

## Call for Applications: Children's Voice Forum

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) is pleased to announce the launch of the Children's Voice Forum (CVF), a pioneering initiative for children to share their thoughts, experiences, and concerns regarding child rights in Sri Lanka. Its aim is to implement the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and to obtain children's participation in the decision-making process in accordance with its Article 12.

The forum would also provide an opportunity at gathering insights directly of children, their experiences and views about child rights in Sri Lanka, and facilitate them to actively participate in discussions and voice their concerns. It is hoped that this initiative would strive to strengthen collaboration between HRCSL and children, fostering a participatory approach to human rights, and developing actionable recommendations for integrating child rights into HRCSL's future activities.

Applications are open to children aged 15-17 from diverse backgrounds within the Western Province to participate in this pilot programme. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply via the HRCSL website by **31 January 2025**.

For more information, please contact the Child Rights Unit, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka through

Contact Number- **011-2505569** Email Address- <u>cru.hrcsl@gmail.com</u> Together, let us amplify the voices of children and strengthen efforts to protect and promote their rights.

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