

The effects of the Corona virus on the lives of children Stories from children

In the work of the Ombudsman for Children, there is an emphasis on Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child, and the aim is to ensure that the views of children are always sought and considered, in any policy or decision making concerning children, since they have a unique knowledge and experience as well as insights in the reality of children.

These are historic times where societal changes have occurred due to the pandemic. The Ombudsman for Children is interested in hearing from children in order to gain insights into their views and experiences during these times.

In cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company (RÚV) the Ombudsman is working on a new project called "The effects of the Corona virus on the lives of children ". The purpose is to gather stories from children about the changes which the pandemic has had on their everyday lives, such as their schools, after school activities or their homes. The aim is to document the ways children cope with the societal effects of the pandemic and a previously unknown situation.

Children can express their stories in various ways, such as through **videoclips**, in poems, written thoughts, sounds, podcasts, drawings, interviews etc. The material should be sent by email to barn@barn.is and large files can be sent through WeTransfer to the same email address.

The form below can also be used to hand in written material. https://forms.gle/pEBTQ22BRf6KEZnZ8

The deadline for sending in material is May 21st.