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The UNCRC Act 2024 makes **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS** part of Scottish law



...and is a promise to respect and protect children's rights including...

TO BE LISTENED TO AND TAKEN SERIOUSLY

BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

PROTECTED FROM EXPLOITATION

PROTECTED FROM HURT AND BEING BADLY TREATED

PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

TO PLAY AND RELAX

ARTICLE 12, OF THE UNCRC STATES:

"children have the right to express their views freely in all matters affecting them"

EVERY CHILD should have their **RIGHTS** met.

But when something isn't working, what should they do?

CHILDREN ARE HEARD AND THEIR VIEWS ARE RESPECTED

Health and Wellbeing Census 21/22 findings:

67% of children and young people said they always have an adult in their life they can trust and talk to

24% say they sometimes do

WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS

TRUSTED ADULTS LISTEN AND HELP PLAN WHAT'S NEXT

WHO ARE TRUSTED ADULTS?

Parent/carer/ family member

Advocacy worker

Health worker

Youth worker

School staff

Social worker

QUALITIES

NON-JUDGEMENTAL

FRIENDLY

TRUSTWORTHY

UNDERSTANDS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

CARING

KIND

RESPECTFUL

BELIEVES IN CHILDREN

SUPPORTIVE

CHILD-CENTRED

'WHAT IS MY ROLE IN THIS SPACE?'

'I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO...'

TRUSTED ADULTS TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN, CAN CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE AND MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR EVERYONE

'SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT'

'I'd like to share my views and concerns about my RIGHTS'

WHEN CHILDREN FEEL THEIR RIGHTS AREN'T RESPECTED, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP

TRUSTED ADULTS, at times, may seek out information to strengthen their support for children and young people.

PARENTS AND CARERS can find support at Parent Club

PROFESSIONALS can explore the Skills and Knowledge Framework to learn about a rights-based approach

If there are safety concerns, trusted adults may need to speak to other adults to keep children safe

SOMETIMES, AND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO SEEK

FURTHER SUPPORT FROM OTHER PROFESSIONALS

ADVOCACY

Advocacy plays a vital role in ensuring children's rights are realised, particularly **ARTICLE 12**

LAW CENTRES

SPECIALIST LAWYERS in Scotland **TRAINED** to help children with their rights

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER SCOTLAND to LISTEN to children and young people

COMPLAINTS

In Scotland, the process of **MAKING A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE MORE CHILD-FRIENDLY**, to ensure children are able to use their voice

Rights are respected

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE SURE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED.

EXPLORE MORE:

Scan the QR codes to find **RESOURCES, GUIDANCE, AND TOOLS** that support children's rights in practice.



SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE FRAMEWORK



PARENT CLUB RESOURCES



ACTIVATE YOUR RIGHTS



COMPLAINTS JOURNEY

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