



Last Friday at a ceremony held in the Teatro Buero Vallejo of Guadalajara, Spain, the Council of Formentera was granted official recognition as a 'Child-friendly City' for the 2014-2018 period.

There to accept the honour was Formentera councillor of social welfare Dolores Fernández Tamargo, who received the accreditation from the hands of Mr. Carmelo Angulo, president of the Spanish chapter of UNICEF.

In Spain, a total of 115 cities and towns from 14 autonomous communities boast the 'Child-friendly' distinction. In the Balearics, the other municipalities to secure the designation were Maó (Mahón), Santanyí and Eivissa (Ibiza).

The Buero Vallejo theatre also hosted the III National Gathering of Youth Participatory Councils, which three representatives of the *Consell de participació infantil i de la joventut de Formentera* (the island's youth participatory council) – and Formentera youth centre director Carlos Calzado – had the pleasure of attending.

Young people at the encounter demanded recognition and respect for their own often-overlooked human rights. In particular, attendants underscored the right of youth to take active roles in the social spheres, insisting on that segment's prerogative to have its needs and opinions heard and duly-attended.