




Parenting
across Scotland

UNCRC Understanding and Awareness

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Work with Children:

- ▶ **UNCRC Incorporation-** engagement work with children and young people to inform consultation on incorporation of the UNCRC.
- ▶ **Activate Your Rights-** Partnership project with Young Scot. The project looks at co-designing resources with young people aged between 8 to 18 to help promote greater awareness around children's rights for children, young people and professionals.
- ▶ **My Rights, My Say-** My Rights, My Say supports children in Scotland aged 12-15 with additional support needs to exercise their rights to be involved in decisions about their support in school. Also supports practitioners to increase their knowledge of children's rights.

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Work with Professionals:

- ▶ **Participation Training-** Support a range of professionals by raising awareness of children's rights and sharing good participation practice.
- ▶ **Supporting the Third Sector Project-** Delivered national programme which supported local partnerships to enhance C&YP's participation in the planning process. Emphasis on developing a shared understanding of children's rights.

Quotes from CYP

- ▶ “Not everyone knows about the UNCRC. To improve this they should tell more people about it and do special assemblies about the UNCRC in schools.”
- ▶ “Government could raise awareness of children’s rights.”
- ▶ “(Training should be) compulsory for duty bearers at all levels within the organisation, regardless of whether their work is with CYP or not. For example, Head of NHS, paediatric nurse and NHS cleaner should all receive training.”
- ▶ “Decision-makers and policymakers need to know about the UNCRC so they can assess the impact of decisions on children’s rights.”

<https://childreninscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CiS-UNCRC-report.pdf>



PARENTS AND THE UNCRC


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The UNCRC - parents

The parent(s) or others responsible for the child have the primary responsibility to secure, within their abilities and financial capacities, the conditions of living necessary for the child's development.

States Parties, in accordance with national conditions and within their means, shall take appropriate measures to assist parents and others responsible for the child to implement this right and shall in case of need provide material assistance and support programmes, particularly with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing.”

<https://www.togetherscotland.org.uk/pdfs/Parenting%20and%20the%20UNCRC%20v2.pdf>

State parties taking appropriate measures to assist parents?

- 1 in 4 children live in poverty in Scotland
- Sixty children a day become homeless somewhere in Scotland - enough to fill three primary one classes every day, a total of 22,000 children a year.
- Total food bank deliveries were up 47% in April 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. This included a 62% increase in parcels going to children.

Quotes from parents

- ▶ *"You have to compromise. That's what child poverty means. We try the best for them, every parent does. So when it comes to 'we can't do this for them', we'd rather cut these other things for ourselves."*
- ▶ *"Felt constantly stressed worrying about my ability to pay for all the household bills, for all my kids' needs (food, clothes, shoes, toiletries, haircuts, school supplies)."*

Questions

- ▶ (a) What are the major children's human rights concerns?
- ▶ (b) Are there any new developments or issues that have arisen since Together's 2019 report, or anything that is missing?
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