



Time to Talk



Children's Views on Children's Work

Newsletter 2017 - Edition 3: "Time to spread the children's messages"

Dear colleagues and friends,

In our last newsletter we were already optimistic about a possible participation of Time to Talk at the upcoming IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour this November. **Well, all things come to those who wait!**

After a lot of meetings, calls, letters, e-mails, WhatsApp messages and dances in the rain, we were granted to have an official side event and press event at the Global Conference. **Yes, it's official – Time to Talk goes to Argentina!**



Update on the IV Global Conference on Sustained Eradication of Child Labour

Time to Talk's project goal is to secure spaces for working children to make their voices being heard and taken into account. Especially international **policy debates lack the participation** of children and youth, even if they are the ones directly affected by decisions made at that level. Through presenting the key findings of our global consultations at the conference, Time to Talk aims to represent the diverse voices of those working children at the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour.

At two different opportunities we will be given a space:

- **Press Conference**

Instead of launching the Time to Talk report in Geneva, we have the unique opportunity to present the research findings at a press conference. Hopefully the **international and national media** will pick up on the unique insights on working children's lives, views and suggestions!

Read about how you can contribute to this at the newsletter section "Advocacy".

- **Side Event “Children’s Views on Children’s Work”**

A major question that kept us busy was “How to ensure that the decision-making stakeholders, present at the Global Conference, receive the children’s key messages?” By being given the chance of hosting a civil society event at the conference, we hope to reach this goal. Jointly with Young Lives, ECPAT International and other organizations, Time to Talk will share perspectives of girls and boys who work across myriad sectors in urban to rural and refugee settings globally in a panel discussion. **The purpose of the discussion is to share and discuss key suggestions to improve the lives of working children.**

Update on the Advocacy



Through Time to Talk a **strong network** of dedicated local, national and international organizations has been established!

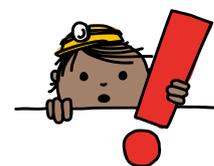
Only our collective efforts made this project possible:

134 consultations have been done in 36 countries worldwide, providing 1.822 children the neutral space to express themselves about their work. 15 Children Advisory Committees with more than 150

members have been established and actively participated and we realized Public Actions in 9 countries and a National Exchange between working children and the government delegations in 10 countries – absolutely impressive!

Once again, we now ask for your support – you know the decision-makers, policy dialogues, media and relevant platforms best in **your country and region** and we kindly ask you to prepare for a **local and/or national launch** of the main Time to Talk findings in your country in November 2017!

Have a look at our [Local Advocacy Guide](#) that hopefully will be of great help to make our report and your participation publicly known and let us start a **fruitful dialogue with decision-makers** at all levels! You will find ideas on how to launch the report in your country as well as a list of material that is being prepared by the Time to Talk team and can be used in local and national settings as well. We will provide all materials in a download folder in English, French and Spanish for you by 31 October 2017! [Find the Advocacy Guide by clicking here!](#)



Update on the Team

With a smile in one eye and a tear in the other we have to say goodbye to our colleague **Antje Ruhmann** (Terre des Hommes) who **is going on maternity leave!** We will greatly miss her here at Time to Talk but wish her all the best for this new and beautiful step in her life! Read Antje’s farewell letter below:

Dear colleagues,

We had a very intense, interesting and joyful time together on the T2T journey and I would like to thank all of you for your impressive knowledge, passion and all the time dedicated to make this project grow! I enjoyed working with all of you very much and I learned a lot!

When I started with T2T I didn't imagine it to grow to its current size. Now, we will officially launch a Press Conference and discuss the findings in a Side Event at the IV Global Conference on Child Labour.

A great success that would not have been possible without you and the active involvement of all the children! Although children will not be allowed at the conference, we can at least communicate their views to the audience. Pass on my greetings and special thanks to the almost 2.000 children that have been part of this endeavour!

Now, instead of "Time to Talk" it is time for me to be a mom! I will be on maternity leave from October onwards and will keep my fingers crossed for our events there and your local and national launches!

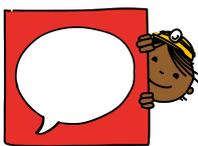
Let's spread the views of the children together with them across the globe and insist on realizing their right to participation in policy dialogues!

I will be back in 2018 and I look forward to continuing our journey! The next and V Global Conference will come and we will be even better prepared to bring working children there – finally!

Warm wishes,
Antje

What's next?

[Spreading children's messages](#) – that will be our biggest concern and task in the upcoming weeks! Support us if you can, the over 1.800 children and youth participants will appreciate it!



Any questions, queries or ideas you'd like to share with us?
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With the best wishes from our headquarters in Duisburg,

Your "Time to Talk"-Team

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