

What are the opportunities, but also challenges for policymakers when they are involving children?

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CAROL MUTCH

Carol Mutch is a Professor of Critical Studies in Education in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Over her career she has been a teacher, teacher educator, policy advisor, researcher and writer. Her current research focuses on the role of schools in crisis contexts, from natural disasters to Covid-19. She is also the Education Commissioner for the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO.

Dr **Carmel Corrigan** is Head of Participation and Rights Education at the Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) in Ireland. She worked for a number of public and private research and policy organisations, before spending 18 years as a freelance research consultant specialising in children's rights, participation, policy and complaints investigation. She has conducted consultations with children living in Direct Provision accommodation, children experiencing family homelessness, children who received Guardian ad Litem services, the impact of Brexit on children's rights and the development of a children's charter for Tusla, The Child and Family Agency.



CARMEL CORRIGAN

Linda O'Sullivan is the Manager of Hub na nÓg, the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth centre of excellence and co-ordination of children and young people's participation in decision making. She has a D.Ed from Trinity College Dublin. Linda is responsible for leading the implementation of the National Participation Framework, engaging with stakeholders, building capacity and ensuring the actions set out under the National Participation Strategy and its successor strategy are achieved across government and public services. She has led consultations on the successor strategy to Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, Family Justice Strategy, Youth Homelessness Strategy, the wearing of masks in primary schools with NPHET, review of the Childcare Act, reporting process for UNCRC, Climate Action Plan, and many more.

She led on the work with the National Executive of Comhairle na nÓg that resulted in the government agreeing to the Youth Travel Card providing a 50% discount to all young people up to age 23 on public transport.

Linda has previously worked for many years in education development, child and youth voice, creative technologies and children's media.



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