESCO Youth portal for Latin America**

[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.phpURL\\_ID=30216&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.phpURL_ID=30216&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

### **UNICEF**

[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)

This site includes information on UNICEF's initiatives for children and adolescents. The publications link provides information by region, topic and publication date.

### **Voices of Youth**

[www.unicef.org/voy](http://www.unicef.org/voy)

This site provides a global electronic discussion forum for youth on children's rights.

### **Youth HIV**

[www.youthhiv.org](http://www.youthhiv.org)

A website that is created by and for HIV-positive youth and peer educators. It is a project created by Advocates for Youth and offers useful information and recommendations on support services.

## Organizations, Institutes and Journals

### Article 12

[www.article12.org](http://www.article12.org)

Article 12 is a children's rights organization run by children younger than 18 for under-18-year-olds.

### Barnardo's

[www.barnardos.org](http://www.barnardos.org)

Barnardo's works with vulnerable children and young people in the UK. The resources section on the website lists information on children's participation and citizenship.

### Bernard van Leer Foundation

[www.bernardvanleer.org](http://www.bernardvanleer.org)

The Bernard van Leer Foundation works to improve opportunities for children between the ages 0 and 8 who live in circumstances of social and economic disadvantage. The website provides information on early childhood projects, publications and links to many organizations and resources. The publications section includes newsletters and working papers on the participation of younger children.

### Canadian International Development Agency

[www.acdi-cida.gc.ca](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca)

CIDA's website includes many publications related to children's participation under the Child Protection section.

### Carnegie Young People Initiative

[www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/cypi/home](http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/cypi/home)

CYPI is an initiative of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, set up to increase the involvement of children and young people in decisions that affect them. The website includes many useful resources on children's participation.

### Child Friendly Cities

[www.childfriendlycities.org](http://www.childfriendlycities.org)

UNICEF's Child Friendly Cities initiative promotes cities where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions. The website includes information on child-friendly city frameworks, toolkits and directories of partner organizations and a bibliography.

### Children's Environment Research Group

[http://web.gc.cuny.edu/che/cerg/about\\_cerg/index.htm](http://web.gc.cuny.edu/che/cerg/about_cerg/index.htm)

The CERG research group focuses on participatory research with children on environmental issues. The website offers information on participatory environmental projects with children and research publications.

### Children's Research Centre

<http://childrens-research-centre.open.ac.uk/>

The main objective of the Children's Research Centre is to empower children as active researchers. The website includes examples of research conducted by children and other useful resources and links.

### Children, Youth and Environments

[www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/](http://www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/)

CYE is an international, interdisciplinary journal available online for free. The website includes peer-reviewed research articles, field reports, book reviews, a database of individuals and organizations worldwide, a calendar of upcoming events, an extensive searchable bibliography and video links.

### **Concerned for Working Children**

[www.workingchild.org](http://www.workingchild.org)

CWC is a south India-based NGO advocating for the rights of working children. The website includes information on CWC's publications and projects, including Dhruva, CWC's training unit on children's participation.

### **ECPAT International**

[www.ecpat.net](http://www.ecpat.net)

ECPAT works to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The website presents ECPAT's initiatives and resources on child and youth participation under International Projects.

### **ENDA**

<http://eja.enda.sn/page%20anglais/indexanglais.htm>

ENDA is an international NGO based in Dakar, Senegal. One of ENDA's focus areas is to support working children and youth in Africa. The website provides information about the African Movement of Working Children and Youth and an extensive list of links to organizations working for the rights of child labourers around the world.

### **Every Child Matters**

[www.everychildmatters.gov.uk](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk)

This site contains useful information on children's health, healthy schools, mental health and the participation of children and young people.

### **Freechild Project**

[www.freechild.org](http://www.freechild.org)

This site includes a database of resources on youth action. It makes social change action, education and resources accessible for young people from around the world. The [www.freechild.org/SIY/index.htm](http://www.freechild.org/SIY/index.htm) site hosts information on children and youth participation in philanthropy, schools, politics, local governance, libraries, non-profit organizations, media, international activism and advocacy.

### **Global Movement for Children**

[www.gmfc.org](http://www.gmfc.org)

GMC is a worldwide movement of organizations and people to build a world fit for children. The website offers information on the work of the ten leading organizations of the movement.

### **Global Youth Action Network**

[www.youthlink.org](http://www.youthlink.org)

GYAN is a youth-led network that facilitates youth participation. The website features resources on the Millennium Development Goals and youth and links to related websites on youth action and initiatives globally.

### **Growing Up in Cities**

[www.unesco.org/most/growing.htm](http://www.unesco.org/most/growing.htm)

UNESCO's Growing Up in Cities project aims to create child-friendly urban environments for children. The website has a useful publications section and links to country activities.

### **HIV/AIDS Impact on Education Clearinghouse**

<http://hivaidsclearinghouse.unesco.org/>

This clearinghouse has many resources on HIV and AIDS and children.

### **Innocenti Research Centre**

[www.unicef-icdc.org](http://www.unicef-icdc.org)

UNICEF's research institute conducts research on a wide range of children's issues. The website includes publications and research reports on children's rights and participation.

### **Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development**

[www.theinnovationcenter.org/](http://www.theinnovationcenter.org/)

The Innovation Center works with youth and adults, communities and organizations to enhance youth participation in creating a just and equitable society. The website presents resources on youth–adult partnership, community development, youth in citizenship and decision making.

### **International Institute for Child Rights and Development**

<http://web.uvic.ca/iicrd/index.html>

IICRD works at local and international levels to promote children’s rights. The website includes information on projects and publications, including a Children as Partners bibliography on children’s participation.

### **National Children’s Bureau**

[www.ncb.org.uk](http://www.ncb.org.uk)

The NCB undertakes research, evaluations and development projects to provide evidence for influencing policies and to develop best practices on participation and youth citizenship.

### **National Youth Agency**

[www.nya.org.uk](http://www.nya.org.uk)

The NYA promotes young people’s voice, influence and place in society. The website provides details of conferences, events, publications, training materials and other resources on youth participation. It has links to many partner sites, including Hear by Right, an online learning site on youth participation.

### **Plan International**

[www.plan-international.org/action/participation/](http://www.plan-international.org/action/participation/)

This section gives an overview of children’s involvement in Plan’s programmes and provides a list of relevant publications. Many country-level examples of children’s participation are listed under child-centred community development, education, water and sanitation, and specific country programmes.

### **PRO NATS**

[www.tu-berlin.de/fak1/gsw/pronats/pn\\_selbst\\_eng.html](http://www.tu-berlin.de/fak1/gsw/pronats/pn_selbst_eng.html)

This site includes information and resources on working children’s movements.

### **Refugee Studies Centre**

[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk)

The RSC focuses on research on forced migration and refugee issues. The website contains useful publications on children’s participation in conflict situations.

### **Save the Children, Canada**

[www.savethechildren.ca](http://www.savethechildren.ca)

The resource section on this website has many useful reports and publications on children’s rights and participation.

