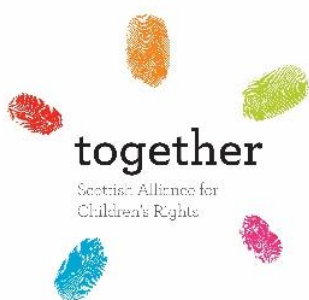


We want to know what you think about protecting children’s rights

Who we are and what we do



We are **Together**. We are a charity that protects children’s human rights.

Children’s rights are what children need to grow up happy, healthy and safe.

Children’s rights are written in the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**. This is called the **UNCRC** for short.



The **UNCRC** is an important agreement between lots of countries who have promised to protect children’s rights.

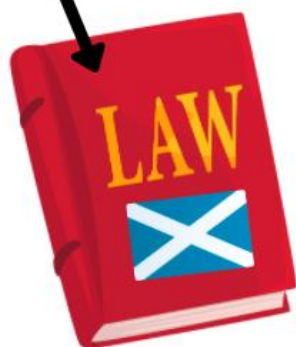
Here are some of the rights in the UNCRC that everyone under the age of 18 has:

- The right to be listened to
- The right to go to school
- The right to be able to play
- The right to be able to relax.

Every year, we write a **report** about children’s rights in Scotland.

What this survey is about

UN Convention
on the
Rights of the
Child
(UNCRC)



The Scottish Government wants to make the **UNCRC** part of **the law** in Scotland.

This will mean the **Scottish Government, public authorities** and other organisations will need to protect children’s rights all of the time.

Public authorities are organisations like

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Local councils
- The police



Children will be able to complain to a **judge** if they think their rights are not being protected.



Scotland needs to **get ready** for this new law. We are writing a **report** about what needs to happen.

Our report will say what the Scottish Government, public authorities and other organisations **need to do**.



It will also give **examples** of where things are going well.



We want to know **what you think** to help us write the report.

Protecting children’s rights



Scottish Government, public authorities and other organisations will need to make sure children’s rights are protected all of the time.

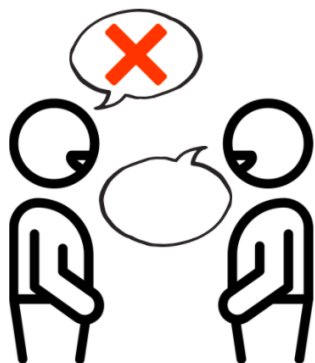
There are lots of ways for them to do this – some which might be new or difficult.



Some examples are:

- Giving children **a say** in decisions.
- **Supporting** children to have their voices heard.
- **Training and information** so everyone understands children’s rights.
- **Checking** if children feel their rights are protected.
- Making sure there **are easy ways** for children to **complain** if things go wrong.
- **Thinking** about children’s rights when making **decisions**.

Tell us what you think

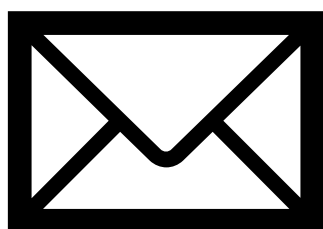


We want to know what you think Scottish Government, public authorities and other organisations **need to do** so children can grow up happy, healthy and safe. **The list in the box above might help you.**

You do **not need to answer all of the questions.**

You can reply to our questions in any way you want. You may want to send us a:

- Email
- Drawing
- Photo
- Story
- Video



We would like to know:

- What **problems** has your organisation had when trying to protect children’s rights?
- How have you tried to **solve** these problems?
- What **extra help** do you need so you can protect children’s rights?
- Do you have any **examples** of when you protected children’s rights that **went well**?

Please email your answers to info@togetherscotland.org.uk

What we will do with what you tell us



What you tell us is really important. It will help us understand:

- The **problems** you have faced when trying to protect children’s rights.
- How you have **solved** problems.
- What **extra help** you need.

This information will help us plan **events** and write our **report**.

We will send our report to the Scottish Government, local councils and everyone else who makes decisions that affect children.



This will help them to learn from your experience and get better at protecting children’s rights, so children can grow up healthy, happy and safe.