**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON DATA FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

**Icon contest**

Are you interested in the rights of children with disabilities? Do you want to ensure that they are fairly represented both nationally and globally?

You are not alone! UNICEF recognizes that, despite the clear mandates set by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals, children with disabilities continue to be left behind. This is often the result of limited data, which leave such children essentially ‘invisible’.

In response, interest on the part of governments and organizations in the generation of robust data on children with disabilities has been growing. To build on this momentum, and ensure that it continues, UNICEF is working with a variety of partners to launch the Centre of Excellence for Data on Children with Disabilities. The Centre aims to promote the generation and use of robust and relevant data on these children. The data can be used to support decision-making and advocacy at all levels of government, with the ultimate goal of protecting the rights of children with disabilities.

As the Centre moves towards its official launch, it is searching for an icon design that encapsulates this goal. We want to hear the ideas of children and youth who will be most affected by our mission—those who identify as having a disability themselves. We are inviting children and youth to submit their ideas for the Centre’s icon through an international contest. The winning design will become the visual identity of the Centre of Excellence.

We would love to see your ideas! If this sounds interesting to you, please read below for contest details.

**COMPETITTION**

The top 10 submissions will be shortlisted by the Centre. The top three submissions will be shared with a graphic designer, who will transform the drawing into an icon, which will then be opened to online public voting to determine the winning design.

The top seven shortlisted designs will also be shared with the public through the Centre’s periodic newsletter which will be shared on social media.

**TECHNICAL NOTES**

Drawings can be submitted in picture or scan form (for physical drawings), or in a digital format for any digital artwork, in PDF, JPEG, PNG or PSD formats. In the submission email, please include a short introduction (written either by or on behalf of the participant), including the artist’s name, age, nationality and contact information. It should also include brief background information about the artist and his or her interest in the rights of children with disabilities (no more than 200 words).

**DEADLINE**

Please submit your design no later than **24** **October 2021** by email to: **disabilitydatacentre@unicef.org**

**ELIGIBILITY**

This contest is open to children and youth from all countries who identify as having a disability and are under the age of 25.

**CONTACT**

If you have questions about the competition, please contact: **disabilitydatacentre@unicef.org**

**LEGAL NOTE**

In submitting an entry, you are granting UNICEF the right to publish, reproduce, disseminate and communicate to the public all or part of the design in any form and platform, including digital.