### **Save the Children, Sweden**

[www.rb.se/eng](http://www.rb.se/eng)

This site includes information and resource materials on children’s rights issues, including children’s participation. It also hosts an extensive library of SCS’s resources.

### **Save the Children, UK**

[www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

The section on resources includes many publications and materials on child rights, child protection and children’s participation.

**World Bank**

[www.worldbank.org/participation](http://www.worldbank.org/participation)

This is a site on participation and civic engagement with direct links to sources on participatory tools and methods.

**World Vision International**

[www.worldvision.org/](http://www.worldvision.org/)

The publication section in this website offers magazines, reports and books on child rights and children's participation and links to World Vision's country programmes.

**Youth at the United Nations**

[www.un.org/youth](http://www.un.org/youth)

This website has useful information on youth, including the World Youth Report 2005. It covers issues related to youth participation, youth and MDGs, and others.



**Part One Introduction to Child and Youth  
Participation**

## 1. Concepts of Children's Participation

**Black, Maggie, *Opening Minds, Opening Opportunities: Children's participation in action for working children*, Save the Children, London, 2003.**

This case study research was commissioned by the Save the Children Alliance Task Group on Children and Work to review the impact and lessons learned from working children's participation in Bangladesh, Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, India and Senegal. It illustrates a range of existing participatory initiatives with working children, analyses the impact of participation on their lives and provides recommendations for improving inclusive interventions with working children.

Available for download: [www.redbarnet.dk/Files/Filer/Rapporter/Opening\\_Minds.pdf](http://www.redbarnet.dk/Files/Filer/Rapporter/Opening_Minds.pdf)

**Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 2005.**

***One: Participation in the Second Decade of Life: What and Why?***

***Two: Adolescent and Youth Participation: Adults Get Ready!***

Developed in collaboration with UNICEF's Adolescent Development and Participation Unit, New York, these booklets are part of a set of four how-to guides on promoting meaningful adolescent participation in decision making. Together the booklets provide a comprehensive framework for participation that can be adapted for various social and cultural environments. The first booklet helps explain what participation is and why it is important to involve young people in decision-making processes. The second booklet addresses the roles adults can play in creating an environment, which enables meaningful youth participation.

Available for download: [cyp@commonwealth.int](mailto:cyp@commonwealth.int), website: [www.thecommonwealth.org](http://www.thecommonwealth.org)

**Cussianovich, Alejandro and Maria A. Marquez, *Towards a Protagonist Participation of Boys, Girls and Teenagers*, Save the Children Regional Office Sweden, Lima, 2002.**

This book is written by one of the leading children's participation activists in Latin America and deals with prevailing visions and notions of working children's participation among adults, institutions and children. It examines the existing practices and discusses opportunities for creating new avenues for constructive protagonist participation of boys and girls.

Available for download: [www.scslat.org/search/publieng.php?\\_cod\\_7\\_lang\\_e](http://www.scslat.org/search/publieng.php?_cod_7_lang_e)

**Flekkøy G. Malfrid and Natalie H. Kaufman, *The Participation Rights of the Child: Rights and responsibilities in family and society*. Children in Charge Series 4, Jessica Kingsley Publishers ISBN 1-8 5302-490-2 pb, 1997.**

This fourth volume in the Children in Charge Series analyses the participation rights of children in a comprehensive and accessible way. It considers different cultural contexts for children's participation and takes the evolving capacities of the child into account in the participation discourse.

**Francisco, Carolina, *Standing Up for Ourselves! A study on the concepts and practices of young people's rights to participation*, ECPAT International, Manila, 1999.**

This book discusses the capacity of and spaces for children to participate in projects and programmes, drawing on the principles of the CRC. It focuses particularly on children's participation in efforts against the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth.

Available for download:

[www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inter/Publication/Other/English/Pdf\\_page/ecpat\\_standing\\_up.pdf](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/Publication/Other/English/Pdf_page/ecpat_standing_up.pdf)

**Franklin, Bob (ed.), *The New Handbook of Children's Rights*, Routledge, ISBN 04152 50358, London, 2005.**

This handbook covers the debate concerning children's rights and development over the past 20 years. It also discusses the impact of recent British legislation on children in the areas of health, education and protection.

**Hart, Roger A., *Children's Participation: From tokenism to citizenship*, UNICEF International Child Development Centre (now Innocenti Research Centre), Florence, 1992.**

This booklet introduces the 'Ladder of Participation'. The ladder explains a model of participation through eight levels, starting from manipulation and non-participation and moving up towards equal participation of adults and children.

Available for download: [http://web.gc.cuny.edu/che/cerg/documents/childrens\\_participation.pdf](http://web.gc.cuny.edu/che/cerg/documents/childrens_participation.pdf)

**Hart, Roger A., *Children's Participation: The theory and practice of involving young citizens in community development and environmental care*, Earthscan, ISBN 1853833223, London, 1997.**

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This handbook is a practical tool for those involved in implementing principles and provisions of the CRC and realizing the human rights of children. Under each article of the Convention, the handbook records and analyses interpretations by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the internationally elected body of independent experts established to monitor progress for children's rights worldwide.

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**Booklet Four: Conferences and Events**

**Booklet Five: Meeting Together–Deciding Together**

**Booklet Six: Research and Resources about Participation**

Taking participation seriously consists of six booklets that provide comprehensive information and practical tools for involving youth in decision-making processes. **Sharing the Stage** explores the idea of youth participation and looks at five key elements that are necessary for effective participation in decision making. It includes practical ideas and examples of what has worked for other organizations. **All aBoard** looks at why and how organizations can involve children and young people on agency boards and committees. It provides information on recruitment, roles and responsibilities, induction, supporting young people before and after meetings, making meetings fun and much more. **Count Me In!** looks at how organizations can involve children and young people in research. **Checking the Scoreboard** is a resource guide that helps to get feedback from staff and children and young people involved with organizations about what has worked and where participation activities could be improved. **Conferences and Events** provides ideas and activities for helping children play meaningful roles before, during and after events so that everyone benefits from their participation. It includes stories about young people's participation in conferences. **Meeting Together–Deciding Together** helps young people to prepare for a meeting, participate during the meeting and debrief afterwards. It includes child-friendly templates for invitations, agendas and minutes. **Research and Resources about Participation** offers a guide on where to access information on youth participation and analyses some leading models of children's participation.

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Available for download: [www.worldbank.org/wbi/sourcebook/sbhome.html](http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/sourcebook/sbhome.html)

**Youth Peer Education Electronic Resource, *Peer Education Training of Trainers Manual*, UN Interagency Group on Young People's Health Development and Protection in Europe and Central Asia, Sub-Committee on Peer Education, 2003.**

This manual focuses on the training of trainers of peer educators and provides an example of a training programme. Themes include sexual and reproductive health, prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections, and substance use. Special considerations are given to gender and cultural sensitivity in conducting health education.

