

Joining our alliance



DestinAtion UNKNOWN
Championing the rights of children on the move

Who we are

Destination Unknown is a rights-based network led by Terre des Hommes united to campaign for the rights of children and young people on the move to be upheld and protected.

Our members are largely local and national organisations and individuals, including young people.

They work in different places and in different ways, with children and youth on the move and their families and communities, to support them at different stages of mobility. They also include research organisations and individual experts. See our members [here](#) and find out about some of their work [here](#).



What we want



Our goal is for children and young people on the move worldwide to be able to exercise their human rights, have perspectives for the future and thrive in inclusive societies where they are free from discrimination.

We know that won't happen overnight, which is why we are engaged for the long haul.

Our vision is based on the 9 Recommended Principles to Guide Actions Concerning Children on the Move and Other Children Affected by Migration. **We believe that working in alliance has greater impact.** We work with our members to help define our strategic direction, implement activities, and share learning and evidence from their work to inform our campaigning.

Our aims:

- Greater meaningful participation of children and young people, including those with experience of being on the move
- Increased and strengthened collaboration with diverse members and partners to strengthen our campaigning
- A greater evidence-bank, from members and external research, to guide campaigning and improve the services provided to children on the move around the world



How we work

Children and young people and their experiences are at the heart of everything we do.

As an alliance of organisations, we campaign for children's right to be heard in all decisions that affect them. There are few avenues for such participation and all too often it is at a superficial level. We want this to change.

We campaign for children and youth on the move to be at the heart of inclusive laws and policies

We provide a platform for learning and collaboration and share knowledge about what protects children and youth on the move

We empower children and young people to be at the heart of our alliance and campaigning

We raise awareness about the realities and rights of children and youth on the move



A snapshot of what we are currently working on

To facilitate child and youth participation, we are:

- Supporting a Youth Ambassadors' Network
- Facilitating a Youth Advisory Board so that young people can play a leading strategic role in Destination Unknown

To strengthen the alliance and facilitate learning and exchange, we:

- run members' exchange meetings every 2 months and publish a regular members' bulletin
- Organise capacity building based on members' needs



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Our campaigns, developed and implemented with our members, include campaigning for:

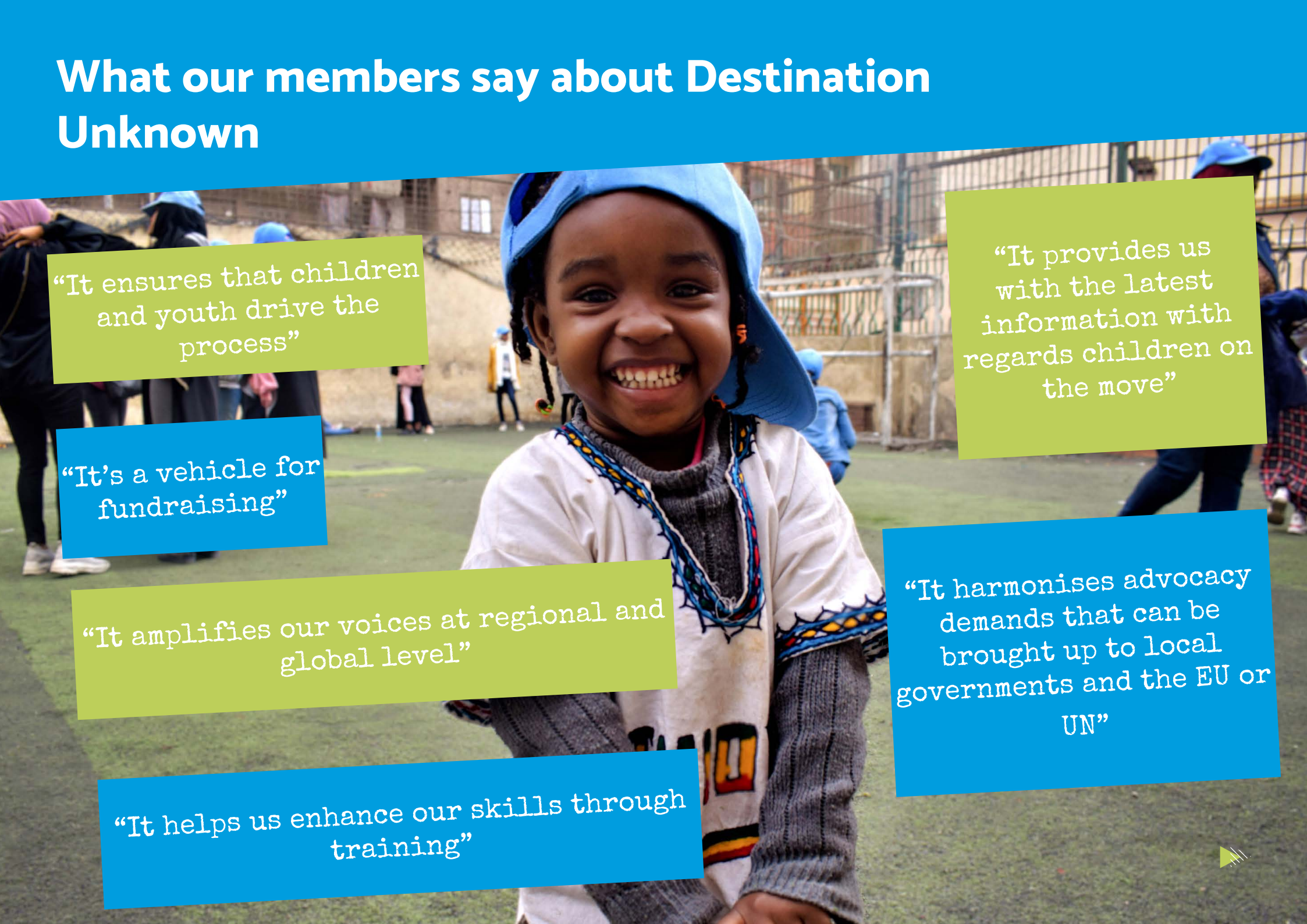
- More platforms for children and youth to participate as part of national, regional and global processes affecting their lives.
- Strengthened access to psychosocial support for children on the move with targeted governments taking the necessary steps to ensure that such support is made available
- Child-sensitive and participative implementation of the Global Compacts on Migration and for Refugees
- A change in the narrative about children on the move.

To guide campaigning and share knowledge, we are:

- Sharing knowledge from the work of Destination Unknown members
- Undertaking targeted research to inform our campaigning.



What our members say about Destination Unknown



“It ensures that children and youth drive the process”

“It’s a vehicle for fundraising”

“It amplifies our voices at regional and global level”

“It helps us enhance our skills through training”

“It provides us with the latest information with regards children on the move”

“It harmonises advocacy demands that can be brought up to local governments and the EU or UN”



Join us!

Are you aged 15 to 24 and keen to ensure that children and young people on the move are empowered to influence decision-makers? Then join our global network of Youth Ambassadors!

Is your organisation working with children and youth on the move and interested to join forces in an alliance?

As an organisational member, you can:

- develop and participate in joint campaigns at global and regional levels
- access capacity building tools and programmes
- learn from other members and experts in the field
- share your expertise, good practices, lessons learnt
- receive updates on the latest research about children on the move
- channel the evidence and learning you have gathered to influence policy makers at regional and global levels
- get support from a broader coalition for national campaigns
- network, share and exchange knowledge and experience within the network
- participate in joint fundraising ventures

Read more and apply as an organisation [here](#)

You can also join as an individual supporter or advisor. Get in touch with Caroline Horne, Head of Destination Unknown, at caroline.horne@terredeshommes.org to find out more.

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