Children and adolescents and their contribution to society

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Three parts:

1. Key elements/premises of the CRC that strengthening and reinforce the conditions of social actor more than only a subject of rights.

2. Conditions needed and barriers

3. A pending agenda
• “NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US"
Children and Adolescents Participation

- **Art. 12**: The Right to be heard
  - 3rd Optional protocol: Communications

- **Art. 13**: the right to freedom of expression

- **Art. 14**: the right of the child to freedom of thought, conscience and religion

- **Art. 15**: the rights of the child to freedom of association and to freedom of peaceful assembly.

- **Art. 17**: The right to Access of accessible and adequate information

- **Art. 31**: The right to rest, leisure, in play and recreational activities, the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life
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- Understanding what being CA is from their contexts and cultures
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- Cities where not conceived for people in general - less so for CA
- Tension with political and legal frameworks
- Not a priority, no investment

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- Perceptions, no recognition
- Dependence
- Right to be heard in legal and administrative procedure
- Other rights of participation
- Lack of information
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- Subject of rights
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- Agency of the child

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A pending agenda a “new social pact, another”

1) that the social and political weight is given to the word of children, GC12.

2) what is not legally binding if it is ethically.

3) language creates worlds and destroys worlds.

4) Movements of children who are their allies?

5) from childhood and adolescence we must influence the cities.

6) There has to be a specialization to serve support. CDN and its insufficiently known protocols.

7) how important is the organization of the children and adolescents themselves. It is not an end is a tool to arrive, organize and have a word.

8) Not to panic there are many more reasons to recover what has already been sown, towards a "new normal"
thank you!

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