Available for download: [www.youthpeer.org/upload/resources/155\\_ResFile\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.youthpeer.org/upload/resources/155_ResFile_Manual.pdf)

## 4. Frameworks for Mainstreaming Children's Participation

**Council for the Welfare of Children and UNICEF, *The National Framework for Children's Participation: A guide in promoting and upholding children's participation in the Philippines*, Manila, Philippines, 2005.**

This is an introduction for policy makers and programme managers for strengthening work with children in diverse situations. The framework was drawn from the experiences of children and young people and includes a list of indicators for implementing and monitoring progress for children's participation.

Available from: [cwc@cwc.gov.ph](mailto:cwc@cwc.gov.ph), [manila@unicef.org](mailto:manila@unicef.org)

**Cutler, David and Alice Taylor, *Expanding and Sustaining Involvement: A snapshot of participation infrastructure for young people living in England*, Carnegie Young People Initiative and the Department for Education and Skills, UK, 2003.**

This report looks at the existing research on organizational participation infrastructure (both public and private institutions) in the UK. Infrastructure is defined as the systems and procedures, structures and resources that an organization uses to involve young people in public decision making. The document analyses the essential frameworks that need to be in place within organizations for good practice on children's participation.

Available for download: [www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/node/view/197](http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/node/view/197)

**Government of Ireland, *The National Children's Strategy, Our children – their lives*, The Stationary Office, Dublin, Ireland, 2000.**

The National Children's Strategy is an innovative social policy initiative to advance Ireland's implementation of the CRC. Based on six principles, this forms the basis for all future work on meeting the needs of children and their families. The framework highlights the three national goals: children will have a voice, children's lives will be better understood and children will benefit from quality services, supports and new structural arrangements to ensure implementation.

Available for download: [www.childfriendlycities.org/pdf/natchildrenexecutivesummary.pdf](http://www.childfriendlycities.org/pdf/natchildrenexecutivesummary.pdf)

**Kirby, Perpetua, Claire Lanyon, Kathleen Cronin and Ruth Sinclair, *Building a Culture of Participation: Involving children and young people in policy, service planning, delivery and evaluation*, Handbook. Department for Education and Skills, ISBN 0-9546695-1-7, Nottingham, UK, 2003.**

This handbook draws on the findings of a research study that explored the experiences of 29 organizations in seeking to listen to young people and to take action on what they said. It moves beyond the acceptance of children's involvement in organizations and looks at how commitments can be translated into practice by bringing about changes to actively involve children and young people in services and policy making.

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This report examines the practice and outcomes of children's participation in 29 organizations. Because most of the organizations did not formally document the outcomes of children's participation, the researchers relied on the perceptions of those involved.

Available for download: [www.cypu.gov.uk/corporate/participation](http://www.cypu.gov.uk/corporate/participation)

**Krauskopf Dina and Ginet Vargas, *Building Participation with Adolescents: Conceptual systematisation and strategic guidelines*, UNICEF TACRO, Panama City, 2003.**

Building on the results of the Regional Workshop on Experiences in Adolescent Participation, this document provides the strategic plan for UNICEF's work with adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean. It discusses the concept of participation for this age group and examines existing structural risks and opportunities. It proposes recommendations on developing the individual capabilities of adolescents and on finding appropriate ways for adolescents to contribute and participate in the family, school, community and society.

Available from: [tacro@unicef.org](mailto:tacro@unicef.org)

**Lansdown, Gerison, *Programming Strategy with and for Adolescents in East Asia and the Pacific*, UNICEF EAPRO, Bangkok, 2004.**

Adolescent participation is a cross-cutting issue that cannot be restricted to any one programme area. This document emphasizes the need to take a holistic approach towards building adolescent participation across all of UNICEF's work and affirms the cross-sector approach in dealing with other UN agencies and partners.

Available from: [eapro@unicef.org](mailto:eapro@unicef.org)

**Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Three Billion Reasons: Norway's development strategy for children and young people in the South*, Oslo, 2005.**

This strategy paper upholds the CRC principles by adopting a holistic approach to children and young people's development. It focuses on creating opportunities for active participation of children and young people in claiming their rights to health, education and protection. It also includes a checklist for monitoring compliance and progress in implementing this strategy.

Available for download: <http://odin.dep.no/ud/english/doc/plans/032181-220018/dok-bn.html>

**O'Kane, Claire, 'Mainstreaming Child Participation in Programming' *Children and Young People as Citizens: Partners for social change*, Book 2, Learning from Experience, Save the Children Alliance, South and Central Asia Region, Kathmandu, 2004, pp. 22-65.**

This chapter emphasizes that children's participation is a cross-cutting issue. It needs to be integrated in all stages and areas of work with children. The chapter provides recommendations for organizations moving towards a vision of children's participation.

Available for download: [www.savethechildren.net/nepal/citizens.html](http://www.savethechildren.net/nepal/citizens.html) or [www.savethechildren.net/alliance/resources/child\\_part/child\\_citizens\\_2.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.net/alliance/resources/child_part/child_citizens_2.pdf)

**Rajani, Rakesh, *The Participation Rights of Adolescents: A strategic approach*, UNICEF, New York, 2001.**

This is a resource for policy makers, programmers, advocates and activists interested in promoting the meaningful participation of young people at the global, country and community levels. The author argues that a development approach that emphasizes investing in young people's assets and protective factors is more effective than focusing only on fixing young people's problems.

Available for download: [www.unicef.org/adolescence/files/Participation\\_Rights\\_of\\_Adolescents\\_Rajani\\_2001.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/adolescence/files/Participation_Rights_of_Adolescents_Rajani_2001.pdf)

**Theis, Joachim, *Child and Adolescent Participation Strategy, East Asia and Pacific Region*, UNICEF EAPRO, Bangkok, 2005.**

This strategy paper aims to promote the participation of children and adolescents in the East Asia and Pacific region. It provides a comprehensive analysis of children's participation and proposes a systematic approach to promoting children's participation rights to information, expression, decision making and association.

Available from: [eapro@unicef.org](mailto:eapro@unicef.org)

**UNICEF, *Adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean: Policy Guidelines*, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNICEF TACRO, Bogota, 2001.**

This policy document presents proposals and guidelines for developing policies and programmes for adolescents based on the principles of the CRC. It recognizes the particular needs of adolescents and includes sections on education, health, families and communities.

Available for download: [www.uniceftacro.org](http://www.uniceftacro.org)

**UNICEF, 'Guidance note on promoting participation of children and young people', *Programme Policy and Procedures Manual*, Section 13, UNICEF, New York, 2005.**

This guidance note reflects UNICEF's transition to an approach to programme cooperation for children and women based on human rights principles. Section 13 provides a guide on promoting the participation of children and young people.

Available for download: [www.intranet.unicef.org](http://www.intranet.unicef.org) (only accessible by UNICEF staff)

**World Bank, *Children and Youth: A framework for action*, Section on Participation and Partnership, World Bank, Washington, D.C., 2005.**

This document outlines the World Bank's programming framework for children and youth. It includes references to and guidance for promoting the participation and citizenship of children and young people.

