The Swedish Royal Family has the pleasure of inviting you to the World Child & Youth Forum, which will be held annually at the Royal Palace of Stockholm, in connection with the celebrations marking the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November.

The introductory forum will take place at the Royal Palace on 19 November 2010. In between the annual forums the meeting place will remain active online. The forum will highlight the rights of the child to a good start in life, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The CRC is a strategic document for a sustainable future. The purpose of the World Child & Youth Forum is to inspire more people to work in the spirit of the CRC.

Representatives of child and youth organisations, the Swedish Parliament and Government, the public sector, trade and industries and civil society (child rights organisations, etc), are invited to a creative and inspiring introductory forum.

For further information, please visit www.wcyf.se
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08.45–09.30  Guests arrive, registration
09.30–09.40  Relocation
09.45–10.30  Official opening
10.30–10.45  Introduction to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, with emphasis on Article 12 concerning the right of the child to participate
10.45–11.30  Online dialogue about Article 12, involving delegates on site and young people at various locations in the country participating via video links
11.30–11.40  Relocation
11.45–12.45  Network lunch. At each table will be seated delegates from organisations for children and young people, the Swedish Parliament and Government, the business community, the public sector and civil society
12.45–13.00  Relocation
13.00–14.00  Five parallel seminars:
   · Speaking Youth - Digital Storytelling
     Simon Strömberg, Unga Berättar/Speaking Youth
   · With children and youth - What can we learn by working together and with children?
     Pia Stavås-Meier, Plan Sweden with members of the Plan Youth Advisory Board
   · Hearings, to include everyone in important discussions
     Marit Sanner, Forandringsfabrikken, Norway
   · Joint programmes changing reality – experience and learning from cooperation between IKEA, Save the Children and UNICEF
     Marianne Barner, Head of the IKEA Social Initiative
   · Children’s participation in their healthcare
     Gill Brook, current Head of Patient Experience, Gloucestershire Hospitals
     NHS Foundation Trust, Great Britain
14.00–14.10  Relocation
14.10–15.05  Panel discussion about the importance of listening to children and young people
15.05–15.45  Shared interactive closing
15.45–15.55  Official closing
16.00–17.00  Opportunity for continued networking