

Pledge by Israel

Ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 3 October 1991

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 18 July 2005

Ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography on 23 July 2008



Pledges

1. The 9th International Conference marking 30 years of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child in light of Korczak's legacy. The conference will convene a meeting of academics and researchers, educators from all avenues of education, university students and pupils, and decision makers and influencers from Israel and from around the world. We seek to develop innovative humanistic pedagogical thinking through the learning of theories and applications for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
2. An educational program in the framework of a 5-unit matriculation program for high school students in the design arts classes. The program underpins the right of children and adolescents to self-expression and participation in issues that concern them, thus encouraging participating youth to develop critical and creative thinking skills on the way to decision making, and to become meaningful partners in development, influence and change in the society in which they live.
3. A unique program of learning and research based on the principles of the UN Model in Elementary Education called "Ambassadors of Rights". The program simulates the work of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child through learning and discussions and by formulating possible ways of action for positioning children's status as rights and responsibility bearers and as participants in decision-making in world countries.
4. A national program developed by the Department of Youth in the Public Defender's Office at the Ministry of Justice and the Chief Supervisor of Students Rights at the Ministry of Education. The program's aim is to increase youth awareness of crimes that are perceived as criminal offenses and to prevent students from being subjected to criminal offenses and acts of violence, including violence in the digital space. The program also aims to inform youth about criminal proceedings, their rights and their parents' rights in investigation, detention and criminal law proceedings.
5. A national youth film festival that this year will be held under the theme "Rights in Close Up", and will mark 30 years for the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.
6. A national collaborative learning program based on the United Nations Secretary General's World Largest Lesson Program Initiative (WLL). The purpose of the program is to connect different populations in a multi-cultural and multi-identities society, and to discuss actual and relevant issues on the school, community and society agenda based on the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

7. Otherness in Plastic Art. Promotion of 3 conferences of teachers and students together, to study closely the topic of otherness in plastic art, with an emphasis on children and youth from the LGBT community to strengthen their position in our society.
8. A conference, entitled *Law and Education- What has changed?*, to mark the 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child. The conference will offer the expanding of the common discourse and thinking circles between the educational field and the legal field on issues such as - the right to participate in a youth court model, emancipation processes and parental responsibility in decision-making processes of youth, and the need for information sharing.
9. "Single Exhibition": Generation Z illustrates itself - an exhibition of teenagers on teenagers featuring a dialogue through an illustration about things that cannot be talked about. Generation Z, teens who are about to transition into adulthood were born and raised into a technological surrounding that is integral to their daily conduct. The exhibition features works of art by teens aged 15-18 who explore the topics that concern them: self-image, relationships with friends and family, and the physical and virtual world, while trying to find their place in the various circles.
10. Competition: Students' Illustrations based on Quotes from the book *Kaytek the Wizard*. The purpose of the competition is to expose the pupils to the educational legacy of Janusz Korczak by having them read the story and creatively make a personal illustration based on a quote of their choice from the book to show their understanding and interpretation. It is a meeting point where teachers and pupils will be exposed to Janusz Korczak by means of a creative artistic experience.

We wish to share with you the educational program that is planned this year to mark 30 years to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Chief Supervision of Students Rights at the Ministry of Education in Israel promotes, for two decades, educational programs and learning processes that guide the educational system regarding learning and implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The learning takes place in all educational frameworks from kindergarten to high school and in all sectors of the Israeli society.

1. **"The School of Life in the 21st Century"** - the 9th International Conference marking 30 years of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child in light of Korczak's legacy. The conference will convene a meeting of academics and researchers, educators from all avenues of education, university students and pupils, and decision makers and influencers from Israel and from around the world. We seek to develop innovative humanistic pedagogical thinking through the learning of theories and applications for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child alongside the creation of breakthrough educational frameworks for the "School of Life" in the spirit of Korczak and with the intention of educating for the human dignity of the child, his individual personality and his special needs through personal and civic responsibility, participation and involvement.

The conference partners: several units at the Israeli Ministry of Education – the Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights, External Relations Division, National Superintendent for Civic Education and the Arts Department; The Korczak International Association - Galila Foundation-The Korczak Education Center, Tel Aviv University, the Korczak Forum in Tel Aviv University and UNICEF Israel.

Conference dates – November 26 – 28, 2019

2. **"Independent out there"** - an educational program in the framework of a 5-unit matriculation program for high school students in the design arts classes. The program's goal is to create an authentic acquaintance with a child or group of children aged 0 to 18, to identify needs and challenges that they face on a journey to physical, emotional or cognitive independence in their

living environments, and later to design an innovative and creative sustainable product tailored to the child's personality, needs and desires. The program underpins the right of children and adolescents to self-expression and participation in issues that concern them, thus encouraging participating youth to develop critical and creative thinking skills on the way to decision making, and to become meaningful partners in development, influence and change in the society in which they live.

The products will be presented at the "School of Life in the 21st Century" conference.

The partners for this program: National Superintendent of Arts Design Education and the Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights at the Israeli Ministry of Education and Amdocs Israel.