Available for download: <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTCY/Publications/20476402/WB-C&Yframeworkcompletewithcovers.pdf>

## 5. Mobilizing Resources for Children's Participation

This section provides some materials on mobilizing resources for child and youth participation. It lists general websites on resource mobilization and some bilateral funding agencies that are supporting children's participation. Many international NGOs listed in the key websites section fund children's participation initiatives and work in partnership with national organizations. There are many examples of local resource mobilization by NGOs and children's organizations, but few of these experiences have been documented.

### Ashoka's Citizen Base Initiative

[www.citizenbase.org/](http://www.citizenbase.org/)

Ashoka's Citizen Base Initiative aims to change the way non-profit agencies mobilize resources. It promotes a shift from reliance on a small group of international and government donors to a diversified base of local support. The section on creative resourcing contains information on local fundraising and other useful tools for generating and sustaining local resource mobilization.

### Canadian International Development Agency

[www.acdi-cida.gc.ca](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca)

CIDA's mandate is to support sustainable development in developing countries to reduce poverty and contribute to a more secure, equitable and prosperous world. The website has a section on child protection that includes descriptions of programmes and a list of publications. The site includes CIDA's Action Plan on Child Protection and information on youth participation pilot projects.

### European Foundation Centre

[www.efc.be/projects/orpheus/library.htm](http://www.efc.be/projects/orpheus/library.htm)

The EFC library collection contains some 1,500 books and more than 2,000 documents on foundations and corporate donors active in Europe. Lists of funding directories and books on fundraising are available at this site.

### Foundation Center

[www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)

This site provides comprehensive and well-organized information on funding organizations in the US. It offers directories on thematic areas and an online newsletter. <http://fdncenter.org/learn/topical/youth.html#grantmaker> features information and resources on supporting youth in philanthropy and volunteerism.

### Foundations

[www.foundations.org](http://www.foundations.org)

This site provides a directory of charitable grant makers in the US. It includes information on US-based foundations, their funding priorities and applications requirements.

### Freechild Project

<http://freechild.org/SIYI/funders.htm>

The Freechild Project website features information on youth involved in grant-making foundations and philanthropy, with many links to other related organizations.

### Funders Online

[www.fundersonline.org](http://www.fundersonline.org)

This site offers access to the websites of more than 750 foundations and corporate donors based in Europe.

### International Youth Foundation

[www.iyfnet.org](http://www.iyfnet.org)

IYF works in 70 countries and territories to improve the conditions and prospects of young people. IYF grants are disbursed through national partner organizations. The website provides information on grants and partnerships.



**Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation**

[www.norad.no](http://www.norad.no)

NORAD's main objective is to contribute to international cooperation to fight poverty. NORAD promotes children's rights and children's participation. The website includes information on NORAD's support to civil society organizations.

**Resource Alliance**

[www.resource-alliance.org](http://www.resource-alliance.org)

Resource Alliance is an international network working to build the capacity of not-for-profit organizations to mobilize funds and local resources for their causes. This is achieved through training, knowledge-sharing and networking activities worldwide. The website contains information on resource mobilization techniques, news, case studies, contacts and links.

**Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency**

[www.sida.gov.se](http://www.sida.gov.se)

SIDA's goal is to contribute to poverty reduction, peace and security in the world. The website contains information on SIDA's priorities, ways of working and a section on grant applications. SIDA supports programmes to promote children's human rights.

**Synergos Institute: Global Philanthropy and Foundation Building**

[www.synergos.org/globalphilanthropy/knowledge/](http://www.synergos.org/globalphilanthropy/knowledge/)

The Global Philanthropy and Foundation Building website focuses on strengthening the institutional and financial capacity of grant-making foundations and other private social investment organizations to support local efforts to reduce poverty, increase equity and advance social justice. The section on knowledge base provides information on foundation formation, resource mobilization and endowments. The site has separate sections on Internet resources with links to other grant-making organizations and alliances and directories of resource organizations by region. Its South-East Asia directory includes Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines and provides details on grant-giving local organizations and their priorities.



**Part Two Children Involved in Research,  
Analysis, Planning,  
Implementation and Evaluation**

## 6. Research, Assessment and Analysis with Children and Young People

**Bartlett, Sheridan, Joanna Hill, Caroline Arnold, *Conversations with Families to Prepare for Early Childhood Programming: Participatory Research Handbook*, Save the Children Norway, US and UK with UNICEF ROSA, ISBN 92-806-3699, Kathmandu, 2001.**

This handbook focuses on developing early childhood programming through a research initiative in rural Nepal. This is a practical guide for all researchers looking for guidance on how to plan, design and implement community research projects. It describes the step-by-step process in planning for data collection, analysis and implementation phases with community members, based on local needs and preferences.

**Boyden, Jo, 'Conducting Research with War-Affected and Displaced Children' in *Rethinking Childhood: Perspectives on children's rights*, Special issue of *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, Issue 24.2, Cambridge, MA, 2000.**

Research in situations of conflict can be sensitive and may affect the privacy, well-being and security of subjects. This paper explores some of the ethical and moral obligations that should be met while conducting research with children. It also addresses the ethical dilemmas that are involved in the process.

Available for purchase: <http://209.200.101.189/publications/csq/index.cfm?id=24.2>

**Boyden, Jo and Judith Ennew (eds.) *Children in Focus: A manual for participatory research with children*, Save the Children Sweden, Stockholm, 1997.**

This manual gives practical and ethical guidance on conducting research with children. It includes chapters on participation, child-centred and conventional research methods and child-focused research tools. It also contains examples of visual tools, including mapping, matrices, visual aids, transects, Venn diagrams and time lines.

Available for download: [www.childrightsbookshop.org](http://www.childrightsbookshop.org)

**Child-to-Child Trust, *Listening to Children: Children as partners in research*, Child-to-Child Trust, London, 2005.**

This publication focuses on improving communication with children, learning to listen to what they have to say and helping them communicate their ideas. Drawing on Participatory Rural Appraisal and Participatory Learning and Action approaches, this book demonstrates many innovative tools to use with children in planning, designing and conducting research.

Available for download: [www.healthlink.org](http://www.healthlink.org)

**Christensen, Pia and Alison James (eds.), *Research with Children: Perspectives and practices*, Falmer Press, London, 2000.**

This is a collection of papers written by authors from different academic disciplines exploring the methodological, practical and ethical dimensions of research with children. The chapters cover experiences working with children as researchers or spokespeople in studies on different aspects of their lives, including education, health care and social welfare programmes.

**Ennew, Judith and Dominique Plateau, *How to Research the Physical and Emotional Punishment of Children*, Save the Children Sweden, ISBN 974-92438-6-6, Bangkok, 2004.**

This book includes guidance and tools for programme managers and researchers for conducting scientific and ethical research with children. In clear language, it describes a 12-step process for planning, data collection, analysis and writing up research findings. Despite its title, this book also applies to more general research with children.

