

# November 2020 | The month for Children and Young People

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An involved November, despite the pandemic.

During November, Rights of Children and Young People Month, Cascais took part in a number of initiatives taking place all over the world, seeking to spark discussion about the challenges and opportunities involved in ensuring the Rights of Children and Young People in Cascais, which in 2020 focused on the Right to Participation. A number of children and young people from Cascais took part in the discussion, reflecting on and sharing their views and suggestions.

To make Cascais the ideal place to live as a child and as a young person, the town council, in partnership with the UNICEF Committee, has developed projects focusing on a global and integrated vision of the rights of children, thereby demonstrating a political commitment towards the development of local policy measures that are consistent with both the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the principles of the programme itself in respect of the following specific, transversal and interconnected areas: empowerment; governance, participation and communication; family, health and education; culture, sport, leisure and recreation; safety, mobility and accessibility; and the environment, energy and sustainability.

Therefore, it is important that public and private institutions respect and defend the rights of children and young people, encourage them to express their opinions freely, respect them and actively involve them in the decisions that affect their lives.

To mark the Rights of Children and Young People Month, a total of eight webinars and other initiatives took place in Cascais between 4 and 19 November:

4 November - The Right of Children and Young People to Participate in Culture, Sport, Leisure and Recreation: Projects to Inspire;

8 November - The Right to Participation as viewed by Children and Young People - The Rights Clothesline;

10 November - The Rights of Children and Young People and their wellbeing in times of a pandemic - the views of children and young people;

11 November - Right to the city and the participation of children and young people;

11 November - Communication vs. participation - What is the future of communication?

12 November - Late afternoon is also daytime: What education for children aged 0-3 years? (With Assunção Folque);

18 November - The Environment begins with children!

19 November - Late afternoon is also daytime: What education for children aged 0-3 years? (With Catarina Tomás);

20 November - Facebook Live - A conversation with the Mayor of Cascais, Carlos Carreiras, and young people from Cascais (Pilar, Carmo, Gonçalo and Ana);

20 November - Children's Rights Clothesline - The right of children and young people to participate (With Ana Zina);

21 and 28 November - Cascais Youth Instagram Live - The right of children and young people to participate;

26 November - Zoom Meeting with Cascais schools - "Measures for Local Action, promoting safe and protected environments for children post-lockdown";

The Rights of Children Month in November was an initiative by Cascais Municipal Council in partnership with all the entities and services that implement the Cascais, Children's Friend Programme and the DYPALL Network.