



Illustration: Save the Children Sweden

This children's world map shows global progress towards prohibition of physical and humiliating punishment of children. Fortunately, the world changes for the better for children, so when new laws are passed – this map changes as well. This map is from 2014, it is thus likely that changes have been made in the countries' legislations since. To keep yourself updated visit: www.endcorporalpunishment.org.

**Manual for Alumni
Network Event on
Positive Discipline**

Never Violence

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Introduction and background

Sweden is a pathfinding country in the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children

The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children was launched in July 2016 and is a joint initiative of UNICEF, other UN Agencies, governments, civil society and public sectors. All the actors came together after the adoption of Agenda 2030 and its new set of sustainability goals, to seize the momentum to end violence against children.

Agenda 2030 includes target 16.2, to End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children. To end all forms of violence against children is at the core of the partnership.

At least 3 out of 4 children in the world have experienced some form of violence, and 18 million girls 15–19 years of age have experienced sexual abuse. The world's leaders have committed themselves to achieving 17 global goals with sub-targets in the context of Agenda 2030, for example to realise human rights for all. Target 16.2 is about preventing and stopping violence as well as exploitation of girls and boys.

Sweden was the first country in the world to eagerly accept to join the Global Partnership as a pathfinding country. Others have followed and in 2018 the Partnership includes 20 countries. For the latest number and a list of countries, please visit www.end-violence.org.

These countries have committed to accelerate progress to achieve the goals to end violence and are leading in this area both nationally and internationally. Sweden has been a champion of ending violence against children for a long time. In 1979, Sweden was the first country in the world to adopt a law banning all corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home.

Aims, objectives and target groups

The aim of this event is to show Sweden's engagement to ending violence against children and to raise awareness about the concept of Positive Discipline.

Target groups: Alumni members and/or the general public.

Support from the Swedish Institute

All certified alumni networks can apply for financial support for this event. Use the application form linked to in the toolkit.

The alumni network will be responsible for all other parts of the event such as, venue and other practicalities and communication with the target group.

Step-by-step guide

Step	Activity	Timetable (Prior to implementation)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Contact SI<input type="checkbox"/> Identify local conditions/prospects	3-4 months
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Find local partners/venue<input type="checkbox"/> Plan seminars and any other activities<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for financial support from SI	2 months
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Send out invitations/communicate the event to target group(s)<input type="checkbox"/> Make media contacts to prepare for the upcoming event; make a media strategy with local partner, taking into consideration the sensitivity of the topic for it not to be counterproductive and consider when to invite media and when not to do so<input type="checkbox"/> Communicate via social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)	1-2 months
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Report to SI	Afterwards

Planning and implementation

Step 1

Contact SI

SI can give advice on format and help finding local partners through Save the Children Sweden (Rädda Barnen).

Identify local conditions: is ending violence on the agenda of decisionmakers, is your country a pathfinding country? Are there existing local campaigns on ending violence against children? Does the country have a law banning corporal punishment in all settings and are interested in an event on implementation? To find out more about the status of any law against corporal punishment in the country you are in, please visit endcorporalpunishment.org.

To find more information on prohibition and get answers to frequently asked questions, please visit savethechildren.net.

Also, look into the possibility of linking up with activities already taking place, e.g., children's rights days or conferences.

Step 2

Find local partners/venue and plan for the seminar

It is not necessary to find a partner organisation (an NGO or university for example) but it can be nice to be at a venue that is connected to the issue in some way. You can also ask the Swedish embassy in your country if they can maybe offer a venue and a speaker for your event.

Step 3

Communicate your event

Send out invitation to all alumni members at least three weeks in advance and make sure to communicate your event to the right target groups and in the right channels. If you are a new alumni network, you can get help from the SI alumni team to send invitations to alumni in your country.

If possible, invite media relations to your event to increase the chances of your message being picked up by press or media.

Step 4

Report your event

Once you have held your event, fill in the reporting and send it to SI not more than two weeks after the event date. You find the link to the reporting in the toolkit and on the Sweden Alumni Network Resource Hub. If you did not apply for financial support, this is not necessary, but we still appreciate an email with your reflections on how the event turned out and one or two photo