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Quick Summary

In anticipation of the upcoming European Parliament elections scheduled for June 2024, [ChildFund Alliance](#), [EuroChild](#), [Save the Children](#), [SOS Children's Villages](#), and [UNICEF](#), in collaboration with the [Child and Youth Friendly Governance Project](#), have recently published a comprehensive report titled "Our Rights. Our Future. The Europe We Want." This report stems from consultations conducted with children aged 10 to 18 across the European Union. It provides valuable insights into their primary concerns, including education, mental health, discrimination, safety, participation, and climate change. Particularly noteworthy is the significant worry expressed by children about ongoing global conflicts, with 43% expressing deep concern. The report contains other valuable insights and recommendations for prioritizing children's well-being for European leadership; Such as creating decision-making guides for schools and developing mechanisms that ensure youth

participation in policy-making, among others. The report underscores the children's call for action from EU decision-makers to address these issues, recognizing the children's role in both the present and the future. **To read the full report, [click here](#).**

In a recent interview, Leonardo Garnier, former Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations for Transforming Education Summit (TES), shared insights into the global efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030. Reflecting on the TES held in 2022 at the UN, Garnier highlighted its role in addressing critical issues like equity, inclusion, and quality in education. However, in the interview he expressed concerns about the challenges in translating awareness and agreement into concrete actions, citing political barriers and inadequate investment in education as major obstacles. "In many countries, the necessary political agreement is not achieved to make the investments education needs to promote curricular transformations and teacher training... We talk about it and produce many documents but do not reach the actions that count; if the transformation does not reach the classroom it is not transformation..." said Garnier. With public spending on education declining, Garnier stressed the need for tangible results through global education reform to ensure that transformation initiatives effectively impact classrooms and address the learning crisis. **To watch the full interview, [click here](#).**

The [Elevate Children Funders Group \(ECFG\)](#) has released "Weaving Collective Practice," a learning journey designed for funders interested in exploring child and youth leadership and partnership in philanthropy. The practice offers a series of four workshop recordings, addressing crucial aspects of participation like safeguarding, compensation, internal advocacy, and backing youth-led movements. Each recording is accompanied by detailed notes, key takeaways, and a range of extra resources, giving participants practical guidance for embracing child- and youth-centered approaches. Expanding upon the groundwork laid by the [Funders Toolkit for Child and Youth Participation](#), ECFG aims to bridge the gap between theory and action. The learning journey is designed to cultivate a culture of inclusion and participation within philanthropic endeavors by offering methodologies and empowering participants with the necessary knowledge and skills. **To access the learning journey, [click here](#).**

Spotlight

President Joe Biden delivers a [Proclamation](#) on National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

As spring begins, April marks [National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#), a crucial time when our communities need to collectively rally to address the issue of child abuse and neglect. President Joe Biden's proclamation emphasizes the shared responsibility in preventing abuse, supporting survivors, and creating environments where all children can thrive safely. Legislative efforts like the Violence Against Women Act and recent initiatives such as the American Rescue Plan have demonstrated a commitment from this administration to enhance child protective services and support survivors. Additionally, measures like eliminating the Federal statute of limitations for civil claims filed by survivors of child sexual abuse and investments in Children's Advocacy Centers and online safety campaigns highlight the need for more multifaceted approaches to tackling this issue.

In line with prevention efforts, the government released the [2023/2024 Prevention Resource Guide](#) highlighting the importance of community collaboration and protective factors in promoting positive outcomes for children and families. The guide offers an extensive list of supportive resources that can help communities effectively address the root causes of child abuse and neglect. Furthermore, the [National Child Abuse Prevention Month Outreach Toolkit](#) provides insight and suggestions for engaging your local and online communities in supporting children, youth, and families. Whether through proclamations, social media, or other means, raising awareness about child abuse prevention empowers individuals to take action in prioritizing children.

While positive legislative and local steps have been made, National Child Abuse Prevention Month serves as a reminder of the continuous work needed to protect children and support survivors across the globe. It is time to renew our commitment to building safer communities and helping those impacted by abuse. Through collaborative efforts, we can create a society where every child grows up safe, supported, and surrounded by care, ensuring a brighter future for future generations.

To read President Joe Biden's Proclamation, [click here](#).

Events

- ECPAT International, Eurochild, and Terre des Hommes Netherlands [hybrid event](#) **“Speaking Up for Child Safety Online.”** April 8, 2024.
- Safe Online [hybrid event](#) **“Global Age Assurance Standards Summit.”** April 8 - 12, 2024.
- YouthLead [virtual event](#), **“The Intersection of Mentorship and Youth Political Participation.”** April 9, 2024 at 9:00 am to 10:00 am ET.
- Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform [virtual events](#), **“YECAP Climate Action Week 2024.”** April 15 to 19, 2024 at 5:00 - 7:00 am ET.
- Economic and Social Council of the United Nations [hybrid event](#), **“ECOSOC Youth Forum.”** April 16 to 18, 2024.
- Global Business Coalition For Education [in-person event](#), **“Act for Early Years: Unlocking Investment for Our Youngest Learners.”** April 17, 2024 at 3:30 to 5:30 pm ET.
- Keeping Children Safe [in-person event](#) **“Organizational Child Protection Summit: Childhoods Without Violence in the Americas.”** April 17 - 18, 2024.
- UNICEF and RISE Institute [webinar](#), **“Applying the Nurturing Care Framework to Multisectoral M&E Systems for Early Childhood Development.”** April 24, 2024 at 9:00 am ET.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- The Brave Movement [blog post](#), **“Amplifying Voices, Healing Wounds: A Survivor’s Journey to End Childhood Sexual Violence.”**
- Together for Girls [report](#), **“Together for Girls Impact Report.”**
- Global Press Journal [blog post](#), **“‘We Get Blamed for It’: Young Mothers Push for Sex Education in Haiti.”**
- INHOPE Network [report](#), **“Annual Report 2023.”**
- Rescue.org [press release](#), **“Pregnant women and mothers in Gaza are fighting to keep themselves and their babies alive amidst healthcare collapse, the IRC warns.”**



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