Available for download: [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

**Ennew, Judith and Dominique Plateau, *Research Protocol on How to Research the Physical and Emotional Punishment of Children*, Save the Children Sweden, Bangkok, 2004.**

This protocol for research on violence against children is a useful guide for those planning and designing research with children.

Available from: [alongkorn.parivudhiphongs@seap.savethechildren.se](mailto:alongkorn.parivudhiphongs@seap.savethechildren.se) or check [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

**Holmes, Robyn M., *Fieldwork with Children*, Sage Publications, ISBN 0761907556, Thousand Oaks, California, 1998.**

This is one of the few qualitative research guides focusing specifically on fieldwork with children. It also includes an overview of the study of children and discusses basic methodologies. The book concludes with a discussion of how a researcher's personal attributes, such as gender and ethnicity, affect research with children.

**Johnson, Victoria, Joanna Hill and Edda Ivan-Smith, *Listening to Smaller Voices: Children in an environment of change*, ActionAid, London, 1995.**

This is an early example of participatory research with working children in rural Nepal. The prime objective of the research was to understand children's roles within households in the context of changing environments around them. The research used Participatory Rural Appraisal methods with children, which are described in detail in this report.

Available from: [www.actionaid.org](http://www.actionaid.org)

**Johnson, Victoria, Edda Ivan-Smith, Gill Gordon, et al. (eds.), *Stepping Forward: Children and young people's participation in the development process*, Intermediate Technology Publications, London, 1998.**

This publication is based on an international workshop on children's participation in 1997. Drawing on case studies from various countries, it covers issues, such as the ethical dilemmas in addressing children's participation, the process and methods of participatory research and planning with children, culture and children's participation, institutional considerations and capacity building for children's participation.

**Kirby, Perpetua, *Involving Young Researchers: How to enable young people to design and conduct research*, Save the Children UK and Joseph Rowntree Foundation, ISBN 1 902633 45 8, London, 1999.**

Drawing on Save the Children's experiences, this guide focuses on involving children as researchers rather than conducting research on children. It addresses many fundamental issues, looks at various levels of children's participation, discusses ethical research issues and provides guidance on research planning, design, data collection, analysis, report writing and dissemination of research findings.

Available for download: [www.savethechildren.org.uk/functions/indx\\_pubs.html](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/functions/indx_pubs.html)

**Laws, Sophie and Gillian Mann, *So You Want to Involve Children in Research?* International Save the Children Alliance, London, 2004.**

A toolkit supporting children's meaningful and ethical participation in research relating to violence against children. It promotes research that sees children as active agents in their own lives rather than passive victims or research 'subjects'. The booklet presents research techniques and pointers for involving children in secondary and primary research.

Available for download: [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

**Mann, Gillian and David Tolfree, *Children's Participation in Research: Reflections from the care and protection of separated children in emergencies project*, Save the Children Sweden, 2003.**

This paper presents experiences from involving children in research on separated children in emergencies. It looks at the roles and responsibilities of children during the study and illustrates how research can be an empowering experience for children. It highlights ethical issues to be considered in research with children.

Available for download: <http://se-web-01.rb.se/Shop/Archive/Documents/3017%20Rapport.pdf>

**Nair, Deepika, *Child-Centred Participatory Research: Integrated education for the visually impaired, some insights*, Save the Children UK, London, 1996.**

A useful example of research with a group of visually impaired children. It includes descriptions of participatory methodologies and discusses ethical dilemmas in working with physically challenged children.

**Save the Children, *Toolkits: A practical guide to assessment, monitoring, review and evaluation*, Development Manual 5, Save the Children UK, London, 1995.**

A practical guide that provides information about tools for conducting research with and about children.

Available for purchase: [www.savethechildren.org.uk/functions/indx\\_pubs.html](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/functions/indx_pubs.html)

**Save the Children, *Children and Participation: Research, monitoring and evaluation with children and young people*, Save the Children UK, London, 2002.**

This is an annotated bibliography and guide to resources on participatory research and evaluation with children.

Available for download:

[www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk\\_cache/scuk/cache/cmsattach/489\\_childpart.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk_cache/scuk/cache/cmsattach/489_childpart.pdf)

**Theis, Joachim (ed.), *Handbook for Action-Oriented Research on the Worst Forms of Child Labour Including Trafficking in Children*, Regional Working Group on Child Labour in Asia, ISBN 974-90865-2-X, Bangkok, 2003.**

This handbook brings together essential information about conducting effective, action-oriented research on the worst forms of child labour using a children-centred approach. It includes information on a step-by-step research process with sample materials in a user-friendly manner.

Available for download: [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

**UNICEF, *Children Caught in Conflict: Assessing the impact of conflict on children in East Asia and the Pacific*, Research Methods, UNICEF, no date.**

Practical guide on how to develop a protocol for conducting research with conflict-affected children.

Available from: [eapro@unicef.org](mailto:eapro@unicef.org)

**UNICEF, *Speaking Out! Voices of children and adolescents in East Asia and the Pacific*, UNICEF EAPRO, Bangkok, 2001.**

This report presents the findings of a regional opinion poll conducted in 17 countries in East Asia and the Pacific. Topics cover children's relationships with parents and teachers, community safety, important values and children's knowledge about their rights and about HIV and AIDS.

Available for download: [www.unicef.org/polls/eapro/](http://www.unicef.org/polls/eapro/)

**UNICEF, *Young Voices: Opinion survey of children and young people in Europe and Central Asia*, UNICEF, Geneva, 2001.**

This report presents the findings of the Young Voices Poll, which was carried out in 35 countries in Europe and Central Asia. The purpose of the survey was to gather the opinions of young people on their rights to protection, provision and participation.

Available for download: [www.unicef.org/polls/cee/index.html](http://www.unicef.org/polls/cee/index.html)

**Ward, Linda, *Seen and Heard: Involving disabled children and young people in research and development projects*. Joseph Rowntree Foundation, ISBN 1 899987 48 7, London, 1997.**

With a good introduction to the key issues related to working with disabled children, this booklet includes a useful list of ethical guidelines and recommendations.

Available for purchase: [www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop)

**Worrall, Steve, *Young People as Researchers: A learning and resource pack*, Save the Children UK and Joseph Rowntree Foundation, London, 2000.**

This publication is full of useful training exercises. It contains handouts on planning, designing and conducting research, tips on analysis and report writing, and information on the ethical issues that need to be considered while working with young people.

Available for purchase: [www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop)

## 7. Planning, Design and Implementation

**CIDA, RBM and Children's Participation: A guide to incorporating child participation results into CIDA Programmes, Child Protection Unit, Canadian International Development Agency, Ottawa, 2003.**

This guide was developed to help CIDA staff and development partners to integrate children's participation into project and programme plans. It focuses on planning for children's participation rather than on providing methodologies and tools. It includes a reading list on various aspects of children's participation.

