

# Information sheet, Children's General Assembly 2023

*Billund is the capital of children. Here children learn through play and are creative world citizens.*

## **About Children's General Assembly**

Children's General Assembly in Billund, Denmark is an assembly for children from all over the world. At the Children's General Assembly, children and young people will work together to develop a catalogue containing 40 concrete ideas for solutions to the world's problems and draft and adopt a manifesto as well as submit it to the world's leaders at the Children's General Assembly in September at the summit.

The purpose is:

- For children of the world to voice their shared perspectives on world challenges and their solutions for the world.
- For participating children to experience learning through play and being creative world citizens.

Children's General Assembly is organized by the Capital of Children organization, which unites Billund-based public institutions, organisations and cultural institutions in the vision and unites the organisations with the shared purpose of making Billund the Capital of Children.

Capital of Children develops strategic initiatives to realise Billund as the Capital of Children, and initiates and drives projects in collaboration with partners. The Capital of Children Organisations mobilises organisations in Billund to support the realisation of the vision.

## **Facts about Children's General Assembly 2023**

- 341 children have applied for a seat
- 80 children between the ages of 10 and 17 were selected
- They represent 48 countries of resident
- They represent 50 different nationalities
- They represent 6 continents

Before attending the September Summit, the participants were involved in a workshop process consisting of 6 digital workshops of a 4-hour duration. They have spent more than 100 hours participating in the Children's General Assembly. They have through creative exercises, learning through play, and co-creation crafted a manifesto and an idea catalogue. The manifesto will be read out by the September Summit and the catalogue consists of [40 specific ideas](#) for how some of the world's problems can be solved according to the participants.

All materials and outputs, including the manifesto, idea Catalogue and livestream from the September Summit will be handed over directly to the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth for distribution to the UN General Assembly. At last year's Children's

General Assembly, the participants were in direct dialogue with, amongst others, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands Wopke Hoekstra, and the Minister of Social Development in South Africa Ms Lindiwe Zulu.

### **The partners behind**

The Children's General Assembly is developed by the Capital of Children Partner Group, formed, and qualified with a group of children from Billund.

Billund Municipality, the International School of Billund, the LEGO Foundation, CoC Playful Minds, the LEGO Group, Billund Airport, LEGO House, WOW PARK, LEGOLAND, Lalandia, the Drive Foundation, KIRKBI, Billund Handelsforening and AV Design.

### **About Uni**

Uni is a digital avatar created through the collaborative efforts of 80 children participating in the Children's General Assembly 2023. An offline neural network utilized artificial intelligence to blend the children's facial features, with careful attention given to eliminating biases concerning race and gender. From this, UNI was constructed as a 3D model designed for high-fidelity motion capture.

Uni's voice is the result of processing the participants' home voice recordings into realistic text-to-speech voice emulators via artificial intelligence. Special efforts have been made to best preserve the children's unique accents and intonation, and this is also why Uni possesses many morphing voices rather than one alone. Uni serves as a powerful, multi-voiced advocate for young, creative citizens around the globe.

Link to introduction of Uni: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8v2xGZ4KtA>

Link to case video with Uni: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JPb1Tfu3y8>

Link to Uni presenting the manifesto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8AyI9Ct2xA>

### **More information**

Visit <https://capitalofchildren.com/assembly/> for more information regarding Children's General Assembly and get access to the manifesto, idea catalogue etc.

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