OUR GLOBAL CAC

Children's Advisory Committee



Dialogue Works

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Yener

17 Years - Guatemala - Construction Assistant



Work: I work as a construction assistant.

What do you want to do in your future: I want to be a dentist.

What does participation mean to you:
Through participation I know more about my rights and child exploitation and the work that children around the world do and what kind of life they are living.

Ashley

15 Years - Guatemala - Handicraft/ Pharmacy



Work:
I do weaving handicraft (it is called tejidos de guipiles, typical costume of my municipality) and I also work in a pharmacy.

What do you want to do in your future:
I want to be a doctor and I want to have a foundation where we can take care of the health of children and adolescents. I want to be a paediatrician and be able to continue the process with working children to move forward in the country and that other children have better opportunities.

What does participation mean to you:
Participation is an expression where I can develop and be able to express what I am feeling without being silenced, to make the right decisions.

Diana

15 Years - Peru - Domestic Work



Work:
From Monday to Friday I do domestic work at home (my mother doesn't work at the home). Therefore, I am in charge of household activities and also of raising small animals (chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.)

What do you want to do in your future: In the future I hope to study and have a profession (psychology, human resources). I want to work and help my parents, build my own house (4 floors) and help my sister with her studies.

What does participation mean to you: Participation is giving our ideas to solve problems that may occur at home, at school or in society. Participation means making our voice heard. It is important that we all participate: men, women, boys, girls, the elderly, but mainly boys and girls, because they are in school and have better knowledge, they are studying, and therefore may have better ideas, but we are not always taken into account.



Juan

15 Years - Peru - Shop Assistant

Work: I work in my mother's store, in the store we sell school supplies and soft drinks, I also make photocopies and printouts, during the school season is when we sell the most school supplies. Before the pandemic I worked with my father selling vegetables in a wholesale market. Due to the pandemic my father decided that I shouldn't accompany him for fear of contagion

What do you want to do in your future: I want to continue studying and become an expert in biology and botany, I really like learning about plants. After becoming a professional I would like to work and help my parents and my brother.

What does participation mean to you: To participate is our right to give our opinion, to give our point of view about something and also to have our opinion taken into account by others. We all have the right to participate, because that way we can find solutions to different problems that may exist in our home, school, community and country. All opinions are important.

Michelle

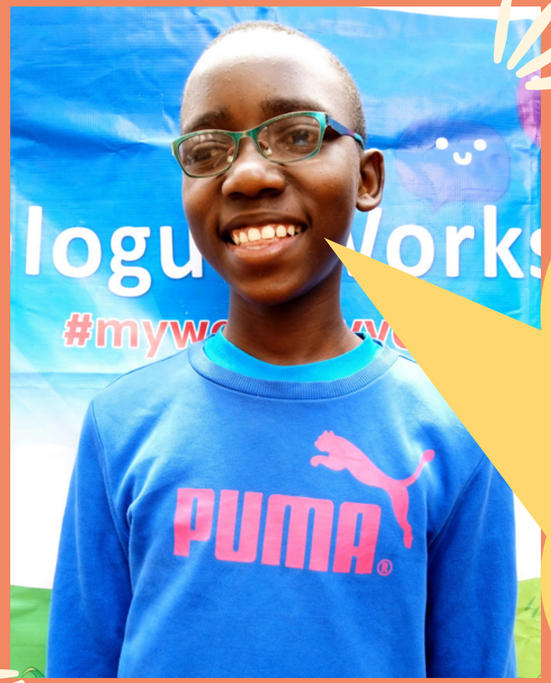
13 Years - Kenya - Shop Assistant



Work: I work in a shop. I strive to balance my work and studies. I am happy that through work I have learnt that I need to stand for my rights as a child so that no one takes advantage of me.

What do you want to do in your future: I look forward becoming a lawyer. I want to be among the people who fight for the rights of others. I want to be a famous activist of human rights.

