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Celebrate National Child Day 2017, Bring your MP to School Day

ABOUT NATIONAL CHILD DAY (NOV 13–17)

SAMPLE AGENDA

- ## ABOUT UNICEF CANADA'S "BRING YOUR MP TO SCHOOL DAY"

Building on UNICEF Canada's historic role in commemorating National Child Day, we have launched a "Bring your MP to School Day" initiative so that children's voices, concerns and interests find expression in and enjoy meaningful attention from parliaments. The link between members of parliament and their constituents is at the core of the representative function of parliament. Engaging with children and youth – generally a quarter of the population – helps inform decisions that affect this vulnerable but non-voting population, and advances the civic education of Canada's youngest citizens.

RESOURCES FOR CHILD AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS:

- A Handbook on Child Participation in Parliament, Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 18 – 2011, Inter-Parliamentary Union and UNICEF, ipu.org/PDF/publications/child-parl-e.pdf
- General Comment #12 on Right to be Heard, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2009) www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/docs/AdvanceVersions/CRC-C-GC-12.doc

FOR CHILDREN: unicef.ca/en/teachers/article/global-classroom-learn-about-unicef

FOR YOUTH: unicef.ca/en/get-involved/youth

FOR EDUCATORS: globalclassroom.unicef.ca and rightsrespectingschools.ca