Meaningful child and youth participation in combating sexual exploitation of children: empowering young survivors

Global Youth Partnership Program against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

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WHAT DO WE HAVE?

• MILLIONS OF CSEC VICTIMS
• RIGHT TO BE HEARD & TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

But

• VICTIMS OPPINION IS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION
Child and Youth Participation against CSEC

Youth Partnership Programme (YPP)
against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

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- ECPAT International
- European Union
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- Ladies' Circle International
- OAK Foundation
- Latin American Children's Trust
- Christian Aid
- The Body Shop
Overall Objective:

To ensure children’s right to meaningfully participate in social change against commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)
Promoting Youth Power!

Key elements

✓ Peer to peer
✓ Involving experiential children and youth (children victims of CSEC) at those at risk
✓ Support of children and youth led initiatives in awareness raising and advocacy

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YPP Key Strategies

Partnership

Participation

Protection
YPP Key Activities

- Leadership and Life Skills Development
- Conducting Peer Support Programs
- Implementing Micro Projects
- Establishing Child Protection Framework

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Peer Support Programs

Peer to Peer Approach: Methodology for Support
1) Direct Support
2) Peer Education
3) Group Activities

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PSP achievements

- 455 educational events in the frames of *Pear Support Program in Ukraine* for 4023 children & youth (September 2009-January 2012)

*Pear Support Program in Moldova*

- 15 institutions with 35 Peer Supporters (PS) aged 14-17 (September 2009-december 2011)
- 1032 direct beneficiaries
- 6811 indirect beneficiaries
YPP Youth-led Advocacy

Participation in Stop Child Sex Trafficking Campaign

Moldova → 1520 signatures
Ukraine → 55 726
The author in its pictures show that sexuality is natural for children and that it is normal to develop this sexuality.
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«This project helps a lot of at-risk children to be aware of how to protect themselves and to find their way in life».

Global YPP Youth Motivator.

To be free, a children's drawing.

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