

Dialogue Works

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Overview

The global campaign "**Dialogue Works** - Anchoring working children's participation in societal and political processes" (Dialogue Works, 2020-2024) is steered by the two child-rights organizations **Kindernothilfe** (KNH) and **Terre des Hommes International Federation** (TDHIF). It is co-funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The project aims to expand spaces for working children to participate in local to global political debates and to express their individual experiences, perspectives and recommendations to political and societal stakeholders. The core of the campaign are Children's Advisory Committees (CACs) that have been formed in 15 countries worldwide and that serve as a platform for working children to plan and implement advocacy dialogues with key stakeholders, thereby realising their right to be heard (Art. 12 UNCRC).

This project builds on the success and outcomes of the predecessor, the global campaign and research project "**It's Time to Talk!** - Children's Views on Children's Work" (Time to Talk!, 2016-2019) co-funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The objective was to realise working children's right to be heard in matters affecting them in local to global policy dialogues. For this purpose, more than 1.800 working children have been consulted in 36 countries across the globe using a participatory and rights-based approach.*

Core Objective

Dialogue Works considers itself as a neutral and non-judgemental space and platform for working children's views and suggestions. The overall objective is to realize working children's right to participation as enshrined in Art. 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Similar to Time to Talk, Dialogue Works acknowledges the existing international human rights treaties and conventions including ILO Minimum Age Convention No. 138 and ILO Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

Our Action Pledge

By the end of 2021 the Dialogue Works campaign will have supported the formation of 25 working children's advisory committees worldwide, which will implement their own advocacy dialogues to share their experiences, voice their needs and recommendations. The campaign thereby aims to create spaces for exchange between working children and political decision-makers on local, national, regional and global level.



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* Lundy, L., & McEvoy (Emerson), L. (2012a). 'Childhood, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and Research: what constitutes a rightsbased approach' in M. Freeman (ed.) Law and childhood. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp75-91; 2) Lundy, L., & McEvoy (Emerson), L. (2012b). Children's rights and research processes: assisting children to (in)formed views, Childhood 19 (1) pp.116-129.

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