

A note on Children's Parliament



for DPAC 2012

Goals :

To organize Children's parliaments in preventing *Child Marriage in India*. This child-centered intervention will engage young people and children through information sharing, experiential dialogue, creative participation and collective action mapping.

Reach:

GNRC India partners in 11 states of India

Expected Output

- *Through GNRC India Partners across India to organize Children's Parliament with a special session devoted to preventing Child Marriage*
- *A child centered model of programming where children & young people can be active participants*
- *Enhanced knowledge both theoretical and experiential about the harmful impact of child marriage*
- *Since action-mapping focuses on the role of boys and young men , it is hoped that attitudinal change can be directed towards positive reviewing of masculinity*
- *Children-led action beginning with a pledge in the short-term to long-term reduction in the incidence of child marriage in their communities*

A preview of the special session of the Bala Sabha : Children parliament

Program

- Opening Interfaith Prayer led by children
- Introduction
- Call to order of the special session on 'Saying No to Child Marriage'
- Making a Case: the status of child marriage in India
- Experiential Dialogue
- Short film on 'Saying No to Violence against Girls Women
- Images of violence
- Interactive presentation on child rights
- Mapping of action steps
- Closing of the special session
- Closing dedication & Pledge taking

Participating Cities: Coimbatore, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Srinagar, Gandhigram, Kerala, Angul.

Listening to children and allowing them to contribute to decision-making processes can lead to better decisions. It leads to policies that are actually – not just theoretically – in children's interests. It also offers children an opportunity to experience democratic decision-making and learn about their rights and powers as citizens, with long-term benefits for society as a whole