

Today at midday, under the banner of a UNICEF initiative entitled "*Vota por mi*" ('Vote for me') and pushed across municipalities that have received the global organisation's Child Friendly City distinction, a special plenary session was held by Formentera's youth participatory council (*El Consell de la Infància i la Joventut*).

The measure is intended as a way to "get children and adolescents participating in shaping their community. They can't vote, but that mustn't mean they can't still play an active role", explained Dolores Fernández.

The electoral programme was broken down and read by twenty-some representatives from the island's different primary schools and the Marc Ferrer secondary school. Before starting, the children were met and greeted by Council president Jaume Ferrer, who thanked the young participants for their participation.

Their programme is divided into different component issues, in the style of the electoral programmes being championed by political parties formed by adults.

Included on the Consell's list of demands are calls for "a youth café, a cultural space where Formentera's young people can organise theatre shows, concerts and exhibitions", increased police presence in areas susceptible to drug trafficking, raising the motorcycle driving age to reduce accidents and a clear and categorical 'no' with respect to petroleum explorations.