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Save the Dates

The inaugural Street Child World Cup will see street children from eight countries come together to find their voices playing the game they love.

They will work with specially trained coaches and an international team of artists to tell their stories and create a global Street Child Manifesto.

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Led by street children, this event will provide a platform for people across a range of professions and disciplines to discuss street children's experiences, rights and ideas. They will produce clear and practical recommendations of how to realise street children's rights.

The Street Child World Cup demonstrates the tremendous potential of every single child, and especially street children, who are so often treated as less than human.

I am proud that the first ever Street Child World Cup will take place in South Africa – and I urge all governments to guarantee the rights of this most marginalised group of their citizens to lives in which their promise is fulfilled.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

'Whenever people come across me, they laugh. It seems like my mouth is zipped, because they think and talk for us. I wish they could give us a chance to talk for ourselves'.

Mbali, 15, a street child from Durban, South Africa

All attending will have the opportunity to:

- discuss with street children from around the world the issues which matter most to them;
- contribute expertise and experience to the formation of a Street Child Manifesto;
- watch the final match and join the celebrations at the close of the Street Child World Cup;
- network with leading street child organisations worldwide, sharing innovative and effective practice;
- compare statutory instruments and interventions for street children from around the world;
- learn about new research on street children and HIV/AIDS, sport and inclusion, and police training in child rights;
- exhibition at Durban Art Gallery, which Archbishop Desmond Tutu has been invited to open.

The inaugural Street Child World Cup will:

- **amplify** the voices of street children;
- **equip** all participants with the knowledge and enthusiasm to realise street children's rights;
- **strengthen** local, national and international efforts to stop the abuse of street children;
- **enable** closer collaboration between grassroots organisations, practitioners and policy-makers to ensure street children's rights are realised;
- **provide** a forum for street children and street child organisations to discuss concerted positive action with international decision-makers, national and local governments to realise their rights and enable them to lead full and dignified lives.

The event is being co-ordinated by the Amos Trust. To stay informed about this event, email Jenny Dawkins at jenny@amostrust.org

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