

Earlier today in the administration's plenary hall, members of the participatory youth council (Consell de Participació de la Infància I la Joventut) came together to celebrate the group's plenary session. CiF president Jaume Ferrer was on hand to introduce the participants: 24 pupils from the island's three primary schools and IES Marc Ferrer secondary school. Vanessa Parellada, councillor of social welfare, started off the meeting by enumerating the activities the Council has coordinated this month in celebration of the International Day of the Child.

Parellada went on to speak about the different Council-backed improvement projects that took place this summer at Formentera schools. She also alluded to the possibility of creating a youth volunteer corps and talked about a new project in la Mola aimed at creating a safe trail for the children who walk to and from school there. Likewise, she proposed opening discussion on a new location for the island's skate park.

The children shared stories from last week's youth plenary at the Balearic parliament in Palma and took the opportunity to urge their CiF representatives to take action on different issues like creating more bike paths and zebra crossings in towns and increasing the number of children's parks. The pupils put questions to the president and councillors in an attempt to better understand the work of public officials and urge further improvements. President Ferrer promised to follow up on the issues at the group's next meeting in six months.