- 3. UN Model in Elementary Education** - A unique program of learning and research based on the principles of the UN Model in Elementary Education called "Ambassadors of Rights". The program simulates the work of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child through learning and discussions and by formulating possible ways of action for positioning children's status as rights and responsibility bearers and as participants in decision-making in world countries. Students in 5th and 6th grades participate in the program. The program aims to teach students about their rights alongside their personal and civic responsibility in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in different cultures. It promotes the development of research and critical thinking aimed at observing local and global cultural and social processes from different perspectives concerning children's status as responsibility bearers and active partners.

The program was developed by the Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights at the Israeli Ministry of Education together with Yadlin Elementary School in the city of Rishon Lezion.

The program was implemented in two elementary schools, and in the upcoming school year is expected to expand to other elementary and middle schools all over the country.

- 4. From the book case to a criminal case** - A national program developed by the Department of Youth in the Public Defender's Office at the Ministry of Justice and the Chief Supervisor of Students Rights at the Ministry of Education. The program's aim - Minor rights in criminal proceedings to increase youth awareness of crimes that are perceived as criminal offenses and to prevent students from being subjected to criminal offenses and acts of violence, including violence in the digital space. The program also aims to inform youth about criminal proceedings, their rights and their parents' rights in investigation, detention and criminal law proceedings. The sessions are offered to all junior high schools and high schools in the country free of charge, and are adapted to the culture and language of the various target audiences. Experienced attorneys representing minors come to the schools to talk with students and teachers about a variety of offenses such as: drug and violence offenses, network offenses, sex and property offenses.

Program dates - throughout the school year.

- 5. The National Youth Film Festival "Or HaZahav" (Golden Light)** - a national youth film festival that this year will be held under the theme "Rights in Close Up", and will mark 30 years for the International Convention on the Rights of the Child. The festival is a unique stage for encounters between youth filmmakers. The films screened as part of the festival offer a discourse on contemporary issues that engage youth. Among the activities to be held at the festival - open discussions about the films, enrichment workshops with leading filmmakers in the media and

cinema, Israeli movie premieres with the participation of their creators and more. At the closing ceremony, prizes will be awarded for outstanding works. The festival is intended for 9th - 12th graders.

Partners for the festival: Municipality of Or Yehuda, Israeli Ministry of Education – Social and Youth Administration in Tel Aviv District, Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights and National Superintendent for Cinema.

Festival dates – March 18-19, 2019.

- 6. The Largest Lesson** - A national collaborative learning program based on the United Nations Secretary General's World Largest Lesson Program Initiative (WLL). The purpose of the program is to connect different populations in a multi-cultural and multi-identities society, and to discuss actual and relevant issues on the school, community and society agenda based on the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The International Convention will be taught as an applied body of knowledge. The learning will promote students' development of identity and self-esteem as rights, responsibilities and duties bearers. Learning will take place in classrooms and on digital platforms.

The partner units and divisions in this program at the Israeli Ministry of Education – the Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students rights, Information and Technology Division, Primary and Secondary Age Divisions, Civic Education Superintendent, External Relations Division, Youth and Society Administration, School Principals and Teachers.

Program dates – November 10 – 22, 2019

- 7. Otherness in Plastic Art** – The Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights together with the Department of Arts at the Israeli Ministry of Education and Amdocs Israel, promote 3 conferences of teachers and students together, to study closely the topic of otherness in plastic art, with an emphasis on children and youth from the LGBT community to strengthen their position in our society.
- 8. Law and Education - What has changed?** – A conference to mark the 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child. The conference is aimed at examining interfaces alongside disparities between legal and educational realities in Israel today. The main theme of the conference will focus on new challenges in implementing the right of youth to participate in the changing reality of the 21st century. The conference will offer the expanding of the common discourse and thinking circles between the educational field and the legal field on issues such as - the right to participate in a youth court model, emancipation processes and parental responsibility in decision making processes of youth, and the need for information sharing.

The conference partners: the IDC Legal Clinics and the Street Law Legal Clinic in Herzliya, and the Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students rights at the Israeli Ministry of Education.

Conference date - December, 2019

- 9. "Single Exhibition": Generation Z illustrates itself** - an exhibition of teenagers on teenagers featuring a dialogue through an illustration about things that cannot be talked about. Generation Z, teens who are about to transition into adulthood were born and raised into a technological surrounding that is integral to their daily conduct. The exhibition features works of art by teens

aged 15-18 who explore the topics that concern them: self-image, relationships with friends and family, and the physical and virtual world, while trying to find their place in the various circles. The exhibition is an initiative of three curators in the framework of "curators in design" studies at Shenkar College and to mark 30 years for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Exhibition partners in the Israeli Ministry of Education: Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights and National Superintendent of Arts Design Education at the Technology Department.

The exhibition will be held at the Meyerhof Center for Art Education, Tel Aviv Museum.

Exhibition dates – Illustration week, 21-30 November, 2019.

- 10. Competition: Students' Illustrations based on Quotes from the book Kaytek the Wizard** – The purpose of the competition is to expose the pupils to the educational legacy of Janusz Korczak by having them read the story and creatively make a personal illustration based on a quote of their choice from the book to show their understanding and interpretation. It is a meeting point where teachers and pupils will be exposed to Janusz Korczak by means of a creative artistic experience.

Partners: National Superintendent of Arts Design Education and the Chief Supervisor for Implementation of Students Rights at the Ministry of Education, and Galila Foundation - The Korczak Education Center.

Illustrations will be presented at the 9th International Conference marking 30 years of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child in light of Korczak's legacy.

