

About the contributors

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About the children

A group of 18 children from five different organisations produced the sculptures and artwork used in the book. They also worked with the editorial team to design the accompanying *Children are Citizens* poster and reviewed a child-friendly summary of this issue of the *South African Child Gauge*. The children came from the Children's Resource Centre, Disabled Children's Action Group, Equal Education, Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and Soul Buddyz (Mbekweni). They are: Chelsea Benting, Martinique Carelse, Hansin Demas, Lwando Dinana, Nontsikelelo Dzulani, Siyanda Dosi, Austin Felix, Nicole Galant, Florins Hendricks, Allistair Heyns, Asenathi Kanayo, Curwin Kennell, Busiswa Mabija, Phathiswa Shushwana, Desire Hamer, Daniel Stemmet, Aeysha Witbooi and Someleze Yayase.



Taking a break: Play is also participation