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ACT2gether Latin America meets with Bolivian youth: Where were the young people during the pandemic?

CHILD PARTICIPATION IN PHILANTHROPY MAPPING



On the 25th of November, the EFC Children and Youth Thematic Network, chaired by the Learning for Well-being Foundation, held a pre-launch webinar to give a preview of a mapping being prepared on the topic of Children and Youth Participation in Philanthropy.

This Mapping was initiated by the Children and Youth Thematic Network as a contribution to the ACT2gether Initiative with the purpose of catalysing child participation in philanthropic practice by sharing experiences from different foundations involving Children and Young People in decision-making.

Based on the knowledge from the field and the gathered practice via surveys and interviews, this piece of work offers guidance for philanthropic bodies on children and young people's involvement in grant-giving and programming and aims at developing the capacity of foundations to engage with children as stakeholders in decision-making.

Over 40 people participated in this pre-launch and it was invigorating to see so much interest and big players join the session to see the preliminary results. The publication will be of significant input and impact and we hope it will encourage philanthropic institutions to start involving young people in their activities and grant-making; stay tuned for information around this issue!

ACT2GETHER PALESTINE

ACT2GETHER PALESTINE: 2GETHER IN NATURE



ACT2gether Palestine, in cooperation with their ACT2gether Youth team, implemented a big social event; 150 participants from different generations participated, had fun, learned together, and interacted with each other in a beautiful place in nature. The intention was to experience well-being and communication together within a healthy setting in the environment.

The program included different activities:

1. Eating together: a moment to share a healthy meal
2. Watching together: a team of children and teenagers performing taekwondo
3. Playing and having fun: playing different games
4. Playing, learning, and participating: answering quizzes with different difficulty levels, for participants of all ages
5. Listening, learning, and participating together: listening to a professional storyteller who came with props and costumes telling different Palestinian folk stories.
6. Dancing to Palestinian folk songs

It was clear how important this event was to help reconnect both between different generations and with nature after the experience of the pandemic.

We are looking forward to having new adventures and meeting again soon.

ACT2GETHER GERMANY

ACT2GETHER GERMANY HAD A MEETING WITH THE YOUTH-EXPERT-TEAM IN GÜTERSLOH.

On the 19th-21st of November, **ACT2gether Germany** had a wonderful (re-)encounter: "Old" and "new" young volunteers traveled from all over the country to Gütersloh to meet in person for the second time this autumn.

The objective of this meeting, held at Bertelsmann foundation's building, was to kick-off the preparations for the next 2GETHERLAND-Camp in May 2022. This time, the YET team had a full agenda; after talking about youth participation in theory and practice on Friday night, two YET members started with an impressive role game on social inequality on Saturday morning.

Afterwards, A2G Germany had prepared a presentation on social disparities in education, the core topic of A2G Germany, and discussed a lot about it. Many YETs shared their personal experiences and had the chance to research poverty and equality through a quiz. In the afternoon, our partners from the Children's Rights Forum (KRF) in Cologne gave a hands-on session on social media since we plan to create content with our YET to inform youngsters about social inequality in Germany via social media.



On Sunday, we started to dive deep into defining relevant content and topics for the workshops on the camp, and it was great to brainstorm with the YETs on issues such as: How must tomorrow's school be to create fair chances? What can we do about racism in everyday life? How can we foster empathy among learners and teachers?

Overall, it was a very successful meeting, and we are looking forward to seeing the plan YET, partners, and colleagues make for the 2022 Camp.

With such a great group, we are happy to have you on board!

ACT2GETHER NETHERLANDS

ACT2GETHER NETHERLANDS ATTENDED THE JANUS KORCZAK AND KINDERRECHTENCOLLECTIEF MINI CONFERENCE IN LEIDEN



KinderrechtenCollectief

Last Nov. 13th, Janusz Korczak organised an in-person mini-conference with the Kinderrechtencollectief and the Learning for well-being Foundation partners. The focus of the event was around the need for the active participation of children in the world.

The Children's correspondent, Tako Rietveld, engaged with young people who attended the event on the issue of lowering the voting right in the Netherlands to the age of 16 years old. Then, the chair of the Kinderrechtencollectief, Huri Sahin, highlighted the children's rights perspective.

The event offered three sessions, the voice of children in politics (led by Tako Rietveld, Amsterdam Children's Council SO and Tanja Jadnanansing), the voice of children in education (led by LAKS: National Action), and finally, the voice of children at home (led by Janus Korczak foundation).

The event ended with an interactive activity led by Improbattle, an improvisation organisation, and through a presentation given by ChildPress.

Our organisation enjoyed participating in this beautiful interactive experience that engages both children, young people, and adults and looks forward to being involved in more events in the Netherlands.

ACT2GETHER LATIN AMERICA

ACT2GETHER LATIN AMERICA MEETS WITH BOLIVIAN YOUTH: WHERE WERE THE YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC?



In November, ACT2gether Bolivia and Educo Bolivia held a gathering with adolescents and young people from El Alto and La Paz to know more about their activities and actions and how they managed to continue working and strengthen their leadership skills during the social and sanitary crisis.

Forty young volunteers, members of youth organizations who actively promote positive transformations in their communities, participated. They were happy to be part of this space and experience a workshop on strengthening leadership through participation and advocacy since they work on cross-cutting issues such as education, environmental conservation, climate change, political advocacy, sexual and reproductive rights.

During the whole event they showed commitment and great energy.

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As young participants, they said: “Although there are spaces for participation, the impact is still limited and we need to act for young people.” The need for more of these spaces to face the post-covid crisis was mentioned several times since the challenges they face are less and less visible due to the critical situation politically and socially in the country.

This gathering generated a dynamic space for exchanging ideas so that participants could make visible their experiences during the pandemic. As a result, they could identify challenges, gain communication abilities and generate collaboration among all in a post-pandemic context. One of the main challenges identified by this group were mental health issues; these are seen as the most crucial issue facing the world we live in. They are very committed to start taking action on this and begin by creating partnerships between their youth organizations.

Congrats on supporting Bolivian youth raise their voices!



GLOBAL ACTIVITIES



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GLOBAL VOICE'S GREEN POINT: 2 WEEKS WHERE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS DISCUSSED CLIMATE CHANGE



Last month, our Youth Team volunteers took action in one of the world's most important climate change events: COP26.

We created Green Point, a space inside ACT2gether to discuss climate change, youth's actions over this issue, and initiatives or alliances in the adult world.

Antri and Aksa, ACT2gether representatives at Glasgow, took over our Instagram account. They shared her experience at the Green Zone inside COP26, the activities organized by COP26 Youth Hub, and did some exciting interviews with other young volunteers and decision-makers. They were terrific ambassadors of ACT2gether!

GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

On our Global Voices Live session, we had a profound conversation with Carlos from the Canary Islands, Evgenia from Cyprus, Gilberto from Angola, and Selma from France, young activists and delegates of their countries at COP26 or other climate change-related events.

We want to inspire young people in and outside ACT2gether to raise their voices over issues that matter to them and help them find ways to take action and make new alliances with adults in the future.

These discussions will continue to happen monthly; we will be addressing different subjects in the following months.

Stay tuned!



