

DONCEL

Empowering Youth Voices

Goal: Transform mindsets, practices, and policies impacting foster youth in Argentina

In 2010, Doncel, a civil society organization in Argentina, started incorporating youth voices more intentionally in its work to prepare foster youth for independent living. Initially, the organization engaged young care leavers in creating a web platform, or E-Guide, that now serves as a one-stop shop of resources for their peers. Over time, Doncel's youth empowerment efforts deepened to include training, technical support, and financial assistance. With these resources, youth are now training their peers and are better equipped to tell their story to the media. Most importantly, they worked closely with Doncel staff in advocating for new legislation benefiting youth exiting care, who will now receive financial support and mentoring for three years—a major milestone.

DONCEL SUPPORTS E-GUIDE MEMBERS THROUGH...



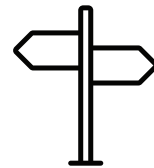
Outreach Channels

(e.g., web-based platform, video storytelling)



Training

(e.g., leadership, teamwork, public speaking skills)



Technical/Financial Assistance

(e.g., accounting/legal support, transportation costs and stipends)



Skill Development

(e.g., hands-on-data collection, interviewing)



Access

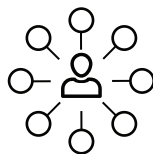
(e.g., to residential institutions, policymakers)

RESULTS



Data-driven Interventions

(e.g., critical data on care leavers now available)



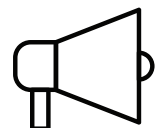
Community

(e.g., youth in care benefit from web platform, peer support)



Public Opinion

(e.g., journalists better informed to tell the story of care leavers)



Policy Advocacy

(e.g., youth inform development of new policy benefiting youth exiting care)