

# UNICEF declares Cascais child-friendly

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30 years of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child

Cascais gave voice to children in the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration. Listening to them and discovering their ideas and suggestions, a unique time of sharing that brought together children, young people and adults. Some suggestions, such as closing streets on weekends to give them a safe place to play with friends, reinventing the street as a leisure space or creating cycle lanes around schools were all discussed by young and old alike.

A day of worldwide celebration for everything that has been achieved up to now, but also a reminder of the plight of the most disadvantaged children. Alerting people and raising their awareness of the importance of working on their well-being and development every day.

And Cascais has been working towards that. At the beginning of November, Cascais and the Portuguese Committee for UNICEF signed the "Cascais, Friend of Children" protocol following the work that has been carried out since 2017 and which has now been recognised.

The executive director of the Portuguese Committee for UNICEF, Beatriz Imperatori, said the example set by Cascais "is an inspiration for all those who have just started out along this path. From now on, the responsibility is even greater because the expectations are high"

This commemoration is the culmination of the Rights of Children and Young People Forum that was part of the "Child Friendly Cities" programme, of which Cascais is part.

"Nothing is more important than building a world where all our children have the opportunity to realise their full potential and grow up healthy, in peace and dignity"  
(Kofi A. Annan, former UN Secretary General)