Available for download: [www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/INET/IMAGES.NSF/vLUIImages/Childprotection/\\$file/ChildParticipationGuide.pdf](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/INET/IMAGES.NSF/vLUIImages/Childprotection/$file/ChildParticipationGuide.pdf)

**Commonwealth Secretariat, *Three: Adolescent Participation and the Project Cycle*, London, 2005.**

Developed in collaboration with UNICEF's Adolescent Development and Participation Unit, New York, this booklet is part of a set of four how-to guides for promoting meaningful adolescent participation in decision making. The booklet describes youth participation in different stages of the project cycle: situation analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and review.

Available for download: [www.thecommonwealth.org/Templates/Internal.asp?NodeID=143804](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/Templates/Internal.asp?NodeID=143804)

**Cook, Philip, Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, Stuart Hart, *Children as Partners: child participation promoting social change*, Canadian International Development Agency and The International Institute for Child Rights and Development, ISBN 1-55058-286-0, Canada, 2005.**

This report was commissioned by CIDA to examine current literature and examples of good practice in programmes supporting the meaningful participation of children and adolescents in the context of children's rights. The report is aimed at development agencies wishing to support children's participation in designing, implementing and evaluating programmes.

Available for download: [www.nationalsave.org/PDF/CAPCIDARepot.pdf](http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/CAPCIDARepot.pdf)

**Driskell, David, *Creating Better Cities with Children and Youth: A manual for participation*, Earthscan, UNESCO in collaboration with members of the Growing Up in Cities Project, London, 2002.**

This is a practical manual on how to conceptualize, structure and facilitate the participation of young people in the community development process. The methods and contents of this manual have been field-tested. The case studies help to demonstrate the methods in action and show how they can be customized.

Available for purchase: [Earthscan Publications](http://EarthscanPublications)

**Dynamix Ltd, *Participation Spice It Up! Practical tools for engaging children and young people in planning and consultation*, Save the Children UK, London, 2003.**

This publication provides ideas and values that underlie youth participation approaches. It includes tried and tested examples of over 40 activities. The topics cover everything from getting started and gathering information to long-term planning and evaluation.

Available from: [dynamix@seriousfun.demon.co.uk](mailto:dynamix@seriousfun.demon.co.uk)

**Fajerman, Lina, Michael Jarrett and Sutton Faye, *Children as Partners in Planning*, Save the Children UK, London, 2001.**

This training manual is aimed at building the capacity of professionals working with younger children in consulting and facilitating their participation. It explains what consulting with children involves and provides three training programmes with resources and handouts. Includes many case studies.

Available for download: [www.savethechildren.org.uk/fuctions/wedo/pubsbookshop\\_under12.html](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/fuctions/wedo/pubsbookshop_under12.html)

**Family Health International, 'Youth Participation Institutional Planning Tool', Marx, Maxwell, William Finger, Hally Mahler (eds.), in *Youth Participation Guide: Assessment, planning and implementation*, YouthNet and Family Health International in collaboration with Advocates for Youth, ISBN 0 939704 93 5, Arlington, VA, USA, 2005.**

The youth participation institutional planning tool provides guidance to organizations to assess their current practice on child and youth participation. It helps them plan for improved structures and mechanisms for children's meaningful participation.

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**Hart, Roger A., *Children's Participation: The theory and practice of involving young citizens in community development and environmental care*, Earthscan, ISBN 1853833223, London, 1997.**

This manual focuses on conceptual issues, processes and methods of involving children in community development projects. It includes case studies from diverse cultures and social classes to demonstrate a range of useful and effective techniques to facilitate children's participation in projects.

Available for purchase: [http://web.gc.cuny.edu/che/cerg/publications/books/books\\_titles\\_index.htm](http://web.gc.cuny.edu/che/cerg/publications/books/books_titles_index.htm)

**Irby, Merita, Thaddeus Ferber and Kren Pittman, 'Youth Action: Youth contributing to communities', in *Community and Youth Development Series*, Vol. 6, Forum for Youth Investment, Maryland, USA, 2002.**

This publication discusses youth action and how it can be supported. It explores the converging trends in youth development, civic and community development, and identifies common themes and differences between different kinds of youth action. It introduces the concept of creating action pathways for youth and offers recommendations for planning and policy.

Available for download: [www.forumfyi.org/\\_docdisp\\_page.cfm?LID=334AC7DE-7BB1-45A1-ABE144586F66A5EE](http://www.forumfyi.org/_docdisp_page.cfm?LID=334AC7DE-7BB1-45A1-ABE144586F66A5EE)

**Kirby, Perpetua, Claire Lanyon, Kathleen Cronin and Ruth Sinclair, *Building a Culture of Participation: Involving children and young people in policy, service planning, delivery and evaluation*, Handbook, National Children's Bureau, Department for Education and Skills, Nottingham and P.K. Research Consultancy, ISBN 0-9546695-1-7, 2003.**

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**Krauskopf, Dina and Ginet Vargas, *Adolescent Participation Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean: Systematisation of Projects*, UNICEF TACRO, Panama City, 2003.**

This document is the result of a questionnaire and a regional workshop on experiences with adolescent participation. The paper maps out programmes with adolescents and analyses concepts, types and levels of participation in each sector. It examines factors that contribute to the success and failure of interventions involving adolescents.

Available from: [tacro@unicef.org](mailto:tacro@unicef.org)

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Available for download: [www.id21.org/insights/insights-ed04/insights-issued04-art06.html](http://www.id21.org/insights/insights-ed04/insights-issued04-art06.html)

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Available for download: [www.araburban.org/childcity/Papers/English/Parviz%20Piran.pdf](http://www.araburban.org/childcity/Papers/English/Parviz%20Piran.pdf)

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Available for download:

[www.unicef.org/adolescence/files/Participation\\_Rights\\_of\\_Adolescents\\_Rajani\\_2001.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/adolescence/files/Participation_Rights_of_Adolescents_Rajani_2001.pdf)

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Available for download:

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Available for download: [www.unfpa.org/upload/lib\\_pub\\_file/367\\_filename\\_compendium.pdf](http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/367_filename_compendium.pdf)

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This is a list of useful educational materials, with information on target groups, language of the training materials and where the training was conducted.

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Available for download: [www.unicef.org/publications/files/pub\\_youngpeople\\_hivaids\\_en.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/pub_youngpeople_hivaids_en.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk/jsp/resources/details.jsp?id=3040&group=resources&section=publication&subsection=details](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk/jsp/resources/details.jsp?id=3040&group=resources&section=publication&subsection=details)



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This manual is a response to the commitment made by world leaders in 1990 at the World Summit for Children to improve children's health and to promote optimal growth and development during childhood. It provides suggestions for teachers and youth workers on effective ways to teach health messages and on ways that children may act on and disseminate these messages as individuals or in groups. Objectives for children's understanding and action are included for child growth, child development, safe motherhood, safety and nutrition.

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This PowerPoint presentation identifies the rights of children in relation to paediatric care. It discusses children's participation and potential conflicts between the rights of children and the rights of their parents.

