

Children's Participation in Schools: Network Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Children's Participation in Schools network newsletter.

Before we sign off for the holidays, we wanted to give you an update on the project as we move into the legacy phase of this work. As always, thank you for your continued support with the CPSN network. On behalf of the Children's Participation in Schools project, we hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

Upcoming network seminars

We are planning a further **two seminars** this year taking place on September 25th and in November (Date TBC)

September 25th 2026

Presenter 1: Dr Darius Klibavicius, Cardiff University: **Policy Intentions and Practice Tensions: Children's Experiences and Participation in the Curriculum for Wales**

Presenter 2: Lisa Tyler, University of Bath: **Understanding pupil perspectives on participatory approaches: developing a theoretical lens through Bernstein and Engeström**

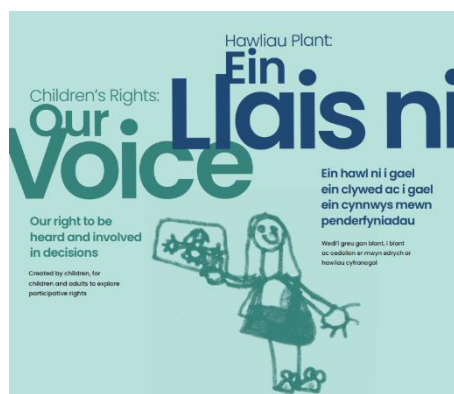
We are looking for speakers to present research findings in November on the following topics i) young children's participation in schools ii) work using Reggio Emilian principles and philosophy.

If you would like to present at one of these seminars, please contact child.participation@uwe.ac.uk

Children's book

Our book 'Children's Rights: Our Voice' has now been released. This bilingual book has been co-created with children from our advisory board on their participative rights. This book can be used by practitioners to inform their own practice and with children themselves.

The book is in a pilot phase, and we would love to hear your feedback on it, to inform further editions. If you would like a copy of the PDF version of the book you can [access it here](#). [Please give feedback here](#).



Children's Participation in Schools: Voices from our Partnerships" – A celebratory conference event:

Our May 2026 conference at Techniquest was a great success and we felt it was a true celebration of the 3 and a half years work on the project. In the morning we welcomed our children's advisory board and their peers to launch our book – the Children's Commissioner for Wales Rocío Cifuentes was also in attendance.

In the afternoon a mixed stakeholder audience joined us for our conference event where we hosted a number of symposiums, panels and roundtable discussions. It was great to meet so many of our network members and other champions of the project there. We felt we were able to create a truly collaborative and dialogic space, and we thank you all for your attendance.



If you would like to view the full set of gallery images from the day you [can do so here](#). Feel free to share any images of you on social media but please do credit our photographer '[Katka Photography](#)' and make sure to tag us on LinkedIn 'Children's Participation in Schools' so we can share the post!

You can also access the full list of resources from the day [on our website](#).

Project Publications

As we move into the legacy stages of the project, we are now focused on the release of a number of different outputs, these include:

- Academic papers on our work with i) children, ii) teachers and iii) student teachers
- A suite of resources for different audiences (practitioners, policy makers)

Have you recently published a paper, report, or other document, are putting on an event, or know others that are? Get in touch with the Children's Participation in Schools project

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