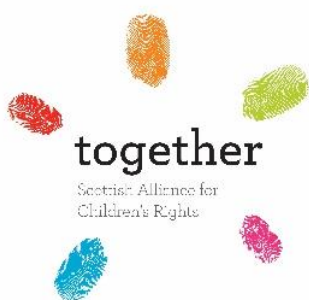


We want to know what you think about protecting children's rights

Before starting this survey



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

We want to say a big **thank you** for taking the time to answer our survey.

You may want to answer these questions by **yourself** or ask an **adult to help you**.

What are children’s rights?



Children’s rights are what you 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 you and everyone else 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



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 your 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**.



We will share this information in **events** where people can learn what they can do to get ready for this new law.



Our report and events will also give **examples** of where things are going well.

To help us write this report and plan for events, we want to know **what you think needs to happen** so Scotland is ready for this new law.

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 you **a say** in decisions.
- **Supporting** you to have your voices heard.
- **Training and information** so everyone understands children’s rights.
- **Checking** if you feel your rights are protected.
- Making sure there **are easy ways** for you 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 you 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:

- Drawing
- Photo (to protect your privacy, please make sure this is not of you or anyone else)
- Story
- Video



We would like to know:

- Do you feel like children’s rights are **always respected**?
- Is there anything that needs to happen to make sure children’s rights are **always protected**?
- Is there any **extra help** you think children might need if their rights are not respected?
- Do you have any **examples** of when you have had your rights well protected?



Please email your drawings, stories, photos and films to info@togetherscotland.org.uk

What we will do with what you tell us



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

- What needs to happen to make sure children **always** have their rights respected.
- What **extra help** children need.



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



We will send our report to people 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.

