WHAT IS NICCY?

NICCY stands for the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People. It is the Commissioner’s job to protect children’s rights by making sure that government and other organisations provide what children and young people need to have a good life in Northern Ireland. When we talk about children we mean everyone up to the age of 18 (or 21 if they have been cared for by someone other than their parents, or have a disability).

This is an easy to read version of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, also called the UNCRC.

WHAT IS A RIGHT?

A right is a promise made by governments to people. Rights should make sure that everyone has a basic equality and liberty. Rights are what guarantee the opportunities to be involved in things that affect us. It is important that your rights are respected because it is important that governments offer people a life worth living.

WHAT IS THE UNITED NATIONS?

The United Nations (UN) is a group made up of almost every country in the world. The UN works together on common issues, like helping to look after people who need help. The main ideas that rights should have been based on are the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (sometimes called the UNCRC).

WHAT IS THE UNCRC?

The UNCRC is a list of 42 promises (called Articles) made by governments of almost every country in the world. The promises are based on ideas about what everyone in the world needs to have a good life, and they are part of the UNCRC. The articles have been agreed by governments, and they are part of the law. Article 38 of the UNCRC makes sure that governments protect children’s rights by making sure that children’s views are taken into account. Every child has the right to prepare and take part in making laws. Children have the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them and have their views taken seriously. The Convention on the Rights of the Child, also called UNCRC, is an easy to read version of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, or sometimes called the UNCRC. This is called the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (or sometimes called the UNCRC).