



“Young People active against dating violence”

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Four Principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

1. Non Discrimination
2. Best Interests of the child
3. The right to survival and development
4. The views of the child



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The views of the child

In order to know what is actually in the interest of the child it is logical to listen to him or her.



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UNCRC Article 12

1. States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.
2. For this purpose, the child shall in particular be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly, or through a representative or an appropriate body, in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of national law.



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Why child participation is important

- contributes to personal development
- leads to better decision-making and outcomes
- serves to protect children
- contributes to preparation for civil society development, tolerance and respect for others
- strengthens accountability



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“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children”

Nelson Mandela

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