What does participation mean to you: I am a member of local Children's Advisory Committee which speaks out on behalf of working children. My passion for advocating for the rights of the children has been nurtured. I see myself as the hope of our generation. I see a world where children are able to be free and enjoy their childhood.



Andrew

12 Years - Kenya - Cleaner/ Vendor

Work: I work as a car cleaner in a nearby car wash and as a water vendor. I carry water and supply it to people's homesteads. Working helps me to meet some of my basic needs and to learn to be responsible.

What do you want to do in your future:

I aspire to be an architect in the future. This will give me a chance to provide up to date solutions to problems in our developing world. I am passionate about providing solutions to problems.

What does participation mean to you:

I was also selected to be a global CAC representative to advocate for the rights of the working children. I believe that the voice of the children matters and the children are in the best position to tell us their feelings concerning the problems they face.

Reem

17 Years - Lebanon - Shop Assistant



Work: I am working in a market shop for my family.

What do you want to do in your future: Now I'm a student and I want to become a doctor.

What does participation mean to you:

Participation is a wonderful opportunity to speak up for not only myself, but also for all marginalized children living in the refugee camp who deprived of the right to raise their voice and express their thoughts.

Sudha

15 Years - Nepal - Handicraft



Work: I work in a handicrafts factory. The main reason for working in the handicraft factory is my family's poor financial condition. There are no other children employed in that handicraft. Seeing my weak financial situation, the owner of the handicraft offered me the job so that I could pay for my schooling cost and I could continue my studies.

What do you want to do in your future: I am thinking of becoming a teacher in the future. I have a dream of educating children of remote areas. As well as my other goal is to free children from any abuse, exploitation and child labour.

What does participation mean to you: In my opinion participation means participating in any advocacy program or participating in any other social activities.



Looniva

14 Years - Nepal - Domestic Work

Work: I work in my relative's house. I do all the household works on regular days but on Saturdays I need to work harder than on other days. I work for them because they pay for my studies.

What do you want to do in your future: I am still not sure about my career but still from my childhood I dreamt of being a social worker. I don't want other children to be involved in child labour and face any abuse and exploitation.

What does participation mean to you: I think child involvement does not only mean cooperating with children but it is also a way to understand how a child responses or gets involved in any issues or program. Child participation is to have our own views and voice.

Anubhav

15 Years - India - Shop Assistant



Work: I am a helper in a general store.

What do you want to do in your future: I want to become a defence Officer.

What does participation mean to you: Participation means to me getting the opportunity to express my views and talk freely.



Kashish

16 Years - India - Handicraft

Work:
I work as a home based worker doing stitching and hand embroidery.

What do you want to do in your future:
I want to become a doctor.

What does participation mean to you:
Participation means to me being asked about my choice and opinion in matters that concern me.

Kabwe

18 Years - Sambia - Vendor/ Book Keeper



Work: I sell scones at home and help in buying stock for the family business and I am in charge of the book keeping.

What do you want to do in your future: I want to become a doctor.

What does participation mean to you:
Child participation is the inclusion of a child in a decision or choice either directly or indirectly.



Esther

19 Years - Sambia - Vendor

Work: I sell scones.

What do you want to do in your future:
I want to become a nurse.

What does participation mean to you:
Participation is taking part in something voluntarily and being involved in decision making on issues that affects you.

Rashid

17 Years - Tanzania - Horticulture



Work: I work on a farm.

What do you want to do in your future: I want to become a doctor.

What does participation mean to you: Participation in the Dialogue Works campaign helped me to gain confidence and make friends abroad. I can share experiences about work that children do and its impact. I am wishing well for every working child.



Yusuph

13 Years - Tanzania - Domestic Work/Horticulture

Work: I do domestic chores and farm work at home for my parents.

What do you want to do in your future: I want to become a soldier.

What does participation mean to you: Through the Dialogue Works campaign I have gained new online friends and I can exchange ideas. I can share the challanges that I face when I am working. I am happy to advocate for other children's rights.