

## **IDEA 1b The Global Human Rights of Children: Strengthening the school participation and civic engagement of children and youth**

The 20<sup>th</sup> International Democratic Education Conference took place in 2012 in Caguas, Puerto Rico. A presentation by Ravi Karkara was titled "Paradigm Shift in Democratic Education-- Strengthening Participation and Civic Engagement of Children and Youth." Karkara wants educative societies where citizens demand empowering learning and become knowledge leaders. He suggested a new era in youth rights and children's rights, and participation.

"Democratic education positively supports children/youth to interact and dialogue in decisions that affects in enabling and inclusive environments that apply participatory/inclusive methodologies, thereby, contributing to individual/group development resulting in positive social change that is founded on human rights-based and democratic practice." ~ Ravi Karkara

<http://kinumedia.org/vorcreatex2/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Global-Human-Rights-Inceasinsg-school-engagement-civic-participation.pdf>