

COVISION Co-Design Workshop launched



The COVISION Co-design Workshop kicked off with our first face-to-face event at the Office of the Children's Ombudsman (OCO) in Dublin on 26 June. Nine participants, aged 10-16, after reviewing what COVISION has already learnt, started developing their own initiatives to support children and families in future pandemics, lock-downs etc. (pictured right). This will continue with a series of on-line sessions, and the process will end with "Pitch Day" during the Halloween mid-term break, where the workshop team will pitch their ideas to senior policy-makers.

Co-Design Workshop phase 2: International collaborations

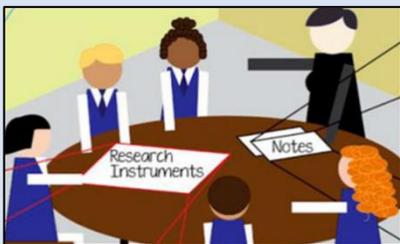
COVISION's international partners are setting up parallel Co-Design workshops in India, Taiwan, Australia and the USA. During the on-line phase, the Ireland Workshop team will be sharing ideas, giving and receiving feedback from their sister teams. So all the partners can run in parallel, the on-line sessions for the Irish team will start in September, with three 1-hour sessions 4.00-5.00 pm on Sunday afternoons: Session 1: **18 Sept**; Session 2: **02 Oct**; Session 3: **16 Oct**.

Important Message: Young people who are interested, but couldn't make the first workshop will be invited to join the team for these on-line sessions. If that's you, watch out for the invite.



COVISION CRAG members talk about the CRAG

CRAG = Children's Research Advisory Group



"I think it's a good thing to be a part of CRAG. It's nice to know that I'm contributing to such a large-scale research project. Joining CRAG can be really beneficial, not just for the people you're helping, but also for yourself. It helps your brainstorming, problem-solving and allows you to practice presenting your ideas to others." (Aaryan, 14)

"Being part of CRAG is being in a place where my thoughts and perspectives are genuinely considered and taken into account." (Durotimi, 16)

"Being a member of the COVISION CRAG is an enjoyable as well as insightful experience, as you get to contribute to an important study." (Ben, 15)

"Children and young people think differently to adults and that is well established. Children can provide a different insight because they don't use the same thought process as adults. For example, they are much better at making difficult choices because they don't think about things too much." (Aaryan, 14).

COVISION CRAG 9th meeting, 21 August

The COVISION Ireland CRAG will hold its 9th meeting on Sunday 21 August, online via Zoom at the usual time of 4.00 pm. The main item for discussion will be organising phase 2 of the COVISION Co-Design workshop. We'll also have an update on our analysis of children's creative responses to COVID-19.

