

Symposium The Nordic Ombudsmen for Children

Children's right to be protected from violence and abuse

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Every child has the inherent right to be protected from all forms of physical and psychological violence. During this year's congress the Nordic Ombudsmen for Children are invited by the Children's welfare foundation Sweden to participate in a panel discussion to address this issue. The countries taking part in the discussion are Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

During the discussion the Ombudsmen will shed light on how children in their country experience actions for nonviolence and the support they are given, alternatively the lack of support. And mostly important, what can we learn from taking the children's perspectives into account?

The Ombudsmen will address whether the support that is given these children is to be considered as adequate and evidence-based. And on which knowledge and evidence these actions are based upon. Is it reliably - and sufficiently?

The representatives will further reflect on the issues that are identified and reported by The Committee on the Rights of the Child in each of the five countries. Which issues are well on the way to be resolved? Which are still deemed to remain a challenge? – and which improvements are required to resolve these matters?