

## EMPOWERING - PROTECTING THE GENERATION OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

### TERMS OF REFERENCE FUTURE RIGHTS ADVISORY GROUP

Future Rights is a catalyst of change, a vibrant, collaborative and collective space where ideas and projects are conceived, developed, and shared alongside knowledge and experience.

Future Rights **empowers and connects** the voices of marginalised youth and adolescents, enabling them to **share their experiences, address challenges, and build solutions in the fields of human rights, social justice, climate and environmental change.**

**As Future Rights our vision is to lead change and protect futures through child and youth-driven solutions for a just and sustainable world.**

In the **protection and promotion of child rights, human rights, social justice and participation**, Future Rights wants to challenge

- Limited youth and adolescent engagement in democratic processes, peace, justice, and security discussions, particularly among marginalized groups.
- Weak intergenerational dialogue.
- Persistent neo-colonial narratives in youth education, participation, and programming.
- Inadequate funding for local child and youth-led initiatives.
- Lack of youth-centered approaches in development, humanitarian, and rights-based discourse.

We do this through our “**ELEVATE Model**”, designed to support youth and adolescents at every stage of their journey. It begins with *Engage*, where we reach out to identify innovative, youth-led initiatives. Then, through *Lift*, we provide visibility and support to help these initiatives grow, as needed. We *Empower* them by equipping them with the knowledge and tools to achieve their goals. *Validate* connects them with other initiatives, youth, and experts for knowledge exchange and mutual support. As their efforts gain momentum, we *Amplify* their impact and expand their networking opportunities. To ensure long-term success, we help them *Thrive* by supporting access to funding, partnerships, and resources. Finally, we assist them to *Evolve*, helping them adapt and grow to meet future challenges.

**Engage**

**Lift**

**Empower**

**Validate**

**Amplify**

**Thrive**

**Evolve**

Through the ELEVATE pathway, children, adolescents, youth, and civil society organizations, along with grassroots entities that support them, are nurtured, guided, and empowered through targeted activities designed to help them reach key milestones in their ELEVATE journey. These activities include:

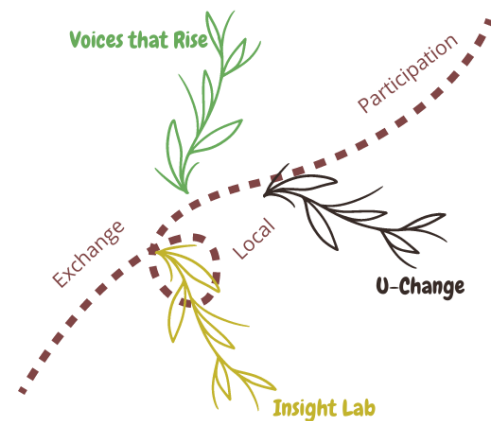
- Evidence-based research
- Capacity building
- Technical assistance
- Advocacy and campaigns
- Experience and learning sharing
- Visibility

Future Rights has three arenas where youth, children and adolescents or actors supporting them can be visible, advocating for exchange experience and growth.

**Voices that Rise:** We elevate the voices of youth, children, and advocates who stand up for human rights, child protection, and social justice in often overlooked communities.

**Insight Lab:** We discuss and exchange knowledge and research to drive solutions in human rights, social justice, and child protection, placing youth-led initiatives at the forefront and promoting evidence-based practices to cultivate a new culture of children's rights.

**U-Change (Unlocking Potential for Change):** We empower marginalised and at-risk children and youth to recognise and unlock their potential as changemakers by providing genuine opportunities, tailored guidance, and collaborative skill-sharing.



### Who are the Members of the Advisory Group and Eligibility Criteria

The Advisory Group consists of up to eight members, ensuring diversity in backgrounds, geography, age, gender, and lived experiences. It aims to foster intergenerational dialogue and representation of marginalised communities, ethnic minorities, and individuals directly or indirectly affected by social injustice and rights violations.

- **Youth Members:** Individuals aged 23-35 with demonstrated commitment, activism, or experience in child and youth rights, social justice, human rights, or climate and environmental justice in humanitarian, development, or multidimensional poverty contexts.
- **Non-Youth Members:** Individuals aged 35+ who are professionals, advocates, donors, or experts in these fields, with a track record of supporting child and youth empowerment initiatives.

#### All Members have:

- Strong commitment to the mission and values of Future Rights.
- Willingness to actively participate in Advisory Group activities and meetings.
- Ability to collaborate in a diverse and inclusive environment.
- Commitment to positive communication, solidarity, and community-driven initiatives.
- Readiness to challenge mainstream narratives and conventional approaches in human rights, humanitarian, and development programs.
- Intermediate-level proficiency in English.
- Affiliation with civil society organizations, grassroots entities, think tanks, research institutes, nonprofits, private, or philanthropic entities supporting child and youth-led initiatives.

### Purpose

The Advisory Group of Future Rights is established to provide strategic guidance and support to advance the organization's vision of empowering and protecting current and future generations through child and youth-driven solutions. Its mission is to amplify the voices of marginalized youth and adolescents, enabling them to share experiences, address challenges, and develop solutions in human rights, social justice, climate and environmental crises, and protection.

## Responsibilities of the Advisory Group

- **Strategic Guidance:** Provide insights to align Future Rights' growth with its core mission, ensuring initiatives adhere to the ELEVATE model and related interventions.
- **Program Support:** Contribute to the development of strategies, messaging, and guiding principles underpinning Future Rights' mission. Offer recommendations on initiatives, procedures, and partnerships that enhance child and youth rights, participation, and protection.
- **Advocacy:** Amplify the voices of marginalized and vulnerable children and youth, engage with key stakeholders, and serve as ambassadors for the organization's mission.
- **Engagement:** Actively participate in Advisory Group meetings and activities.
- **Advisory:** Provide informed guidance on strategic direction, program development, and advocacy efforts.
- **Collaboration:** Promote intergenerational dialogue and co-leadership to foster innovative solutions for child and youth rights issues.

## Meetings

- **Frequency:** The Advisory Group will meet monthly, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.
- **Format:** Meetings may be held virtually or in person to accommodate members' availability and locations.
- **Annual In-Person Meeting:** If funding allows, the group will convene annually in a member's country, chosen on a rotational basis.

## Decision-Making

- **Consensus:** The group will strive for consensus in decision-making. If consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be made by a simple majority vote.

By establishing the Advisory Group, Future Rights aims to create a collaborative platform where diverse perspectives contribute to advancing child and youth rights, human rights, and social justice. This ensures that initiatives remain inclusive, effective, and aligned with the organization's mission, vision, and core principles.