



This morning Formentera school children gathered in the plenary hall of the Consell de Formentera for the November Youth Plenary. Pupils from the island's three primary schools and secondary school —Mestre Lluís Andreu, Sant Ferran de ses Roques, El Pilar and Marc Ferrer— took part in assembly, which was chaired by Ana Juan, president of the Consell de Formentera, and co-chaired by Vanessa Parellada, councillor of youth affairs.

President Juan welcomed members of the children's and youth plenary session and thanked them for their participation. "This session allows us, as political representatives, to improve services on our island by taking note of your expectations", said Juan.

This year, the central theme of International Children's Day celebrations was mental health. In that connection, Councillor Parellada detailed the resources —social services, protection of youth, local schools' police liaison officer, and recreational activities at the youth drop-in centre— which the Consell de Formentera makes available to local youth in need of help.

Assembly members saw a presentation of participants at the eleventh Children's Parliament of the Balearic Islands on the occasion of Universal Children's Day. Then, Josep Lluís Riera, director of the Balearic Office of Children and Adolescents (*OIAIB*), gave a presentation in which he explained OIAIB's role defending and fomenting the rights of minors in the islands.

Assembly members made requests related to upgrading sports and educational facilities, cleaning forests, eliminating architectural barriers and more.

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