

The Office of Social Welfare of the Consell de Formentera, in collaboration with Bellaterra publishing, has put out a book aimed at preventing child sexual abuse. *La bici de la Lola*, created by Alba Barbé and Laia Pibernat with illustrations by Judit Piella, will be presented this Friday in the Consell de Formentera auditorium (*sala de plens*) at 7.00pm.

According to Rafael Ramírez, social welfare councillor, "children's books have proven to be an excellent tool to educate kids about sexual abuse, and the Consell de Formentera took the project forward with this goal in mind".

Additionally, the authors will lead an activity in Formentera classrooms to prevent child sexual abuse: a training session for primary years four, five and six on 12 and 13 June.

Stories, a very simple strategy and appropriate to children's level of psychological development, enable teaching about what sexual abuse is, how it manifests and how to catch it in time. It is therefore important for parents and educators to be alert to tell-tale signs of sexual abuse. But, to prevent them, they must also learn how to detect these types of situations.

According to the World Health Organization, one in five children are victims of sexual violence. In Spain, 20% to 25% of girls and 10% to 15% of boys are sexually abused (Maria Lameiras, 2008).

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