

CHILD RIGHTS RESEARCH: PROFESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) is undertaking research into the current state of children's rights within Northern Ireland. This questionnaire provides an opportunity for your organisation to share your perspective on this topic and highlight the key areas you would like to see NICCY focus on in the next 3 years.

All completed questionnaires must be received by NICCY no later than **Friday 27th July 2007**. Please return completed questionnaires to Helen Beckett, NICCY, Millennium House, 17-25 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BA.

The comments you make in this questionnaire may appear verbatim in the written findings of the research. They will not be attributed to you as an individual, but they may be attributed to your organisation by name. **If you do not wish comments to be attributed to your organisation, please tick this box and sign here** _____

Please note, should you inform us that a child is being harmed, or at risk of being harmed, we are duty bound to pass this information on to the Police and/or Social Services.

If you have any questions, or would like to know any more about this project, please contact Helen Beckett (Senior Research and Policy Officer) on 9031 1616 or by email at helen@niccy.org

Q1. Name of organisation: _____

Q2. Type of organisation:

voluntary community statutory other _____

Q3. Geographical remit of organisation: _____

Q4. Your name: _____

Q5. Your position within the organisation: _____



Q6. How would you rate the current state of children's rights in Northern Ireland?

- very bad bad ok good very good

Please explain:

Q7. To what extent do you think policy/legislation within NI is currently informed by a child rights perspective?

- a lot a bit not at all

Please explain:



Q8. To what extent do you think service provision within NI is currently informed by a child rights perspective?

a lot

a bit

not at all

Please explain:

Q9. To what extent is your organisation's work informed by a child rights perspective?

a lot

a bit

not at all

Please explain:



Q10. If your organisation works directly with children or young people – how good an understanding of children’s rights do you feel they have?

- very bad bad ok good very good n/a

Please explain:

Q11. Please identify the 3 areas of children’s rights in which you think there has been MOST PROGRESS in the last 3 years. Please provide an explanation of what has progressed in this time:

1.

2.

3.



Q12. Please identify the 3 areas of children's rights in which you think there has been LEAST PROGRESS in the last 3 years. Please provide an explanation of why you have chosen these areas:

1.

2.

3.

Q13. Please identify any emerging issues, regarding children and young people in NI, that may not have been an issue 3/4 years ago:



Q14. Please give 3 or more specific examples of 'good practice' where you feel children's rights are currently being FULFILLED within NI (if you wish to give more than 3, please use additional sheets):

1.

2.

3.

Q15. Please give 3 or more specific examples of where you feel children's rights are currently being IGNORED or UNDERPLAYED within NI (if you wish to give more than 3, please use additional sheets):

1.

2.

3.



Q16. Are there any specific groups of children and young people within NI whose rights you think are particularly ignored or underplayed?

yes

no

don't know

Please explain:

Q17. Please identify any factors you believe to be barriers to the effective fulfilment of children's rights within Northern Ireland:



Q18. Please share any thoughts on how you think children's rights could be more effectively realised within Northern Ireland:

Q19. Based on the findings of this research and a subsequent public consultation, NICCY wish to identify its priority work areas for 2008-2011. What 3 areas of children and young people's lives would you like to see NICCY prioritise during this time?

1.

2.

3.



That's the end of the questions. Please use this space to note any other comments you wish to share regarding the current state of children's rights within Northern Ireland:

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.



