



Children in the hands of Europe. Trafficking of migrant and refugee children around the Mediterranean.

Today Child 10 Award announces Children in the hands of Europe as the theme for 2020. Child 10 are now looking for exceptionally bold individuals from the Mediterranean area who struggle to protect refugee and migrant children and prevent child trafficking, abuse and exploitation. For the first time, the nomination for the award is open for public and runs until May 15, 2019.

Thousands of children who are on the run to Europe are missing and become untraceable victims of trafficking. Especially the children who are unaccompanied, undocumented, unregistered or who disappear during the asylum process are at great risk of falling victim to child trafficking in begging, slave labor and sexual abuse. To combat the risk of trafficking the immediate response of the transit countries is crucial to keep track of children and prevent future exploitation and violations. The rapidly deteriorating conditions in migrant and refugee reception across the Mediterranean countries and the breakdown of the relocation of refugee children in Europe have created an extremely vulnerable situation for children.

- *Trafficking of children who are seeking refuge or have been smuggled into Europe is one of the most horrible consequences of the closed borders around Europe. Thousands of children who disappear or end up on the streets are exploited for trafficking and sexual abuse. But we know that there are exceptionally bold leaders who fight every day for these children, and we have now opened the nomination for the 2020 Child 10 Award, says Sara Damber.*

In January next year, Sweden will be the focus for combating child trafficking in Europe when the Child 10 Award 2020 invites ten of the most exceptional leaders who are dedicated to stop and prevent child trafficking. The nomination for candidates is open for public until May 15th 2019 and all nominations will be reviewed by a selection jury.

Every year, Child 10 gathers and awards ten exceptionally bold individuals from around the world for their everyday struggle for the most vulnerable children in our communities. The aim is to recognize their brave and relentless struggle to protect and prevent child abuse, exploitation and violations, and to share their stories. One example is Oby Ezekwesili, who received the recognition in the presence of H.M. The Queen Silvia after initiating the #BringBackOurGirls campaign in 2014.

Child 10 was founded in 2014 by Sophie Stenbeck and Sara Damber to support children who are vulnerable and exploited, but also to combat the risk of child trafficking. Every year, Child 10 gathers and awards ten exceptionally bold individuals from around the world for their everyday struggle for the most vulnerable children in our communities. The Child 10 Awardees will receive unique opportunities to meet, share experiences and work for joint actions during exclusive summits. They will also be awarded with organizational support, attention and a grant. The goal is to inspire, boost and scale up the work to end trafficking of children.

Donate and support our work

Your tax-deductible donation will help us make the unheard voices of these children heard and support the bold grassroot leaders working on the ground to combat child trafficking. Together and through joint actions we can increase their impact and strengthen the support for the most vulnerable children in our societies. Make your donation by check or card at <https://kbfus.networkforgood.com/projects/51730-s-kbfus-funds-child-10>