

CHILDREN INTERACTING WITH AUTHORITIES

Children engaging with decision making

Europe and others: Norway

Save the Children Norway has encouraged Norwegian authorities at all levels to speak directly with children, enter into dialogue with them and develop child friendly messaging that reaches the children both about COVID-19 as well as where children who are unsafe at home can seek help. As a result, the Norwegian Prime Minister held a press conference for children in cooperation with a children's television station and a children's newspaper. She was joined by the Minister of Children & Family Affairs and the Minister of Education. There they answered children's questions related to COVID-19 and spoke directly to the children about the pandemic and where to seek help if they are not safe at home. Several local governments have also decided to hold online meetings with children about COVID-19. SCN has developed a set of advice to decision-makers on how they can carry out an online meeting with children in a child-friendly, respectful and inclusive way.

Mapping children and youth councils' experiences of participation and influence during COVID-19, including how they have experienced their opportunities for influence via digital arenas. A report will be published August 2020, and used in political advocacy to strengthen children and youth councils' influence in municipal decision-making processes, also during COVID-19.

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