

Children's Voting Colloquium, Organizational Meeting, Friday June 7, 2024

Notes from John Wall

Agenda:

1. Logo and catchphrase design campaign – updates and ideas?
2. Giving our votes to children – updates, future ideas?
3. Renaming the Children's Voting Colloquium – ideas?
4. Where to take the CVC in the future – ideas?

Discussion:

1. Logo and catchphrase: There has been little to no movements on the logo and catchphrase competition, so we will shelve this for now. However, we'll put the suggestion on the website in case there is interest.
2. Giving votes to children: This campaign was not discussed. However, it will be added as a suggestion to our website and we'll come back to it again in the future.
3. Renaming the Children's Voting Colloquium: Participants had numerous suggestions along these lines. Possible new titles include "Children's Voting Center" (though some thought this sounded too static and academic), "Children's Voting Coalition" (again possibly too academic), "Children's Voting Movement" (connotes activism, but are we really a movement?), "Children's Voting Campaign" (could be good, especially if we move into more campaign mode), "Children's Voting Association" (reflects some prominent women's suffrage organization names and is relatively inclusive of various possible activities). There was no conclusion, except for the suggestion that John and Robin might take this discussion and try to make a decision.
4. Where to go in the future: Numerous suggestions were made in this regard:
 - a. Ask famous artists, politicians, or other prominent figures to engage with the issue of children's voting
 - b. Work through local and national courts and legislatures, including developing a model amicus brief
 - c. Make ourselves a legal organization so we can start collecting funding
 - d. Try to clarify on our website our overall goal and 3-5 things we do
 - e. Finally, we had a lengthy discussion about how to improve organization. It was generally agreed that a better structure needs to be put in place to assign responsibilities to particular members. This is something we will work on and welcome any input about.