



Time to Talk!



Children's Views on Children's Work

Newsletter 04/2017: "Time for a good read!"

Dear colleagues and friends,

It's time to wish each and every one of you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** The year is almost over and for the Time to Talk project and team it brought **new challenges and exciting phases**. Together with you we celebrated milestones and encountered steps backwards.

Let's have a look at the most current:

Update on the Reports

Do you have some time left during the Christmas holidays? Have a look at the **Time to Talk report** about our consultations in over 35 countries! It's a **vivid presentation** of children's unique views, reflections and ideas on their work. The report structure is based on the child friendly methods and tools we used to consult children and summarizes **what we have learned of all our young participants** in 12 key policy recommendations.

Key actors should

Do you know what key actors should do?

1 Increase dialogue to agree on a common terminology relating to children's work, child labour, youth employment, and decent work for young people. To better align data collection and policy and practice developments.	2 Ensure co-ordinated, child-focused, gender-sensitive, policy and practice developments that are locally relevant, flexible, and responsive to the needs, rights, and aspirations of children and families in their contexts.	3 Increase investments in child-focused, family-strengthening strategies, schemes and interventions including poverty reduction, social work and livelihood schemes for parents and caregivers; child-sensitive social protection; improved labour practices in remote, rural, urban, poor, and camp settings; and access to family support services.	4 Strengthen realization of children's rights to information, expression, and participation and associations, to ensure genuine opportunities for decision-makers to listen to and take into account the views of working children in families, schools, work places, communities, and the policy and practice developments that concern them.	5 Strengthen the development and participatory monitoring of education systems that provide inclusive, free, safe, relevant, quality education to all children in remote, rural, urban and camp localities.	6 Review, implement, monitor and enforce laws, policies and programmes to protect children from work that is hazardous, harmful, and/or forced (taking into account the views of working children).
7 Increase investments in human and financial resources for child protection case management to ensure co-ordinated, multi-sectoral responses to child exploitation and violence based on children's best interests (informed by the views of the child and family members).	8 Strengthen child protection systems (based on international law) to prevent and protect children from violence in families, work places, schools, streets, communities, and wider society.	9 Increase investments in gender and disability-sensitive, vocational skill training and on-the-job mentoring schemes for adolescents, while also promoting and supporting non-formal entry access to formal education.	10 Engage employers and businesses to apply children's rights in their business practices.	11 Increase humanitarian support for children and families affected by conflict, disaster or other shocks. Increase government responsiveness to emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction to strengthen families' resilience and to reduce vulnerability.	12 Support ongoing, formative dialogue, research, and participatory monitoring and evaluation to better understand the impact of child labour laws, policies and programmes.

[Download a copy of the Report here!](#)

It will be available in English, German, Spanish and French

Living up to the idea of being a children's participation project means giving back the information we gathered with the help of our 1822 working girls and boys. **To make the report accessible for all ages we have summarized it in a comic.** It's a story about our little protagonist Paul who travels the world with the help of his friend Supermaia to speak with working children.



Come and join the adventures of Paul and Supermaia!

[Download the Time to Talk Comic here!](#)

It will be available in English, German, Spanish, French, Hindu, Nepali, Arab and Cyrillic

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

From 14th to 16th of November a **delegation of the different steering committee organisations** of the Time to Talk project attended the world conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina. **As initially planned the youth representative from Senegal couldn't attend the conference due to visa denial.**

The Time to Talk Team is filled with consternation that despite all our efforts the participation of a young representative was not possible. Nevertheless the team presented the Time to Talk findings in two opportunities during the conference days. During a **press conference** the report was officially launched and later a **Side Event** provided the possibility to present the project and report to a large number of interested conference participants.

Many attendees of the conference shared their **interest in possibilities for a meaningful child participation** with us and we feel encouraged to keep gathering ideas and forces with the many initiatives, organisations and movements worldwide with whom we share the **common goal to fulfill the children's right to participation in the future.**



What's next?

With fresh energy the Time to Talk project and team will return in 2018! **Evaluation and validation** of the project and the methods applied is just one task that lies ahead of us. Also **exciting opportunities for working children's participation** are currently discussed. **We will keep you in the loop - promise!**



Any questions, queries or ideas you'd like to share with us? Please feel free to contact us: timetotalk.info@gmail.com or visit us on [Facebook](#) and leave a message!

Wishing you wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018,

Your "Time to Talk"-Team

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