

Council of Europe Conference

Building a child friendly Europe: turning a vision into reality

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The 'Our Voices' network

Building child participation within strategies to prevent sexual violence against children

The 'Our Voices' Network aims to build a European network that will

- encourage and enable communication between projects working in a participatory way with children affected by sexual violence.
- enable children to share their experience and expertise as active participants in developing policy and practice
- enable children to play a role in developing child centred services across Europe to prevent sexual violence against children.
- facilitate projects to share methods of practice that support and enable children who have been affected by sexual violence to have their voices heard and to participate in project management, project development, service delivery and in campaign and publicity events.
- provide a European forum for the voices of children who have been affected by sexual violence to be heard; so that children's experiences of (and growth away from) sexual violence are communicated and shared.
- establish a specific website for projects working in a participatory way with children affected by sexual violence. The web site to have web pages for: ideas on how to *structure* your agency to enable children to participate; ideas about participatory work *methods and practices* that enable children to play an active role in service delivery, development and campaign activities; awareness and sharing of the *ethical issues* that need to be considered in developing participatory activities and practices with children who have been affected by sexual violence

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