Available for download:

<http://aap.org/commpeds/resources/ChildrensRightsCurriculumModule3final.ppt>

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This publication presents the involvement of children and youth in the planning and implementation of water, sanitation, hygiene education and advocacy in Tajikistan. Participatory activities included community water testing, health monitoring, Internet learning centres, vocational photography, community sanitation and cultural shows.

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This guide is for teachers and others who want to design participatory learning activities on hygiene and sanitation. It includes a theory section and lesson plans. The lesson plans are organized into three sections: hygiene, sanitation and water.

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Available for download: [www.unicef.org/wes/files/Sch\\_e.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/wes/files/Sch_e.pdf)

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Available for purchase: [http://cnb-host4.clickandbuild.com/cnb/shop/tcs?productID=19&op=catalogue-product\\_info-null&prodCategoryID=9](http://cnb-host4.clickandbuild.com/cnb/shop/tcs?productID=19&op=catalogue-product_info-null&prodCategoryID=9)

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This publication is intended to help urban authorities and organizations understand and respond to the rights, needs and concerns of children and adolescents. It looks at the responsibilities that authorities carry and discusses practical measures for meeting these. Written by specialists in the field, this volume is essential reading for all involved in planning for the protection of children in urban environments.

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Available for download: [http://publishing.unesco.org/details.aspx?Code\\_Livre=3685](http://publishing.unesco.org/details.aspx?Code_Livre=3685)

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Available for purchase: [www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicbccy.htm](http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicbccy.htm)

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Available for purchase: <http://jpl.sagepub.com/cgi/content/refs/20/1/3>

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This research report is part of the "Growing up in Cities" project that studies children's perceptions of resources and risks in their urban environments through participatory research and planning. The report covers participatory research conducted by children to evaluate the living conditions in Canaansland, one of the largest squatter camps in Johannesburg. It illustrates the process and methods of conducting research with children and involving them in advocacy and planning with urban decision makers.

Available for purchase: [www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicguic.htm](http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicguic.htm)

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This comprehensive guide sets out the principles and processes required to meaningfully involve young people in the development of safer communities. It highlights a wide range of examples of how youth services and other agencies have involved young people in crime-reduction programmes, to the benefit of young people and their communities.

Available for download: [www.active-citizen.org.uk/files/downloads/research/yp.pdf](http://www.active-citizen.org.uk/files/downloads/research/yp.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.childfriendlycities.org/pdf/cfc\\_booklet\\_eng.pdf](http://www.childfriendlycities.org/pdf/cfc_booklet_eng.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/15\\_2/15\\_2\\_03\\_ReviewBestPractices.pdf](http://www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/15_2/15_2_03_ReviewBestPractices.pdf)

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## 16. Child Protection from Abuse, Violence and Exploitation

**Ancheta-Templa Mae Fe, et al., *Understanding Children in Conflict with the Law: Contradictions on victimization, survivor behaviour and the Philippines justice system. A study of the situation of children in conflict with the law in Davao*, Save the Children UK, Manila, 2005.**

This study examines the situation and context of children in conflict with the law in Davao City and their experiences with the juvenile justice system. The study involved all stakeholder groups, including children with personal experience of the justice system. It provides insights into many gaps in the fulfilment of the civil rights of children in contact with the law, such as lack of standard procedures in case handlings, violation of protocols in the handling of children, absence of policies and guidelines in the law enforcement systems and unclear roles and functions of court social workers.

Available for download: [www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/violence/davao.pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/violence/davao.pdf)

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This report shares experiences in working with young men in violence prevention and in promoting reproductive and sexual health. It emphasizes the need to focus more on young men to redress gender inequalities. It also gives recommendations for the active involvement of young men in these programmes.

Available from: [www.oxfam.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/issues/gender/gem/downloads/Promcase.pdf](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what_we_do/issues/gender/gem/downloads/Promcase.pdf) or [www.promundo.org.br](http://www.promundo.org.br)

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This paper examines young people's economic contributions and livelihoods. It looks at adolescents and their motivations for economic participation and examines issues of gender, education, enterprise and sustainable livelihoods, conflict situations and HIV/AIDS. It makes recommendations for improving livelihood opportunities for adolescents.

Available from: [tacro@unicef.org](mailto:tacro@unicef.org)

**Caouette, Therese M., *Small Dreams Beyond Reach: The lives of migrant children and youth along the borders of China, Myanmar and Thailand, A participatory action research project*, Save the Children UK, Bangkok, 2001.**

This participatory action research was undertaken by Save the Children to fill the gap in knowledge in regard to the growing numbers of children and youth migrating across the borders of China, Myanmar and Thailand. Migrant children and youth were involved in every step of the research process.

Available for download:

[www.savethechildren.org.uk/temp/scuk/cache/cmsattach/412\\_smalldreams.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/temp/scuk/cache/cmsattach/412_smalldreams.pdf)

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This is a report of a workshop conducted by UP CIDS PST with partner NGOs under the programme for abused and exploited children. It presents experiences of academics and child-rights practitioners on children and childhood, paradigms of children's work, resiliency, child participation and innovative ways of helping children.

Available from: [pstcids@edsamail.com.ph](mailto:pstcids@edsamail.com.ph)

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This UK Government document provides a strategic framework for children's participation in the justice system. It explains the rationale for actively involving children and young people, shares the progress made in recent years and highlights key areas for future work. It also includes case study examples.

Available for download: [www.dca.gov.uk/family/cap/cyp0405.pdf](http://www.dca.gov.uk/family/cap/cyp0405.pdf)

**Feinstein, Clare, Ravi Karkara and Sophie Laws, *A Workshop Report on Child Participation in the UN Study on Violence Against Children, Save the Children Alliance, London, 2004.***

This report is based on a workshop organized by Save the Children on children's participation in the UN Study on Violence Against Children. It explores how children can be involved in the study in meaningful and ethical ways.

Available for download: [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

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This book discusses the capacity of and spaces for children to participate in projects and programmes and provides practical guidance for planning and implementation, drawing on the principles of the CRC. It focuses particularly on children's participation in efforts against the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth.

Available for download:

[www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inter/Publication/Other/English/Pdf\\_page/ecpat\\_standing\\_up.pdf](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/Publication/Other/English/Pdf_page/ecpat_standing_up.pdf)

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Available for download: <http://web.uvic.ca/iicrd/graphics/Out%20from%20the%20shadows.pdf>

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This report provides practical examples on addressing child protection issues in various countries. It includes examples of children's participation in their own protection.

Available for download: [www.wvi.org/wvi/publications/publications.htm](http://www.wvi.org/wvi/publications/publications.htm)

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Available for download: [www.plan-uk.org/newsroom/publications/whathappenedtomyrights/](http://www.plan-uk.org/newsroom/publications/whathappenedtomyrights/)

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This manual is designed to facilitate the implementation of the CRC in indigenous communities and contains practical activities and case studies from around the world. It provides a toolkit for community workers and anyone involved in health care, education, social services or child and youth care.

