

The Constitutive Chart of the COFRADE stipulates that its mission is to ensure the implementation and respect in France and by France of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by France on 7 August 1990.

The member associations are committed to defend the best interests of the child.

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In partnership with

- UNESCO – Social and Human Sciences Sector, Division of Human Rights and Philosophy
- The Brussels based United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC)

With the support of

- The Fondation SNCF
- The Regional Council Rhône-Alpes



The debate will possibly be filmed



With the participation of
**Social and Human
Sciences Sector**



Invitation to debate

WHY IS

Education ?
A HUMAN RIGHT

Thursday 10 December 2009
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

UNESCO – Room I
125, avenue de Suffren
Paris 7^e

Youth debates What are the objectives?

THINK:

The voice of the youth is not always understood or taken seriously. These discussions help young people to reflect on issues which they are not necessarily used to think about. The idea is to put them in a situation where they will hear others' opinions and to present their own ideas.

DIALOGUE:

The lack of dialogue between adolescents and adults is often a source of misunderstanding. The discussions will allow adults to hear the thoughts of young people and to start a dialogue with them.

PREVENTION:

Learning to talk, to express different views, to accept the word of other young people, debating and listening help adolescents to not turn to violence for answers, focusing on words rather than violence. The debates are important tools to prevent violence and to promote conduct in favour of living peacefully together.

UNDERSTAND:

The discussions have now been in place for ten years. The reflection and dialogue with youth help them understand themselves as well as the world they are living in.



The debates will be held with the participation of:

Barbara Walter

President of the French Council of Associations for the Rights of the Child (COFRADE)

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Deputy Secretary-General of the French Federation of UNESCO Clubs

The debates will be attended by teenagers between 13 and 17 years old from secondary schools, children's homes and cultural centers from various cities in France (Lyon, Toulouse, etc.)

PROGRAMME

From 1.30 p.m. till 2 p.m.

Entrance of the public (125, avenue de Suffren) and arrival of participants – UNESCO, Room 1

From 2 p.m. till 5 p.m.

Opening of the meeting

Presentation of the documentary film on Human Rights in Europe (2009, 90') made by students of the 3rd – 4th class of the secondary school

André Malraux of Paron, France, in the course of the 2008-2009 school year, as part of the Action Media Project, by Vincent Moissenet, Professor of Letters, Coordinator of the project "Réalisons l'Europe". Projection of a short version (20')

Debates

Documentary film about UNESCO and Human Rights (2008 – 11'40')

The debates are open to everyone interested in questions related to youth. Priority will be given to the voice of youth participants.

Debates only in French