

LOCAL YOUTH XPERTS

CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM



CHANGE
FACTORY

WHERE CHILDREN LEAD THE WAY



INFORMATION FOR ALL THE TOOLS

Who can benefit from the tools

- decision-makers in the municipal council, the executive committee, the heads of childhood and youth services board, or other main committees
- service managers, headteachers, project leaders, or advisors in the municipal administration

Those who are invited must receive understandable, engaging information about

- what the theme is and what the answers will be used for
- who is wondering about this and why these questions are being asked
- how the answers will be used

The responsibility of decision-makers when collecting answers from children and young people

- ensure that the participants receive a greeting or a video as thanks for taking part
- ensure that the participants know how they can get in touch if they have more to contribute or are wondering about something
- ensure that the participants are told how the answers they have contributed have been used as the basis for the decision and what weight it has been given. This can be done through a text, an audio file, or a video
- publish on the municipality's website or social media how the answers have been used as the basis for the decision and what weight it has been given

04 DIRECT ADVICE ON A WEBSITE

Purpose of the tool

To create a short distance between decision-makers and children/young people in the Child Protection System. Those who make decisions are obliged under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to collect answers from groups of children/young people concerned when they are making decisions that affect them. This tool can help them do that. At the same time, children/young people can have the opportunity to give direct advice or ideas to decision-makers when they want to and when it suits them.

What the tool can be used for

- Decision-makers in the municipal council, the heads of the upbringing and youth services board, or the health and social services board, or employees in the upbringing and youth services administration and leaders in the Child Protection System can post questions to children/young people in the Child Protection System on a website. Children/young people are invited to answer in order to contribute to the best possible Child Protection System for children
- Children/young people can also give advice or ideas directly to adults who are going to make decisions about the Child Protection System
- Decision-makers can publish information for children/young people in the Child Protection System

Which children and young people can take part

Children/young people aged 12-18 in the Child Protection System. This may be children and young people who have been in contact with the Child Protection System, who live at home, in a foster home, or in a residential childcare institution

How children and young people can send input

A form where decision-makers, the upbringing and youth services administration, and leaders in the Child Protection System can post questions is available for children and young people. Information about the form can be provided by child protection services, residential childcare institutions, or foster parents. Children/young people can answer the questions posted or submit their own input anonymously.

USER GUIDE

When decision-makers send out a question

The heads of childhood and youth services board, the childhood and youth services administration, or the leader of the Child Protection System post a question, information about why this question is being asked now, and information about what the answers will be used for. Children and young people can respond by writing text, recording an audio response, or making a video.

How questions can be posted

- Questions can be posted in a questionnaire on a website
- There can be both multiple-choice questions and open-ended questions
- At the end of the questionnaire there is an open-ended answer box where children/young people can add other input

The link to the website can be given out by

- Child protection services
- Foster parents
- Residential childcare institutions

When young people submit advice or an idea

Choosing whether to be anonymous

- They can choose whether to submit anonymously or not
- The childhood and youth services administration filters out joke or irrelevant submissions before the decision-makers receive the questions

Choosing whether to receive feedback

- They can choose whether they want feedback on how their advice or ideas are taken further by those who make decisions
- They can choose whether they want feedback by text message, email, or on another platform

