

Earlier today members of the Youth Participatory Council (*Consell de Participació de la Infància i la Joventut*) met in the Sala d'Actes of local government. Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer chaired the session, with the island's Department of Youth consellera sitting in as deputy chairwoman. Pupils from Formentera's three primary schools —Mestre Lluís Andreu, Sant Ferran de ses Roques and El Pilar de la Mola— make up the CPIJ's constituent members.

The children started with an overview of their classmates' petitions to Formentera's government. Among the more notable were upgrades in children's parks, public transport, renewable energy and recycling, and issues impacting the everyday lives of local children and young people.

President Ferrer made note of the suggestions and announced that based on requests brought forth at past plenary sittings of the CPIJ, crews will soon start work on a skatepark. With the necessary land already lined up, construction will also begin shortly on children's park in Sant Ferran. "What's exciting about gatherings like today's is that youth are taking part in the decision-making process of local government", pointed out President Ferrer, assuring members of the plenary "we've heard you, and the work starts today".

The young people described their experiences on World Children's Day, 20 November, when they took part in the full-house sitting of the Balearic Parlament. Local heads of commerce, education and culture, and sport, Ana Juan, Susana Labrador and Paula Ferrer, respectively, were also present at the encounter. The CPIJ convenes for two yearly sessions.

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