Available for purchase: [http://web.uvic.ca/iicrd/pub\\_train\\_manual.html](http://web.uvic.ca/iicrd/pub_train_manual.html)

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Available for download: [www.childhope.org.uk/toolkit.php](http://www.childhope.org.uk/toolkit.php)

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Available for download: [www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/SC-Masculinities.doc](http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/SC-Masculinities.doc)

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Available for download: [www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/child\\_protection.pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/child_protection.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.unicef-icdc.org/cgi-bin/unicef/Lunga.sql?ProductID=384](http://www.unicef-icdc.org/cgi-bin/unicef/Lunga.sql?ProductID=384)

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Available for download: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/PDFs/RSCworkingpaper20.pdf](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/PDFs/RSCworkingpaper20.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.redbarnet.dk/Files/File/Rapporter/UNStudyOnViolence\\_Report.pdf](http://www.redbarnet.dk/Files/File/Rapporter/UNStudyOnViolence_Report.pdf)

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This book analyses fostering, group care and other types of care arrangements for children and adolescents separated in situations of large-scale emergencies.

Available for purchase: <http://se-web-01.rb.se/Shop/Products/Product.aspx?ItemId=352>

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Available for download: [www.unicef.es/contenidos/287/child\\_trafficking\\_handbook%20to%20parliamentarians%20April05.pdf](http://www.unicef.es/contenidos/287/child_trafficking_handbook%20to%20parliamentarians%20April05.pdf)

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Children can be agents of change in their communities. This research started with the premise that there are traditional and modern attitudes and actions in all communities that can empower and protect children. It seeks to learn from communities, families and children in the Pacific (in PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu). It also feeds into the UN Study on Violence Against Children.

Available for download: [www.wvi.org/wvi/publications/publications.htm](http://www.wvi.org/wvi/publications/publications.htm)

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Available for download:

[www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/ipec/publ/download/2004\\_gender\\_toolkit\\_en.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/ipec/publ/download/2004_gender_toolkit_en.pdf)

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This publication includes various approaches to working with street and working children and makes recommendations on mainstreaming the concerns of street and working children into ADB operations.

Available for download: [www.adb.org/Documents/Books/Street\\_Children/working\\_Streetchildren/working\\_with\\_streetkids.pdf](http://www.adb.org/Documents/Books/Street_Children/working_Streetchildren/working_with_streetkids.pdf)

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This book is based on experiences working with street and working children. It deals with developing understanding and skills for children's participation among professional staff and within organizations. It includes information on the various aspects of training on children's participation, including measuring the outcomes of such trainings.

Available for purchase: <http://se-web-01.rb.se/Shop/Products/Product.aspx?ItemId=403>

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This case study research was commissioned by the Save the Children Alliance Task Group on Children and Work to review the impact and lessons learned from working children's participation in Bangladesh, Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, India and Senegal. It illustrates a range of existing participatory initiatives with working children, analyses the impact of participation in their lives and provides recommendations on improving inclusive interventions with working children.

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This book addresses basic questions on child labour, such as: What is the effect of work on children? When is it positive, and when is it negative? What kinds of work help children develop valuable skills and attitudes, and which kinds violate their rights? It approaches these questions from a child-centred perspective in relation to education, health and development, child protection laws, market economy and other related issues.

Available for purchase: <http://se-web-01.rb.se/Shop/Products/Product.aspx?ItemId=279>

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This book was written by one of the leading children's participation activists in Latin America and deals with prevailing visions and notions of working children's participation among adults, institutions and children. It examines existing practices and discusses ways to create new opportunities for the protagonist participation of boys and girls.

Available for download: [www.scslat.org/search/publieng.php?\\_cod\\_7\\_lang\\_e](http://www.scslat.org/search/publieng.php?_cod_7_lang_e)

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This is a participatory evaluation of a project with street children in Yangon. The research aimed at being a learning and empowering process for children and adults. It includes details of the preparation, planning, design and implementation phases of the project.

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[www.myworldvision.com.au/resources/files/Creating\\_Space\\_for\\_Childrens\\_Participation.pdf](http://www.myworldvision.com.au/resources/files/Creating_Space_for_Childrens_Participation.pdf)

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This guide is based on practical experiences from around the world. It provides essential information and guidance for professionals dealing with working and street children.

Available for purchase: [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

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This desk review provides examples of good practices in children’s participation in programming on child work. It examines the ‘added value’ and impacts of the participation process on children, programmes and organizations.

Available from: [www.savethechildren.org.net](http://www.savethechildren.org.net)

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This report on the Mekong Children’s Forum on Human Trafficking is divided into three parts: The first part looks at ethical and practical considerations of children’s participation; the second part covers the forum proceedings and the third includes recommendations for moving forward.

Available for download: [www.childtrafficking.net](http://www.childtrafficking.net)

**Lieten, Kristoffel G., Anup K. Karan and Anop K. Satpathy, *Children, School and Work, Glimpses from India*, IREWOC Foundation and the Institute for Human Development, ISBN 81-88315-12-5, India, 2005.**

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Available for purchase: [www.childlabour.net/publications\\_irewoc.html](http://www.childlabour.net/publications_irewoc.html)

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From a child-rights perspective, this paper investigates the characteristics and impacts of working children and youth organizing themselves, evaluates the principles of creating partnerships and overcoming barriers to working children’s participation in decision making.

Available for download: [http://wbIn0018.worldbank.org/HDNet/HDdocs.nsf/2d5135ecbf351de6852566a90069b8b6/4714e9db6fbf38db8525695100587e71/\\$FILE/0021.pdf](http://wbIn0018.worldbank.org/HDNet/HDdocs.nsf/2d5135ecbf351de6852566a90069b8b6/4714e9db6fbf38db8525695100587e71/$FILE/0021.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/13\\_1](http://www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/13_1)

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Available for download: [www.workingchild.org](http://www.workingchild.org)

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Available for download: [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

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This book combines lessons learned by working children and adults who have participated in child labour programmes, with insights from the growing literature on this subject. It targets programme managers for promoting children’s participation in programmes to combat child labour. Key themes include: implementation, monitoring and evaluation, child-to-child, and communication about child labour.

Available for download: [www.scswedenseap.org/](http://www.scswedenseap.org/)

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This paper includes sections on how children define work, their views on the reasons why they work and children’s views on the effects of work in their lives.

Available for download: [www.savethechildren.net/alliance/resources/child\\_wk.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.net/alliance/resources/child_wk.pdf)

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Available for download: [www.savethechildren.net/nepal/key\\_work/street\\_children.html](http://www.savethechildren.net/nepal/key_work/street_children.html)

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This report is based on a two-year research and advocacy project by the Consortium for Street Children with partners in Kenya, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines and Romania. The report includes children's accounts of the treatment they received at various stages of the justice system and gives recommendations for reform. It advocates for children's participation in all decisions affecting them.

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Available for download:

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Available for purchase:

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