



Child rights budgeting

EVIDENCE

case no. 2022

What is this case file about?

Adults should think about children's rights when they are making decisions about spending money. For example, the government makes lots of decisions about schools that involve money - like which children should get free school meals, how many teachers they should hire and if there is enough money for computers or school trips.

Adults should use as much money as they can to protect children's rights.

Why is child rights budgeting important?

If adults don't think about children's rights when making decisions about money, then they might spend it on something that's less important. They might even spend it on something that's bad for children's rights.

"Put more money into supporting low-income families"

"Increased funding for families and other vulnerable groups"

"Put funding towards support for disabled people"

What should adults do?

Some of the things adults should do are:

- Learn as much as they can about children's rights so they understand the effects of their decisions.
- Involve children in decisions about spending money (and all other decisions that affect children).

"the government doesn't have the money to get it wrong so they should listen to [children and young people] to get it right"

- Use as much money as they can to protect children's rights, before spending it on anything else.
- Spend money wisely so that it helps the children who need it most.



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What's happening across Scotland?

Some organisations have started to think about children's rights when deciding how to spend money. Others have said they want to learn more about how to do this.

Have a look below to check out the evidence!

EVIDENCE #1

Children in Letham

Children in Letham are helping Perth & Kinross Council to think about children's rights and wellbeing before making decisions about money. They're telling the council what would make Letham the best place to grow up. The council will then know what it needs to spend money on to help make this happen.

[Learn more about what Children in Letham are doing here.](#)

EVIDENCE #2

Children in Scotland

Children in Scotland is a charity that protects children's rights. It brought lots of other charities and adults who make decisions about money together. They asked an expert to write a report on how money should be spent carefully to protect children's rights.

[Read about Children in Scotland's work here.](#)

What do you think?

To help us with our next investigation, we want to know what you think!

- Do you have any ideas for how things should change?
- Are there any examples you want to share?

Let us know by emailing: info@togetherscotland.org.uk

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