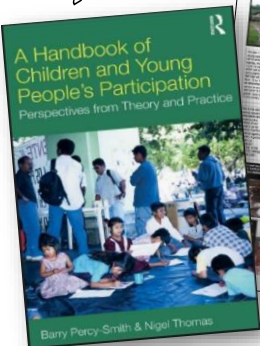


# Children and young people’s participation: Changes over time

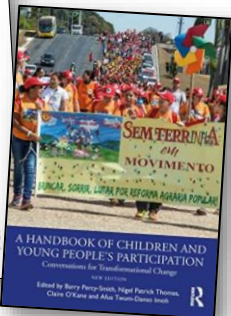
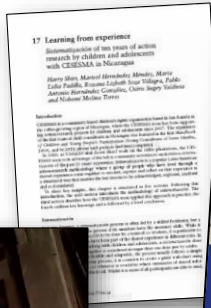
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## Changes over time



Osiris (centre) from Santa Martha Coffee Plantation became a Young Consultant in 2007, aged 11.



Osiris today, aged 26, is a community leader on the coffee plantation and still picks coffee. She participated in the chapter process via WhatsApp.

**More changes over time**

**The upsurge of interest in supporting and empowering children as human rights defenders.**

*Pictures from UN Committee on the Rights of the Child’s “Day of General Discussion” 2018: “Supporting and Empowering Children as Human Rights Defenders”.*



Last year was the 10th anniversary of the shooting of Malala Yousafzai on 09 October 2012.



Malala addresses the UN in 2013



Malala in Pakistan on 10th anniversary visit





**The amazing growth of child and youth environmental activism...**

partly inspired by Greta Thunberg.



...and much more adult support for children’s environmental activism compared to previous child/youth mass mobilisations.

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**Children as researchers**

“Our findings in this chapter indicate the transformative potential of peer research for vulnerable young people in precarious environments.”  
(Porter et al, Handbook Chapter 15)



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**Mainstreaming**



In Ireland we have  
a government-led  
national strategy  
AND a national  
framework



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**Child protection/safeguarding:**  
**Recognition of children as active  
agents, as opposed to passive  
beneficiaries of safeguarding.**

*Children's theatre raising awareness  
around domestic violence*



**Children and young people:  
We want to live without violence**



