



Dear children and young people,

My name is Angie Caruana and I am the Coordinator of the Children's Hub within the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society. I am very happy to extend this invitation to all children and young people aged 6 to 18 years to become members of the Children's and Young Persons' Consultation group within the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society.

The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society believes that children and young people are the experts on childhood. As a child, you have vibrant and energetic attitudes towards life which produce brilliant ideas. Your ideas need to be listened to along with those of adults.

Children and young people from across Malta and Gozo are being invited to come forward and be part of this new platform, giving children and young people a space to flourish and a voice, which is theirs by right.

The aim of the Consultation group is to extend the invitation to other children in the Maltese Islands, who would like to contribute and participate within the framework of the Councils which form part of the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society.

There are 11 Consultation groups, and children aged 6 to 12 and young people aged 12 to 18 are invited to participate in the group where they feel the most invested and the most interested.

The Consultation Groups are:

1. Children's Rights and Creative Spaces
2. Children in Gozo
3. Animals and the Environment
4. Out of Home Care including Foster care, Adoptions, Children under a Care Order and Unaccompanied Children
5. Children with Special Rights
6. Creative Arts - Drama and Music
7. Childhood Obesity
8. Sports and Mental Wellbeing

9. LGBTIQ Rights and Culture
10. Sports and Learning Difficulties
11. Interfaith and Multiculturalism

Furthermore, we are very happy to announce the 12th Consultation group; the National Eurochild Forum (NEF's). Eurochild is Europe's child rights network recognised for its work to promote children's rights and wellbeing.

Eurochild have chosen Malta, through the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, to be one of the first pilot countries to set up the National Eurochild Forum (NEF's) along with Bulgaria and Estonia.

National Eurochild Forums (NEFs) will collect ideas and opinions from children at local level and feed them into the work of the Eurochild Children's Council (ECC). The NEFs will be made up of groups of 15 to 25 individuals aged 10-18. These individuals will be selected by young people in their country and will be supported by Eurochild's members. Each Forum should include children from different backgrounds, with different experiences. NEFs will also be asked to reach out to children that do not belong to the supporting organisation to ensure they represent different groups.

The Foundation would like to invite you to be a member of the Consultation groups. If you are interested, or would like further information please feel free to contact us or ask your parents/guardian to do so on your behalf on pfws.opr@gov.mt or by contacting 21484 662 and ask for Angie Caruana or Lorella Gatt.

Whilst I hope you receive our invite to join the first Consultation group of the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, I send you loads of colourful and happy regards.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Angela Caruana