

*** CALL FOR INPUT: Video selfies for a global UN event on education ***

Tell the UN your story by recording a video selfie about education in 60 seconds! Is education empowering you to claim your rights and reach your dreams? Has it led to positive changes in your community or to more sustainable development? How do you think education needs to change to be useful in the future?

What is it for? This year on 1-2 October, hundreds of people – including government representatives, experts, UN staff, and children and youth – will meet at the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, for a global event called the “Social Forum”, to talk about **how education can lead to positive change, especially by empowering children and youth to claim their human rights and sustainable development**. You can find out more about the Forum here: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/SForum/Pages/SForum2019.aspx>

The UN Human Rights Office wants to make sure that your views are included at this meeting, and is inviting children around the world **to record and send short “video selfies” on how education leads to positive change in their lives and communities, and how education needs to change to be useful in the future.**

Who can participate? Any child in any country, up to 18 years old. Video selfies can be recorded in any of the UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish.

*** To protect your safety and privacy, please do not mention your full name or your country in your video. You can mention your age! ***

*** A selection of the videos that we receive will be screened publicly at the Social Forum global event!! ***

In your video selfie, please answer one or more of these questions:

- 1. How is education empowering you to claim your rights and reach your dreams?*
- 2. How has education led to positive changes in your community or to more sustainable development?*
- 3. How do you think education needs to change for it to be useful in the future?*

How do you participate?

- Record a short video selfie of **maximum 60 seconds** with your cell phone (format e.g. MP4, MOV or AVI) answering one or more of the questions above.
- Make sure that your video selfie has good lighting and not too much background noise and movement.
- Read and complete the attached Consent Form, with your parent’s or legal guardian’s signature, which gives us permission to use your video.

*** Send an email to socialforum@ohchr.org with your video as a link or file attachment, and your completed Consent Form. ***

*** Please send your video selfie no later than 12th September 2019 ***

Any questions? Contact Helen at the UN Office for Human Rights: socialforum@ohchr.org

Keeping children safe!

- ✓ If you send a video selfie but then change your mind and wish for it NOT to be shared, this is fine and you can let Helen know (using the email above) any time until 27 September 2019.
- ✓ The event will be broadcast publicly online which means that your video selfie would be shown to a global audience and will remain on the UN website.
- ✓ If you feel at risk or concerned through sending a video selfie, you can contact Helen (using the email above) at any time.
- ✓ Click [here](#) for the consent form for the video selfies.