

PLAN FOR A JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT CARES ABOUT CHILDREN*

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*When we say 'children', we mean: babies, children, teenagers and young people

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO?

GIVE CHILDREN TOOLS, INFORMATION AND THE SPACE TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS, EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS

In many countries in Europe, being in contact with the justice system is still difficult. Children and young people know better than anyone what should change in the system, so that it is easier for them at any age. That's why we want to let them say what they want.



ENCOURAGE ADULTS WHO WORK IN AND WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO TREAT CHILDREN BETTER



When adults listen to children, and make sure their needs are met, children feel safer and respected, and that the decision is fairer. We want to help them learn how to work with children, how to talk to them and how to listen to them

CHECK IF COUNTRIES ARE DOING WHAT THEY PROMISED FOR CHILDREN

Often, there are already laws and recommendations for justice systems to take better care of children, but they are not respected because there is not enough money or enough motivation to do it. We want to make sure everything is in place for child-friendly justice.



PROVIDE OUR MEMBERS WITH TOOLS, RESOURCES AND A SPACE TO DO MORE FOR CHILD FRIENDLY JUSTICE



Many people and groups want to help children have a better access to justice. They need to work together, share their skills and information and learn from each other. We want to help them meet, talk and build projects.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

LISTEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARE OR WERE IN CONTACT WITH JUSTICE AND COLLECT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS



COLLECT INFORMATION AND STUDY IT

WORK WITH CHILD ADVISORY BOARDS AND OTHER GROUPS IN EUROPE THAT WORK ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



TRAIN ADULTS WHO WORK IN OR WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN UNDERSTANDING BETTER WHAT CHILDREN NEED AND WANT



TALK TO PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF CHILDREN



ENSURE ORGANISATIONS AND ADULTS HAVE ALL THEY NEED TO WORK WITH CHILDREN FOR BETTER JUSTICE SYSTEMS



DISCUSS OUR PROGRESS WITH CHILDREN



WHO DO WE WORK WITH?



Child victims and witnesses of crimes

Suspect and/or accused children

Migrant and refugee children

Children in family and care proceedings



European organisations who work with children

Other Networks who work on Children's Rights/Justice



National and European decision-makers

Elected officials



Judges, Lawyers, Prosecutors, Police, Teachers, Educators, Social workers