



EFC Children and Youth Funders Group

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Mission

Provides a platform for learning, networking, exchange of experience, identification of opportunities for synergies, and joint action for foundations and corporate donors that support children and youth issues. Some of the topics the group will address over the next two years include: values, rights and democracy-learning; poverty; early childhood development; child protection; and advancing children's overall well-being. The Group was formally launched in May 2009.

What we do

The activities of the group include:

- Learning from the initiatives of members that impact positively on children and young people
- Creating, maintaining and using a vibrant and communicative website that engages partner foundations and is a source of information and expertise
- Maintaining and improving the annual documenting of the strategies and approaches of partner foundations that showcases how they nurture and support children and young people within their organisations
- Sharing experience by doing joint work together in the group and with other foundations, NGO's and other relevant stakeholders at local, national and European levels

Who we are

Participating organisations: Bernard van Leer Foundation; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Freudenberg Stiftung (Chair); Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian; Fundació 'la Caixa'; Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace; Jacobs Foundation; Joseph Rowntree Foundation; King Baudouin Foundation; Körber- Stiftung; Stiftung Mercator; The Atlantic Philanthropies; The Oak Foundation; Robert Bosch Stiftung; Universal Education Foundation; Velux Foundations

How you can get involved

- Take part in the Group to learn, meet your peers, and share your experience
- Bring your ideas and projects on children and youth and the Group will assist you to promote them and find partners
- Join initiatives of the Group participants
- Contribute to raising the profile and voice of foundations working on children and youth issues at European and international levels.

For further details, visit <http://www.efc.be/ChildrenAndYouth> or Marilena Vrana at mvrana@efc.be