

# Child Rights in Action

Children as Human Rights Defenders

Monday 29 July - Friday 2 August



Preparation guide





## What's Child Rights in Action?

### Who are we?

Created in 1952, Initiatives of Change France is a secular and apolitical non-profit organisation. Its mission is to develop active citizens, by working with children, youth, and adults to be partners for change to improve society. It contributes to a more fair, peaceful and confident society where everyone is actor and citizen. In order to promote children's participation and to give them the tools to be actors of change Initiatives of Change created: Child Rights in Action.

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### Our methods, our values

Our international forum gives a voice to children so they can be actors and have a role in the necessary changes of our society. Participation is a fundamental right in the UN Children Rights Convention (UNCRC art. 12-15, 17). In reality, it's not that common that children have the opportunity to express themselves on topics that concern them and are close to their heart. Yet children have the resources, the knowledge and the ideas to respond to present challenges. The international forum Child Rights in Action is a unique collaborative experience between children and adults in which a true children participation culture is built.

From 2 to 99 years old, coming from all around the world, alone, with family or in delegations, everyone having the will to build a better world, more inclusive: welcome! During the whole week participants will come and share their story, their experiences. Beyond the inspiration they will gain from such exchanges, they share resources, tools, deepen their knowledge and question their beliefs and prejudices on what children are able to undertake. It's also an opportunity to create a network and partnership allowing to move forward on one's project.



## What to expect?

### "Children as Human Rights Defenders"

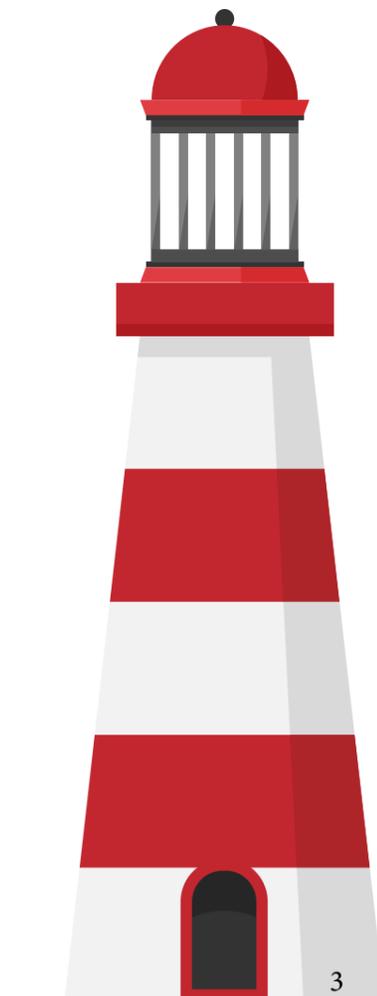
For this edition of Child Rights in Action we wanted to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Child Rights Convention (UNCRC) and make ours the theme chosen by the UN Committee and Child Rights Connect: "Children as Human Rights Defenders".

30 years ago, acknowledging the endless acts of violence children encountered, the world set sail to defend children's rights with the UNCRC. Today, the journey is far from being over and everyone is invited to continue this adventure! We are inviting you to get on board of our ship to explore together children's vision on how to defend Human dignity and rights.

### A nautical adventure

We will take the time to check in where we are and where we are coming from. This will allow to assess the current situation of children as Human Rights Defenders. Then, it will be necessary to know the obstacles ahead: storms, reefs, sea monsters populating the oceans and the manoeuvres needed to avoid them; meaning, the difficulties children meet to lead their projects and how to overcome these hurdles.

Having a set course for everyone to become a Human Rights Defender, the workshops will allow the participants to leave with the skills they need to undertake their own voyage to defend Human Rights.





## Programme and activities

Every day the programme will focus on different steps. Participants will be able to attend educational workshops co-facilitated by children and adults, concrete examples of projects lead by children, sharing of experiences. These activities will be approached in order to create a cohesive spirit of mutual assistance, which will enable the creation of personal and/or professional bonds to inspire participants to move forward.

Children under 10 will also have a tailor-made programme in order to initiate them to the theme and to ensure they will have the most enjoyable and enriching experience possible.

Examples of questions raised:

- What is the role of a child as a Human Rights Defender?
- Flag violation of Human and Children Rights
- Engage in the prevention of Human Rights' violations



## To enjoy your stay

If you need a visa be careful about the time the administrative process can take. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance with your application. We can provide a formal letter of invitation for the forum.

What the participant should bring: comfortable clothes appropriate for a temperate month of July, comfortable shoes, a hat/cap/sunscreen for outdoor activities and warmer clothes in case of rain.

Not to forget: a costume for dressed up day!



## The venue

The Forum will take place at:

Relais le Bocage,  
2 Rue de Mausson,  
53220 Pontmain

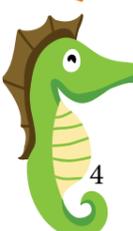
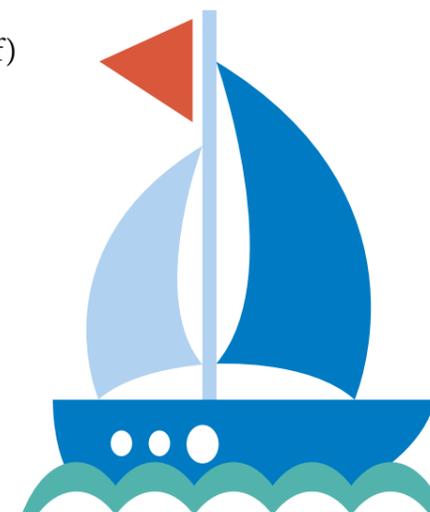


**Please be careful:**

- Rooms will be shared with other participants (double or triple rooms);
- Rooms won't be mixed;
- Delegation and family will be regrouped together.

**To come to the venue:**

- o In bus: on the day of arrival and for the return a shuttle will be set between Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and Pontmain.
- o By train:
  - From Paris take the train to Rennes ([www.oui.sncf](http://www.oui.sncf))
  - In Rennes take the bus N°9A to Fougère
  - In Fougère, take a cab to Pontmain
- o By car: possibility to park at the Relais.





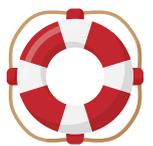
## Registrations

	Adult	Teenager (11-16)	Child (3-10)
Rate/day	59.80€	45.80€	33.80€
Registration fee (whole stay)	50€	50€	50€
Return shuttle Paris-Pontmain	40€	40€	40€

Full board rate includes every meal as well as morning and afternoon snacks. In order to live the experience to its fullest we ask our participants to attend the whole five days of the forum. We reserve the right to refuse a registration that would not be for the entire stay.



**Inscriptions open from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**



On our website: <https://fr.iofc.org/>

Limited places available

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