

On Friday, 18 December 2020, UN Expert Manfred Nowak will present the findings of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty in the presence of Dutch politicians and policymakers. Manfred Nowak is affiliated with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and led this study. The UN Study shows, among other things, that 1.5 million children worldwide are deprived of their liberty every year. Nowak urges countries to "do everything in their power to significantly reduce the number of children detained and to avoid deprivation of liberty as much as possible." Defence for Children, closely involved in the development of the UN Study, cordially invites you to attend the online presentation.

# **UN STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

What do the recommendations of the UN Study mean for the Netherlands? What does it mean for the children held here in police cells, juvenile detention centers, closed youth care institutions and in immigration detention? What kind of initiatives are other countries taking? Manu Krishan, Global Study Programme Manager at the Global Campus of Human Rights, Ton Liefaard, Professor of Children's Rights at Leiden University, and Eva Huls, In-house Lawyer at Defence for Children, will discuss these questions and make recommendations for the Netherlands.

### **PROGRAMME**

09.30 - 09.40 Welcome, Mirjam Blaak, Managing Director of Defence for Children

09.40 - 10.10 Manfred Nowak, presentation UN Global Study

10.10 - 10.20 Manu Krishan, follow-up initiatives in other countries

10.20 - 10.30 Ton Liefaard, children deprived of liberty in the Netherlands

10.30 - 10.40 Eva Huls, challenges and recommendations for the Netherlands

10.40 - 10.50 Break and short reflection

 ${\bf 10.50}$  -  ${\bf 11.00}$  Young expert, experiences with deprivation of liberty

11.00 - 11.10 Young expert presents UN Global Study to members of parliament

11.10 - 11.20 Response of members of parliament (TBC)

11.20 - 11.30 Questions and closing

### Discussion

After the presentations, there will be an opportunity to engage in discussion with the speakers and guests, including policymakers, academics, lawyers and youth court judges.

## **Details**

Date: Friday, 18 December 2020

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am Language: English

UN Study: download the UN Study or

download the summary

Register no later than Friday, 11
December by sending an e-mail to info@defenceforchildren.nl

### **NGO Panel**

170 organizations have joined the NGO Panel for the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, which is coconvened by Defence for Children International and Human Rights Watch.



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