



SOCIETY

# 30 minors suffered domestic violence last year

Adolescent visits to the Mental Health Service have increased by 50% between 2021 and 2022

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The number of minors between 0 and 17 years who have been victims of domestic violence in 2022 is 30 years old. This is one of the most important figures and aspects that were said during the presentation of the data from the Observatory of the Childhood that was made at the Andorra Research and Innovation Office (AR+I) in Andorra la Vella. These data are accompanied by the number of minors between 0 and 17 years who have been victims of crimes against sexual freedom, which are 15. And minors between 11 and 16 years who have been victims of violence in the school environment there are 13 of them.

The presentation of this event was carried out by the coordinator of the AR+I sociology area, Joan Micó, the director of UNICEF in Andorra, Albert Mora, the head of the Mental Health area of the Andorran Health Care Service (SAAS), Carlos Mur, and the doctor of the child and youth psychiatry area of SAAS, Maria Giró.

Another aspect that is also worrying is that visits by teenagers to external consultations of the Mental Health Service have increased by 50% between 2021 and 2022, and in the case of children between 0 and 10 years old, it has risen by 46%. Regarding this question, Mur commented that it is the forecast they had in mind after 2021 that an increase higher than 2020 was recorded. This increase was also caused by «the harvest of the last wave of Covid-19 with the consequences and the changes in the psychosocial field so serious that these boys have suffered, obviously that caused us anxiety».

With respect to the discharges registered during 2022 at the Children's Day Hospital of Hospital Nostre Senyora de Meritxell, 57 were registered. While in the Children's Hospitalization Unit, 54 minors were hospitalized (one child under 12 years and 53 teenagers between 12 and 17). Faced with these worrying figures, the head of the Mental Health area of the SAAS, commented that they must go deeper «into these more diagnosed diseases, with a more important early detection, be it the disorder of the autistic aspect, be it ADHD and the whole issue of digital addictions particularly from the age of 14».

Faced with this concern, Mur shared that thanks to the extraordinary credit that the Government gave to SAAS, «they are about to close the incorporation of one more psycho-



► The presentation of the Children's Observatory presented yesterday by AR+I and UNICEF.



**JOAN MICÓ**  
COORDINATOR OF THE AR+I SOCIOLOGY AREA

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**ALBERT MORA**  
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HEAD OF THE SAAS MENTAL HEALTH AREA

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logist for the Child and Youth Mental Health team which is essential to put a nurse with experience to make home visits and control the most serious cases». In addition, they will have the addition of one more occupational therapist and a social educator who will improve the work of primary and secondary care.

Technology is an absolute concern within the world of education and parents. The impact it has on Mental Health and Sedentarism is being demonstrated more and more. «As a society we must mature what is its use», they commented during the event.

45% of the single-parent families surveyed commented that they cannot cope with an unexpected expense of 1,050 euros. On the one hand, 57% of single-parent families confirmed that they are in a regular situation and 14% that it is bad. On the other hand, 40% of couples with children think that their economic situation is fair, while 7% say that it is bad. Regarding this topic, Micó detailed that «single-parent families have always had more difficulties and one of the consequences we believe is that many families try to ha-

ve few or no children due to housing and other aspects».

Finally, the director of UNICEF in Andorra commented that the latest update they made of the observatory drew the conclusion that «the average price of rent, average salaries and the cost of parenting already shows the high percentage of families who cannot cope with an unforeseen expense, is a very big concern and explains, in part, the low birth rate».

## the figures

**30** minors between 0 and 17 years victims of domestic violence.

**15** minors between 0 and 17 years victims of crimes against sexual freedom.

**13** minors between the ages of 11 and 16 who were victims of school violence.

CULTURE

# Eleventh edition of the Canòlich Music Festival in Sant Julià de Lòria

Former OT 2017 contestant, Alfred García, will participate in this year's edition of the festival

