

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER
COURSE ON THE
RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD

"Young people are capable [...] of bringing down the towers of oppression and raising the banners of freedom." Nelson Mandela

DATES:
June 25 to 30,
2023

THEME:
CHILD AND YOUTH ACTIVISM
AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

What is the International Summer Course on the Rights of the Child?

It is a discussion forum based on the United Nations International Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which brings together people with an interest in the promotion and defense of children's rights.

These people can be child rights professionals, people who work with or for children, or children themselves!

The goal of the Summer Course is for all of these people to work together to inspire decision makers to develop public policies and programs to protect the best interests of children in New Brunswick, Canada and around the world.



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Article 12 : Respect for children's views

Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.

What topics will be covered?

The general theme of the Summer Course will be youth activism and civic participation, and article 12 of the UNCRC.

To address this general theme, five sub-themes are proposed:

Theme 1 : Activism and environmental and climate issues

Example of actions: Greta Thunberg (Sweden), Autumn Peltier (Canada), United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Comment n.26) ...

Theme 2 : Activism, protection against discrimination and inclusion

Example of actions: Black Lives Matter Movement, Equitas (Canada), Jazz Jennings (United States), ...

Theme 3 : Activism and mental health

Example of actions: Headspace (Australia), Jigsaw (Ireland), Foundry (Canada), Access Open Minds (Canada)

Theme 4 : Activism, Justice and Politics

Example of actions: Child-friendly justice, Class Actions brought to Court by children and youth, ...

Theme 5 : Various themes



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Why participate as a youth panelist in the Summer Course?

Presentations offered by children and young people themselves are strongly encouraged for this edition of the Summer Course to highlight the various youth activism and civic participation initiatives.

Children and young people will have the opportunity to present alongside adults in front of a diverse and international audience and to discuss together to defend and best protect the right of children and young people to participation.

A separate Child and Youth Program will be available throughout the week.

How to submit a proposal?

Presentations can be in different forms:

- **Oral presentation:** For one or two panelists. Can also be the presentation of an artistic work that you have produced as a means of activism.
- **Round table:** For three or more panelists to discuss a specific issue.
- **Workshop:** Facilitation of an activity that will be offered to participants in sub-groups.
- **Poster presentation:** Poster dimensions should not exceed 60cm x 120cm (2ft x 4ft).

[To submit a proposal click HERE.](#)

Deadline: January 15, 2023

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