

Give the adults advice on child rights

The Nordic region should be the best place in the world to grow up as a child. But unfortunately, it is not always the case. Some children face loneliness, stress, anxiety, sadness or other difficulties in their lives. That should not be the case. This year, the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** celebrates its 30th birthday. We are celebrating this all over the world. In the Nordic Region, adults have decided that they will use this year to ask the children themselves to come up with solutions on how to ensure and improve children's rights.



That is why we need you! We would like you to take part in a **Nordic Children's Forum** together with 80 children from the whole Nordic region. We need you to join us, because you have an important role to play in creating change for children.

For the **first time in history**, we are organising a Nordic Children's Forum in Denmark where the **Nordic politicians will be ready to listen to children's voices**. You are experts and know the good and bad sides of being a child. Now you have this **fantastic opportunity** to be a part of a Nordic campaign and speak out on matters that are important to you.

This historical Nordic Children's Forum has **eight national children's groups** from: Denmark, The Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Åland gathered in the UN-City of Copenhagen.



Would you like to be an important member of this event? Are you ready to **travel to Copenhagen**, Denmark, from the 15th to 17th of January 2020? Would you like to meet and have a wonderful time with **amazing children** from the Nordic region? Then apply to become part of your national group.

Each national group will consist of 5 – 10 children, who are ready to **spend time and energy** to **come up with ideas** on how the Nordic region can be the best place in the world for children to live in. In each group, there will also be at least two adults, who will help and support you. You are between 12 – 16 years old. You speak and understand English well. There will be some translation, if necessary.

We hope to see you and look forward to meeting you in Copenhagen.



There are three steps of the Nordic Children's Forum, and you will be active in all of them:

1. Preparation, Oct.-Dec. 2019

- Right now, send your application to be a part of the group from your country
- During November you will participate in one meeting with your national group, where you will discuss working with your ideas on how the Nordic region could be the best place in the world to grow up as a child
- All the team's ideas will be gathered in a joint Nordic Children's Resolution

2. Event in Copenhagen, Denmark, 15th to 17th of January 2020

- Travel to Copenhagen
- Participate in event 16th of January in the UN-City together with all the other Nordic teams
- Finalise and adopt the joint Nordic Children's Resolution
- Ministers, politicians and other decision makers will also participate in the event
- Stay in at Globalhagen Hostel in Copenhagen
- Have a good time together with up to 80 children and 20 adults from the Nordic region
- Make a plan in your group for how you can take action on the recommendations from the Nordic Children's Resolution when you return home

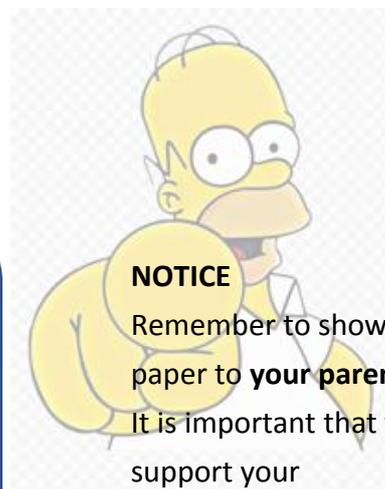
3. Action, Feb.-June 2020

- Put your plan in action together with your group
- Maybe meet with local and national politicians to advocate for the Nordic Children's Resolution
- Continue to speak out and give the adults good advises

More information and important fact

We offer you:

- The opportunity to influence other people
- Give good advice to adults
- Training in activism, campaigning and advocacy for child rights
- Communications and presentations skills
- Trip to Copenhagen, Denmark
- Meeting children and politicians from the Nordic region
- Make new friends
- Have fun!



NOTICE
Remember to show this paper to **your parents**. It is important that they support your participation.

GLOBALHAGEN HOUSE | HOSTEL | CAFE

In Copenhagen, you will sleep at Globalhagen Hostel, which is a non-profit, eco-friendly and volunteer-driven hostel. The rooms are decorated in global themes, and you will share room with same-sex children from both your national group and other groups. There is one big dorm room with up to 20 persons, where some of you will sleep. Others will stay in rooms with 6-8 persons, and few of you in smaller rooms with 2-4 persons.

Bathrooms and toilet are on the corridor shared with other same-sex rooms. The adults will also stay at the hostel together with you. The hostel is located in the heart of Nørrebro – one of the most vibrant parts of Copenhagen. From the hostel, it takes 10 minutes by bus and then 5 minutes on foot to reach the UN-City.

Check it out at <https://www.globalhagen.dk/>



Fact

The Nordic Children's Forum is a corporation between The Nordic Council of Ministers, The Danish Ministry of Social Affairs and the Interior and UNICEF in the Nordic Countries. It is financed by The Nordic Council of Ministers, which pays your travel expenses, accommodation and food when you are going to Copenhagen. Pocket money is not included.