

Seven important things about child labour told to the adolescents by adults who received quality education as a child and have a successful life

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THE PLACE OF THE CHILD IS AT SCHOOL, AND CHILD'S WORK IS TO STUDY

Everything in its due-time: school is the appropriate place for any child

Childhood and adolescence is the period given to the human being for development and for getting ready to adult life. School is part of life: same as the graduation ceremony, wedding or retirement. A human being starts building his or her life "foundation" in the growing age by developing physically and mentally. Only in childhood the human brain can accumulate the largest amount of knowledge, which she or he will fully make use of as an adult.

You like fresh fruits? What do you choose: a ripe apple or an apple picked too early, when still green? School is exactly the right place where children get ripened, accumulate knowledge and skills in order to be ready to step into life.

The adults need your work, your ideas, and your energy, but later on, when you graduate school. If you have knowledge, you will get a better job and a higher salary. And everybody will gain from it.

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Decent work brings satisfaction, respect and money

It is true that the human being was created by work. Decent work brings to adults satisfaction, respect and money. You may also have tasks which you could do at home and it is fit for your age: sweep the yard, clean the room or wash the dishes. And this can be of great help to the parents, who come back from work in the evening.

Some types of work are hard and hazardous for children and adolescents. Particularly it is prohibited for children and young persons working with dangerous tools and hazardous substances, handling of heavy loads, working under temperatures which are either too high or too low, working during night or working in high noise.

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For every dollar invested in the development of a child, there is a seven dollar return for society

A calculation made by important world economists show that every dollar spent for education and development of a child, will bring, later, a seven dollar return. The economic logic is simple: investments in education bring the greatest profits, even if in the beginning you cannot see it as quickly as a bridge or a house built.

Quality education is the same as building a bridge which you will step on further in life. Further and further. So that you become a big agricultural producer, a chief of a construction site or a bank clerk. In other words - a leader, an important person.

Starting working at an early age can be more dangerous than going to school. To study is your right and your obligation

Children have the right to education. This is guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

To study is an obligation. The Constitution of the country writes that general education in Moldova is compulsory and accessible to all.

Going to school can be interesting. No doubt that it is better at school than working all day alongside adults. You have your friends at school who have the same interests as you, whom you talk to about real things or secrets known only by you and your friend. At work, all day long, adults discuss other things, while you are unnoticed or they can insult you for not working as quickly as they do. There, in the fields, there are many hazards for children: big machines, sharp tools, toxic chemicals. Going to school can be less dangerous and safer than going to work all day long.

Studying at school is necessary. If you do your homework regularly, and not only sometimes, you will better understand the lesson and the knowledge you receive will be profound and for long time. And the intellectual capacities are valued by any employer by promoting such persons.

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You can earn more if you work at an older age

Working as a child can have risks. You can get sick, suffer accidents or find yourself in situations when you are exploited.

When you do hard and hazardous works, or when you work all day long you can lose your hobbies, you won't have time for rest, sports, music and internet.

At school you will have friends, it isn't windy, there are no heavy loads, you would have a warm lunch. You have a teacher at school that you could trust and speak to about your problems. Additionally, you will get a diploma of education so that you can successfully start your adult life.

Better to study, receive knowledge, get a profession to work for you rather than for others. Working at an older age, you can earn more.

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The problem of child labour has a response: education

In all world languages the response of the adults to child labour is education.

We say: Problema muncii copiilor are un răspuns: educația.

În engleză: Education: The right response to child labour.

În rusă: Через образование – к искоренению детского труда.

În franceză: Education: la bonne réponse au travail des enfants.

În spaniolă: Educación: la respuesta acertada al trabajo infantil.

The generic of the World Day Against Child Labour in 2008 – „ Education: The right response to child labour”.



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If you look around you would notice that some people have a better life. Have you asked yourself why? You will find out that this is because these people have a profession. Some of them succeeded in starting a business. For that you don't have to necessarily go to a University, but you have to graduate school. Think in advance what you want to be, what profession you choose and follow your goal. To reach there, you should first have accomplishments at school.

The place of the child is at school, and child's work is to study



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