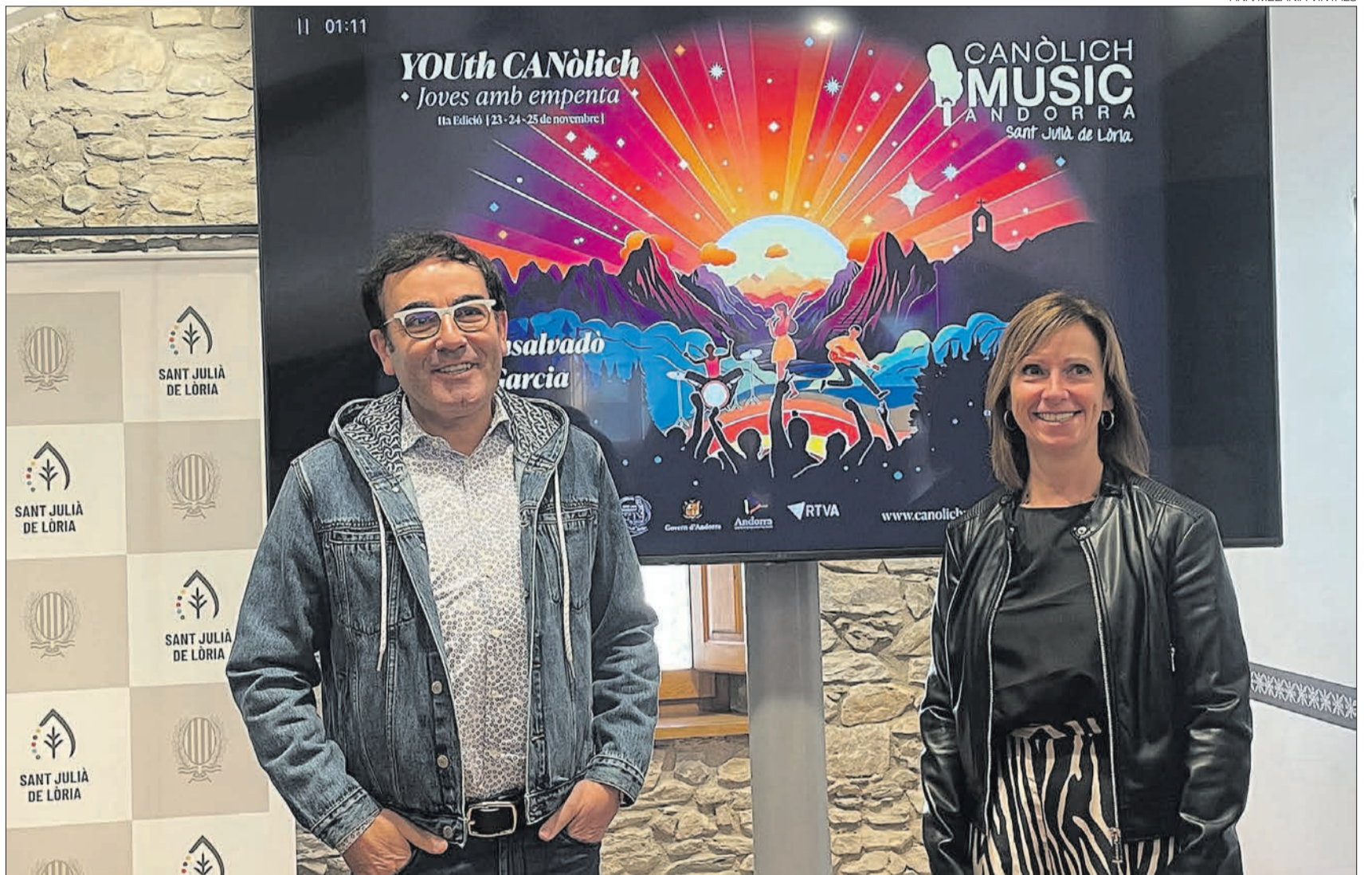
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The Canòlich Music Festival returns one more year to Sant Julià de Lòria on November 22, 23, 24 and 25, under the direction of the parish priest, Pepe Chisvert. In this eleventh edition, one of the featured guests will be Alfred García, Operación Triunfo 2017 contestant, who will visit several schools in the Principality, on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November, to explain to the students his artistic career, and to share questions and concerns. One of the characteristics of the festival is the importance they give to the opinion of young people, since they are part of the council in charge of programming the events and choosing the artists they want to participate. Every year, high school students volunteer during the weekend to help organize Canòlich Music and, although there is a large participation of young people, the reality is that the festival has become in an intergenerational point of reference, «not only for devouts, but at state and international level», as explained by the minor consul of the parish, Mireia Codina.

This year the title of the festival is 'YOUth CANòlich', playing with the chosen motto, Joventut Canòlich and 'You Can' (You can), which becomes a statement of principles that highlight the efforts of young people to succeed, a project that they say would not be possible without them.

Chisvert was very satisfied with the popular response to the festival, assuring that «3,173 young people from all the educational systems of Andorra participated in the spiritual cinema sessions and we estimate that around 1,500 will attend the Canòlich Music, the majority coming from the Principality». The spiritual cinema sessions are also held every year, a few weeks before the festival, and this year they deserve a special mention because «all these activities are part of the events celebrating the 800 years of Canòlich, patron saint of Sant Julià de Lòria».



► The rector of the parish of Sant Julià de Lòria, priest Pepe Chisvert; and the junior consul of the Municipality of Sant Julià de Lòria, Mireia Codina.



**PEPE CHISVERT**

RECTOR OF THE PARISH

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The festival kicks off on Friday 24th, and will begin with a welcome prayer in the church of Sant Julià. The morning will continue with the novelty of the festival: the 'Musical Snacks', which consist of 16 workshops whose common thread will be music, and which focus mainly on the transmission of Christian values. The young people have also been in charge of choosing the lecturers for the aforementioned 'Snacks'. Thus, both the characteristics and the topics that each will develop in their talk are detailed on the website [www.canolichmusic.com](http://www.canolichmusic.com). After a popular sausage party in Plaça de la Germandat, the singer-songwriter Aisha will delight the audience with a rap rhythm. In addition, on Saturday 25th, at 7.30 pm, the tradi-

tional Eucharist will be celebrated, broadcast live by ATV, which will be entertained by the Ubuntu ensemble, the 'heirs' of the famous Christian music group Kairoi. The musicians Cesc Sansalvadó and Alfred García will also perform during the day, which will end with a shared dinner. «Each diner brings something to eat, and the organization provides the drink,» explained Chisvert.

From the organization they pointed out that, to continue giving hope, energy and company, Canòlich Music 2023 wants to give voice to many artists who have made music «fuel to not stop dreaming». The Canòlich Music Festival will close at midnight on Saturday 24th November, according to the ANA. ≡

**schedule**

**November 22, 23, 24**

Canòlich Music in schools with Cesc Sansalvadó and Alfred García

**Friday November 24th**

Welcome and prayer at the church of Sant Julià de Lòria

Musical snacks from the menu choose three workshops to do in the morning

Lunch in Plaça Germandat

Aisha's concert at 2:00 p.m

**Saturday November 25th**

Eucharist with Ubuntu in the church of Sant Julià de Lòria

Youth dinner and end of party with DJ

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